

Proposed park/monument by the numbers

Acres promised: 150,000

Acres owned: 87,500, less than 60 percent of what was promised. (See map Page 2)

Acres at Baxter State Park: 200,000- plus including Mt. Katahdin.

Estimated jobs at proposed park: “If a new park captures 15 percent of the visitation to Acadia National Park (**which has about 2.5 million annual visitors, meaning the new park/monument would have to attract 375,600 visitors annually**) and visitor spending is typical of what it is in similar National Parks (\$56 a day), a new park could potentially create **451** new private sector jobs.” (*Headwaters Economics*).

Average annual visitors at Baxter Park: 63,000

Jobs currently at Baxter Park: 21 full time and 40 seasonal. A 2008 economic study by the University of Maine estimated Baxter sustains the equivalent of **87** full-time jobs.

Jobs (direct and indirect) Maine’s forest products industry 2016: 31,221

Economic impact of Maine’s forest economy: \$7.5 billion.

Land already conserved in Maine: 3.8 million acres (fee and easement), including **2.1 million acres** in the working forest.

Land open for public recreation in Maine’s working forest: About **10 million acres.**

Vote against park in Medway (6/23/2015): 252-102.

Vote against the park in E. Millinocket (6/25/2015): 320-91.

Vote against park in Patten (4/19/2016): 121-53.

PUBLIC Law, Chapter 458: Signed April 12, 2016, stating that the Legislature does not give its consent to the federal government acquiring land for a national monument.

National Park Service maintenance backlog: \$11.927 billion.

Federal land ownership in Maine: More than 200,000 acres, including:

- Acadia National Park, one of the most visited parks in the nation.
- Appalachian National Scenic Trail, the 281-mile section in Maine is considered to offer some of the most difficult hiking of all the states and culminates at the top of Mt. Katahdin.
- Maine Acadian Culture Center
- Roosevelt Campobello International Park, a joint memorial by Canada and U.S.
- Saint Croix Island International Historic Site.
- The part of the White Mountain National Forest located in western Maine
- Eight National Wildlife Refuges scattered across the state.

