

## **AROOSTOOK STATE PARK**

### Quaggy Joe Mountain

**Location:** Presque Isle, Aroostook County

**Description of Hike:** After hiking to the summit of Quaggy Jo Mountain, there are four additional miles of cross-country ski and hiking trails to explore in the park.

**Directions:** From Presque Isle, take Route 1 south approximately 4 miles. Turn right on Spragueville Road. Take the second left, which ends in the Park.

**Total Distance:** 1-3 Miles

**Hiking Time:** Not available

**Maps:** DeLorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer Map 65, E-1.

#### **Local Attractions:**

- In warm weather, rent a canoe at the information station and paddle Echo lake. A lakeside picnic area has chairs, tables, and grills and a changing facility.
- For a short hike and spectacular view, visit Haystack Mountain.
- Presque Isle

#### **Sources:**

- Land for Maine's Future. Maine State Planning Office.  
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**LMF Background:** Established in 1939, Aroostook State Park is Maine's oldest state park. With a grant from the Land for Maine's Future program, The Maine Department of Conservation expanded the park to 600 acres by purchasing a 93-acre parcel from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Surrounded by rolling farmlands, twin peaked Quaggy Joe Mountain is a unique geologic feature. Volcanic ash surrounds a layer of limestone that is a ruminant from the ancient seas. The park is a popular year round destination - for swimming in the summer months and for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling in winter.



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