

Due to frequently changing road and weather conditions, we strongly suggest you contact Susan and Mark Adams, E.P.I Recreation Managers, at lunksoos@gmail.com or (207) 852-1291 before heading out to explore the Loop Road.

Lunksoos E.P.I. Base Camp Directions

**GPS Coordinates Lat. 045d 54m 529s
Lon.068d 36m775s**

Northbound

Option #1

Interstate 95 N to Sherman Exit # 264

Left and go appx 1/8mile take left onto RT # 11 S (Watch for the signs)

Take Route 11 South for 5.2 miles (Also known as the Grindstone Road)

On very sharp left hand turn you will go straight onto dirt road.

This is the Swiftbrook Road. Go 5.2 miles on this road (one bridge Crossing, go slow) This is an active logging road , so be prepared to yield to Trucks.

You will come to a fork, take the right, go through open **yellow gate** (there is also a Lunksoos Sign here)

Drive 2.5 miles This is the Sebois Road

Lunksoos will be on your right across from the boat launch. There are signs at the bottom of the Camp drive.

Option#2

For a more scenic drive from the south, you can take I 95 north to the Medway exit #244

Take a left off the ramp and go .8 miles and you will see Route # 11 N (Grindstone Road) on your right. This is part of the Maine Woods & Waters Scenic BYWAY.

Take Route # 11 North To Staceyville . 19.8 miles north you should come to a very sharp turn to the right, you will turn left here and head down a dirt road which is the Swiftbrook Road. Go 5.2 miles on this road (one bridge Crossing, go slow)

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You will come to a fork, take the right, go through open **yellow gate** (there is also a Lunksoos Sign here)

Drive 2.5 miles This is the Sebois Road

Lunksoos will be on your right across from the boat launch. There are signs at the bottom of the Camp drive.

Southbound

Take Interstate 95 South to the Sherman Exit # 264. Turn right. and go appx 1/8 mile take left onto RT # 11 S (Watch for the signs)

Take Route 11 South for 5.2 miles (Also known as the Grindstone Road)

On very sharp left hand turn you will go straight onto dirt road.

This is the Swiftbrook Road. Go 5.2 miles on this road (one bridge Crossing, go slow) This is an active logging road , so be prepared to yield to Trucks.

You will come to a fork, take the right, go through open **Yellow gate** (there is also a Lunksoos Sign here)

Drive 2.5 miles This is the Sebois Road

Lunksoos will be on your right across from the boat launch. There are signs at the bottom of the Camp drive.

Directions to Sandbank Campsite and the Katahdin Loop

GPS coordinates for Sandbank Campsite

Lat.045d 51m76s

Lon.068d40m44s

Follow directions above until you come to the fork by the **Yellow Gate** bear left and stay straight on the Swiftbrook Road), at 1.8 miles you will cross Whetstone Bridge and continue straight appx 2.8 miles, no turns until you come to Sandbank Campsite on your left. This is the only current privy on site with road access. From the campsite you can go straight appx .3 mile to the beginning of the Katahdin Loop where a small bridge will be crossed and the brown gate will be open. From this point on there will be mile markers 1-16.8 .

Let your imaginations go “Wild” up here, as you catch glimpses of what might be. Thank You for Leaving No Trace.

At this time there are two short walks to Wildlife Viewing Areas(mile 0 at the gate and *mile 2.1* on the right) and the beginnings of a 180 degree **Scenic view** of the Katahdin Woods and Waters Region.(*mile 6.4 take a left .1 miles*)

Portions of the IAT (International Appalachian Trail) will also be accessible from the loop road as well as hiking and biking access to Orin Falls on Wassataquoik Stream) For a nice day- bike you can park at Sandbank Campsite and bike the entire loop road of 16.8 miles .

A few Reminders: No potable water available on site. Cell Phone Service is Intermittent (think backcountry) Make sure your spare tire and jack are serviceable and you have plenty of fuel. The Scenic View usually has good cell service as a rule.

Come prepared. All Service roads as well as hiking/biking/skiing trails are closed to non-administrative traffic . You will find these rocked off.

For escorted tours and more information please contact:

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