Monson Visitor Center notes:

Big Spencer Mountain: The road directions in this guide are outdated. Here are updated directions: Drive north to Kokadjo on Lily Bay Road. Take the left fork 0.2 miles north of Kokadjo and continue. At 4.3 miles bear left. At 5.9 miles stay straight. This route avoids Sias Hill, which is a very rough stretch of road. Just after crossing the bridge over Bear Brook (on the right is Bear Brook campsite), turn left and drive 6.1 miles. Trailhead parking is on the left.

Little Spencer Mountain: This guide mentions that there are ropes to assist hikers in climbing a narrow chimney. These ropes are not installed by trail professionals, nor are they regularly maintained. They may not be safe to use, and hikers should not rely on them. It is possible for strong, experienced hikers to climb the chimney without using the ropes.
**LITTLE WILSON FALLS**

**Distance:** 2 miles round-trip  
**Time:** 2 hours  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Directions:** Go straight through the blinking light in Greenville (traveling north); turn right and head up Pleasant Street. Two miles the pavement ends, and at 3.6 miles you cross Big Wilson Stream. At 12 miles you come to Hedges Pond Checkpoint, and a fee is charged. At 13.8 miles turn right. Continue to follow signs to Gulf Hagas parking lot for several miles. The Appalachian Trail crosses the road before the Gulf Hagas parking, but there isn’t any room to park. Continue 0.3 mile to the Gulf Hagas parking lot, then walk back to the trail.

**BIG SPENCER MOUNTAIN**

**Distance:** 4 miles round-trip  
**Time:** 5 hours  
**Elevation:** 3,230 feet  
**Difficulty:** Challenging  
**Directions:** From the blinking light in downtown Greenville (traveling north), turn left on Depot Street, at 1.4 miles turn left on North Road (a dirt road) and travel 3.6 miles, then turn onto the East Branch Road. Continue to follow signs to Gulf Hagas parking lot for several miles. The Appalachian Trail crosses the road before the Gulf Hagas parking, but there isn’t any room to park. Continue 0.3 mile to the Gulf Hagas parking lot, then walk back to the trail.

**MOXIE FALLS**

**Distance:** 2 miles round-trip  
**Time:** 3 hours  
**Elevation:** 2,238 feet  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Directions:** Go straight through the blinking light in Greenville (traveling north); turn right and head up the steep hill called Pleasant Street. At 2 miles the pavement ends, and at 3.6 miles you will come to Big Wilson Stream. At 12 miles turn right, following signs to LLPC (Little Lyford Pond Camps) and the Head of Gulf Trail. You will pass the Head of Gulf Trail at 14.7 miles. The entrance to Little Lyford Pond Camps will be on your right at 16 miles. The trailhead to Laurie’s Ledge Trail is 1.5 miles further on your left. There is a vista facing west near the top that offers spectacular views of Horseshoe Pond, the Wilson Ponds, Big Moose Mountain, Elephant Mountain, Baker Mountain, and glimpses of Moosehead Lake in the distance.

**INDIAN MOUNTAIN – Laurie’s Ledge Trail**

**Distance:** 4 miles round-trip  
**Time:** 3 hours  
**Elevation:** 2,238 feet  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Directions:** Go straight through the blinking light in Greenville (traveling north); turn right and head up the steep hill called Pleasant Street. At 2 miles the pavement ends, and at 3.6 miles you will come to Big Wilson Stream. At 12 miles turn right, following signs to LLPC (Little Lyford Pond Camps) and the Head of Gulf Trail. You will pass the Head of Gulf Trail at 14.7 miles. The entrance to Little Lyford Pond Camps will be on your right at 16 miles. The trailhead to Laurie’s Ledge Trail is 1.5 miles further on your left. There is a vista facing west near the top that offers spectacular views of Horseshoe Pond, the Wilson Ponds, Big Moose Mountain, Elephant Mountain, Baker Mountain, and glimpses of Moosehead Lake in the distance.

**NUMBER FOUR MOUNTAIN**

**Distance:** 4 miles round-trip  
**Time:** 3 - 4 hours round trip  
**Elevation:** 2,890 feet  
**Difficulty:** Moderate to challenging  
**Directions:** The Number Four Mountain Trail begins off the privately-owned but publicly accessible Meadow Brook Rd. The trailhead is located at 49.41185°, 64.53181° and is accessed by travelling 2.5 miles past the Meadow Brook Rd. (unpaved) from the Lily Bay Rd. (paved). At approximately 1.7 miles east of the Lily Bay Rd., bear left and continue straight to the trailhead. Temporary parking for a few cars is possible just across a bridge over Lagoon Brook. To start your hike, walk back along the road a short distance, cross the bridge, and continue about 100 yards to where the trail enters the woods on the east side of the road. Look for the trailhead and parking on the right.

**EAGLE ROCK**

**Distance:** 7 miles round trip  
**Time:** 4 - 5 hours round trip  
**Difficulty:** Challenging  
**Directions:** The trail is a loop, with the best views in the area! The summit consists of bare rock with fantastic panoramic views of the entire Moosehead Lake area.

**BIG MOOSE MOUNTAIN**

**Distance:** 6 miles round-trip  
**Time:** 3 - 4 hours  
**Elevation:** 2,196 feet  
**Difficulty:** Challenging  
**Directions:** From the blinking light in downtown Greenville (traveling north), turn left on Depot Street, at 1.4 miles turn left on North Road (a dirt road) and travel 3.6 miles, then turn onto the East Branch Road. Continue to follow signs to Gulf Hagas parking lot for several miles. The Appalachian Trail crosses the road before the Gulf Hagas parking, but there isn’t any room to park. Continue 0.3 mile to the Gulf Hagas parking lot, then walk back to the trail.

**B-52 MEMORIAL SITE ON ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN**

**Distance:** 1/2 mile round-trip  
**Time:** 45 minutes  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Directions:** This is a somber memorial to the crash of a B-52 bomber doing training maneuvers in January of 1963. All but two crewmembers perished, and those two spent a cold night in a blizzard on this remote mountain before being discovered. The people of Greenville, Maine have preserved the site and the wreckage in honor of the men aboard this flight. Each year in January, a group snowmobile ride is held to this site, and a memorial service takes place.

**Directions:** Set your odometer at the blinking light and head north on Lily Bay Rd., at 7 miles turn right on Prong Pond Road, at 10.7 miles bear left at fork, at 12.4 miles you will cross a wooden bridge then take the next left at 12.5 miles continue until you reach the trailhead at 14.3 miles. Return on the same road you used to reach the site. The road has some potholes so drive slowly.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER**

Take only pictures and leave only footprints.

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**DESTINATION**

**MOOSEHEAD LAKE REGION**

This region is blessed with some of the most spectacular hikes in the Northeast. A wide range of terrain will please both the casual stroller and the serious backpacker. The Appalachian Trail passes southeast of Greenville and touches some of the hikes below on its way to the grand finale atop Mount Katahdin. These hikes can all be done as day trips from the Moosehead area. Whatever your ability, the majestic views and variety of choice will thrill those who love hiking.
LITTLE KINEO MOUNTAIN
Distance: 1.5 miles round-trip
Time: 1 hour round-trip
Elevation: 1,927 feet
Difficulty: Moderate
This is a very scenic hike across the open summit of Little Kineo. The trail is well marked (blue-blazed). There are several overlooks along the way and spectacular views of Moosehead Lake, Kineo, Katahdin, Big Moose and the two Spencer mountains. The summit can be reached using many different trails. The first part of the trail is the Appalachian Trail. Impervious sites along the way are the Barren Slide and Barren Cliffs. There is a fire tower at the summit. Cloud Pond is a remote mountain pond about 1 ¼ miles further that is well worth visiting.
Directions: From the traffic light in Greenville go north about 7 miles on the Gulf Hagas Road. Turn left at a sign for the Barrens’ trailhead, and is marked with a rock cairn. It takes you to the 20-foot high Vaughn Falls.

BARREN MOUNTAIN
Distance: 8 miles round-trip; plus 1 ¼ further to Cloud Pond
Time: 6 hours round-trip
Elevation: 2,670 feet
Difficulty: Moderate
Finding this trail is a real challenge, but once you do you will be on a hike into the heart of the Appalachian Trail. The Barrens slide and Barrens cliff are well worth the effort. There is a fire tower at the summit. Trail moderate but takes you to Cloud Pond.
Directions from Greenville: At the blinking light in Greenville, 0.5 miles north, turn left onto the Elliotsville Road, just after the “Welcome to Monson” sign. Proceed 8 miles and cross over the bridge over Wilson Stream. Turn left after the bridge. Cross the railroad tracks. Continue for another 0.5 mile, and soon you should come to the trailhead. Directions to the Moose Mountain Inn: From downtown Greenville go north on Rte 15. The Moose Mountain Inn will be on your left after you pass under the railroad trestle at Greenville Jct.

LITTLE SPENCER MOUNTAIN
Distance: 4 miles round-trip
Time: 5 hours round-trip
Elevation: 3,040 feet
Difficulty: Challenging
This is a beautiful hike with several picturesque mountain ponds along the way. There are two different ways to reach the spectacular views atop Little Spencer Mountain. The first part of the trail is the Appalachian Trail. About halfway up is a lean-to. The rim trail is difficult but will take you by spectacular scenery along the gorge. Most hikers start their hike along the rim trail and return to their vehicle using the tote road.
Directions: From the railroad trestle in Greenville Junction go 18.1 miles north on Rte 15. Turn right on a road marked with signs for Boar’s Head and Big Moose Rocks. From the Rockwood docks it is about a 10 minute ferry ride to Kineo. In the summer there is generally a shuttle that leaves from the public boat landing in Rockwood every hour, although the times may be inconsistent. A small fee is charged. Kineo Shuttle telephone number: (207) 534-9012.

WHITECAP MOUNTAIN
Distance: 2 miles of road and 2.5 miles of trail to the top, one-way
Time: 5.5 hours round-trip
Difficulty: Challenging
Finding this trail is a real challenge. It includes a lovely, remote section of the Appalachian Trail. About halfway up is a lean-to. The trail from here to the tree line is steep. The top is an open alpine area with fabulous views of Katahdin. There are different ways to reach the spectacular views atop Whitecap Mountain. The most direct route (which you should check out the Brown Brook Trail). The most traditional route (though it’s just the regular old southern AT”) was declared a National Landmark in 1968. The Nature Conservancy now owns this land. We recommend using the north-western parking lot near the head of the Gulf since hikers can dry and do not have to ford the Pean Island using this approach. From the north-west parking lot to the beginning of the rim trail and Stair Falls is just over 1.7 miles each way. So if you only have 4-5 hours you can stay dry and hike to Stair and Bladings Falls. If starting from the south-eastern parking area the trail starts with a ford across the knee-deep Pean Island. From the south-eastern parking area the trail is 4 miles round-trip. To visit the Hermitage, look for signs on the right after crossing the brook.
From either parking lot the hike includes a loop trail of approximately 1 mile. The route is very difficult but will take you by spectacular scenery along the gorge. Most hikers start their hike along the rim trail and return to their vehicle using the tote road.

MOUNT KATADIN
Distance: 10 miles plus depending on trail
Time: 6 ½ hours round-trip
Elevation: 5,267 feet
Difficulty: Challenging
The summit of Katahdin can be reached using many different trails in your area below the trailhead and above the trailhead. For more information, ask for the complete Katahdin Hiking and Paddling Guide.

GULF HAGAS – (Please note that fee charged at checkpoint) (map available at Visitor’s Center)
Distance: 2.2 miles round-trip for shortest; 8.2 miles round-trip for longest
Time: 2 hours round-trip for shortest trail
Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Knock on the door of the三个 consecutive trails that can be used to reach the summit of Katahdin. All trails are blue-blazed, although the Indian Trail trailhead is not clearly marked.

a) Indian Trail - This is the shortest route to the fire tower and is also the one with the most views. Trail is strenuous. Howev-

er, it is near the cliff in many spots and is not a good place for those with a fear of heights. Length: 0.7 mile to Bridge Trail, then 0.4 mile to fire tower.
b) Bridge Trail - This is the original fire tower trail. Easy. It begins 0.3 mile from the Indian Trail down the path called the Carriage Trail (which leaves the landing). There are no views along the trail. Length: 1.1 miles.
c) North Trail - This is the longest trail. Including the entire length of the Carriage Trail, it is 4.1 miles to the summit. For the first part the trail follows the shore of Moosehead Lake all the way to the Toad Brook Trail and in the Gulf Hagas Basin. From here the North Trail continues along the international border. This trail is a challenging climb through some old hardwoods to the summit. There are limited views.

Directions: From the railroad trestle in Greenville Junction go 18.1 miles north on Rte 15. Turn right on a road marked with signs for Boar’s Head and Big Moose Rocks. From the Rockwood docks it is about a 10 minute ferry ride to Kineo. In the summer there is generally a shuttle that leaves from the public boat landing in Rockwood every hour, although the times may be inconsistent. A small fee is charged. Kineo Shuttle telephone number: (207) 534-9012.

BORESTONE MOUNTAIN (map available at Visitor’s Center)
Distance: 4 miles round-trip
Time: 6 ½ hours round-trip
Elevation: 1,947 feet
Difficulty: Challenging
Finding this trail is a real challenge. The Boarestone Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary is a check station about 1 mile along the trail. It is sometimes manned by the National Audubon Society, which owns the land around Boarestone. The sanctuary itself—when open—offers interesting exhibits for children. A small fee may be charged. There are also interesting nature stations along the trail. After leaving the sanctuary you will reach the base of the Boarestone. The last 600 feet of elevation includes small rock slides. The view at the top is expansive, with a bare summit and two peaks.

Directions: From the railroad trestle in Greenville Junction go 18.1 miles north on Rte 15. Take a left on the Ellenville Road, just after the “Welcome to Monson” sign. Proceed 8 miles and cross over the bridge over Wilson Stream. Turn left at a sign for Boarestone. The railroad trail is approximately .1 miles to the right, on a parking area on the left of the road.

EOCA MOUNTAIN
Distance: 2 miles round-trip
Time: 1 hour round-trip
Difficulty: Moderate
Finding this trail is a real challenge. The first part of the trail is the Appalachian Trail. About halfway up is a lean-to. The rim trail is difficult but will take you by spectacular scenery along the gorge. Most hikers start their hike along the rim trail and return to their vehicle using the tote road.

Directions: From the railroad trestle in Greenville Junction go 18.1 miles north on Rte 15. Turn right on a road marked with signs for Boar’s Head and Big Moose Rocks. From the Rockwood docks it is about a 10 minute ferry ride to Kineo. In the summer there is generally a shuttle that leaves from the public boat landing in Rockwood every hour, although the times may be inconsistent. A small fee is charged. Kineo Shuttle telephone number: (207) 534-9012.

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