



# 2018 MAINE WILDLIFE PARK Summer Wildlife Days

Sponsored by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park

All programs will run from 11am - 2pm unless otherwise noted.

[mainewildlifepark.com](http://mainewildlifepark.com)



## MAY

**Saturday May 5 MAP YOUR ADVENTURE DAY** In a world where GPS technology is so commonplace, reading & understanding maps is still a critical skill; from helping navigate the Maine Wildlife Park to saving a life in the woods! Use the park's brand new map to learn map basics, join scavenger hunts & games for prizes; even find hidden "treasure" in the park! MDIFW Recreational Safety Instructors will teach you how to use a map & compass in the big woods along with other survival skills. A fun event for the whole family! [maine.gov/ifw/education/safety](http://maine.gov/ifw/education/safety)

**Saturday May 12 ARCHERY WITH BRYANT POND 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS** Certified archery instructors will have equipment & targets to try your hand at this great family sport. Ages 9 & up will have a chance to shoot a bow, learn basic safety, & practice shooting skills from 10am to 12 noon. A laser rifle range experience will be offered from 12:30-2:30pm. Instructors will review shot placement using several 3-D targets & cover hunting ethics. Youngsters ages 6 & up will have a chance to learn basic gun handling & shooting skills using the laser rifles. [umaine.edu/bryantpond](http://umaine.edu/bryantpond)

**Saturday May 19 ENDANGERED & THREATENED SPECIES DAY** Join the Maine Endangered Species Coalition to learn about National Endangered Species Day. Understand the importance of protecting endangered species & everyday actions you can take to help protect them. [endangered.org/category/maine](http://endangered.org/category/maine)

**AND MAINE NORDMENN DAY** Scandinavian climate, wildlife, & conservation practices are similar to Maine's. Learn about Scandinavian culture from folks in full native dress; see demonstrations of traditional activities like wood carving, rosemaling, weaving, & Viking life. Sample delicious Scandinavian foods, enjoy Scandinavian music. Age appropriate activities for children; Scandinavian baked goods & crafts for sale. [mainenordmenn.com](http://mainenordmenn.com)

**Sat.-Mon. May 26-28 FRIENDS OF THE MAINE WILDLIFE PARK ANNUAL PLANT SALE** The Friends volunteer group helps out the wildlife park in so many ways; learn more about their ongoing projects & enjoy great bargains on spring plants with annual & perennial flowers, vegetables, & floral baskets grown in their own greenhouse! Plants will be available Sat. & Sun. 8am-3pm in the parking lot; thereafter inside the park. [wildlifeparkfriends.org](http://wildlifeparkfriends.org)

**Saturday May 26 RED CROSS/RAYSUP BLOOD DRIVE 10:00AM - 4:00PM** The American Red Cross plays a critical role in our nation's health care system, processing about 40 percent of the blood supply! Reveal your inner hero & donate life-saving blood at our annual park blood drive. Donors who pre-register for this event receive free admission to the park & a discount for family members on this day. Pre-register at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## JUNE

**SUNDAY June 3 LUCKY CATCH LOBSTER** provides an unforgettable boat ride on the Portland waters of Casco Bay while you're guided through the daily routines of a Maine Lobsterman. Lucky Catch Staff at the park today will have a variety of sea life from these ocean trips for you to explore, including lobsters! [luckycatchlobster.com](http://luckycatchlobster.com)

**FRIDAY June 8 OPEN HOUSE 5:00PM-8:00PM FREE ADMISSION TONIGHT ONLY!** Meet the Gems of Route 26, Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park, local civic organizations, Narrow Gauge Railroad, & Dry Mills Schoolhouse while enjoying an evening stroll around the park!

**Saturday June 9 MAINE WARDEN SERVICE DAY** Meet members of the Maine Warden Service; view boats, ATVs, Dive Trailer, & Wall of Shame. Learn how game wardens protect our wildlife & our citizens in the woods & waters of Maine.

**Saturday June 16 THE ANCIENT ONES** This group of re-enactors, in full period dress, will set up a real Living History Camp from the late 1700s-1800s. They will put up a canvas tent & have demonstrations going on all day long, including fire starting, cooking, trading, tomahawk throwing, flint knapping, flintlock muskets, weaving & more. Come to see what day-to-day life really looked like 200 years ago! All day Saturday; Sunday morning 'til 12noon. [theancientonesofmaine.com](http://theancientonesofmaine.com)

**Saturday June 23 SPARKS ARK** was officially started in the early 90s by David Sparks. He & son Josh had done wildlife rehabilitation for some time, but decided to also start humanely relocating nuisance wildlife. Over the years, they began taking in unwanted and illegal exotic animals as well. In addition to rehabilitation work, they do outreach programs with many of the exotics, educating people on the legality, pros & cons of owning an exotic; as well as how to safely interact with wildlife. [sparksark.com](http://sparksark.com)

**Saturday June 30 WILDLIFE ENRICHMENT DAY** 'Enrichments' are items that provide mental & physical stimulation & exercise to captive wildlife to encourage natural behaviors, activity, & play. Starting at 10am, then every hour on the hour to 3pm, watch a different species receive a new enrichment & enjoy the fun they'll have with it!

## JULY

**Saturday July 7 MAINE NATURE ARTISTS** Join several area artists as they demonstrate their nature-based art using unique materials & various mediums to capture the beauty of wildlife & nature. A variety of their items will be available for purchase!

**Saturday July 14 MAINE WILDLIFE AUTHORS** Children's book authors Tamra Wight ("Cooper & Packrat"), Melissa Kim ("Wildlife on the Move") & Lyn Smith ("A Porcupine's Promenade") will give presentations about wildlife & read from their books. Make your own wildlife book or journal, go on a wildlife scavenger hunt, & take part in a variety of family-friendly activities & workshops centering on wildlife writing, drawing, & photography.

**Saturday July 21 CHAINSAW WILDLIFE ARTISTS** Join 4 local Maine chainsaw carvers Ron Carlson, Tim Pickett, Dan Bums, & Greg Waters as they use chainsaws to create eagles, bears, & more. Watch a block of wood become a work of art. A variety of carvings will be on exhibit & for sale. Bring your cameras & your earplugs! [woodyahbeieve.com](http://woodyahbeieve.com) [nversidewoodcarving.com](http://nversidewoodcarving.com) [facebook.com/pages/Ron-Carlson](https://facebook.com/pages/Ron-Carlson)

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) manages the Maine Wildlife Park & all of the state's wildlife resources. We ensure the health of Maine's fisheries, wildlife, & habitats for the benefit & recreational enjoyment of all users. Maine Wildlife Park admission fees, nature store sales, donations, grants, thousands of volunteer hours, & the funds raised by the Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park make the park essentially self-supporting. A variety of in-kind administrative, engineering, human resource & other services are provided by MDIFW. We thank you for your support!

**Saturday July 28 ATV MAINE** is a 501(c)(3) membership organization with close to 6,000 members in 83 ATV clubs statewide. Their purpose is to promote education in the safe & responsible use of ATVs, be a unified voice on ATV legislative issues, & to share information with club affiliates & the general public. ATVs for children & adults will be on site. Try them out on a short course! Safety instructors will be on hand to show you what fun ATV riding can be! [atvmaine.org](http://atvmaine.org)

## AUGUST

**Saturday/Sunday Aug. 4 and 5 ENCHANTED FORESTS** Fairy houses & gardens are incredibly popular with children today. Bring the kids to visit our fabulous human-sized fairy house, meet & have your photos taken with some 'real' fairies; then work with all natural materials to create your own miniature fairy habitats to take home with you. This is a great activity for all kids, young & old!

**Sat.-Sun. Aug. 11 & 12 ATTEAN FAMILY POW WOW** Tribal representatives from Maine, New England, & around the country will be at the park for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers, & traditional food booths. This year, don't miss NEW activities, food, music & Grand Entry presented at noon each day. An exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture & heritage. (All day, rain or shine).

**Saturday Aug. 18 EVENING STAR PARTY** See the wonders of the night sky first hand with Northern Stars Planetarium & Southern Maine Astronomers! Rotate through different stations & activities to find out about the stars & planets in the skies above & their impact on wildlife. There will be telescopes to use, as well as larger scopes that party leaders will keep on whatever mysterious objects are overhead. **We must have clear skies to run this program! 7:00pm - 9:00pm** (Call office FMI if weather is suspect) [northern-stars.com](http://northern-stars.com) & [southernmaineastronomers.org](http://southernmaineastronomers.org)

**Saturday Aug. 25 LIFE OF THE HONEYBEE** Learn about the industrious life of the honey bee & the role of the beekeeper. Parts of the bee hive & beekeeping equipment will be on display; & experienced bee keepers will be available to answer your questions. A variety of delicious native Maine honey & other natural products from the hive will be on sale. [mainebeekeepers.org](http://mainebeekeepers.org)

## SEPTEMBER

**Saturday Sept. 1 WATCH OUR WILDLIFE HAVE DINNER!** Visitors to the park always want to know what our wildlife eats & when! Today, we will post hourly feeding times starting at 10AM for the moose, lynx, foxes, cougars, turkey vultures, & bears - so you can watch them munch on their lunch!

**Saturday Sept. 8 RICK CHARETTE CONCERT!** Rick has been capturing the hearts & spirits of young & old alike with his delightful & inspiring children's songs for years! Many songs performed will be about Maine's wild animals & from his newest album! Rick will sign autographs & sell CDs after the show. Concert Show Time is 11am-12noon; rain or shine [rickcharette.com](http://rickcharette.com)

**Sunday Sept. 9 NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S DAY** National Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day & was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. Free admission for Grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren; regular entrance fees for all other family members.

**Saturday Sept. 22 WILD WINGS TAXIDERMY** It's National Hunting & Fishing Day! Taxidermy is a method of reproducing a life-like, 3-dimensional rendition of a mammal, bird, or fish for permanent display. Watch local taxidermist Paul Reynolds mount a whitetail deer head using the fine art of taxidermy. [wildwingstaxidermy.me](http://wildwingstaxidermy.me)

## OCTOBER

**Sat. & Sun. Oct. 13 & 14 HARVEST-FEST** Bring the whole family to enjoy this unique celebration of fall-themed games, activities, and attractions! 'Old tyme' harvest games include favorites from the past like the giant spider legs, pumpkin long jump, rodent barn maze, lil' hayride, & more! Wait 'til you see the new activities that will be unveiled at this year's event! Come ready to crawl, dodge, jump, search, & maybe get a little wet! 10am-3pm each day.

## NOVEMBER

**Sunday Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY/CLOSING DAY FOR THE PARK** Free admission for U.S. Military personnel, Veterans & their immediate family members on our last day of the season.

Our 3 picnic shelters & Outdoor Classroom can be reserved for birthday parties, special occasions, family gatherings & more! Special Wildlife programs & tours are available. Consider volunteering at the wildlife park. There are opportunities for gatehouse attendants, tour guides, gardeners, & Snack Shack clerks. For more information, please call 207-657-4977 x 0; or go to [mainewildlifepark.com](http://mainewildlifepark.com)

Please Note: The Maine Wildlife Park is not a part of the Department of Ag, Forestry, & Conservation Maine State Park Pass system.



# Maine Wildlife Park

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Route 26 • Gray, Maine



Use your own mobile device to take a self-guided tour of our facility! This FREE service is a great tool to learn more about the park and our wildlife. Throughout the park green signs indicate tour stops. Visit these stops in sequence or at random. On smart phones, scan the QR code in the bottom corner of each sign or start your tour now by scanning here! On all other phones dial 207-228-1700 and then the stop number on the green signs and this map. Enjoy your tour!

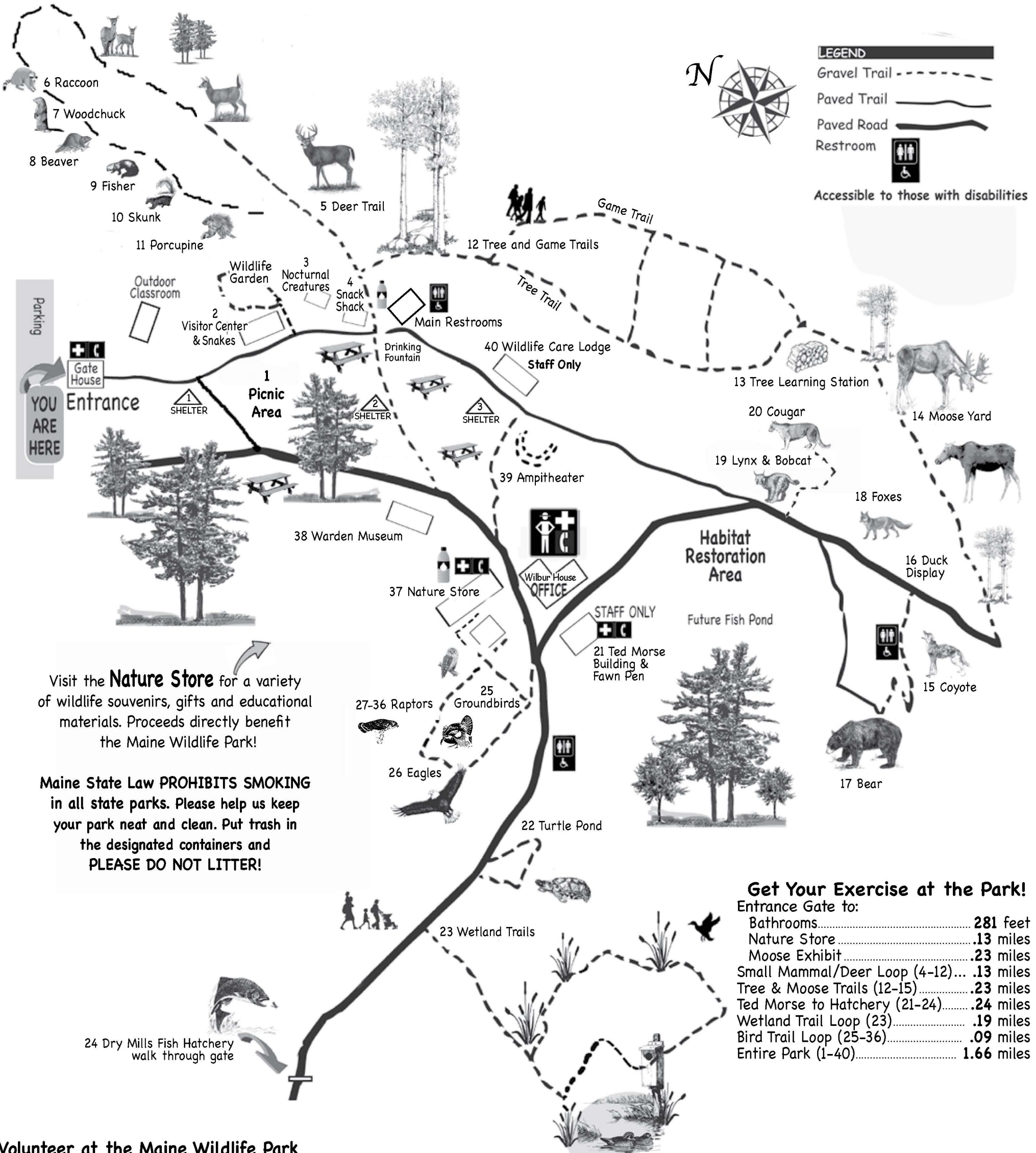


**In case of an emergency**, contact any park personnel or go to the Office, Gate House, Nature Store or Snack Shack. Emergency first aid and phones are available at these locations.



**Water and Soda** are sold at the Snack Shack and Nature Store vending machines. Drinking fountain located at the main restroom.

**Friends Snack Shack** offers soft drinks, water, ice cream and other goodies.



**LEGEND**

- Gravel Trail - - - - -
- Paved Trail ————
- Paved Road —————
- Restroom

Accessible to those with disabilities

Visit the **Nature Store** for a variety of wildlife souvenirs, gifts and educational materials. Proceeds directly benefit the Maine Wildlife Park!

**Maine State Law PROHIBITS SMOKING** in all state parks. Please help us keep your park neat and clean. Put trash in the designated containers and **PLEASE DO NOT LITTER!**

**Get Your Exercise at the Park!**

Entrance Gate to:

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| Bathrooms.....                     | 281 feet   |
| Nature Store.....                  | .13 miles  |
| Moose Exhibit.....                 | .23 miles  |
| Small Mammal/Deer Loop (4-12)...   | .13 miles  |
| Tree & Moose Trails (12-15).....   | .23 miles  |
| Ted Morse to Hatchery (21-24)..... | .24 miles  |
| Wetland Trail Loop (23).....       | .19 miles  |
| Bird Trail Loop (25-36).....       | .09 miles  |
| Entire Park (1-40).....            | 1.66 miles |

**Volunteer at the Maine Wildlife Park**  
 Volunteer positions available at the Park include gatekeepers, gardeners, tour guides and help with special events.  
**Friends of Maine Wildlife Park:** a non-profit group primarily organized to fundraise for projects at the park that meets monthly. Friends operate Maryann's Snack Shack on the premises. [www.wildlifeparkfriends.org](http://www.wildlifeparkfriends.org)

**Family Pass, Individual Pass, Mountain Lion Pass**  
 All season passes include free admission to all Park special events, a bumper sticker and Nature Store discounts. Mountain Lion Pass includes free passes to Swan Island. Inquire at Entrance Gate or online at [www.maine.gov/swanisland](http://www.maine.gov/swanisland) and [www.mainewildlifepark.com](http://www.mainewildlifepark.com).