

**River Management Society  
Northeast Chapter  
Allagash Trip | September 3-12, 2021**



Join the RMS Northeast Chapter for a nine-day fall paddling trip on the beautiful Allagash Wilderness Waterway!

# LOGISTICS

The 92-mile Allagash Wilderness Waterway (AWW) in northern Maine is one of America's preeminent canoe trips. Established by the State of Maine in 1966 to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural beauty, character, and habitat of a unique area, the AWW was designated as the first state-administered component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in 1970. The AWW is composed of a chain of lakes, ponds, and rivers, including much of the Allagash River, and its managed by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry to preserve wilderness character.

**DATES** – Meet on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and take out on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

September 3: Meet in St Francis, ME at [Pelletier's Campground](#), 5 pm

September 4: Get shuttled by Norm L'Italien to the top of the Allagash at [Chamberlain Lake's Thoroughfare Bridge](#). All participant's cars will be left with Norm, and will be shuttled to the base of the Allagash River at the take out.

September 12: Take out at [Allagash Village](#) where vehicles are waiting.  
(Current proposed itinerary means that the group would be paying for 8 nights on the AWW)

**TRIP COST** – \$400 for RMS members; \$430 for non-members

Trip cost includes camping fees, canoe rentals [boats, paddles, lifejackets], transport to Chamberlain Bridge, vehicle shuttle, north Maine woods road fees, AWW fees, Churchill Dam ranger portage fees, and food.

**PELLETIER CAMPGROUND** - (Outfitter/Owner is Norm L'Italien) – There is an option of renting a nearby camp, but it does not have enough room for more than 4 people

CAMPING: \$8/person/night

CANOE RENTAL: \$30/DAY for Old Towne Discovery, \$35/day for an Old Towne Tripper (both are 17 ft long)

TRANSPORT TO CHAMBERLAIN BRIDGE: \$65/person if the group is 6-12 people (includes all gear and canoes)

VEHICLE SHUTTLE: Some can be run up the road on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>, and Norm will run the remaining ones for free up while the group is on the river.

**NORTH MAINE WOODS ROAD FEES** – This is for using the roads to get into the AWW, or out if we cut the trip short \$16/person/day (non-resident rate) (only one-time fee if we get out at Allagash Village, but doubled if we need to cut the trip short at Michaud Farms due to low water)

**ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAYS FEES (AWW)** – Paid on entry to AWW by trip leader for group.

Non-resident fee \$12/person/night with an added 9% ME Lodging Tax which makes it \$13.08

ME Resident fee \$6/person/night with 9% ME Lodging Tax which makes it \$6.54

**CHURCHILL DAM RANGER PORTAGE FEE** - \$10 per small group (we should budget \$10/canoe) and takes all gear to half way point of Chase Rips

**FISHING LISENCES** – Can be bought online via ME Inland Fisheries web site, or at store by Pelletier's Campground. 7 or 15 day permits are available.

## WHAT TO BRING -

### CLOTHING

Sunglasses  
Brimmed hat  
Winter hat  
Quick-dry T-shirt(s)  
Long sleeve shirt  
Quick-dry shorts or pants  
Swimsuit  
Wool socks  
Water shoes/sandals  
Camp shoes  
Heavy sweater or fleece  
Rain jacket and rain pants  
Warm wool top and bottom layers

### CAMPING GEAR

Sleeping bag & sleeping pad  
Tent and ground cloth  
Small towel & toiletries  
Headlamp/flashlight  
Extra batteries  
Personal eating utensils/bowls  
Personal water bottle(s)  
Sun block, lip balm, medications

### OTHER

Waterproof day pack/bag  
Camera

Note: Even though its early September, this far north in Maine there may be a few nights of frost and/or cold rain. Clothing to keep you warm and dry is essential.

# Itinerary

Date	DAY #	Day of Week	CAMPSITE (end of day)	HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY
9/3/2021	1	Friday	Pelletier's Campground	Gathering point in town of St. Francis, ME Check group equipment
9/4/2021	2	Saturday	Gravel Beach, Chamberlain Lake	Shuttle with all equipment to top of Allagash system, paddle 6 miles
9/5/2021	3	Sunday	Thoreau Island, Eagle Lake	Portage Lock Dam
9/6/2021	4	Monday	Pump Handle, Eagle Lake	Inspect the Trains and Tramway
9/7/2021	5	Tuesday	Schofield Point, Churchill Lake	Meet with Eagle Lake Ranger
9/8/2021	6	Wednesday	Churchill Dam	Conference with Churchill Dam Ranger
9/9/2021	7	Thursday	Grey Brook, Long Lake	Portage/Run Chase Rapids
9/10/2021	8	Friday	Inlet, Round Pond	Meet with Round Pond Ranger
9/11/2021	9	Saturday	Allagash Falls	Stop at Cunliffe Depot to see Lombard Log Haulers
9/12/2021	10	Sunday	Homeward Bound	At takeout and cars by 2 pm and YOU ARE FREE TO ROAM

# Registration Form

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RMS Member (\$400) x Participants \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-Member (\$430) x Participants \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**  
River Management Society

**Mail checks:**  
RMS, PO Box 5750, Takoma Park, MD 20913-5750

or register online at <https://www.river-management.org/northeast>

**Register by August 6<sup>th</sup>**

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