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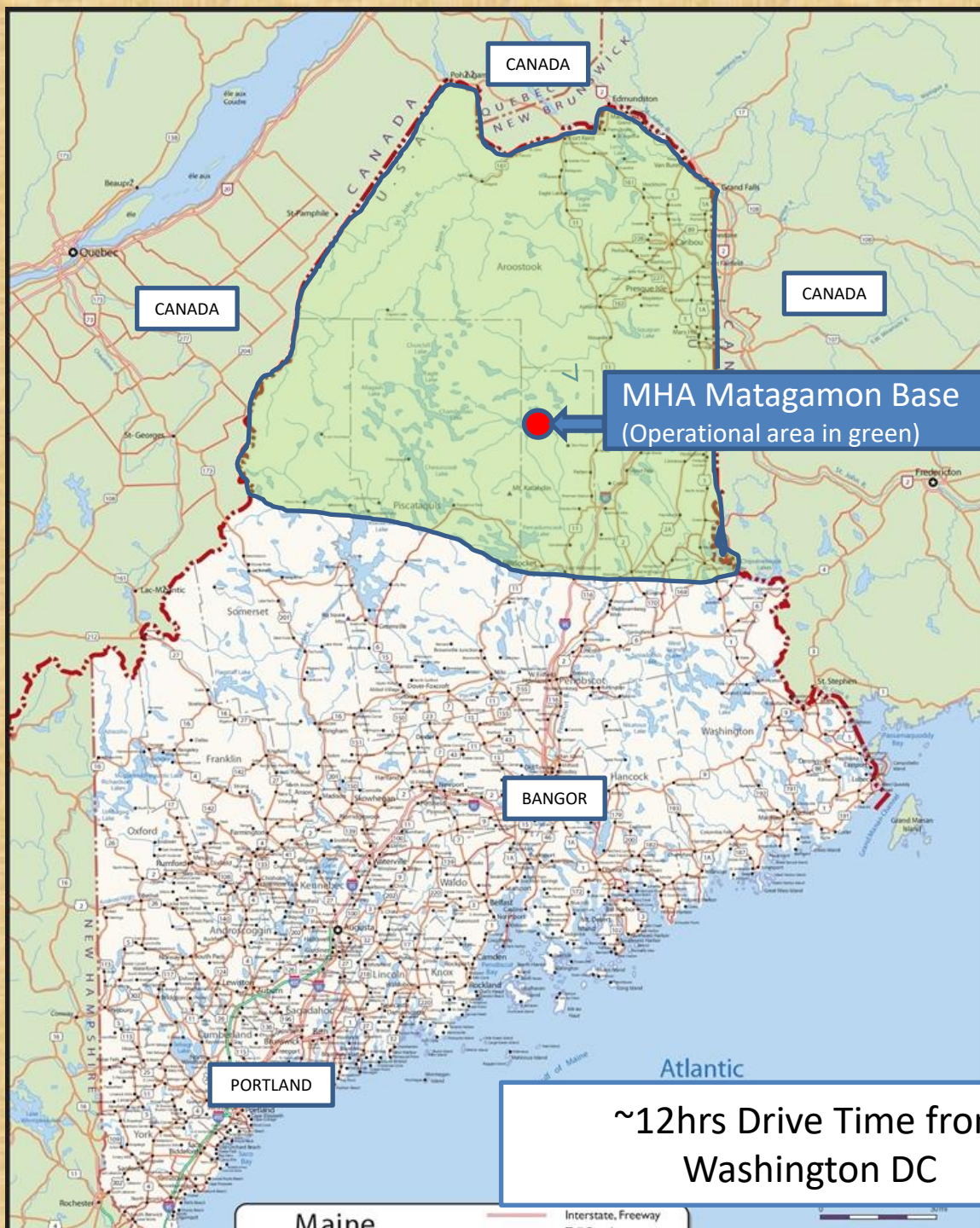
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# WHERE is Maine High Adventure?



MHA Matagamon Base  
(Operational area in green)

BANGOR

PORTLAND

~12hrs Drive Time from  
Washington DC

Maine

Interstate, Freeway

# **What is Maine High Adventure B.S.A?**

- **A premier High Adventure experience, operating in the largest undeveloped area east of the Mississippi. >4 MILLION acres.**
- **“MHA” started as Maine National High Adventure Area B.S.A in 1971 and has been part of the Katahdin Area Council since 1991.**
- **A full-service experience...providing your group with guidance and supplies you need — food, canoes, tents, cookware, etc.  
You only need to bring personal gear.**
- **A unique opportunity to Challenge & Inspire your Scouts!**



# What an MHA Trek will and can\* look like...

\*MHA will tailor treks according to your crew's interests.

# **Board the MHA Deck Boat at the MHA Landing and cross Grand Lake Matagamon to arrive at MHA Base**





Actually... **Your MHA Guide will be waiting for you at the MHA Dock**





# Unload Gear





# Step into the MAP ROOM





Tell our Trip Planner what you want to do





The Trip Planner will help incorporate your desired activities into possible treks, then...

Your Crew decides which trek best fits their interests.





# Swim Check & Canoe T-Rescue

>>Checks are done on-site and mandatory for all Crew members, including adults<<





# Receive Gear & Food





# Pack Gear & Food for entire trip





# Spend night #1 “TRAIL BOUND” at MHA campsite on Grand Lake Matagamon





Spend night on Base “TRAIL BOUND”  
campsite on Grand Lake Matagamon





# LOAD-UP for ADVENTURE!





# Whitewater Canoeing







The are no sharks in MHA waters, nor are there any Poisonous Snakes on land!



Even adults can learn to do it!





# Flatwater Canoeing





# Sail...MHA Style





# Have an Unplanned down afternoon





Relax...spend a Layover Day in the same campsite









# View Stars to the horizon.

No ambient light pollution here!





# Visit Historic Sites

## TELOS DAM

Telos Dam was built in 1841 to work in conjunction with a dam at the outlet of Chamberlain Lake (Lock Dam) to redirect the flow of water in Chamberlain and Telos Lakes south, through a manmade canal, to the Penobscot River drainage. The canal, known as Telos Cut, was dug between Telos Lake and a ravine which dropped 47 feet into Webster Lake.



Telos Dam enabled its owners to control the flow of water into the canal, and thus collect a toll for lumber from the landowners who wanted to drive logs to Bangor sawmills.

Disagreement over the amount of the toll (50¢ per 1000 feet of lumber) led to the hiring of armed guards. The Maine State Legislature settled the conflict and the toll was reduced to 20¢ per 1000 feet.



Telos Dam is an outstanding example of timber crib dam construction. Once very common in the Maine Northwoods during the log driving era, most have been replaced by concrete dams or have been allowed to fall into disrepair. Telos Dam was last rebuilt in 1981.

THE  
**Allagash**  
WILDERNESS WATERWAY





# Check out the Locomotives





# Fishing





# Wildlife Viewing & Photography





# Visit an Ice Cave



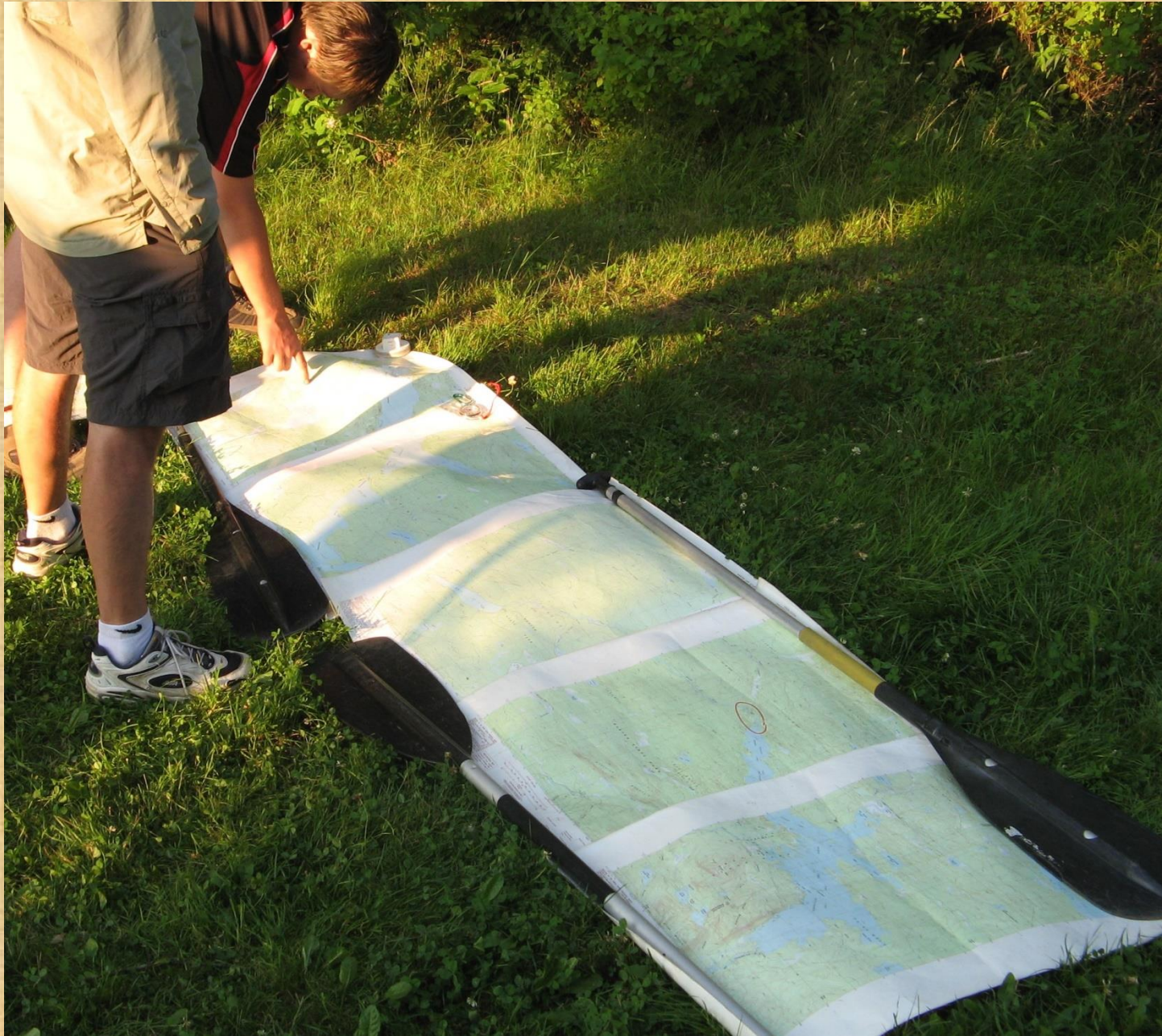


# Open Fire Cooking





# Backcountry Navigation





# Canoe Poling





# “Rump Bump” Webster Brook













# The Mud Pond Carry!

>>> Discover what Henry David Thoreau described in 1857. It hasn't changed a bit since then! <<<





# Backpack and/or Dayhike





# Climb a Fire Tower & See the View





# Summit a Mountain







# PAMOLA

ELEVATION - 4902 FT.

## KNIFE EDGE

← CHIMNEY PEAK  
← SOUTH PEAK - 5240 FT.  
← BAXTER PEAK - 5267 FT. 1-1

DO NOT HIKE THIS TRAIL  
IN BAD WEATHER

B.S.P.





# KATAHDIN

BAKTER PEAK ELEVATION - 5257 FT

## NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

A MOUNTAIN FOOTPATH EXTENDING OVER  
2000 MILES TO SPRINGER MTN. GEORGIA

- ← THOREAU SPRING 1.0 M
- ← KATAHDIN STREAM CAMPGROUND 3.2
- ← PENOBSCOT WEST BRANCH AT ABOL BRIDGE 14.5
- ← MAINE-NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LINE 281.4
- ← MT. WASHINGTON, N. H. 332.4
- ← SPRINGER MTN., GEORGIA 2100

MAINE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB



# LOAD-UP for ADVENTURE!





# RETURN and Air-Out GEAR





# Clean Pots ...





# Try MOXIE!





# A LUMBERJACK DINNER prepared for you including Maine classic “bean-hole beans”!



And really enjoy your last night at MHA with a hot shower and a good sleep in our home-bound cabins.



# HOME BOUND CABINS









ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END...





# Unit Level

## Trip Planning Considerations

### Who should go?

#### Know your candidates

- ✓ Basic skills.
  - Assess at outings and shake down events.
- ✓ Physical and Medical conditions of Scout & Adults
- ✓ MHA minimum 13yrs old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of trek year.
- ✓ 2 Adults Minimum. Co-ed at least 1 Female.
- ✓ Maximum of 11 per Crew, and the Minimum is 7.
  - ✓ If you split into 2 crews, they will NOT trek together.





*THANKS FOR LISTENING...*  
and  
We hope to see you and your crew at  
**MAINE HIGH ADVENTURE!**

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