

# Acadia National Park

## Accommodations Guide

### *Editor's Note*

This Accommodations Guide is here to help you find somewhere to stay on your trip to Acadia National Park.

This is not an exhaustive list, but instead is a curated selection with several options in Bar Harbor and the other nearby towns/ areas for different budgets. It also includes all of the accommodation options inside the park, which is limited to campgrounds.

If you stay somewhere not mentioned here and love it, feel free to email me and let me know, as I am always updating this list.

Note that some of these places are only open for the main season May – October.

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# INSIDE THE PARK

There are no lodges or cabins inside Acadia National Park, but there are four campgrounds. Two are on Mount Desert Island, there's one on the Schoodic Peninsula, and there's even a small rustic campground on Isle au Haut.

There are no same day reservations, and no campsites are available for request upon arrival. All campsites must be reserved in advance on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) within a 60-day rolling window. All of the campgrounds are seasonal only, from May to October. Exact dates vary slightly between campgrounds and may change slightly each year.

## MOUNT DESERT ISLAND

### Blackwoods Campground



OPEN: Early May – Mid-October

Blackwoods is the most convenient campground. It's on the east side of Mount Desert Island, about 5 miles south of Bar Harbor. It's a lovely site set among woods, less than a 10-minute walk from the ocean. There are 281 sites. 221 are tent only, 60 are RV only.

- There are picnic tables and fire rings
- Flush toilets plus spigots for dishwashing
- No showers, but there are pay showers half a mile away
- No laundry
- No hookups but there is a dump station
- No cell service or Internet

### Seawall Campground



OPEN: Late May – early October

Seawall Campground is located on quiet west side of Mount Desert Island. It's 18 miles from Bar Harbor, but just 4 miles from Southwest Harbor. All the sites at Seawall are within a short walking distance of the coast.

There are 202 sites. 43 are tent only, 59 are RV only and 98 of them are walk-in only. There are also 5 group sites.

- There are picnic tables, fire rings and grills
- Flush toilets plus spigots for dishwashing
- No showers or laundry
- No hookups but there is a dump station
- No cell service or Internet



# INSIDE THE PARK

## SCHOODIC PENINSULA

### Schoodic Woods



OPEN: Late May – Early October

Schoodic Woods is about an hour from the main part of the park, but very convenient to the Schoodic Peninsula. It's 1.5 miles from Winter Harbor. There are 89 sites. 13 are tent only, 41 are RV only and 78 sites have electric hookups.

- There are picnic tables and fire rings
- Flush and vault toilets plus spigots for dishwashing
- No showers or laundry
- There is a dump station
- No cell service, but there is Internet



## ISLE AU HAUT

### Duck Harbor

OPEN: Early June – Early-October

Duck Harbor is a small primitive campground with five three-sided 'lean-to shelters'. The island is only accessible by a ferry from Stonington on Mount Desert Island. The ferry runs mid-June - late September to the campground. For the first and last weeks of the season, you need to take the ferry to Isle au Haut Town Landing and walk more than 4 miles from there. Check with [Isle au Haut Boat Services](#) company for schedules.

The campground is not suitable for this itinerary. However, if you want a remote camping experience before or after this itinerary, you could add it on.

- There are picnic tables and fire rings
- Composting toilets plus a hand pump for water 1,600 feet away
- No showers or laundry
- No cell service or Internet
- Generators are not permitted
- Maximum 6 per group. Maximum 3-night stay



# OUTSIDE THE PARK

**Bar Harbor** lies right outside the main section of the park. However, there are several other towns on Mount Desert Island where you can stay, as well as the northern section of Mount Desert Island, just across the bridge on the mainland, and the Schoodic area.

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I have made some specific recommendations for places to stay outside the park, but you can see **more options** here:

HOTELS: [Click here to see hotels available in Bar Harbor](#)

VACATION RENTALS: [Click here to see vacation rentals available in Bar Harbor](#)

CAMPING: [CampSpot](#)

## BAR HARBOR

Located outside the main park entrance, this is the most popular, and convenient, place to stay. Your itinerary assumes you are staying here (if you aren't, you can see how to adjust the timings in the *Adjusting Your Schedule* section of your itinerary), as it the most centrally located and has the most services.



### **LUXURY OPTION: [Bar Harbor Inn](#)**

This luxury inn is right on the coast. There are three main buildings. The main inn has four different room types; the oceanfront lodge has rooms with one Queen, two Queens or one King bed; and the Newport building has garden-view rooms with two Queens or a King bed. There are two restaurants, including the fine dining Reading Room and the more casual Terrace Grille. They also have a lounge, spa, seasonal hot tub and outdoor pool, a fitness room and EV Charging Stations.



### **UPPER MID-RANGE OPTION: [Bar Harbor Grand Hotel](#)**

This boutique hotel is right in the center of town, in a replica of the historic Roddick House. They have deluxe King or Queen rooms, extended stay suites and two-bedroom units with three Queen beds. There's a lovely large porch with rocking chairs looking out on to Main Street.



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## BAR HARBOR

### **MID-RANGE OPTION: Acadia Inn**



This is a charming place with comfortable rooms, each with two Queens or one King bed. They have special packages for children and continental breakfast is available.

### **BUDGET OPTION: Acadia Hotel - Downtown**



This is a lovely boutique hotel that is surprisingly affordable. They have a variety of rooms with small economy rooms, standard Queens or Kings, King with a balcony, and suites. The cheaper rooms are the same price as budget motels in the area. It has a great downtown location and was originally a ship captain's house built in 1880. They have seasonal hot tubs, free bicycles, continental breakfast, and off-street parking.

## NORTH MOUNT DESERT ISLAND

There are plenty of places to stay along Bar Harbor Road between town and the bridge to the mainland, as well as just across the bridge. They are all a short distance to Bar Harbor. Most of them are more budget-friendly options.

### **BUDGET OPTION: High Seas Motel**



This is an older motel, but rooms (with Double, Queen, and King beds) are clean, quiet, comfortable and on the larger side. There is no breakfast, but tea and coffee are available. Parking is right outside the room. They also have a seasonal outdoor pool and a small kid's playground.

### **Bar Harbor Campground**



This family-owned campground is close to Bar Harbor – and it's a stop on the free Island Explorer Shuttle (#1 Bar Harbor Road route). Sites have 30- or 50-amp service. There are great ocean views from many of the sites. There's a heated pool and hot showers. It's open from Memorial Day to Columbus (Indigenous People's) Day. The only downside is that they don't take reservations or credit cards. They do have an ATM, but you should get there early to secure a spot.



# OUTSIDE THE PARK

## THE QUIET SIDE

You'll be away from the worst of the crowds on the western side of Mount Desert Island, and many of the places to stay are right on the water's edge. It does mean that you have a bit further to travel to much of Acadia National Park, however.



### **LUXURY OPTION: The Claremont Hotel**

Located right on the coast near Southwest Harbor, this is one of the nicest places to stay on the island. They have more than 14 different types of accommodations available, ranging from classic rooms in the historic main inn to one and two-bedroom cottages, and even a waterside 3-bedroom house. Rooms have ocean, woodland or garden views. The hotel has a heated outdoor pool, a croquet court, and spa. There are two restaurants – the casual dockside Batson Fish Camp and the upscale Little Fern. There are plenty of spots around the gardens to sit and enjoy stunning views of Somes Sound and Cadillac Mountain.



### **MID-RANGE B&B: Harbor Cottage Inn**

This smallish inn has 11 rooms, including 8 bedrooms plus 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom suites. They have a private bar in the early evenings – having a pre-dinner cocktail on the front porch is a great way to end your day. You can start your day with their wonderful two-course breakfast.



### **BUDGET OPTION: Seawall Motel**

This is a 1960's family-run motel with basic but comfortable rooms with a Queen or King bed. It's near the water and all of the rooms have an ocean view. Continental breakfast is available, as is tea and coffee. There's a coin laundry and communal fridge and microwave. They also have Tidewatch Suites - 2- and 3-bedroom waterside suites with a full kitchen, gas fireplace, private deck and grill. This is a great option if you're traveling with a large group or family.



### **Quiet Side Campground & Cabins**

This is a lovely, small campground set among woods. There are tent sites, including some walk-in sites, plus RV sites with 30-amp hookups



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## THE QUIET SIDE

### Quiet Side Campground & Cabins



for small RVs up to 22 feet. There is water and electric hookup, but no dump station.

They also have a variety of cabins. Rustic Cabins have a Queen and a second Queen in a loft; no electricity or plumbing, a picnic table and fire ring and charcoal grill. Camping Cabins have a Queen bed and a bunk bed, heat, electricity, a picnic table and fire ring and charcoal grill but no plumbing. There one two-story camping cabin with a Queen and two Twin beds, electricity with a stove, a picnic table and fire ring and charcoal grill but no plumbing. There are also 3 hobbit cabins with a Queen mattress, a solar portable power station, and a small refrigerator, and charcoal grill.

## SCHOODIC PENINSULA

This is a beautiful area that is much less crowded than Mount Desert Island, but it is about an hour away from Bar Harbor, so you will need to factor in longer drive times to the main sections of the park if you stay here.

### B&B: Elsa's Inn on the Harbor



This is a lovely bed and breakfast located in Prospect Harbor. There are six rooms in a newly renovated mid-1800's home. All rooms have private bathrooms, harbor views, and cable TV. They have a delicious breakfast that you have in their dining room, back patio or covered front porch. It's open from Memorial Day through October and there's a two-night minimum.

### Mainstay Cottages and RV Park



They have a nice location right on the water, near the Bar Harbor ferry. There are 4 different cottages with gas fireplaces, and 10 RV sites that can accommodate up to 45 feet, plus extra parking is available. They include full hookups with sewer, water, 50-30-20 electric and WiFi. There's also a community fire pit. They have minimum stays of 3-7 days and there are cheaper rates for longer stays.