

# Accessing Acadia National Park in the Winter by Car

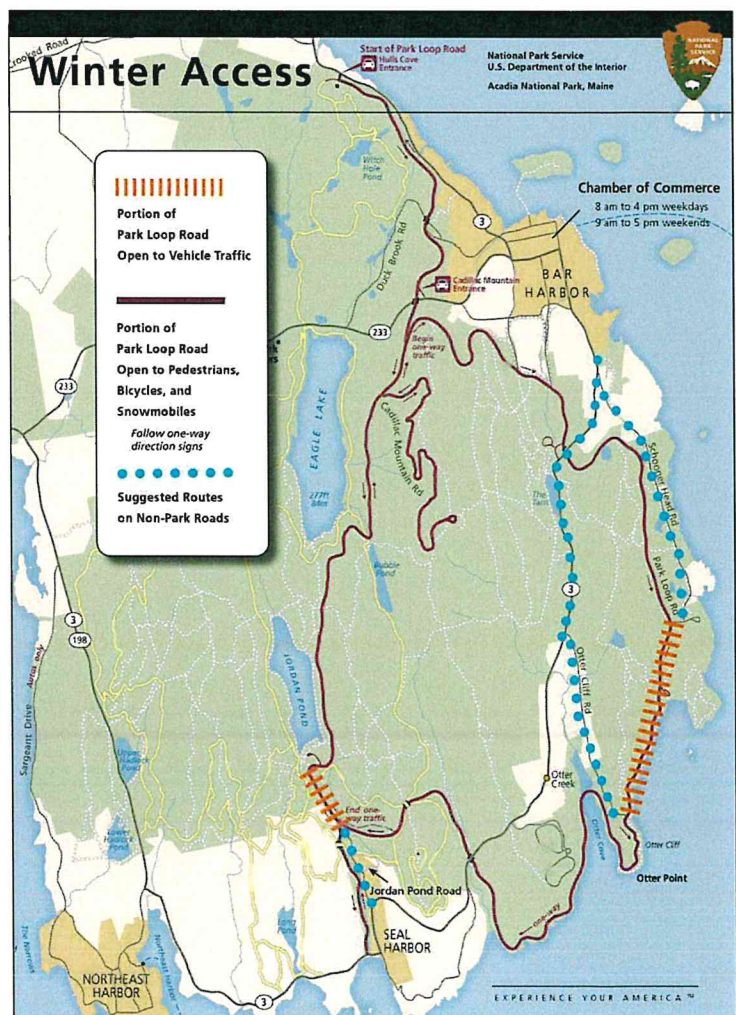
*Typically, December 1 – April 15, is when you need to follow the winter access directions, though it can change based on what the weather holds.*

## Sand Beach and Thunder Hole Area:

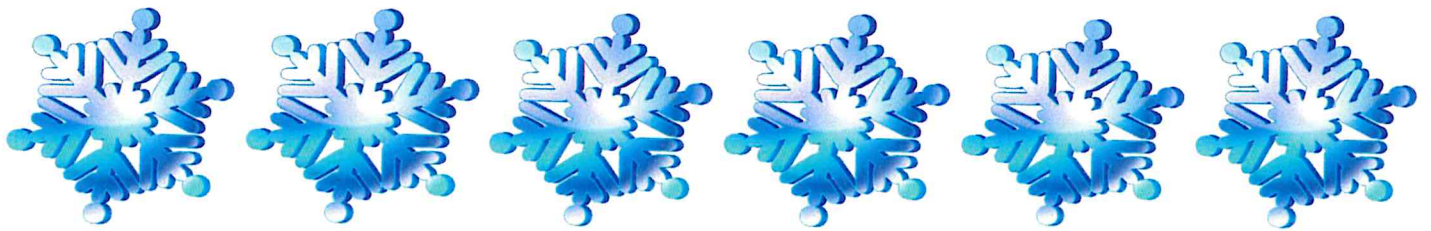
Follow Route 3 one mile south from downtown Bar Harbor. Turn left onto Schooner Head Road, which will take you by the Jackson Laboratory. You will go on the Schooner Head Road for about 2.5 miles. At the four-way intersection, turn right; go about 0.1 miles, and then turn left onto the Park Loop Road. One lane is plowed, while the other lane remains unplowed for the snowmobilers and skiers. On this two mile stretch, you may view Sand Beach and Thunder Hole. This section is **one way only**. You must exit via the Otter Cliffs Road.

## Jordan Pond Area:

Follow Route 3 from Bar Harbor to Seal Harbor. In Seal Harbor take a sharp right onto the Jordan Pond Road. If coming from the Northeast Harbor area then follow Route 3 toward Seal Harbor. The Jordan Pond Road is two-way. Follow the Jordan Pond Road to the Park Loop Road, which is plowed to the Jordan Pond House Restaurant parking areas.







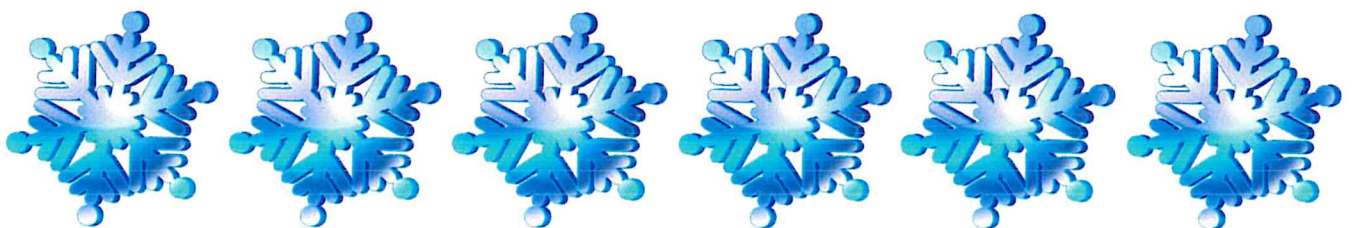
## Cross-Country Skiing in Acadia National Park

When snow blankets Mount Desert Island, forty-five miles of carriage roads offer a scenic setting for cross-country skiing in the park. Ski tracks are sometimes laid down by volunteers on sections of the carriage roads; nearly 32 miles are designated for grooming when conditions and time permit. For the grooming status of these areas, view the website, <http://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/crosscountryskiing.htm>, which is updated as the volunteers report any grooming performed. The carriage road user's map can help you find your way on the carriage roads, which can be picked up at the Eagle Lake Parking lot or at the NPS Winter Headquarters. Ski equipment and rentals are available at Cadillac Mountain Sports.

You may also cross-country ski on unplowed park roads. Be careful, as snowmobiles are permitted to use most of these unplowed park roads. View the winter use map to see where the different activities are permitted.

Skiing on hiking trails is not recommended because of the uneven and steep nature of trails, ice falls blocking the path, and trail routes obscured by snow. Please do not snowshoe or allow dogs to walk in cross-country ski tracks. Dogs must be on a leash six feet or shorter.

When available, two sets of volunteer groomers with the Acadia Winter Trails Association, a committee of Friends of Acadia, may maintain cross-country ski routes **if new snow exceeds four inches**. The routes listed on the map are in priority order for each set of groomers, who are based at the visitor center and at Brown Mountain. For example, the route north of Eagle Lake is the highest priority for the visitor center groomers, while the Upper Hadlock Loop is the highest priority for the Brown Mountain groomers. While groomers generally follow these routes, as illustrated on the map, some areas within the routes listed may not be groomed.





# Acadia Winter Trails Grooming Routes

Routes are listed in priority order for each station

## Eagle Lake Station

- Eagle Lake Connector
- Witch Hole Loop
- Paradise Hill Loop
- Aunt Betty Loop

## Brown Mountain Station

- Hadlock Loop
- Amphitheater Loop
- Parkman Connector
- Jordan Pond Connector
- Upper Around Mountain

