

Annual Trail Closures

Acadia National Park
Maine

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These cliffs and surrounding areas are used by peregrine falcons, a state-listed endangered species, for nesting and rearing young fledglings. Peregrine falcons are very sensitive to disturbance near the nest site. To protect the peregrine chicks, the areas listed below are closed when the peregrines are nesting. Check your hiking route to make sure that the trails you wish to use are open.

Precipice Wall

The area encompassed by Park Loop Road, East Face Trail, Bear Brook Trail, and the southern boundary noted as the east/west line from 75 feet south of the Precipice Parking Log on the Park Loop Road (at the Murphy Lane) west to the Bear Brook Trail is closed to public use.

The Precipice Trails and a portion of the Champlain/East Face Trail are included in this closure. Bear Brook Trail is open to visitor use year-round.

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Valley Cove Wall

The area encompassed by Valley Peak Trail, Flying Mountain Trail, and Valley Cove Fire Road is closed to public use.

The Flying Mountain Trail between the Valley Cove Fire Road and the Man of War Brook Fire Road is included in this closure. All other perimeter trails, including Valley Peak Trail, and roads in the vicinity are open year round to visitor use.

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Jordan Cliffs

The area encompassed by Penobscot Mountain Trail, Penobscot East Trail, the carriage road on the west side of Jordan Point, and the carriage road from Intersection 14 to Penobscot Mountain Trail is closed to the public. A line east of the Penobscot East Trail and Jordan Cliffs trail intersection marks the northern boundary of the closure.

The Jordan Cliffs Trail is included in this closure. The perimeter trails and carriage roads are open to public use year round.

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Beech Cliffs

The area encompassed by Beech Cliffs Trail, the east side of the northern-most section of Beech Cliff Loop Trail, south of an unmarked line that runs due east from the north-most point of the Beech Cliff Loop Trail, and 50 feet west of the shore of Echo Lake to the terminus of the Beech Cliffs Trail near Echo Lake Beach is closed to public use.

The trails themselves are open year round to visitor use.

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Areas may be opened earlier if falcons are not nesting on the cliff, as determined by the park wildlife biologist. For maps of trail closures and more information, please visit a park visitor center.