



## Rangeley Lakes: Snapshot of Woods, Water, and Wildlife

Known for majestic mountains and sprawling system of pristine rivers, streams, lakes and ponds, the Rangeley region has been luring visitors for over 150 years to experience both its natural beauty and its rich outdoor sporting heritage. This three day itinerary hits cultural and a few natural highlights, requires very little automobile travel, and is best undertaken June through September. Check map (reverse side) for locations.

### Day One

#### Activities

- ❖ Start your day fishing with an experienced Maine guide who can lead you to Rangeley's fabled "brookies." Call ahead to Clearwater Camps or River's Edge Sports to arrange.
- ❖ Visit the Rangeley Lakes Historical Society's museum to explore the area's golden era of sporting camps and grand hotels, fishing, hunting, logging, and railroads.
- ❖ While you are downtown, try one of the local cafes and then take advantage of the area's unique shopping opportunities. Books, Lines, and Thinkers is a great place for local art and books about the area. Call to see if the Mad Whittler is open for amazing chainsaw carvings.

#### Overnight in Rangeley

- ❖ Supper at Loon Lodge Inn and Restaurant to enjoy a sunset over Rangeley Lake or the Country Club Inn for a hilltop view.
- ❖ Pleasant Street Inn B&B offers luxury and concierge services or North Country Inn B&B in the historic Furbish Mansion, home to one of Rangeley's oldest and most prosperous families. The Rangeley Inn has been offering guests comfortable lodging for over 90 years

### Day Two

#### Activities

- ❖ Call ahead to arrange a guided kayaking trip with Mookwa Guided Tours who offer wildlife viewing tours in South Bog or historic tours on the Cupsuptic River. Then check out their store, Ecopelagicon, to find gifts for the nature lover.
- ❖ Don't miss the Wilhelm Reich Museum - home, laboratory, and research center of controversial physician/scientist Wilhelm Reich M.D. whose books were banned and burned by the government in the 1950's. The museum has 175-acres of field and forest with kid-friendly walking paths and free nature programs on Sundays.

#### Overnight in Oquossoc

- ❖ Enjoy a simply scrumptious meal at The Gingerbread House or the famous seafood platter at the Four Seasons Café.
- ❖ Lodging at Oquossoc's Own B&B for reasonable prices and a warm family atmosphere or at Bald Mountain Camps for a rustic, authentic camp experience with modern facilities.

### Day Three

#### Activities

- ❖ Before heading home, visit the Rangeley Region Logging Museum to celebrate the history and folklife of logging and of the forest - logging equipment, tools, early photographs, and traditional arts. Logging history paintings by Alden Grant, a self taught local artist.
- ❖ Heading east on Route 16, Stop in at the Dead River Historical Society that features artifacts from Flagstaff Village families whose homes now rest below the waters of Flagstaff Lake. Or heading south on Route 17, stop at Coos Canyon for a final dip in the clean, crisp mountain water.

#### Fun Facts

- ❖ An 11 pound 2 ounce brook trout was pulled from Upper Dam in 1897.
- ❖ Doc Grant's in downtown Rangeley is halfway between the North Pole and the Equator.

#### Books on Rangeley

- ❖ "We Took to the Woods" by Louise Dickinson Rich
- ❖ "The Rangeley and Its Region" by Stephen Cole

#### Local Products

- ❖ Threads Galore Quilt Shop, home of "Quilts in the Garden Show" in August (Rangeley).
- ❖ The Gallery at Stony Batter Station, unique art by area artists, elegant blown glass and more (Oquossoc).

#### Get Outdoors

- ❖ Saddleback Mountain has guided hikes or pickup a trail map and a picnic lunch.
- ❖ Bald Mountain Hike is an easy and enjoyable 1-mile hike for all ages and abilities.

#### For the Kids

- ❖ Rangeley Library has children's programming and computers.
- ❖ Ecoventure offers a fun outdoor learning day camp during the week.

#### Photo Opportunities

- ❖ Height of Land Scenic Overlook on Route 17
- ❖ Whip Willow Farm Scenic Overlook on Route 4 at the base of Dallas Hill Road
- ❖ Both sites are located on the Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway

#### Mileage

- ❖ From Portland 131.48 miles (2 hours 41 minutes)
- ❖ From Bangor 120.30 miles (2 hours 36 minutes)
- ❖ From Boston 242.88 miles (4 hours 40 minutes)
- ❖ From Rangeley to Oquossoc 7 miles (11 minutes)

For a local events calendar, complete listings of lodging and food options, and other activities in the region, visit [www.rangeleymaine.com](http://www.rangeleymaine.com) or call Rangeley Lakes Chamber of Commerce at (207) 864-5571.