



COLLEGE OF EARTH, LIFE, AND HEALTH SCIENCES

# Parks, Recreation and Tourism

## WHY STUDY PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE?

UMaine is close to Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park, the Appalachian Trail and other tourist destinations. Visits to these sites afford students unique and exciting opportunities to observe and participate in activities relevant to the profession. We frequently have guest lecturers from the public sector and recreational enterprises to acquaint students with diverse professional management issues and practices.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM?

There are many resource-based employment opportunities in commercial recreation enterprises, as well as local, state and federal agencies. Our graduates have gone on to work as recreation planners and directors for public agencies; recreation managers and leisure counselors for private resorts; park rangers; naturalists; directors of tourism; environmental educators; outfitters; and owners of resorts and other recreation enterprises.

## OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism curriculum is designed to develop proficiency in the profession while providing a broad general education. The program's emphasis on the integration of natural, social and management sciences reflects the interdisciplinary context in which recreation, tourism, natural resources planning and environmental concerns are addressed in the field. Our curriculum combines technical and professional courses with core classes in the physical, biological and social sciences, the humanities and communication. The program emphasizes the development and application of skills necessary for operational,

administrative and managerial positions in recreation, park management, environmental interpretation and tourism fields. Internships and cooperative education opportunities are available with numerous agencies and enterprises.

There are three areas of concentration:

**The Parks and Recreation Management Concentration** is for students wanting careers in park and outdoor recreation settings with an emphasis on forest resource management. The curriculum for the Parks and Recreation Management Concentration is accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

**The Nature-Based Tourism Concentration** emphasizes outdoor enjoyment of forest resources and strategies for developing a successful tourism program.

**The Conservation Law Enforcement Concentration** is for students who want careers as park and forest rangers.

All students in Parks, Recreation and Tourism need to take core requirements. After the first two semesters, students need to select a concentration and complete its requirements as well.

## OUR GRADUATE PROGRAM

Our graduate students work closely with faculty researching in Maine's North Woods, in state-of-the-art laboratories on campus and at a number of locations around the world. Nearly all of our graduate students receive assistantships and paid tuition. Students may choose from a wide range of specialties, including nature-based recreation and tourism, natural resources economics and policy, forest ecology and management, silviculture, tree biology and forest health.

## UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- Located in the vast North Woods
- Small class sizes
- Close interaction with faculty; strong sense of community
- Over \$16 million in endowments and gifts to support students
- Outstanding opportunities for internships and work experiences
- NEBHE rate for students from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

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## ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 65 countries. It currently enrolls 11,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers doctoral degrees in 35 fields, representing the humanities, sciences, engineering and education; master's degrees in roughly 70 disciplines; 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu).

## Explore

### Bachelor of Science in

*Parks, Recreation and Tourism*

### Specialties in

*Conservation Law Enforcement*

*Nature-Based Tourism*

*Parks and Recreation Management*

### Minors in

*Forest Ecosystem Science*

*Forest Products*

*Forest Recreation Management*

### Master of

*Forestry*

### Master of Science in

*Forest Resources*

### Ph.D. in

*Forest Resources*



Mount Katahdin in Baxter State Park is within easy driving distance of campus.

## OUR FACULTY

Our faculty are unique in their extensive experience in the field, as well as their national and international reputations. UMaine's School of Forest Resources (SFR) faculty are sources of objective scientific information and cutting-edge research innovation, and are poised to educate the next generation of leaders on forest resources issues. In a typical year, SFR faculty receive \$5 million in research grants and publish 40 papers in peer-reviewed journals. SFR faculty also provide regional and national leadership to professional organizations.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

Field experience, international study and recreation-related research opportunities enhance our students' education and employability. Numerous local and national internship opportunities exist. The program's position in the School of Forest Resources provides students with a solid grounding in

natural resources management training. Alumni have donated over \$16 million in more than 60 named scholarship funds and faculty endowments. Students are encouraged to join the UMaine chapter of the National Association for Interpretation, University Recreation Club, Woodsmen's Team and Xi Sigma Pi national honor society. They also have opportunities to participate in such professional experiences as tourism plans for the Greater Bangor area and the Calais region; a pilot hospitality training program with the Greater Bangor Convention & Visitors Bureau; interpretive walks with Maine Audubon Society; commercial recreation enterprise proposals; and park concept plans.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu) for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.



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