

Guide to

Moose Valley Trail



in Kachemak Bay State Park

Trail Access: North End - Mile 1.0 China Poot Lake Trail ; South End - Mile 0.8 Poot Peak South

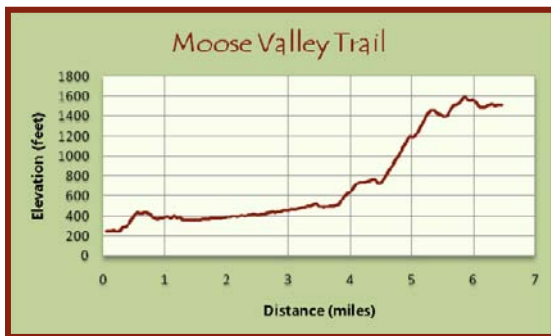
Allowable Uses: Hiking

Distance: 6.7 miles one way

Elevation Gain: 1,200 feet

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult (long grades)

Hiking Time: 3-4 Hours



Trail Description:

Beginning at China Poot Lake Trail junction (mile 1.0), this trail passes along the shore of Two Loon Lake, ascends through forested ridges and valleys, and then opens into Moose Valley's cottonwood meadows - alive with wildflowers and cow parsnip in mid-summer. *Be attentive - tall grasses can obscure trail markers.* Look for high waterfalls beyond the log footbridge over Moose Valley Creek and the gravel bar campsite (mile 1.6). Watch for goats on mountain ridges. Trail turns south, then switchbacks up the back of Poot Peak and passes the subalpine "Garden" lakes. (Trail here may be obscured by snow in early summer.) Trail ends at intersection with Poot Peak Trail.

Park Access:

Kachemak Bay State Park is accessed via boat from the Homer Harbor. Local water taxis can provide transportation to most park trailheads.

Camping:

Good camping on creek gravel bars above the ridge near mile 1.2, developed site at mile 1.6, subalpine meadows near Poot Peak.

Water Availability:

Two Loon Lake; Moose Valley Creek; small streams; Garden Lakes.

Special Features:

Trail traverses a variety of landscapes from Spruce/Cottonwood forest to open meadows and alpine lakes. Lightly travelled trail affords opportunities for solitude. Much wildlife, particularly Moose and Bear. Historic cabin along trail depicts areas history.

Park Rules: For a complete set of park rules visit:

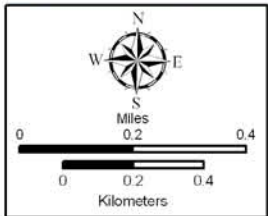
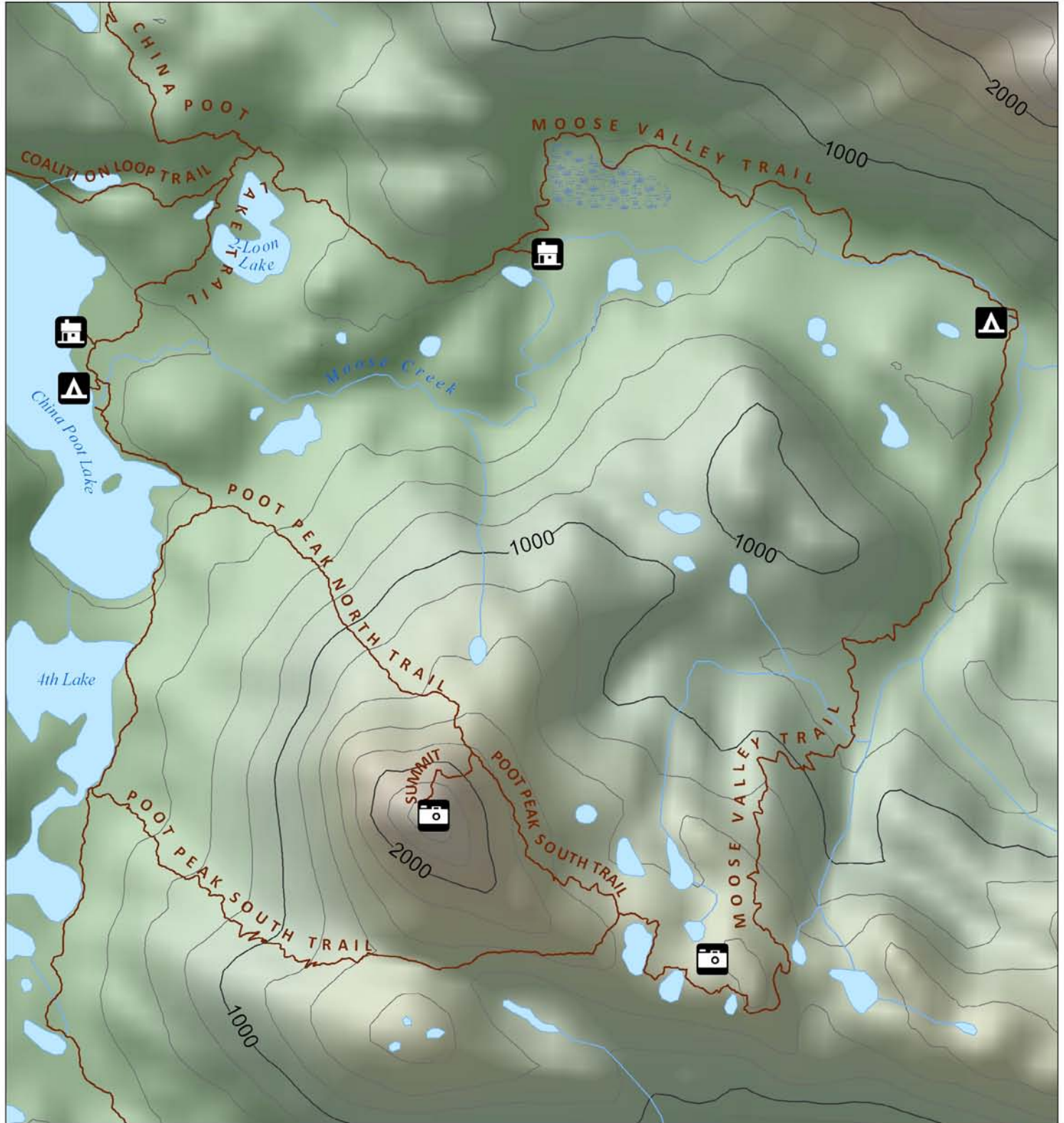
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| Legend | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| | Lake |
| | Glacier |
| | Wetland |
| | Moraine |
| | MudFlat |
| | Trail |
| | Stream |
| | Trailhead |
| | Public Cabin |
| | Visitor Center |
| | Scenic Viewpoint |
| Contour Interval = 200 ft. | |

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