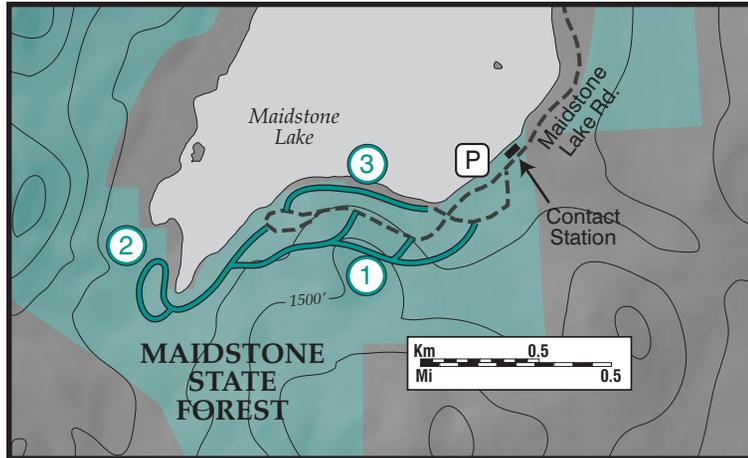


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Maidstone State Forest has three main trails which run through lush woods and along the lakeshore. All travel through smooth terrain and take less than an hour to walk. All trails are marked with light blue blazes. A detailed brochure is available from rangers at Maidstone State Park contact station which is located at the end of the unpaved Maidstone Lake Road, a left off of Route 102 about 5 miles south of Bloomfield.

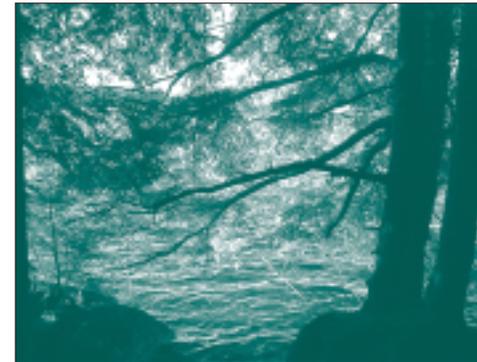
1. Moose Trail (3/4 mile)

An excellent walk to look for evidence of moose and other wildlife. Leave from the right side of the road near sites 22/23 in campground area A. Travel through spruce-fir forest. Trail crosses two streambeds and takes a sharp left uphill. Trail passes an old logging area and winds uphill through thick woods to a hilltop. Note boulders left by glaciers. Trail winds downhill and comes to a T. The right fork leads to the main road. The left fork comes to a logging road. Turn left on the logging road and pick up the trail again in a few yards to the right. Trail continues to campground B to end between leantos Juniper and Boxelder.



2. Loon Trail (1/2 mile)

This trail goes along the shoreline to the south end of the lake, a good spot to see loons. It begins between campsites 33 and 35 in campground B where it enters woods and quickly turns left, uphill. It soon turns right and levels off for a short distance before heading steeply downhill to the lakeshore. Trail follows shoreline to the end of the lake, then splits into a loop trail through lush, mossy woods. Return to the road by the same path and end at the starting point.



3. Shore Trail (1/2 mile)

This walk leads through cedar and hemlock woods and offers a good view of the lake. Trail hugs the shoreline from the camper's beach in area A to the bathhouse in area B.

