Day 1
September 8, 2019
Waterville > Hope

54.9 Miles
4,127 Vert. Ft.

Start
Head of Falls/Riverwalk

Lunch Stop
Palermo Consolidated School
(21mi)

Rest Stop
Burkettville General Store
(41.9mi)

Finish
Alford Lake Camp

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Route Color: GREEN
The BikeMaine 2019 route begins by heading south out of Waterville across Two Cent Bridge, spanning the Kennebec River. This bridge is one of the oldest wire-cable steel suspension bridges still in use in the US! We’ll head into China (named after a popular hymn from 1790) past China Lake, and east towards Union, home to the Union Fair Maine Wild Blueberry Festival each August. Today’s ride ends in Hope, where you can relive your childhood camp experiences or create new ones at Alford Lake Camp.

Kennebec River: Immediately upon leaving Waterville, we’ll cross this 170-mile-long river, which was was used an an early trade corridor, connecting the interior of Maine to the Atlantic. Here, ships would transport wood products from inland out to coastal towns. These days, the Kennebec is a popular fly fishing and whitewater rafting destination, offering class 2-4 rapids!

China Lake (mile 13.2): If you’re in need of refreshments before we reach lunch, stop at China Lake. Enjoy scenic views of this 7-mile-long lake while stopping into the fully equipped Lakeside Country Store.

Alford Lake: On 585 acres of woods with pristine waters, Alford Lake Camp was created in 1907 by Dr. Susan Kingsbury and Florence Marshall. Eighteen girls signed up for this eight-week experiment and started one of the oldest girls summer camps in the world!