

Directions to the Abandoned Ghost Trains of Maine

Use these directions at your own risk. Make sure you have made reasonable preparations for the trip. It is miles upon miles from civilization. For more information and a video on the journey, visit our post at:

<https://www.shtfblog.com/abandoned-ghost-trains-of-maine/>

Note that most of the driving will be on gravel logging roads. You cannot, and should not, expect a smooth drive. In addition to washouts, ruts, and confusing roads with few to no signs, broken shale on the roads cuts holes in tires all the time. Also watch out for moose, deer, and large logging trucks going at high speed. Lastly, there is no cellphone reception.

Now... to the ghost trains...

GPS Coordinates: 46.322455,-69.374991

Maine DeLorme Maps 41, 49, 50, 55, 56

Directions to the Tramway Trail from Kokadjo, ME:

- Upon the pavement ending, you will see a sign that says Weyerhaeuser. Veer **LEFT** onto Silas Hill Road.
- Stay **STRAIGHT** on main road, not toward Spencer Pond / Spencer Bay Road.
- You'll come to a sign that says Medawisla Lodge and Cabins/Smithtown Road. Do not take that right. Instead, stay **LEFT**/on the main road.
- Continue straight until you come to an NLC sign and a fork in the road. Stay **STRAIGHT** here, do not go to the left of the fork.
- Continue driving until you come to tall yellow pillars. Drive through the pillars. Just one more gateway bringing you deeper and deeper into the North Woods of Maine!
- About a mile later, you'll see an NLC sign – stay **STRAIGHT** here.
- A little under a mile after that, stay **RIGHT** at the fork.
- Drive straight until you come to one-lane bridge; go over the bridge.
- Continue going forward **PAST** the sign to Big Spencer Mountain Trail.
- Drive straight, **PAST** a sign for Ragged Riders / Ragged Lake Campground on your left.
- Continue on, going over another one-lane bridge.
- You'll see a Stop Ahead sign. Continue forward to the sign, which is where the road comes to an end.
- Take a **RIGHT** at the Stop sign – you are now on the infamous Golden Road. There will be no sign that you're on the Golden Road – just trust us.
- Soon you should see pavement. You'll drive past Chesuncook Lake (on left), and will see a "beach" of driftwood.

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- Road becomes a combination of pavement and dirt. Keep going!
- Drive **PAST** the Allagash Gateway Camps sign.
- Continue forward, and soon you'll see power lines!
- **WORTH STOPPING FOR:** Near the power lines, you will see an area where you can park and walk a little trail down to the water and see the Ripogenus Gorge. It's beautiful and a great place to stretch your legs and take some pictures.
- Once you're back in the car, continue going until the road divides. This is almost immediately after the gorge. Here, take the **LEFT** onto Telos Road.
- Continue driving for a bit. You'll pass a gravel pit and then see Soubunge Mountain on your left.
- Soon, you will reach the **TELOS CHECKPOINT**. You must **stop here** and register your personal information and pay (\$10 per person). At this point, you're about half way through your trip. From here, the locomotives are a mere 30 miles away!
- After departing the checkpoint, continue driving straight and eventually you'll reach the Chamberlain parking lot, where the road comes to a T. Take a **LEFT** here onto Umbazookus Road.
- Follow this road for about eight miles. You'll come to an intersection of Guy Allen Road and Grande Marche Road (aka "Trans Canada"). Bear **RIGHT** here.
- After about another eight miles, you'll come to a 3-way intersection. Stay **RIGHT** here, onto Edmond Roy Road (toward Loon Lodge).
- Continue on, going over a small wooden bridge.
- At next intersection, you'll see signs for Loon Lodge directing you left. Stay **STRAIGHT** here.
- Continue driving, go **PAST** Chamberlain Lake Road on your right.
- Soon, you'll drive past a bunch of logging camps.
- Continue forward, and you'll come to a wooden bridge. Go over bridge and now you're only about a mile from your destination!
- Soon, you will see a dirt/gravel road on your right and signs for Tramway Road. Take that **RIGHT**.
- Follow road for about a mile until you see a sign on your left directing you to turn **RIGHT** to the Tramway.
- You'll know you've arrived when you come to a parking lot complete with an outhouse! Park here, look for entrance to walking trail.

There are quite a few interesting spots along the walking trail, which is relatively flat and well maintained. It took us 20-30 minutes to get to the BIG locomotives. The two locomotives sit in a clearing. You can climb up on them and in them. Be careful, however, there is a lot of rusty, sharp metal.

After you've spent some time staring at them in awe and taking photos, be sure to go a little farther toward the water just so you can enjoy the beautiful setting before starting back on your journey home.

HAVE FUN!