



Second Buttermilk Pond

Buttermilk Brook falls 100' in elevation during its 2000' journey from the Second Buttermilk Pond to the First Buttermilk Pond in Bowerbank. The forest canopy minimizes sunlight from reaching the brook, promoting the lush growth of dark green moss, covering the rock strewn waterway. The clear water tumbling over boulders offers refreshment to the eyes and ears.

Minutes after the sun sets, a white-tail deer snorts near the Second Buttermilk Pond. A wood duck cries cat-like when an accipiter-type hawk glides overhead. A great blue heron, silhouetted by the brilliant pink sky, lands along the shoreline. A belted kingfisher searches for fish from a tree trunk while a pileated woodpecker flies boldly across the pond.

The stillness and abundance of life that surround me should silence any fear that exists about creating the Maine Woods National Park. Why are people afraid to protect life and nature's quietude?

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