



Loon Inspects Potential Nest Site on Moose Pond

The warming sun melts a cool fog as I approach Moose Pond in Elliottsville Township following a 2 mile trek that began at 4:30 a.m. The pond is secluded and serene. It appears to live up to its name; copious heaps of moose poop are spread throughout the wooded shoreline and they are challenging to evade while walking.

A pair of common loons calls out to each other in a mystical concerto of nature. I silently applaud for an encore and they oblige. The loons swim to a nearby island while I sit undetected in a blind 30 feet away. Is the island a hopeful nesting site?

Today's visit to Moose Pond is only the beginning of what I will explore, discover, and photograph on this journey into the proposed Maine Woods National Park. This raw magnificence must be protected.

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