This work is a collection of essays, all of them previously published but for the Introduction. They are about Maine's forests, with a strong focus on the “Maine Woods” in Thoreau's sense—the vast area of unsettled or lightly settled wildlands that stretch across western, northern, and eastern Maine. Much of the state is influenced by these woods—moose have wandered to the backyard of the Governor's residence in Augusta. For some purposes, however, it is difficult to separate the wildlands for statistical treatment. This work aims to inform the reader about some of the important resource management conditions, issues, and trends in this region. Its focus is mostly on timber and recreational resources, the related economic values, and some of the policy issues related to them.