

CHAPTER 3

CONNECTICUT

At all Connecticut parks, reservations may be made on a first come first served basis. Drinking water and toilets are provided. Off-season camping is permitted on selected campgrounds from October 1 to the end of February. The State Parks and Forest are administered by:

State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
State Office of Parks and Recreation
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: (203) 566-2304

CANOE CAMPING ON THE CONNECTICUT RIVER

There are three public canoe camps along the Connecticut River: at Hord, Gillette Castel and Selben Neck State Park. The campsites are intended to serve as overnight stops for those traveling on the river. Stays are limited to one night. The camps are equipped with fireplaces, pit toilets, and a water supply. The camps are available only by reservation. For more information write to:

Mr. Donald Grant
Manager Gillette Castle State Park
East Haddam, CT 06423
Phone: (203) 536-2336

**Where to Camping Guide
Connecticut Parks and Forests**

Forest Name: American Legion State Forest

Address: PO Box 161
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063

Directions: Off Route 44

Phone: (203) 379-0922

Season: May 15 to Labor Day

Number of Sites: 30

Facilities: Fishing and showers

Comments: Sites are in second growth pinewoods, no swimming

Forest Name: Cockapunset State Forest

Address: Filley Road Campsites
Beaver Meadow Road, Haldam, CT

Directions: Off Route 148

Phone: (203) 345-4449

Season: May 15 to Labor Day

Number of Sites: 20

Facilities: Showers, reservation

**Where to Camping Guide
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Park Name: Black Rock State Park
Address: Thomaston, CT 06787
Phone: (203) 283-8088
Directions: About 4 miles north of Waterbury off Route 8
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 90
Facilities: Pond swimming and fishing
Comments: Over 90 sites in moderately wooded area

Park Name: Devil's Hopyard State Park
Address: East Haddam, CT 06423
Phone: (203) 873-8566
Directions: From junction of Route 151 and 82 go 10 miles east on Route 82
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 27
Facilities: Stream fishing
Comments: Wooded setting, no swimming

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Park Name: Hammonasset Beach State Park
Address: PO Box 271
Madison, CT 06443-0271
Phone: (203) 245-2785
Directions: From junction of Route 119 and Route 1 go 3 miles east
on Route 1
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 538
Facilities: Saltwater fishing and swimming, showers available
Comments: Sites are in open fields

Park Name: Hopeville Pond State Park
Address: Jewett City, CT 06351
Phone: (203) 376-0313
Directions: on Route 201 one mile east of Hopeville
Season: May 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 82
Facilities: Fishing, showers and swimming
Comments: Wooded setting

**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Housatonic Meadows State Park
Address: Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754
Phone: (203) 672-6772
Directions: on both sides of US Route 7
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 104
Facilities: 445 acres and showers
Comments: Near the Housatonic River, no swimming

Park Name: Kettletown State Park
Address: Southbury, CT 06488
Phone: (203) 264-5678
Directions: From junction of Rte. 67 and I-84 (exit 5) go 1/10 mile southeast on Rte. 67 then 3.5 miles south on Kettletown Road and follow signs
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 80
Facilities: Fishing, swimming and showers
Comments: Sites are in open fields and wooded areas

**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Lake Waramaug State Park
Address: New Preston, CT 06777
Phone: (203) 868-0220
Directions: off Route 341
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 88
Facilities: Fishing, swimming, and showers
Comments: Sites are in wooded area, open fields overlooking lake

Park Name: Macedonia Brook State Park
Address: New Preston, CT 06777
Phone: (203) 868-0220
Directions: off Route 341
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 84
Facilities: Hiking and stream fishing
Comments: Excellent hiking along Appalachian Trail

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Park Name: Mashamoquet Brook State Park
Address: Promfret Center, CT 06259
Phone: (203) 928-6121
Directions: on Route 44
Season: April 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 55
Facilities: Fishing, swimming, hiking and showers in Wolf Den only
Comments: 20 sites in wooded area, 35 sites in open field

Park Name: Rocky Neck State Park
Address: Box 676
Niantic, CT 06357
Phone: (203) 739-5471
Directions: on Route 156
Season: May 15 to Labor Day
Number of Sites: 169
Facilities: Fishing, saltwater swimming and showers
Comments: Sites available in wooded or open areas

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Park Name: Sleeping Giant State Park

Address: 200 Mt. Caramel Avenue
Hamden, CT 06514

Phone: (203) 739-5471

Directions: On Route 10

Season: May 15 to Labor Day

Number of Sites: 6

Facilities: Hiking

Comments: Sites are in wooded area, no reservations

Park Name: Taylor Brooks Campground

Address: Care of Burr Pond State Park
Torrington, CT 06790

Phone: (203) 379-0172

Directions: From Torrington go 6 miles north on Route 8 to exit 46,
Then go west on Highland Lake Road to Mountain Road

Season: May 15 to Labor Day

Number of Sites: 40

Facilities: Fishing and showers

Comments: Sites are in wooded area

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Fees entitle you the use of bathhouse, tables or launching-docking facilities, where available.

Fee schedule available upon request from the Bureau of Parks and Recreation at the Department of Conservation.

No reservation can be accepted for camping except at Baxter State Park.

Most campsites can handle campers and trailers of average size.

No trailer hook-ups are available in any state park campgrounds.

Dogs are allowed, under suitable restraint, in all state parks except Sebago Lake State Park and Baxter State Park. They are not allowed on any beach area in any park.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

Main Department of Conservation
Bureau of Parks and Recreation
State House Station 19
Augusta, ME 04333
Phone: (207) 289-3821

**Where to Camping Guide
Maine Parks and Forests**

- Park Name: Acadia National Park
- Address: Route 1, PO Box 1
Bar Harbor, ME 04609
- Directions: 5 miles south of Bar Harbor (Blackwoods Campground)
5 miles southwest of Bar Harbor (Sea Wolf Campground)
- Season: April 1 to November 30 – Blackwoods
May 15 to October 4 – Sea Wolf
- Number of Sites: 325 tent sites, 5 group sites – Blackwoods
218 tent sites, 5 group sites – Sea Wolf
- Facilities: Swimming, boating and fishing, each site has parking space, fireplace, and tables
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- Park Name: Allagash Wilderness Waterway
- Directions: North of Baxter State Park and west of Route 11
- Season: All year
- Facilities: Camping, fishing, and snowmobiling
- Comments: The longest trip through the waterway starts at Telos Lake and ends at West Twin Brook, a distance of about 92 miles. This is a 7-10 day trip. The waterway has rapids, dams, and falls. There are 66 authorized campsites located throughout the waterway that are clearly marked from the river. Most sites are equipped with tables, fireplaces, and an outhouse. They are also designed to accommodate more than one party. For more information write to Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

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Park Name: Aroostook State Park
Address: Presque Isle, ME 04769
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: Off US 1 south of Presque Isle
Season: May 15 to October 15
Facilities: Picnicking, bathing, fishing, camping, hiking, boat launching, boat rental, and snowmobiling
Comments: No reservations can be accepted for camping

Park Name: Baxter State Park
Address: Patton, ME 04765
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: From junction of Route 11 and Route 159 go 38 miles northeast on Route 159, Grand Lakes Road
Season: All year
Number of Sites: 796
Facilities: Picnicking, fishing, hiking, swimming, camping, and scenic trails
Comments: Excellent fishing and mountain climbing. For additional information write to Maine Department of Conservation.

**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Bradbury Mountain State Park
Address: Pownal, ME 04069
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: 6 miles from Freeport, exit off US 95
Season: May 15 to November 1
Facilities: Picnicking, camping, hiking, swings, teeters, horseshoe pits, and softball field
Comments: Dogs are allowed. No reservation can be accepted for camping. A view of Casco Bay and the White Mountains can be seen after an easy hike. No swimming.

Park Name: Camden Hills State Park
Address: Camden, ME 04843
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: On US 1, 2 miles north of Camden
Season: May 15 to November 1
Facilities: Picnicking, camping, hiking, scenic road, dumping station and snowmobiling
Comments: No swimming in park, but available at both fresh and salt-water beaches nearby. No trailer hookups and no reservations can be accepted for camping.

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Park Name: Cobscook Bay State Park

Address: Dennysville, ME 04628

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: On US 1, south of Dennysville, on the bay whose Indian name is Cobscook

Season: May 15 to October 15

Facilities: Fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking, boat launching, dumping station and snowmobiling

Comments: Nearby day trips to Quoddy Head, Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge and Franklin D. Roosevelt International Park. No swimming, dogs, or trailer hookups.

Park Name: Crescent Beach State Park

Address: Cape Elizabeth, ME

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: On Route 77

Season: May 15 to September 30

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing and snack bar

Comments: Bathhouse with showers, nearby Tow Lights State Park provides more facilities for cookouts

**Where to Camping Guide
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Park Name: Damariscotta Lake State Park

Address: Damariscotta, ME 04543

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: On Route 32

Season: May 30 to Labor Day

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing

Comments: Fine sand beach

Park Name: Fort Point State Park

Address: Stockton Springs, ME 04981

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: Off US 1, Stockton Springs is on the tip of a peninsula jutting into scenic Penobscot Bay

Season: May 30 to Labor Day

Facilities: Picnicking and fishing

Comments: No swimming. Adjacent to historic Fort Pownal Memorial, a two hundred foot landing pier accommodates visitor arriving by boat.

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Park Name: Grafton Notch State Park

Address: Newry, ME 04261

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: Route 26 between Upton and Newry

Season: May 30 to October 15

Facilities: Picnicking, fishing, hiking, and scenic roads

Comments: Scenic area with the Screw Auger Falls, Mother Walker, Old Speck Mountain and Moose Cave. The Appalachian Trail goes through this park.

Park Name: Holbrook Island Sanctuary

Address: Brooksville, ME 04617

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: On Penobscot Bay south of Bucks Port in Brooksville

Season: May 30 to November 1

Facilities: Picnicking, hiking, and scenic roads

Comments: Natural Preservation are administered for the purposes of nature study

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Park Name: Lake St. George State Park

Address: Liberty, ME 04949

Phone: (207) 289-3721 (State Office)

Directions: On Route 3 Liberty

Season: May 1 to November 1

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing, camping, boat launching, boat rental, lifeguards, dumping station, and snowmobiling

Comments: Easy access on the shore of a scenic spring-fed lake. Bathhouse with running water. Fishing for bass, salmon, perch, and brown trout.

Park Name: Lamoine State Park

Address: Lamoine, ME

Phone: (207) 289-3721 (State Office)

Directions: Route 184 from Ellsworth

Season: May 30 to October 15

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing, camping, boat launching with floating dock and mooring for boats

Comments: Near Acadia National Park

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Park Name: Lily Bay State Park

Address: Greenville, ME

Phone: (207) 289-3721 (State Office)

Directions: North on Greenville (no route number); on the shore of 40 mile long Moosehead Lane, on the edge of the north-country wilderness region

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing, camping, boat launching, boat rental, dumping station and snowmobiling

Comments: Excellent for brook trout, salmon and lake trout fishing

Park Name: Moose Point State Park

Address: Searsport, ME 04974

Phone: (207) 289-3721 (State Office)

Directions: On US 1 between Belfast and Searsport

Season: May 30 to October

Facilities: Picnicking

Comments: A cool place for cookouts and picnics, or to relax in an evergreen grove or open field with a scenic view of Penobscot Bay.

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Park Name: Mt. Blue State Park
Address: Weld, ME 04285
Phone: (207) 289-3721 (State Office)
Directions: Follow signs from Weld village
Season: May 30 to October 15
Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing, camping, hiking, boat launching, boat rentals, scenic roads, dumping station, and snowmobiling
Comments: No reservations can be accepted for camping

Park Name: Peacock Beach State Park
Address: Richmond, ME 04357
Phone: (207) 289-3721 (State Office)
Directions: Just off Route 201 on Pleasant Pond in Richmond
Season: May 30 to Labor Day
Facilities: Picnicking and swimming
Comments: Sand Beach, swimming area with lifeguard

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Park Name: Peaks-Kenny State Park
Address: Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: Route 153 from Dover-Foxcroft
Season: Ice Out to September 30
Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing, camping, hiking,
dumping station, and snowmobiling
Comments: Located on 6,000 acre Sebec Lake, good fishing

Park Name: Popham Beach State Park
Address: Phippsburg, ME 04562
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: Route 209 from Bath to Phippsburg, and then follow park
signs
Season: April 15 to November 30
Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, bathing, and fishing

Comments: Rocky outcrops to explore, surfing and striped bass fishing; site of first attempt by the English to colonize New England

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Quoddy Head State Park
Address: Lubec, ME 04652
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: Four miles off Route 189 at Lubec
Season: May 30 to October 30
Facilities: Picnicking and hiking
Comments: Great tides ranging from 20 to 28 feet

Park Name: Rangeley Lake State Park
Address: Rangeley, ME 04970
Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)
Directions: Route 17 from Rumford or Route 4 from Farmington
Season: Ice Out to October 15
Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, fishing, camping, boat launching, dumping station, and snowmobiling

Comments: Excellent for trout and landlocked salmon fishing, hot water showers, and mountain climbing

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**Where to Camping Guide
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Park Name: Range Pond State Park

Address: Poland, ME 04273

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: Off the Empire Road in Poland; the Empire Road is approached from Route 122; Route 122 is reached going north on Route 26 from Gray

Season: May 30 to Labor Day

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, and fishing

Comments: Swimming area with lifeguard; good trout fishing

Park Name: Sebago Lake State Park

Address: Naples, ME 04055

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office)

Directions: Off US 302 between Naples and South Casco

Season: May 1 to October 15

Facilities: Picnicking, swimming, snack bar, fishing, camping, hiking, boat launching, boat rentals, dumping station, and snowmobiling

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Warren Island State Park

Address: Islesboro, ME 04848

Phone: (207) 289-3821 (State Office

Directions: By boat only; on a spruce covered island in Penobscot Bay

Season: May 30 to September 30

Facilities: Picnicking, fishing, camping, and hiking

Comments: Docking and mooring facilities on the lee side for protection, camping in park shelter or your own tent

**Where to Camping Guide
Massachusetts Parks and Forests**

MASSACHUSETTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The diversity and size of Massachusetts 128 forest and park areas provide an opportunity for all recreationists to pursue their favorite leisure time activities. Whether you enjoy active recreation or a more quiet enjoyment of the out-of-doors, you can find what you need in the Massachusetts State Park system. For additional information on all State Parks write to:

Department of Environmental Management
Division of Forest and Parks
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
Phone: (617) 727-3180

Forest Name: Bear Town State Forest

Address: Blue Hill Road
Monterey, MA 01245

Phone: (413) 528-0904

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: One group site, maximum capacity of 100, 12 semi-improved with sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, fishing, boating, hiking, skiing, camping, horse back riding, picnicking, swimming, and snowmobiling

Comments: 10,555 acres located in Monterey and Great Barrington

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Forest Name: Brimfield State Forest

Address: Dirth Hill Road
Brimfield, MA 01010

Phone: (413) 245-9966

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: One group site with maximum capacity of 50

Facilities: Fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, ORV use, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), swimming, and snowmobiling

Comments: 4,000 acres in Brimfield

Park Name: Boston Harbor Island State Park

Address: 349 Lincoln Street, Building 45
Hingham, MA 02043

Phone: (617) 727-2744

Season: Summer only

Facilities: Boating, wilderness camping, fishing, walking, and picnicking

Comments: 13 Islands in Boston Harbor, 195 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Forest Name: Chester Blanford State Forest

Address: Chester, MA 01011

Phone: (413) 354-6347

Directions: On Route 20 in Chester and Blanford

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 17 with semi-improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Camping, fishing, hiking, ORV use, picnicking, swimming, skiing (Nordic), snowmobiling

Comments: 2,038 acres

Park Name: Clarksburg State Park

Address: Middle Road
Clarksburg, MA 01247

Phone: (413) 664-9030

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 47 with semi-improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, ORV use, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), swimming, and snowmobiling

Comments: 3,250 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Federation State Park

Address: Petersham, MA 01366

Phone: (508) 939-8962

Directions: On Route 122 in Petersham

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: Four wilderness campsites

Facilities: Wilderness camping, fishing, hiking, picnicking, snowmobiling, skiing (Nordic), and hunting

Comments: 586 acres

Forest Name: Granville State Forest

Address: West Hartland Road
Granville, MA 01034

Phone: (413) 357-6611

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 40 with semi-improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, ORV use, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), snowmobiling, and swimming

Comments: 2,247 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Forest Name: Harold Parker State Forest

Address: Middletown Road
North Reading, MA 01864

Phone: (617) 686-3391

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: One group site with maximum capacity of 50, and 134 with semi-improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bath house, bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, and skiing

Comments: 3,000 acres

Beach Name: Horseneck State Beach

Address: Westport Point, MA 02791

Phone: (508) 636-8816

Season: Open in summer only

Number of Sites: 100 campsites with improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Boating, bicycling, camping, fishing, picnicking, and swimming

Comments: 537 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Forest Name: Kenneth M. Dubuque Memorial State Forest

Address: Hawley, MA 01339

Phone: (413) 634-8858

Directions: On Route 8A

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: Wilderness camping only

Facilities: Boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, ORV use, picnicking, skiing, and snowmobiling

Comments: 7,822 acres

Park Name: Lake Dennison State Park

Address: New Winchendon Road
Baldwinville, MA 01436

Phone: (508) 297-1609
Number of Sites: 150 with improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, ORV use, skiing, and snowmobiling
Comments: 9,000 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Massasoit State Park
Address: Middleboro Avenue
East Taunton, MA 02718
Phone: (508) 822-7405
Season: Open in summer only
Number of Sites: 126 with improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Bicycling, boating, horseback riding, walking, hunting, picnicking, and swimming
Comments: 1,500 acres

Forest Name: Mohawk Trail State Forest
Address: Charlemont, MA 01339
Phone: (413) 339-5504
Directions: On Route 2

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 56 with semi-improved sanitary facilities, 1 group site, 4 cabins

Facilities: Camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), and snowmobiling

Comments: 6,457 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Monroe State Park

Address: Monroe Bridge, MA 01350

Phone: (413) 424-7600

Season: Open year-round

Facilities: Wilderness camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, snowmobiling, and skiing (Nordic)

Comments: 4,321 acres

Park Name: Mt. Greylock State Reservation

Address: Rockwell Road
Lanesborough, MA 01237

Phone: (413) 499-4263 and Visitors Center (413) 499-4262

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 35 with semi-improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and hunting
Comments: 10,327 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Forest Name: Mt. Washington State Forest
Address: East Street
Washington, MA 01223
Phone: (413) 528-0330
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: Wilderness camping only
Facilities: Fishing, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, and snowmobiling
Comments: 3,289 acres

Forest Name: Myles Standish State Forest
Address: South Carver, MA 02366
Phone: (617) 866-2526
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 5 group sites with maximum capacity of 50 each, 475 campsites with improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, ORV use, picnicking, skiing (Nordic) snowmobiling and swimming

Comments: 14,000 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: October Mountain State Park

Address: Woodland Road
Lee, MA 01238

Phone: (413) 243-1778 or 243-9735

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 50 with improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, ORV use, snowmobiling, and skiing (Nordic)

Comments: 15,710 acres, no swimming

Forest Name: Otter River State Forest

Address: New Winchendon Road
Baldwinville, MA 01436

Phone: (508) 939-8962

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 100 with semi-improved sanitary facilities, 2 group sites with maximum capacity of 25 each

Facilities: Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), snowmobiling, and swimming

Comments: 1,220 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Pearl Hill State Park

Address: New Fitchburg Road
West Townsend, MA 01469

Phone: (508) 369-6312

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 51 with semi-improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bath house, bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, ORV use, picnicking, skiing, snowmobiling and swimming

Comments: 1,000 acres

Forest Name: Pittsfield State Forest

Address: Cascade Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Phone: (413) 442-8992

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 31 some with semi-improved, some with improved sanitary facilities, 2 group sites, first with maximum capacity of 50, and the second with maximum capacity of 25

Facilities: Bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, ORV use, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), swimming, summer programs

Comments: 9,695 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Roland C. Nickerson State Forest Park

Address: Brewster, MA 02631

Phone: (508) 896-3491

Directions: On Route 6A in Brewster

Season: Open in summer only

Number of Sites: 420 with improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, swimming, and summer program

Comments: 1,779 acres

Park Name: Salisbury Beach State Reservation

Address: Beach Road
Salisbury, MA 01950

Phone: (508) 462-4481

Directions: Off Route 1

Season: Open year-round

Number of Sites: 481 with improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Bathhouse, bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, hunting, picnicking, and swimming
Comments: 520 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Forest Name: Sandisfield State Forest
Address: West Street
Sandisfield, MA 01255
Phone: (413) 258-4774
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: Wilderness camping only
Facilities: Bicycling, boating, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), snowmobiling, swimming
Comments: 7,785 acres

Forest Name: Savoy Mountain State Forest
Address: Savoy, MA 01256
Directions: On Route 116 in Savoy
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: One group site with maximum capacity of 50, and 45 with improved facilities, three cabins

Facilities: Bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, ORV use, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), snowmobiling, swimming, and summer programs

Comments: 10,500 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Scusset Beach State Reservation

Address: Scusset Beach Roar
Sandwich, MA 02563

Phone: (508) 888-0859

Season: Open in summer only

Number of Sites: 98 with improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, and swimming

Comments: 380 acres

Forest Name: Shawme Crowell State Forest

Address: Sandwich, MA 02563

Phone: (508) 888-0351

Directions: On Route 130 in Sandwich

Season: Open in summer only

Number of Sites: 260 with improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, camping, hiking, horseback riding, and hunting
Comments: 2,756 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Forest Name: Tolland State Forest
Address: Otis, MA 01253
Phone: (413) 269-7268
Directions: On Route 8 in Otis
Season: Open in summer only
Number of Sites: 98 with improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, and swimming
Comments: 380 acres

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Address: On Route 130 in Sandwich
Phone: (508) 888-0351
Season: open in summer only
Number of Sites: 260 with improved sanitary facilities

Facilities: Bicycling, camping, hiking, horseback riding, and hunting
Comments: 2,756 acres

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Forest Name: Tolland State Forest
Address: Otis, MA 01253
Phone: (413) 269-7268
Directions: On Route 8 in Otis
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 90 with improved sanitary facilities, 2 group sites with Maximum capacities of 50
Facilities: Bicycling, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback Riding, hunting, ORV use, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), Snowmobiling, and swimming
Comments: 8,000 acres

Park Name: Tully State Recreation Area
Address: New Winchendon Road
Baldwinville, MA 01436

Phone: (508) 939-8962
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 15 wilderness campsites
Facilities: Fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling
Comments: 20 acres

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Forest Name: Upton State Forest
Address: Westboro Road
Upton, MA 01568
Phone: (508) 529-6923
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 2 groups sites with capacity of 25 each
Facilities: Bicycling, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting,
ORV use, skiing (Nordic) and snowmobiling
Comments: 2,660 acres

Park Name: Wells State Park
Address: Sturbridge, MA 01566

Phone: (508) 346-9257
Directions: On Route 49 in Sturbridge
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 55 with improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, snowmobiling, and swimming
Comments: 1,081 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
Massachusetts Parks and Forests**

Forest Name: Willard Brook State Forest
Address: Ashby, MA 01431
Townsend, MA 01469
Phone: (508) 597-8802
Directions: On route 119 in Ashby and Townsend
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 21 with semi-improved sanitary facilities, and 4 log cabins for rental
Facilities: Bathhouse, bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), and snowmobiling
Comments: 2,380 acres

Forest Name: Windsor State Forest

Address: River Road, Windsor, MA 01270
Phone: (413) 684-9760
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 24 with semi-improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, skiing (Nordic), swimming, and snowmobiling
Comments: 1,626 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Wompattuck State Park
Address: Union Street
Hingham, MA 02043
Phone: (617) 749-7160
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 400 with improved sanitary facilities
Facilities: Bicycling, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, skiing (Nordic), hunting, and snowmobiling

Comments: 2,877 acres

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**Where to go Camping Guide
New Hampshire Parks and Forests**

NEW HAMPSHIRE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each campsite has an open outdoors fireplace, picnic tables, and room to park your car. All tent sites are in wooded areas. Running water and toilets are nearby. Prior arrangements must be made for group sites with individual park managers, who should be contacted for information and reservations. The state parks are administered by:

State of New Hampshire Division of Parks
Concord, NH 03301
Phone: (603) 271-3556

WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUNDS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each area has its own parking, tables, fire grates, drinking water and sanitary facilities. All sites are available on a first come, first served basis. The two campgrounds in this guide are the only ones allowing group camping. For more information write to:

Supervisor WMNF
PO Box 638
Laconia, NH 03246-0638

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Park Name: Bear Brook State Park
Address: Suncook, NH 03275
Phone: (603) 485-9869 or (603) 485-9874
Directions: 8 miles northeast of Suncook, off State 28
Season: May 20 to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 81 tent sites
Facilities: Fishing, swimming, small boats, play area, and flush toilets
Comments: 4 miles to provisions and 20 miles of hiking trails

Park Name: Coleman State Park
Address: Colebrook, NH 03576

Phone: (603) 237-4520
Directions: 12 miles east of Colebrook via unnumbered route off Rte 26
Season: Weekends May 22 to June 12 and full time from June 13 to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 30 tent sites
Facilities: Recreation building, small boats, pond fishing, pit toilets, and group camping in spring and fall only
Comments: Stream and lake fishing nearby

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Crawford Notch State Park
Address: Willey House, NH
Phone: (603) 374-2272
Directions: (Dry River Camp Ground) 12 miles north from Bartlet via US 302
Season: May 20 to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 30 tent sites
Facilities: Stream fishing, pit toilets, hiking, naturalist program
Comments: Over 100 miles of hiking trails connecting with Appalachian system

Park Name: Greenfield State Park
Address: Greenfield, NH 03047
Phone: (603) 547-3497
Directions: 1 mile west of Greenfield via Route 136
Season: May 20 to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 252 campsites
Facilities: Swimming, pond fishing, and youth group camping area
Comments: 1 mile to provisions, separate beach for campers

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Lake Frances State Park
Address: Pittsburgh, NH 03592
Phone:
Season: Mid May till the end of hunting season
Number of Sites: 36 tent sites
Facilities: Boating, fishing, and flush toilets
Comments: No swimming, 4 miles to provisions

Park Name: Milan Hill State Park

Address: Milan, NH 03588
Phone: (603) 449-3444
Directions: 2 miles west of Milan, off State 16
Season: June 12 to August 30
Number of Sites: 12 tent sites
Facilities: Play area, trout fishing, and pit toilets
Comments: No swimming, 2 miles to provisions and is located on a quite, restful hilltop

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**Where to go Camping Guide
New Hampshire Parks and Forests**

Park Name: Monadnock State Park
Address: Jaffrey, NH 03542
Phone: (603) 532-8862
Directions: 4 miles west of Jaffrey, off Route 124
Season: May 1 to November 11
Number of Sites: 21 family tent sites, and 7 youth group sites
Facilities: Pit toilets, hiking
Comments: No swimming, 4 miles to provisions

Park Name: Moose Brook State Park

Address: Gorham, NH 03581
Phone: (603) 466-3860
Directions: 2 miles west to Gorham, off US 2
Season: Weekends May 22 to June 12, full time June 13 to
Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 42 tent sites
Facilities: Swimming, hiking, and mountain climbing
Comments: 2 miles to provisions

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**Where to go Camping Guide
New Hampshire Parks and Forests**

Park Name: Pawtuckaway State Park
Address: Nottingham, NH 03290
Phone: (603) 895-3031
Directions: 3.5 miles north of junction of Routes 101 and 156 in
Raymond
Season: May 20 to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 170 tent sites
Facilities: Boating, fishing, picnicking, swimming, naturalist
program, and refreshments at park
Comments: 6 miles to provisions

Park Name: Pillsbury State Park
Address: Washington, NH 03280
Phone: (603) 863-2860
Directions: 17 miles northwest of Hillsboro via NH 31
Season: Weekends May 22 to June 12, full time June 13 to August 30
Number of Sites: 20 elementary tent sites
Facilities: Boating, hiking, stream and pond fishing, pond fishing, and pit toilets
Comments: No swimming, 3,000 acres, and 5 miles to provisions

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**Where to go Camping Guide
New Hampshire Parks and Forests**

Park Name: White Lake State Park
Address: Tamworth, NH 03886
Phone: (603) 323-7350
Directions: Just north of West Ossipee
Season: May 20 to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 173 tent sites
Facilities: Boating, boat rentals (motors permitted but trolling only); play area, swimming, hiking, and trout fishing
Comments: Naturalist program

White Mountain National Forest

Camp Name: Campton Campground

Address: Campton, NH

Directions: 1 mile east of Campton

Season: Late May to mid October

Number of Sites: 58 units each has its own parking, tables and fire grate, drinking water, sanitary facilities, and group camping is available

Comments: In white pine and hardwood setting

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Where to go Camping Guide New Hampshire Parks and Forests

Park Name: Dolly Copp Campground

Address: Gorham, NH 03581

Directions: 6 miles south of Gorham, near NH Route 16

Season: Late May to mid October

Number of Sites: 194 units – Each unit has its own parking, tables and fire grates, drinking water, and sanitary facilities.

Facilities: Tent pads and flush toilets - It affords a base for climbers to Mt. Washington, the Northern Presidential and the Carter Moriah Range.

Comments: Nested at the base of the Presidential Range along Peabody River, one of the most popular campgrounds in the mountains

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**Where to go Camping Guide
Rhode Island Parks and Forests**

RHODE ISLAND

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rhode Island State Parks Administered by:

Division of Parks and Recreation
Department of Environmental Management
83 Park Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 277-2601

Park Name: Arcadia State Park

Address: Exeter, RI 02822

Phone: (401) 539-7643

Directions: West on Route 165 (off I-95) to Nooseneck Hill Road, south to Tefft Hill Trail and Arcadia Park

Season: April 15 to October 31

Number of Sites: 25 tent and trailer campsites

Facilities: Hiking, trout and bass fishing, fireplace, water tables, and toilets

Comments: Sites adjacent to a section of Appalachian Mountain Trail and ½ mile from beach

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Burlingame State Park

Address: Charlestown, RI 02813

Phone: (401) 322-7337 seasonal, (401) 322-7995 non-seasonal

Directions: On US 1

Season: April 15 to October 31

Number of Sites: 755 tent and trailer campsites

Facilities: Fireplaces, water, washroom with showers, toilets, tables, swimming, boating, and fishing

Comments: Campers limited to 2 weeks

Park Name: Fishermen Memorial State Park
Address: Narragansett, RI 02882
Phone: (401) 277-2632
Directions: Point Judith Road (Route 108)
Season: April 15 to October 31
Number of Sites: 182 tent sites and trailer site with electric
Facilities: Showers, flush toilets, dumping station, and tennis courts
Comments: Near salt-water beaches, reservations are suggested on or after January 15 through April 15

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Frosty Hollow Area
Address: Exeter, RI 02822
Phone: (401) 277-2632
Directions: Shelter Trail Frosty Hollow Road from Route 165
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 2 Adirondack Shelters
Facilities: Pit toilets
Comments: Shelters are reserved for adults and supervised groups.

Forest Name: George Washington Memorial State Forest

Address: Gloucester, RI 02814

Phone: (401) 568-6700

Directions: On US 44 three miles east of Connecticut line, six miles west from junction of US 444 and Route 102

Season: April 15 to October 31

Number of Sites: 72 sites

Facilities: Cabin recreation building, swimming, and hiking trails

Comments: Permits issued at park office (first come, first serve basis)

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Horseman's Camping Area (Beach Pond State Park)

Address: West Greenwich, RI 02908

Phone: (401) 539-2444

Directions: South on Route 102 (exit 55 on I-95), south on Route 3, west on Route 165, and north on Escoheab Hill Road

Season: April 15 to October 31

Number of Sites: 30 tent and trailer sites in wooded area

Facilities: Fireplace, picnic tables, water, toilets, horseshoe ring, and riding trails

Comments: Only persons with horses allowed. Permits issued at the area with a four night maximum stay.

Park Name: Burlingame Management Area
Address: Charlestown, RI 02813
Phone: (401) 322-7237 or (401) 322-7994
Directions: On the shore of the Pawcatuck River in Charlestown
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 2 overnight campsites
Facilities: 2 fireplaces

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Carolina Management Area
Address: Richmond, RI 02812
Phone: (401) 322-7994
Directions: On the shore of the Pawcatuck River in Richmond
Season: Open year-round
Number of Sites: 2 overnight campsites

Facilities: 2 fireplaces and one toilet

Comments: Firewood on hand

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**Where to go Camping Guide
Vermont Parks and Forests**

VERMONT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation operate 35 campgrounds with 2,186 campsites. In addition, the state operates group camping areas and designates areas for primitive camping.

RESERVATIONS

From May to September reservations can be made by mailing a reservation form to the park of your choice, accompanied by full payments. Telephone reservations may be made provided payment is mailed before the reservation date. Pre season reservations will be accepted beginning January 1. During the off-season it is best to call after 5:00 PM.

FEES

A schedule of fees is available at the individual parks or from:

The Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation
Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone: (802) 244-5115

GROUP CAMPING

Groups must be supervised by one or more adults who are responsible for the conduct and activities of the group. The group areas are available year-round except during the November deer-hunting season. Fees are on a per person basis. Check out time is 11:00 PM. Groups may be accommodated in other parks for the regular camping charge. Areas available for group camping are: Kettle Pond, Shaftsbury State Park, and Underhill Recreation Area. For additional information write to:

Green Mountains National Forest
Forest Supervisor
151 West Street
Rutland, VT 05701
Phone: (802) 773-0300

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VERMONT PRIMITIVE CAMPING

The lands designated for primitive camping are located in remote areas and often at a high elevation with difficult access. Absolutely no facilities are provided; no developed campsites, no shelters, no fireplaces, and no designated water supplies. Groups of ten or fewer do not need a permit and do not have to pay a fee. Groups of eleven or more must make special arrangements. For additional information write:

Vermont Agency of Environmental Conservation
Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation
Montpelier, VT 05602
Phone: (802) 828-2454

Park Name: Allis State Park
Address: RFD 2, Randolph, VT 05060
Phone: (802) 276-3176 or (802) 888-5733
Directions: From I-89, exit 5 (Northfield); 2.5 miles west to South Northfield; 4 miles south to US 12; 1.5 miles southwest on town road
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 21
Facilities: Tent sites, lean-tos, picnicking, and trailer sanitary station
Comments: Small secluded campground

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Bomosheen State Park
Address: Fairhaven, VT 05743
Phone: (802) 265-4242 or (802) 773-2733
Directions: From Rutland, US 4W, Exit 3 (Fairhaven), 5 miles north
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 65
Facilities: Tent and trailer sites, trailer sanitary station, swimming, picnicking, boat ramp, boat rentals, fishing, hiking, nature trails and program
Comments: Ideal for boating enthusiasts

Park Name: Branburry State Park
Address: RFD 2, Brandon, VT 05737
Phone: (802) 247-5925 or (802) 773-2733
Directions: Green Mountains – From Middlebury, 7 miles south on US 7, and 3 miles south on VT 53
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 42
Facilities: Tent sites, lean-tos, trailer sites, trailer sanitary station, swimming, picnicking, boat ramps, fishing, nature trails and program
Comments: Nature museum and good hiking trails

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Brighton State Park
Address: Island Pond, VT 05846
Phone: (802) 723-4360 or (802) 584-3826
Directions: Northeast Kingdom – From Island Pond 2 miles east on TV 105; .5 miles south on town road
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 84
Facilities: Tent and trailer sites, lean-tos, trailer sanitary station, swimming, picnicking, hiking, boat rentals, boating, fishing, nature trails and program
Comments: Good fishing

Park Name: Burton Island
Address: St. Albans bay, VT 05481
Phone: (802) 524-6353 or (802) 372-5060
Directions: Park all vehicles at Kill Kare State Park. A state park boat ill transport groups for a small fee.
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 42 tent sites and 19 Adirondack Shelters
Facilities: Tent sites, lean-tos, swimming, picnicking, concessions, foot trails, boat ramp, boat rentals, boating, and fishing
Comments: Marina facilities available, nature trails and program

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Button Bay
Address: RFD 3, Vergennes, VT 05491
Phone: (802) 475-2377 or (802) 773-2733
Directions: Champlain Valley – From Vergennes, VT 22A south .5 miles; 1 mile west on Panton Road; 5 miles northwest on Basin Harbor Road; 1 mile south on Town Road
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 70
Facilities: Tent and trailer sites, trailer sanitary station, swimming, picnicking, foot trails, boat rentals, fishing, nature trails and program, and handicapped facilities
Comments: Good fishing and nature museum

Park Name: Calvin Coolidge State Park

Address: Plymouth, VT 05056

Phone: (802) 672-3612 or (802) 773-2657

Directions: Green Mountains – From I-89, exit 1 (Woodstock) 19 miles west on US 4; 5 miles south on VT 100A

Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Number of Sites: 60 tent sites and 35 Adirondack type Shelters

Facilities: Picnicking, foot trails, nature program, trailer sanitary station, and handicapped facilities

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Daughters of the American Revolution State Park (D.A.R)

Address: RFD, Vergennes, VT 05491

Phone: (802) 759-2354 or (802) 773-2733

Directions: Champlain Valley – From Vergennes 6 miles south on VT 22A to Addison; 8 miles west on VT 17

Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Number of Sites: 71 tent sites and 20 Adirondack type Shelters

Facilities: Swimming, picnicking, fishing, and trailer sanitary station

Comments: Small campground

Park Name: Dutton Pines State Park
Address: RFD 1, Brattleboro, VT 05301
Phone: (802) 255-2277 or (802) 773-2657
Directions: Connecticut Valley – On US 5; 5 miles south of Brattleboro
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 2
Facilities: Tent and trailer sites, picnicking
Comments: Roadside picnic area

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Elmore State Park
Address: Elmore, VT 05657
Phone: (802) 888-2982 or (802) 888-5733
Directions: Northeast Kingdom – From Morrisville; 5 miles southeast on VT 12
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 60 sites and 4 Adirondack type Shelters
Facilities: Trailer sanitary station, swimming, picnicking, fishing, foot and nature trails

Comments: Excellent hiking

Park Name: Emerald Lake State Park

Address: East Dorset, VT 05253

Phone: (802) 362-1655 or (802) 773-2733

Directions: Taconic Mountains – From Rutland; 22 miles south on
US 7 at North Dorset

Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Number of Sites: 105 sites and 36 Adirondack type Shelters

Facilities: Tent and trailer sites, trailer sanitary station, swimming,
picnicking, boat rentals, fishing, foot and nature trails,
and program

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Fort Dummer State Park

Address: Battleboro, VT 05301

Phone: (802) 254-2610 or (802) 773-2657

Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Number of Sites: 61 sites and 9 Adirondack type Shelters

Facilities: Tent sites, lean-tos, trailer sites, trailer sanitary station,
and foot trails

Comments: First permanent white settlement in Vermont – 1724

Park Name: Gifford Woods State Park
Address: Killington, VT 05751
Phone: (802) 775-5354 or (802) 773-2657
Directions: Green Mountain – From Rutland 10 miles east on US 4;
1.5 miles north on VT 100
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 47 sites and Adirondack type Shelters
Facilities: Tent and trailer sites, lean-tos, trailer sanitary station,
picnicking, fishing and foot trails
Comments: Long trails pass through park

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Grand Isle State Park
Address: Grand Isle, VT 05458
Phone: (802) 372-4300 or (802) 372-5060
Directions: Champlain Valley – From I-89 exit 17; north 13 miles on
US 2
Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day
Number of Sites: 154 sites and 30 Adirondack type Shelters
Facilities: Tent and trailer sites, trailer sanitary station, swimming,
boat ramp, boat rental, boating, and fishing

Comments: Excellent view of Lake Champlain and Mount Mansfield

Park Name: Half Moon Pond State Park

Address: RFD, Fairhaven, VT 05743

Phone: (802) 273-2848 or (802) 773-2733

Directions: Taconic Mountains – From Rutland; US 4 exit 4, 7 miles north on VT 30; 2 miles west on Town Road; 1.5 miles south on Town Road

Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Number of Sites: 69 sites and 9 Adirondack Shelters

Facilities: Tent, lean-tos and trailer sites, trailer sanitary station, swimming, boating, boat rentals, fishing, foot and nature trailers, and canoe rental

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Where to go Camping Guide Vermont Parks and Forests

Forest Name: Groton State Forest

Address: Marshfield, VT 05658

Phone: (802) 584-3820 or (802) 584-3826

Directions: Northeast Kingdom

1. South Entrance – From I-91 exit 17; 9 miles north on US 302; 1.2 miles north on Groton Marshfield Highway
2. North Entrance – From I-89 exit 8; 20.5 miles east on US 2; 5 miles south on Groton Marshfield Highway

Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Facilities: Within state forest: swimming, picnicking, picnic shelters, concessions, foot and nature trails, boat ramp, boat rentals, boating, fishing, and nature program

CAMPING FACILITIES WITHIN THIS FOREST:

1. **Big Bear Campground** – tent and trailer sites
2. **New Discovery Campground** – tent and trailer sites, trailer sanitary station
3. **Kettle Pond** – group camping only
4. **Ricker Pond Campground** – tent, trailer and lean-to sites, trailer sanitary station
5. **Still Water Campground** – tent, trailer and lean-to sites, trailer sanitary station

Comments: 25,625 acres and 9 separate recreation area with 5 campgrounds

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**Where to go Camping Guide
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Park Name: Jamaica State Park

Address: Jamaica, VT 05343

Phone: (802) 847-7799 or (802) 773-2657

Directions: Green Mountains – From Brattleboro, 26 miles northwest on VT 30 to Jamaica; .5 miles north on Town Road

Season: Memorial Day to Columbus Day

Number of Sites: 49 sites with 9 lean-tos

Facilities: Tent, lean-tos, trailer sites, trailer sanitary station, swimming, fishing, and foot trail

Comments: White water canoe races (spring and fall)

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Chapter 4

AMC HUT SYSTEM

There are eight Appalachian Mountain Club huts spaced one day's hike apart along the Appalachian Trail in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. They stretch from Lonesome Lake along the Franconia Ridge through the Presidential Range to Carter Notch, and range in surroundings from lowland deciduous woods to alpine tundra. The crews prepare hearty meals; bunks, blankets, and pillows are provided. Overnight lodging varies from hut to hut. Some lodges have large coed bunkrooms; others are divided into small rooms of four, six, and eight bunks.

After a long hike, enjoy a family-style meal with people who share your enthusiasm for the mountains. Browse through information about the areas natural history, or talk with the crews about your next day's hike. Resident naturalists and crews often conduct informal evening programs to introduce hikers to the mountain environment. Whatever your preference, enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and rustic accommodations of the AMC Hut System.

Carter Notch and Zealand Falls are open on a caretaker basis in the fall, winter, and spring. During the caretaker season the hut stove and cooking utensils are available for use, but you must bring your own sleeping bag and food.

It is necessary to make reservations early (at least one month in advance in the summer) with a deposit to insure space on the dates you request.

For reservations and hiking and camping information:

Call: (603) 466-2727

Write: Reservation Secretary
AMC Pinkham Notch Camp
Gorham, NH 03581

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Where to go Camping Guide
Miscellaneous Camping Areas

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

The Appalachian Trail meanders along the backbone of the eastern United States from Mount Katahdin in Maine to Springer Mountain in Georgia. Called by the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) the longest marked footpath in the world, the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail (AT) passes through 14 states.

The skyline route follows the crest of the Appalachian Mountain Range, where steep terrain and major elevation changes are common. Because the trail ascends into high elevations the hiker can expect sudden weather changes. During all seasons, conditions on the high mountain ridges are far more severe than on the valley floors. When hikers travel above timberline they can expect the most severe and unpredictable weather. Rain or snow can fall at any time. Arctic weather conditions are possible during the summer months in the Presidential Range.

For further readings write:

**Appalachian Trail Conference
PO Box 236
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425**

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BIG INDIAN RESERVATION – ASHLAND, MA

Directions: Take Pleasant Street west of Ashland Square to Cordaville Road; Turn left onto Howe Street; Take left onto Cross Street; Camp is at end of dirt road on the left.

The Scout Troops of Ashland monitor this area. All water must be carried in, as there is no water available at the site. As the road is locked up, you will have to make arrangements for the key from the Scoutmaster of Troop 23 Ashland through the following:

**Algonquin Council, BSA
34 DeLoss Street,
Framingham, MA 01701
Phone: (508) 872-6551**

PURGATORY CHASM

Located on Route 146 between Whitinsville and Sutton. This area contains about a half mile of rock formations and caves. Bring a picnic lunch and stay the day, or make arrangements in advance to camp in the private Boy Scout campsite, a short distance down the road. Contact: Park Ranger in Sutton, MA; John Pelezarki (508) 234-3733. Please Note: water must be carried in.

US ARMY NATICK LABORATORIES ANNEX – SUDBURY, MA

This area is under reorganization and as of this printing, does not allow camping. However, in the future this may not be the case. For further information call (508) 633.4214

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BARTON COVE CAMPGROUND – GILL, MA

Located just off Route 2 in Gill, MA on a peninsula on the Connecticut River.

There are seventeen individual family campsites and a group tenting area with fifteen tent sites.

Sanitary facilities consist of a very clean, concrete, tank-type toilet. Drinking water is available from a pump in the center of the group site. There are two large fire pits and three very large picnic tables.

A boat dock is nearby. Canoe rentals are: \$3.00/hour and \$18.00/day. Rowboat rentals are: \$2.00/hour and \$10.00/day.

Firewood is ample and supplied free-of-charge. However, some of it is oak and is 2-3 foot long and is up to 12 inches in diameter. You would do well to bring along a splitting maul.

An excellent self-guided nature trail runs through the peninsula. It takes about one hour to hike the trail. The trail includes some geological features, dinosaur tracks, what once were a dinosaur track quarry, as well as trees and other natural features.

Fishing is good both in the river and in Barton Cove. Swimming is permissible, but not recommended as there are no real “swimming areas.”

The campground is owned and operated by Northeast Utilities, solely as an environmental and recreational facility.

This campground is an excellent “base camp” for canoeing the Deerfield River. Good stretches of the river are located a few miles west on Route 2. Kayak racecourses are permanently marked in the faster, wilder stretches of the river.

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Where to go Camping Guide Miscellaneous Camping Areas

NORTHFIELD MOUNTAIN – NORTHFIELD, MA

The Power Station and Information Center is located off Route 63, approximately 6 miles east of Barton Cove Campground. It consists of a pump-storage, hydroelectric plant 2,500 feet inside the mountain, beneath a 5,875-million gallon reservoir at the top of the mountain.

On the mountain itself are 25 miles of well-marked trails, and in the winter trails for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Tours of the upper reservoir and the cavern inside the mountain are available at no charge.

IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED TO BOOK TOURS A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE. This is to insure that you can reserve the campground and a tour of the mountain on the same weekend.

The tour itself consists of an excellent 20 minute movie depicting the planning and construction of the power station; a bus ride to the top of the mountain to view the reservoir; then down the 2,500 foot long, 26 foot diameter tunnel to the 328 foot long, 70 foot wide, and 120 foot high cavern inside which the generator/pumps are located. This does not include a tour of the actual power-generating machinery inside the cavern. Unfortunately, there are no tours permitted beyond the end of the tunnel.

At the Visitors/Information Center are numerous and interesting displays about the area. Hot and cold drinks and snacks are available here from machines.

Tickets for the 12-mile, 1 ½ hour interpretive riverboat ride can be picked up here. Cost is \$4.00 per adult, and \$2.00 per child under 14. Group rates are available.

This is an excellent activity in which to take part in, since all a Scout Leader has to do is to provide a means of getting his troop there!!!! The Northfield Mountain Staff will take over the planning and guiding tasks.

A simple phone call or letter to Northfield Mountain will result in a weekend of planned, guided activities for the troop. For additional information, brochures, and pamphlets are available free of charge. Contact: Ken Garber, Judy Brodeur, or Carol Broadman; Northfield Mountain Information Center, RR 1, Box 377, Northfield, MA 01360 ((413) 659-3717 or (413) 659-3714).

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Where to go Camping Guide
Miscellaneous Camping Areas

PRIVATE CAMPGROUND GUIDES

Each state has its own guide for private campgrounds. The addresses listed below will provide you with any desired information pertaining to that states campgrounds.

1. Connecticut Private Campgrounds Guide
Connecticut Department of Economic Development
210 Washington Street
Hartford, CT 06106
2. Maine Camping Guide
655 Main Street
Lewiston, ME 04240
3. Massachusetts Campground Guide
200 Hillside Drive
Westfield, MA 01085
4. New Hampshire Campground Guide
Department of Resources and Economic Development
Concord, NH 03301
5. Vermont Private Campgrounds Guide
Agency of Development and Community Affairs
Montpelier, VT 05602

Chapter 5

NOTE: This equipment is sufficient for three seasons camping only. If you intend to camp in the winter, additional equipment may be required.

Clothing Worn

- _____ underwear
- _____ trousers (wool is best)
- _____ shirt (wool is best)
- _____ belt
- _____ hat
- _____ sunglasses
- _____ inner socks
- _____ outer socks (rag type)
- _____ hiking boots (broken in)
- _____ jacket

Carry in Pockets

- _____ pocket or folding knife
- _____ matches (in waterproof case)
- _____ bandanna
- _____ emergency money

Pack Pockets or Top of Pack

- _____ raingear with hood
- _____ personal first aid kit
- _____ insect repellent
- _____ fire starter kit
- _____ repair kit (thread, needle, pins)
- _____ map
- _____ compass

Where to go Camping Guide Equipment List

Inside Pack

- _____ spare socks (1 pair for each night, 1 or 2 each day)
- _____ extra shirt
- _____ extra trousers
- _____ extra underwear
- _____ wool watch cap
- _____ wool mittens
- _____ wool sweater
- _____ down vest
- _____ poncho

Sleeping Gear

- _____ sleeping bag
- _____ foam pad
- _____ ground sheet (7' x 9')

Eating Equipment

- _____ mess kit
- _____ silverware kit
- _____ canteen

Hygiene

- _____ hand towel and face cloth
- _____ comb or brush
- _____ soap
- _____ toothbrush and toothpaste
- _____ toilet paper (in waterproof bag)
- _____ lip balm

Other

- _____ flashlight
- _____ plastic bags

- _____ natural history guides
- _____ maps
- _____ spare matches
- _____ candle (fire starter)
- _____ 50' nylon rope
- _____ spare batteries
- _____ tarp
- _____ tent
- _____ ground cloth (for tent)
- _____ water purifying tablets

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