

New Discovery State Park

Welcome to New Discovery State Park. As early as 1704, Native Americans and the French were using routes through Groton to reach Canada and Massachusetts. Colonists settled this area of Vermont slightly earlier than the rest of the State through the accessible network of waterways.

The rocky, tree covered hillsides were originally cloaked with white pine, spruce, hemlock, beech, maple and birch. These were logged by local farmers for lumber, fuel and potash. The logging industry was large-scale for almost 100 years while the railroad was operating. Today, logging is still a vital industry in the area, but has lost some of its dominance in favor of modern society's leisure time movement - private cottages/seasonal homes and a variety of outdoor recreation activities.

Groton State Forest, with over 26,000 acres, is the second largest landholding administered by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. It has over 17 miles of hiking trails and over 20 miles of gravel roads and multi-use trails suitable for mountain biking and horseback riding.

Park Amenities

- 46 tent or trailer sites
- 7 horse camping sites
- 15 lean-to shelters
- Remote camping
- · Firewood and ice available on site

Recreation in Groton State Forest

- The Nature Center exhibits and interpretive programs
- Big Deer State Park camping
- Boulder Beach State Park swimming, boating, picnicking
- Kettle Pond/Osmore Pond remote camping, quiet water boating, hiking
- Stillwater State Park camping
- Seyon Ranch State Park fly fishing,

- meeting facility, dining, B&B
- Montpelier-Wells Rail Trail (Cross Vermont Trail) - multiple use trail
- Peacham Bog trail and nature study
- Ricker State Park camping, fishing, boating, multi-use trail
- Silver Ledge Hiking Trail
- Owl's Head Picnic Area and hiking trails, famous vistas
- Many other hiking and multiple use trails

Area Attractions

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- Granite Quarries/Museum
- VT Historical Society Library Montpelier
- State Capitol
- VT Historical Society Museum

St. Johnsbury

- Maple Grove Museum
- Fairbanks Museum
- St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

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Late May to September (Labor Day)

Camping
Horse Camping
Hiking
Quiet Water Boating at Osmore Pond