

# **Stillwater Campground**

Welcome to Stillwater State Park, located on Lake Groton and adjacent to the Montpelier-Wells River Rail Trail (Cross Vermont Trail).

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 due to 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 contains over 17 miles of hiking trails and over 20 miles of gravel roads and multi-use trails suitable for mountain biking and horseback riding.

### Stillwater State Park Amenities

62 campsites
17 lean-to shelters
campers beach and boat launch
gathering pavilion
Firewood available

## **Recreation in Groton State Forest**

The Nature Center- exhibits and programs Boulder Beach State Park - swimming, boating, picnicking

Osmore Pond - remote camping, quiet water boating, hiking, picnicking

Seyon Lodge State Park - fly fishing, meeting facility, dining, lodging

Montpelier-Wells Rail Trail (Cross Vermont Trail) - multiple use trail

Peacham Bog - trail and nature study Silver Ledge Hiking Trail

Owl's Head Picnic Area and hiking trails - famous vistas

# Recreating & Sightseeing in the Area Barre

Granite Museum/quarry tours
VT Historical Society Museum/Library
Montpelier
State Capitol
Historic walking tours
St. Johnsbury
Maple Grove Museum
Fairbanks Museum
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

# For more information, contact:

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# Stillwater State Park Map & Guide



Operating Season: Mid-May to Labor Day
Camping
Swimming
Boating
Fishing
Multi-use Trail

**Groton State Forest Recreation Area**