

Enjoying Green River Reservoir State Park

A number of recreational activities are available in this "wilderness-like" setting, including canoeing, kayaking, fishing, camping, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, watching wildlife, hunting or trapping in season, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

**The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (FPR) manages the area offering outstanding, high-quality wilderness-like recreational opportunities to visitors, including those with disabilities.*

Parking is extremely limited (see map) and is available on a "first come, first served" basis at the designated parking areas. Fees are charged for day use, camping and group use. There is parking and boat access for persons with disabilities.

Boating

Green River Reservoir, Zack Woods Pond, and Schofield Pond are designated as "quiet" lakes under the Vermont "Use of Public Waters Rules." Internal combustion motors (gas and diesel engines) are prohibited, as are personal watercraft (jet skis) and float planes. Boats powered by electric motors up to 5 mph and human-powered watercraft (canoes, kayaks, etc.) are allowed. Reservoir access is at the southern end of the Reservoir near the dam. All access sites are hand launch only; boats must be carried to the water from the boat drop-off point. There is an universally accessible path to the water. Please inspect your boat to ensure that no Eurasian water milfoil or other invasive species is being transported to the Reservoir. The area north of the bridge to Wiley Brook is seasonally closed from ice out to August 1 to protect bird nesting.

Camping

Camping is ONLY allowed at campsites marked with a site number on a post. Each remote site has a maximum site occupancy based on the characteristics of the site. There are two designated group sites that can accommodate up to 12 people. Some campsites have been closed and are being rehabilitated due to overuse through the years.

Group Use – Green River Reservoir

In order to provide a primitive camping/paddling experience only two groups of 8 to 12 (maximum) people are allowed for either camping or day use at one time. Group permits are required for day and camping uses during the season. A license or special use permit may be needed for group activities during the off-season.

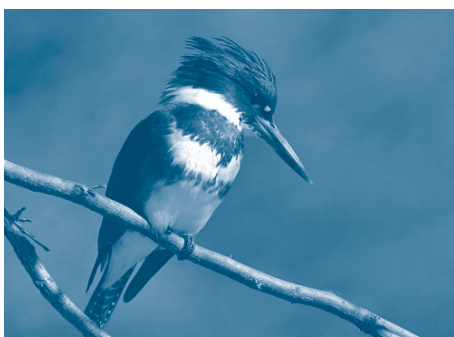
Day Use

Day use is allowed and fees apply. Please do not use designated campsites for day use activities. Day users may build fires only in fire rings at designated day use sites. Please respect the areas of shoreline that are closed to use for revegetation of degraded sites.

Use of Area Roads

Allowable uses of the trails and logging roads are hiking, walking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking and snowmobiling (only on designated VAST trails). Use of motor vehicles off designated roadways, and the use of all terrain vehicles (ATV's) anywhere in the park is not permitted. Trails cannot be accessed from outside the park.

The park will remain in its wild and undeveloped condition, with low-impact, compatible recreational use allowed on and around the Reservoir. Management activities will be only those necessary to maintain the property's character, protect the environment and critical resources, demonstrate sustainable forest management, control excessive recreational use, and ensure high-quality outdoor environment, to enhance the enjoyment for yourself and others please observe the rules and regulations for Green River Reservoir State Park.



Belted Kingfisher (Ceryle alcyon)

Rules and Regulations

- Park only in designated areas. When the parking areas are full, the park is "full" until parking spaces become available.
- No parking is allowed on the shoulder of town roads or park access roads.
- All users must register with park staff. All visitors must pay appropriate fees.
- All groups (8-12 people) must have a group permit and pay appropriate fees.
- Maximum stay is 7 consecutive nights for individuals and 3 consecutive nights for groups.
- Carefully inspect and clean all boats, kayaks and fishing gear for invasive species such as: Eurasian water milfoil, water chestnuts, brittle naiad, and zebra mussels.
- Launch boats only at the designated access points.
- Motorized watercraft (motorboats, PWCs, float planes) are prohibited on the Reservoir. Electric motors are allowed, but watercraft may not exceed 5 mph (no wakes).
- Camp only at campsites designated with numbered sign posts and practice "Leave No Trace"® camping.
- Only the allowed number of people may camp at each designated site. There are two designated group campsites (#16 and #10/11).
- Please pull kayaks and canoes away from the shoreline when not using them to protect shoreline vegetation and reduce shoreline erosion. Turning boats over also tidies up a campsite by reducing visual impact from the water. For the Reservoir, the put-in for canoes, kayaks and fishing boats is at the southern end near the dam.
- Fires are allowed only at designated campsites or day use sites in the fire ring provided. Leave no fire unattended and make sure the fire is out before you leave. The best way to protect recreation areas is by using a portable stove instead of a campfire for cooking.
- Use only dead and down wood to build campfires, or bring your own firewood.
- Brought firewood must be from within the borders of Vermont. Check with park or vtstate-parks.com for current firewood policy.

- Please don't cut, peel, dig, remove, write upon, destroy, damage, or remove any buildings, signs, live plants, trees, rocks, or other natural or human structures or features.
- Do not soap or rinse yourself, clothing, or dishes within 150 feet from any stream, pond, or water source.
- Please add a handful of provided woodchips after each use of the composting toilet.
- Where a composting toilet is not provided, dig a hole 8 inches deep, 150 feet or more from water, trails, or campsites. Mix waste with soil and leaf litter.
- To protect wildlife and respect other visitors, keep your dog close to you and under control at all times. Please do not leave your dog in the car! Dogs must be leashed in the access area.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Let nature sounds prevail.
 - Please observe quiet hours between 10 pm and 7 am. Voices and other sounds carry easily over the open water.
 - Practice "Leave No Trace"® principles. "If you carry it in, carry it out."



Common Loon – Gavia immer

Our Mission:

The Friends of Green River Reservoir is a non-profit membership group. We are dedicated to educating and acting to protect the wilderness-like character and wildlife habitat of Green River Reservoir State Park while preserving its heritage and historical uses for future generations.

For more information about joining the Friends of Green River Reservoir Inc., please contact us at the address below.

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To learn more about "Leave No Trace"® outdoor ethics and skills, go to www.LNT.org

*Please check with the ranger to verify the availability of campsites and day use sites as sites may be closed due to rehabilitation efforts or the sites may be reserved by another camping party.

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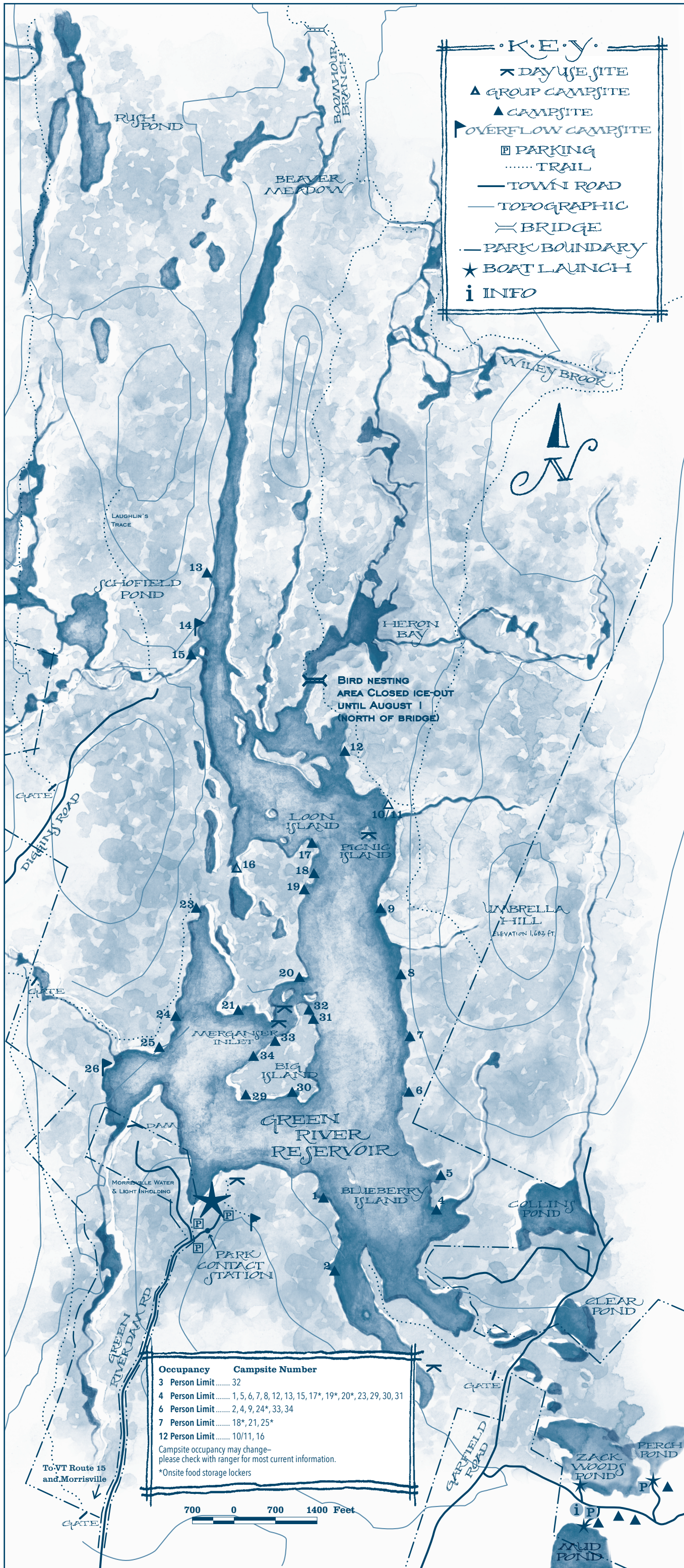
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For more information and education about the ecology of the GRRSP copies of "Nature Field Guide Green River Reservoir State Park" by Danielle Owczarski are available for sale at the GRRSP contact station and local book stores.





Green River Reservoir State Park is 5,503 acres that includes the showcase 653-acre Green River Reservoir with 19 miles of undeveloped shoreline and a number of smaller ponds: Zack Woods, Mud, Perch, Rush and Schofield. The landscape surrounding the Reservoir is a complex of forests, wetlands, ponds, and other natural communities. Area geology is primarily quartz-sericite-chlorite schist and phyllite. A band of greenstone and amphibolite runs along the western side of the park. This is the Stowe Formation rock overlain with glacial till and extensive gravel deposits (kame).

The extensive wetlands, ponds and 10 larger islands associated with the Reservoir provide important wildlife habitat, including loon nesting sites. Please stay 300 feet away from any loon nesting site as loons are very sensitive to human intrusion and disturbance. The park land encompasses much of Lamoille County's largest deer wintering area and includes beaver ponds, wetlands, large stands of softwood and upland forest areas of mixed hardwoods. Many of the small ponds dotting the park property are excellent examples of undisturbed aquatic communities. Zack Woods and Perch Ponds are considered kettle ponds, which are unusual in Vermont.

Plant Communities

The main forest types are northern hardwoods (mostly beech, red maple, sugar maple, and yellow birch), mixed woods (hardwoods with hemlock, red spruce, white pine, balsam fir) and softwood stands (red spruce, balsam fir, white pine and hemlock).

Wildlife and Fish

White-tailed deer, black bear and moose can be found here as can the more secretive bobcat, fisher and mink. Beaver have dammed many streams and built lodges along the shores of the Reservoir. Coyote, river otter, raccoon, red and grey squirrel, red fox, striped skunk, porcupine, and snowshoe hare are also found here.

The forests and wetlands are home to birds such as thrushes, woodpeckers, flycatchers, wrens, vireos, warblers, blackbirds, grosbeaks and sparrows. Waterfowl include common mergansers and common loons. Great blue herons, ospreys or "fish hawks," and an occasional bald eagle can be seen in the area. Green River Reservoir and many of the ponds are home to mostly warm water fish species, such as smallmouth bass and yellow perch. Brook trout inhabit the waters and inflowing streams as well as Zack Woods, Perch and Mud Ponds.



Moose (*Alces alces*)



Painted Trillium (*Trillium undulatum*)