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## **Allis State Park**

Welcome to Allis State Park, one of Central Vermont's best kept secrets! The hilltop setting, private campsites and dramatic views from the lookout tower make it a favorite spot for long-time campers who cherish the peace and tranquility the park affords. Allis State Park's location off of one of Vermont's few remaining gravel state highways and proximity to the "floating bridge" add to the rustic and old-time character of the area.

The park was established in 1928 as Vermont's second developed state park. The park is named for Wallace Allis, who willed his *Bear Mountain Farm* to the State of Vermont to be developed as a campground and recreational area. It is located on the summit of Bear Hill which provides sweeping views of central Vermont from a lookout tower once used to spot forest fires. Killington, Pico and Mt. Ascutney peaks are visible to the south; Camel's Hump and Mt. Mansfield to the north; Abraham, Lincoln, and Mt. Ellen to the west; the White Mountains of New Hampshire to the east.

Wallace Allis maintained a summer home and a sheep farm on the property until his death in 1928. The entire hill was open pasture land with excellent views from just about any spot. Mr. Allis allowed the public to enjoy the views from the hill; its popularity led him to leave it to the State. The property was in the Allis family for several generations as a working farm. Today, all that remain as evidence of the farm are many stone walls that crisscross the property.

The park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps beginning in 1932 and has undergone several improvements and changes in operations since then.

Camping is available in a mixed setting of open fields and woods. There is one restroom that serves the campground. A day use area on the hilltop includes a large log picinc pavilion capable of holding groups as large as 100 people. Accessible restrooms are available at the pavilion. In addition, there is a picnic area and a lookout tower.

Currently, there is no day-use fee to visit Allis State Park. The picnic pavilion is available to reserve for a daily fee. Standard camping fees apply to campsites.

#### Facilities at Allis State Park

- 18 tent sites and 8 lean-to shelters
- Group camping site with lean-to
- Restrooms showers and hot water
- Picnic area and Picnic shelter
- Hiking
- Firewood available for sale

### **Recreating & Sightseeing in the Area**

- Brookfield
  - o Floating Bridge
  - Marvin Newton House Museum
  - Fishing in one of several ponds
  - o Brookfield Gulf- Vt Rt 12
- Randolph
  - Historic downtown
  - o Chandler Center for performing arts
  - Farm tours & apple orchards
  - Vermont Veterans' Cemetery
- Barre
  - o Vt Historical Society Museum
  - o Historic downtown
  - o Vt Granite Museum
  - o Rock of Ages granite quarries
- Montpelier
  - Vermont State House (capitol building)
  - Historical Society Museum
  - Historic downtown
  - Concerts & events
  - Sugar house tours
  - o TW Wood Gallery
  - Farmers Market

## For more information, contact

Allis State Park (located in the town of Brookfield) 284 Allis State Park Rd Randolph, VT 05060 (802)276-3175 (operating season only)

#### Or

Vt State Parks Reservations Center (888)409-7579 9am-4pm Mon-Fri www.vtstateparks.com

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## Operating Season: Memorial Day Weekend- Labor Day

Rustic Camping Picnicking Group Events Hiking



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