

MOLLY STARK STATE PARK RECREATIONAL TRAILS GUIDE



LEGEND



Park office



Lookout tower



Parking



Nature Center

--- Foot trail



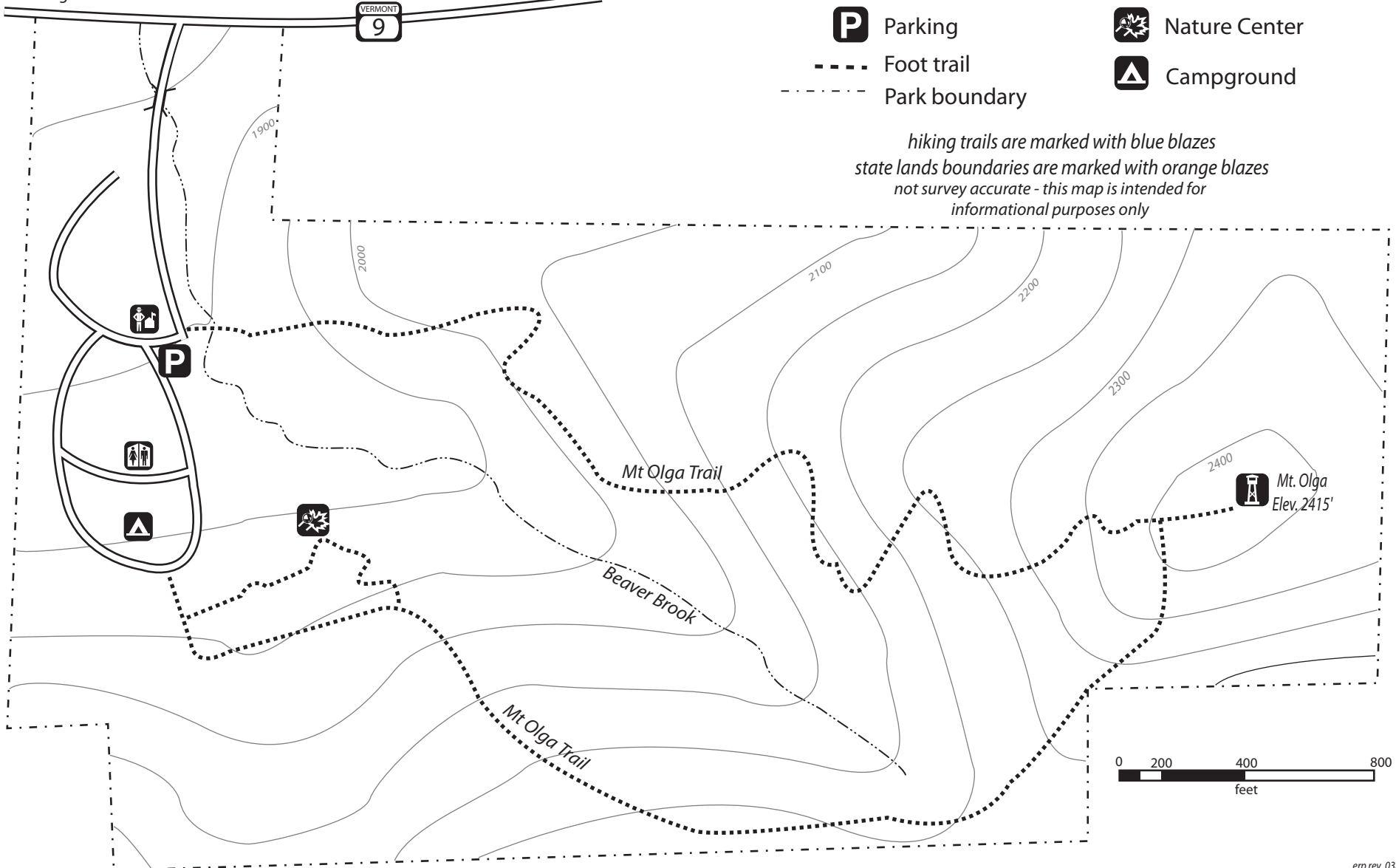
Campground

- - - Park boundary

*hiking trails are marked with blue blazes
state lands boundaries are marked with orange blazes
not survey accurate - this map is intended for
informational purposes only*

to Wilmington - 3.3 miles

to Brattleboro - 16.6 miles



Molly Stark State Park Recreational Trails

Molly Stark State Park contains about two miles of foot trails. In wintertime, cross-country skis and snowshoes can be used on the foot trails and park roadways. Bicycles are limited to the paved and gravel roadways. Park entry fees apply during the operating season of Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day.

Mt. Olga Trail

1.7 mile loop, 1.5 hours. Blue blazes.

This moderate trail starts across from the park office and rangers' quarters and ascends moderately with several switchbacks through northern hardwoods, and spruce and fir woodlands. Evidence of the land's agricultural past is visible near the beginning, including old farm machinery and several stone walls. Near the 0.9 mile mark, a short spur trail leads to the Summit of Mt. Olga, elevation 2,450 feet, and to the Mt. Olga lookout tower. This former fire watchmen's lookout is kept open for recreational viewing of the expansive 360 degree views of the southern Vermont Green Mountains, the Berkshires to the south in Massachusetts, and Mount Monadnock to the east in New Hampshire. The Searsburg wind farm is visible to the west, and Mount Snow can be seen to the northwest.

The trail descends through similar woods, crossing the route of an old turnpike road several hundred feet below the summit spur. The trail ends at the top of the campground.

Nature Center Spur

0.2 mile. Blue blazes.

This easy trail connects to the campground end of the Mt. Olga Trail in two places. The nature center is a CCC-constructed former toilet building that now houses a few park history and nature exhibits.

History of Molly Stark State Park

A picnic wayside was constructed here on public land by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1932. In 1939, citizens of Brattleboro and Wilmington donated the 100-acre parcel to the State of Vermont for the creation of a state park. Later that same year, Olga Haslund (the namesake of Mt. Olga) donated 48 acres to the State. The campground was constructed about twenty years later and opened in 1960.

General Guidelines

This area is maintained by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. Please observe posted park rules and regulations, as well as:

- Overnight camping and campfires are allowed only at designated sites in the developed campground. Inquire at the park office for more information.
- Please stay on marked hiking trails.
- Keep the trails free of litter. Carry out what you carry in.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times.
- Trails are for foot travel only.
- Leave all wildflowers and plants in their natural environment for others to enjoy.
- For your safety, keep away from the communications tower and building at the summit.

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*Hiking
Lookout Tower with Scenic Views*

Developed Camping