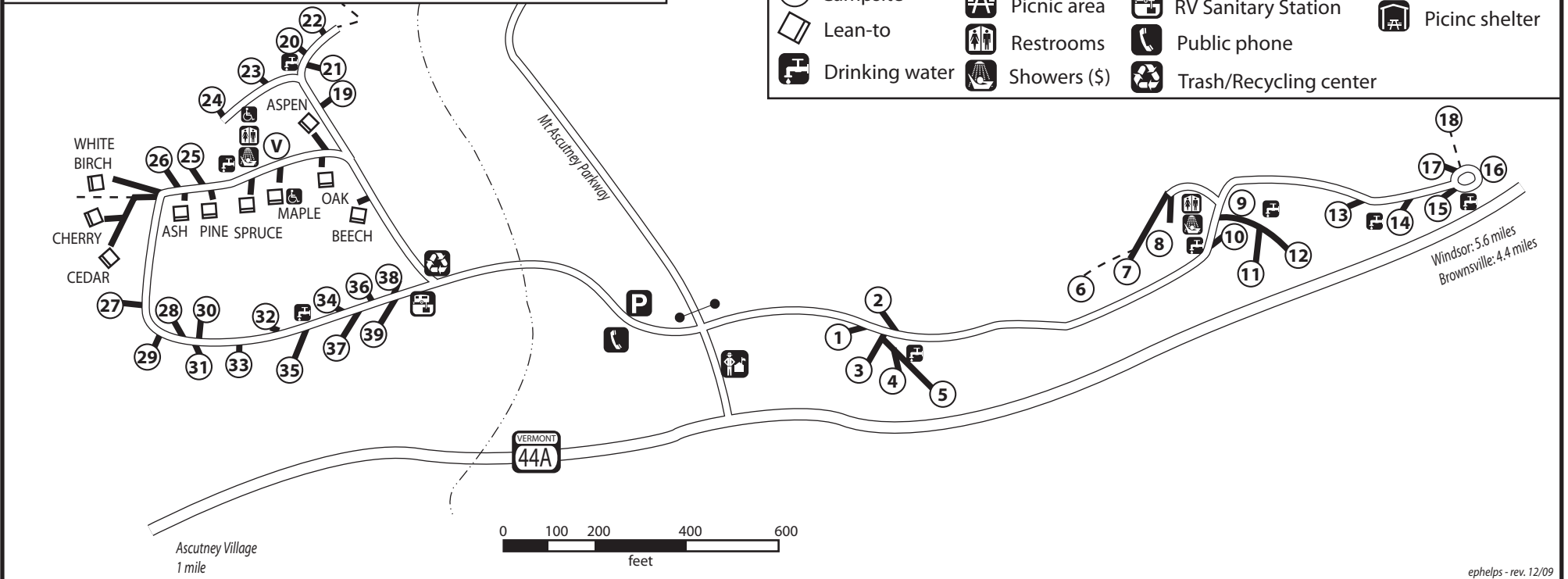


# Mt. Ascutney State Park

Windsor, Vermont

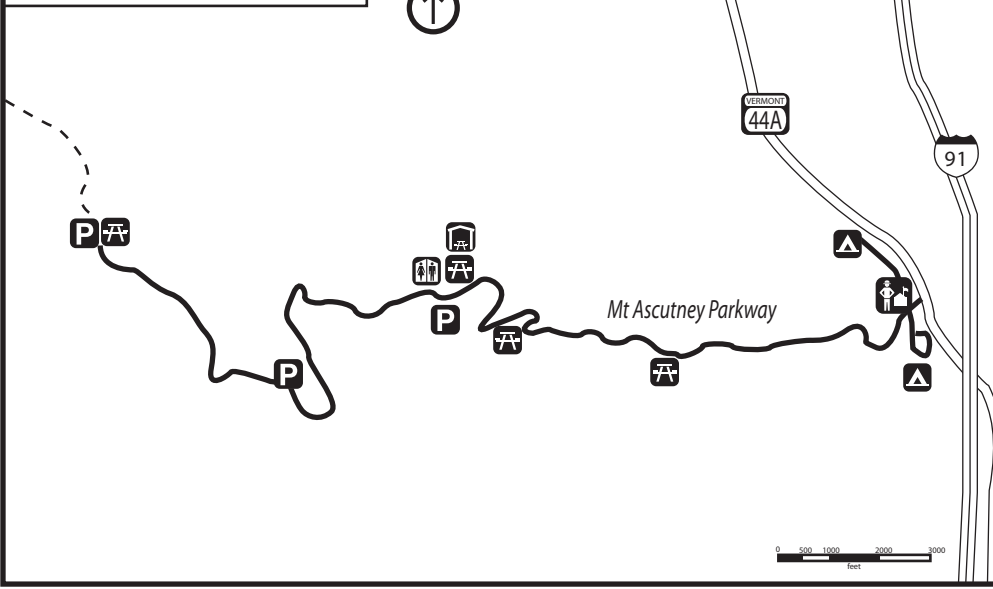


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	Park office		Wheelchair accessible
	Campsite		RV Sanitary Station
	Lean-to		Public phone
	Drinking water		Trash/Recycling center
	Parking		Lookout tower
	Picnic area		Picnic shelter
	Restrooms		
	Showers (\$)		

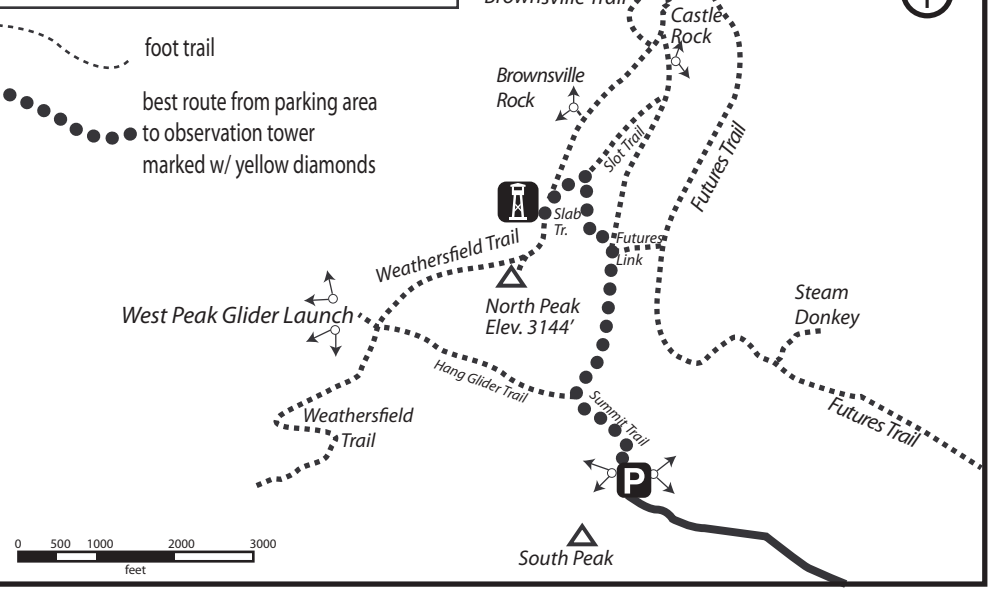


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## Park Overview



## Summit Trails Inset



## Mount Ascutney State Park

Flanking 3,144-foot high Mt. Ascutney to the north, south and east, the park is a favorite of many outdoor enthusiasts and sightseers.

Mount Ascutney State Park was one of the first Vermont State Parks. It was built between 1935 and 1938 through the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps, a Depression-era program aimed at putting young men to work.

The original park consisted of the summit road, the stone toilet buildings, campsites 1 - 18 and the ranger's quarters. The original stonework is all of Ascutney granite.

Mount Ascutney, which is named from the derivative of several Abenaki words meaning "mountain of the rocky summit," has long been a popular hiking destination. Vermont's, and possibly America's, first organized mountain-hiking trail was cut through its forests in 1825.

In 1909, while hiking on the mountain, James P. Taylor had the inspiration for the creation of Vermont's Long Trail, which eventually spawned both the Green Mountain Club and the idea for the Appalachian Trail.

Today, the park has four trailheads and more than 12 miles of hiking trails. The trails lead hikers to the sites of former quarries and homesteads, relics of past logging operations and other remains of a bygone era. Each trail boasts vistas with spectacular viewpoints of the Connecticut River Valley era en-route to the observation tower at the summit. Visitors seeking a less-strenuous trek may drive up the 3.7-mile Mount Ascutney Parkway to a parking lot at an elevation of 2,800 feet. A hike of nearly one-mile leads to the summit.

In addition to hiking, the park is popular with visitors seeking a less-traditional visit. Each summer hundreds of participants from all over New England compete in automobile, bicycle and running races up the auto road. With its two launching sites, the park is also a favorite of hang gliders.

## Mount Ascutney State Park amenities

- 39 tent/trailer sites
- 10 lean-to shelters
- Mount Ascutney Parkway auto road
- Extensive hiking trails
- Hang gliding
- Wildlife viewing
- Picnic shelter
- Firewood for sale

## Recreating and sightseeing in the area

### *Windsor*

- The Old Constitution House
- Windsor Covered Bridge
- American Precision Museum

### *Other area attractions*

- Wilgus State Park, Weathersfield
- Ascutney Mountain Resort, Brownsville
- Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, NH
- Old Fort #4, Charleston, NH
- Quechee Gorge State Park, Quechee
- Fishing and boating on the Connecticut River

## For More Information, Contact:

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**Windsor, VT 05089**

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*Operating Season: Mid May - Late October*

Camping  
Hiking  
Picnicking  
Group events  
Scenic mountain parkway

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