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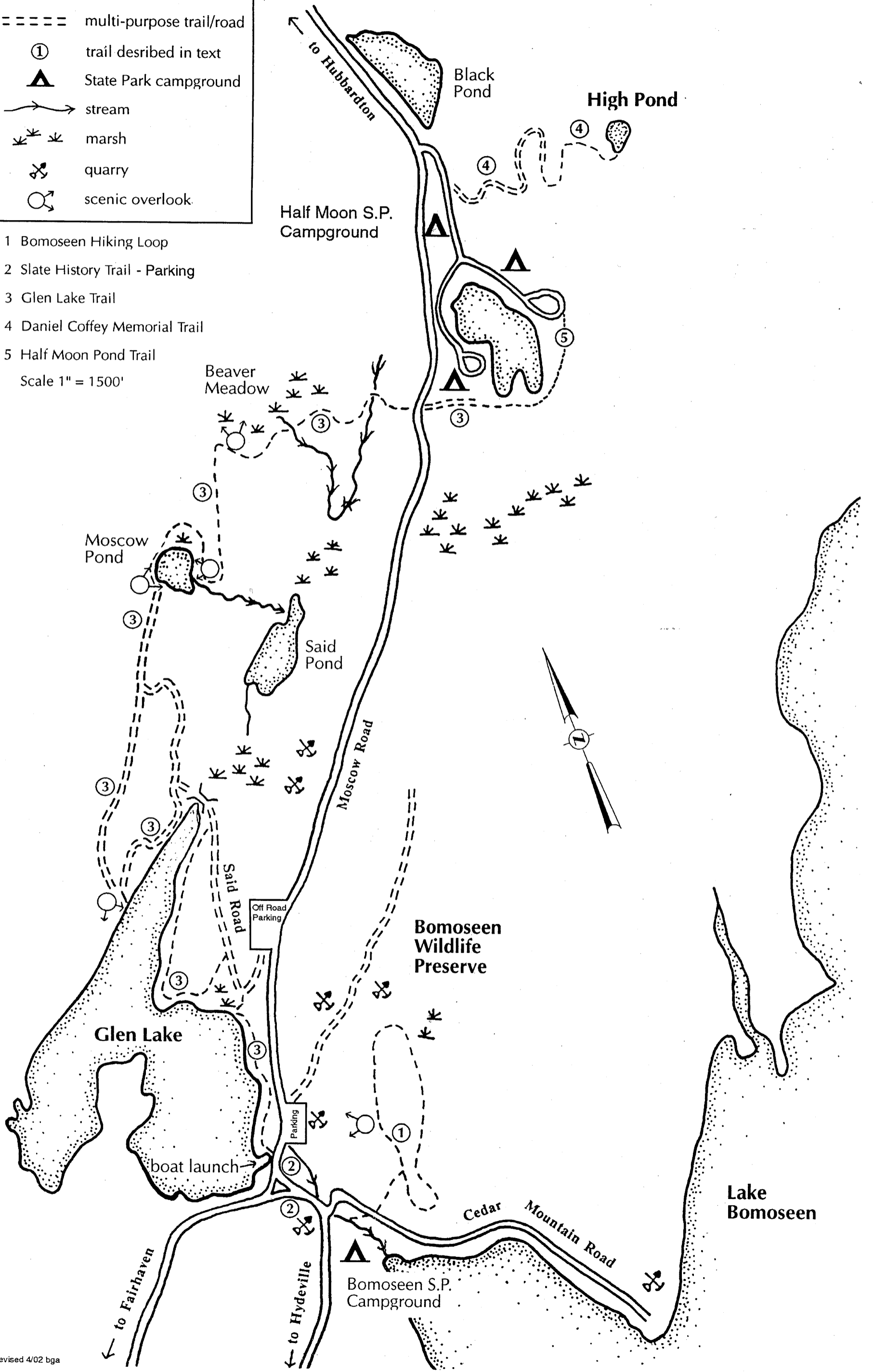
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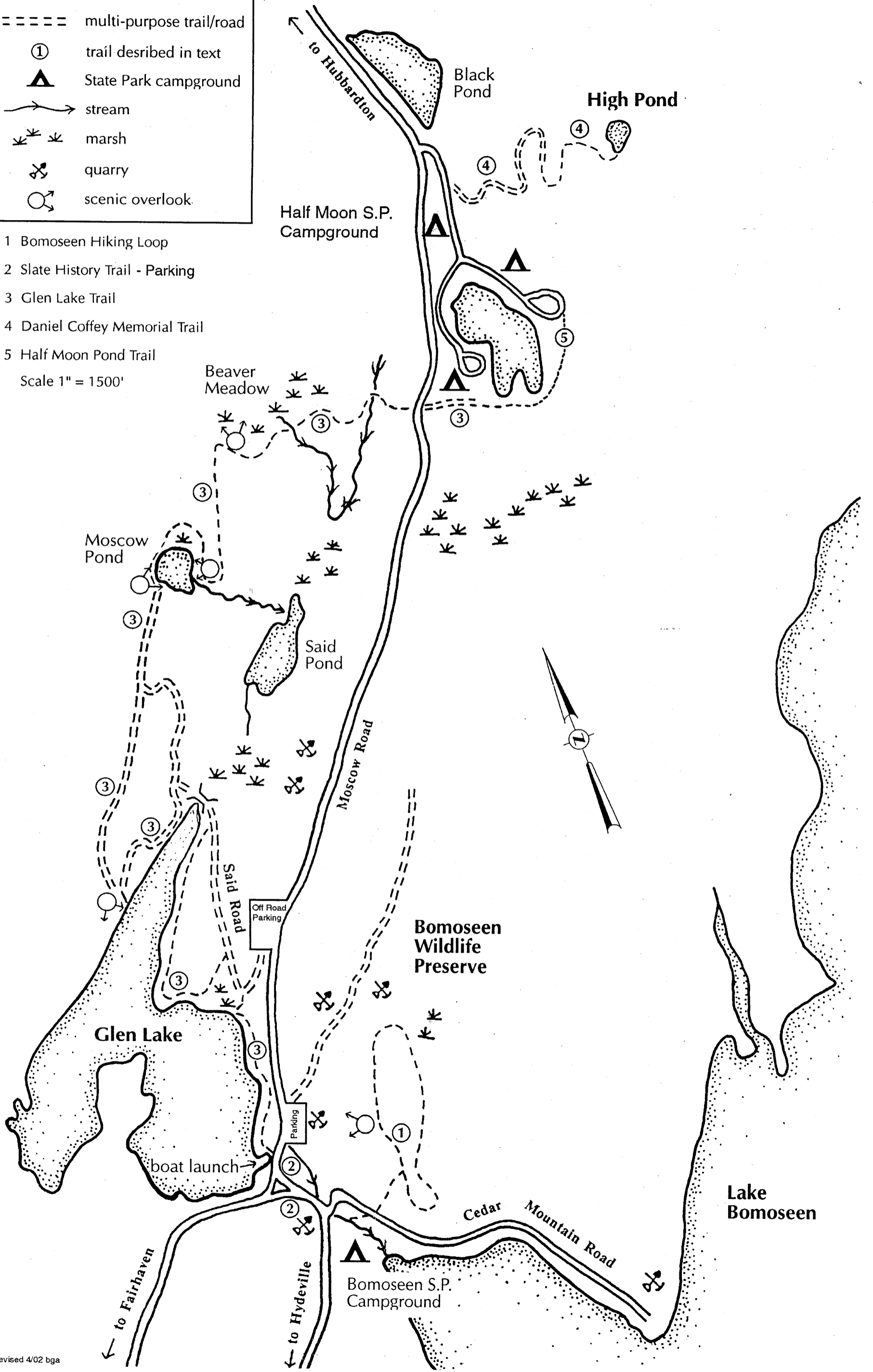
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## Trail Descriptions

All trails blazed in blue  
Please use caution around  
quarry holes and rubble piles.

### 1 Bomoseen Hiking Loop:

(1 1/2 miles, 1 hour)

Moderate walk through the wildlife preserve. Starts in meadow behind the contact station, goes through pines and into hemlock-hardwood forest. Look for signs of wildlife, particularly around apple trees scattered throughout the forest - remnants of an early 1900s farm. Pleasant vista of Glen Lake.

### 2 Slate History Trail

(3/4 mile, 1 hour, not shown on map)

Guides you through the remains of the West Castleton Railroad and Slate Company. A self-guiding pamphlet is available at the contact station.

### 3 Glen Lake Trail:

(4 1/2 miles, 4 hours)

Completed by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps in 1987, the Glen Lake Trail traverses steep terrain, lake shore, old roads and scenic woodlands.

Trail begins at Glen Lake boat launch. Follows lake shore for 1/2 mile, passing a foundation and cellar hole (1/4 mile from trailhead). Trail detours around marsh on Said Road, then continues for 1/2 mile along lake. Steep in some places.

Trail crosses marsh at north end of lake and ascends 1 mile to an overlook 100' above glen lake offering spectacular views. Continues for another mile along ridge to Moscow Pond and Beaver Meadow. Trail descends and goes through oak-hickory forest. Crosses series of faults before reaching Half Moon State Park.

Please do not disturb the plants, animals  
or cultural resources in the park.  
Keep the trails free of litter -  
Carry out whatever you carry in.

### 4 Daniel Coffey Memorial Trail:

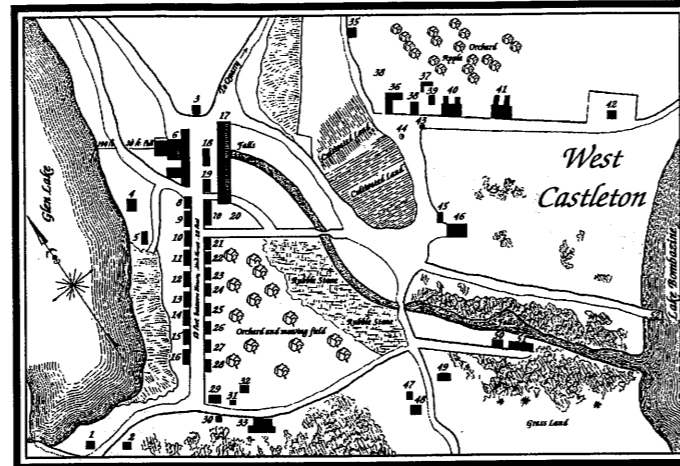
(3/4 mile, 1 hour)

Scenic walk through open forest to secluded High Pond. Beavers, ducks, herons, turtles and frogs are often seen.

### 5 Half Moon Park Trail:

(1/3 mile, 20 min.)

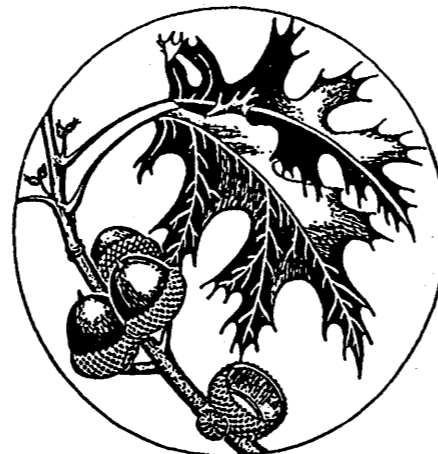
Easy lakeside walk between campgrounds. Pleasant vistas of lake.



### Points of interest along Glen Lake Trail:

Moscow Pond area: old stonework and carriage road; evidence of beaver activity; foundation of old camp; and slate bluffs along fault line on east side of Moscow Pond.

Between Moscow Pond and Beaver Meadow: dry woodland of oak and hornbeam with an understory of sedges (a forest type reminiscent of a savannah and uncommon in Vermont). Vista overlooks Beaver Meadow.



The Taconics are the slate-producing region of Vermont, and the area's history parallels the rise and fall of Vermont's slate industry. Bomoseen State Park has several quarry holes and their adjacent colorful slate rubble piles. These quarries provided slate for the West Castleton Railroad and Slate Company, a complex of sixty to seventy buildings that stood between Glen Lake and Lake Bomoseen. Several slate buildings and foundations remain in the park, and a self-guided State History Trail brochure is available at the contact station.

While one cannot see all 3,000 acres of park land in one stay, a series of trails provides access to many. A hike on any one of them opens opportunities to view the forests, water, wildlife and cultural features of this area. Hiking trails are marked in blue, property lines in orange.



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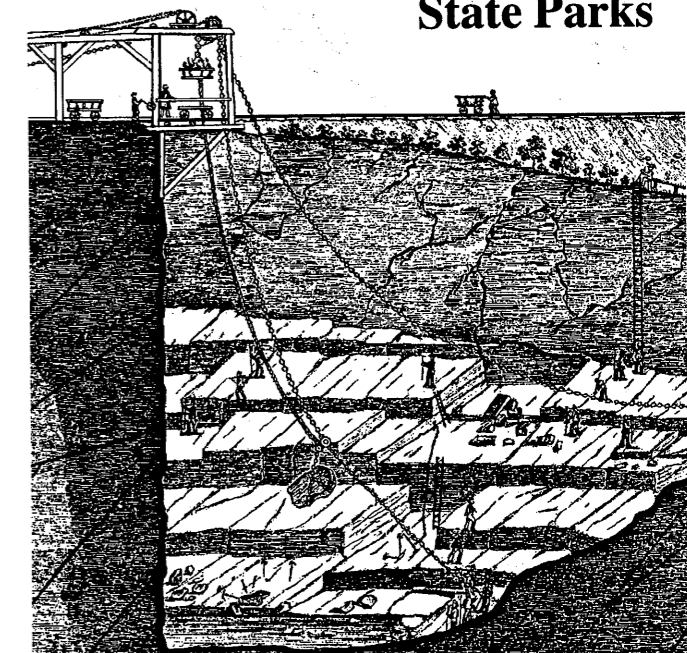
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Situated at the extreme northern end of the Taconic Mountain Range, Bomoseen and Half Moon State Parks provide a mosaic of forest, water, and open land within their nearly 3,000 acres.

The terrain is dominated by a series of north-south ridges clothed with hemlock and white pine. Other areas include oaks and hickories, occasionally with grassy understory or savannah. Water is found throughout the property in a series of scattered small remote ponds, large wetlands, and the 202-acre Glen Lake with its nearly undeveloped shoreline. Several open fields and clusters of apple trees can be seen along the Moscow Road, both remnants of earlier farming in the area.

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## Trail Map and Guide

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