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Coolidge State Park

A trip to Coolidge State Park is a trip back in time--the park remains essentially the way it was when it was first created in the 1930s. Known for its rustic feel, hillside campsites, and authentic character, Coolidge State Park is the developed recreation centerpiece of the 21,500 acre Calvin Coolidge State Forest.

Coolidge State Park is the only Vermont park with an entire loop of lean-to campsites, some of which have sweeping views of the Black River valley and the Green Mountains. Many campers feel that select sites at Coolidge have the best views in all of Vermont. The park has another loop of forested campsites, a hilltop picnic area with log picnic shelter, a group camping area, and several remote lean-to campsites for those wishing to really escape it all.

Within the park, there are miles of hiking trails to explore, streams home to elusive brook trout, and abundant wildlife. Nearby is the historic village of Plymouth Notch, birthplace of Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States.

Calvin Coolidge State Forest was established in 1925, when Perry Merrill (then head of State forests and parks) successfully arranged the purchase of a tract of land in Plymouth to memorialize the President. This was due to the great public interest in the Coolidge family and the Plymouth Notch area.

Camp Calvin Coolidge, located in Calvin Coolidge State Forest, was established June 9, 1933 as the third Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp in Vermont. The original Coolidge State Park was built solely by the CCC. They also completed a network of forest highways and carried out extensive reforestation projects.

Much of what is now Coolidge State Forest was once cleared for tilled land and pasture, as evidenced by extensive stonewalls and many foundations. In the late nineteenth century the village of 5 Corners was immediately adjacent to where the park is today. Businesses located there included a store, blacksmith shop, and a hotel. Today, all that remains of the 5 Corners area are a few cellar holes among the woodlands, now all part of the state forest.

Recreating in Coolidge State Park

- CCC & Slack Hill hiking trails
- Childrens playhouse
- Volleyball & basketball hoop

Recreating & Sightseeing in the Area

- Swimming & boating at Camp Plymouth State Park
- Fishing coldwater streams
- Hiking in Coolidge State Forest, Killington Peak & Gifford Woods State Park
- Pres. Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site
- Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park
- Killington Resort summer adventure center

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