



Crystal Lake State Park



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Season: Mid May to September (Labor Day)
Cottage: Mid May to Mid October

Welcome to Crystal Lake State Park. In the fall of 1759, British Major Robert Rogers led a raid on Abenaki villages in what is now Quebec. The British raiding party, known as Rogers' Rangers, was chased into the Crystal Lake - Barton area after sacking the village of Odanack. The raiders split up to make their way south. Many starved or were killed by their pursuers.

At one time, there was a granite quarry on the east side of Crystal Lake. Near the turn of the century, steamboats barged stones across the lake. The park's beach house was made of granite quarried beside the lake. The beach house was constructed in the late thirties by the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC, a nationwide public works program created during the great economic depression of the 1930's to provide jobs and training for thousands of unemployed. It has a very unusual architectural design and received prominent recognition the year it was built.

Crystal Lake is approximately three miles long and about one mile in width. In some places it is known to be over 100 feet deep. Crystal is a glacial lake beautifully nestled among rough-hewn mountains.

Facilities – The beach area has about 1/2 mile of sandy shoreline with a marked swimming area. The large granite bathhouse has rest rooms, changing areas, and a concession stand. There are approximately 40 free-standing charcoal grills, nearly 80 picnic tables, a playground, and lots of parking space. A cottage, located on the inlet to the

lake, can accommodate up to 6 people for overnight lodging. It is usually open until mid-October.

To make arrangements for groups or to reserve the cottage, write or call the park at:

Crystal Lake State Park
96 Bellwater Avenue
Barton, VT 05822
(802) 525-6205 (May 21-Labor Day)

Area Attractions –

- Jay - Jay Peak Gondola
- East Burke
 - Burke Mountain Toll Road
 - Firetower
 - Kingdom Trails - hiking and mountain biking trails
- Brownington – Old Stone House (museum)
- Willoughby State Forest - hiking trails
- St. Johnsbury
 - Maple Grove Museum
 - Fairbanks Museum
 - St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

Enjoy Crystal Lake State Park!

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