

Thetford Hill State Park

Thetford Hill, Vermont

to
and



5-kilometer
cross-country running,
skiing or snowshoe loop trail

 Thetford Academy



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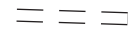
Parking



Locked gate



Running Trail
(managed by Thetford Academy)



Roadway limited to foot traffic

camping and
day use facilities
not currently available

this map is intended for
informational purposes only

limited parking may be available at
the park entrance (please don't block the
gate) or at Thetford Academy



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Thetford Hill State Park is one of many Vermont State Parks constructed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a public works program aimed at putting young people to work during the Great-Depression. Before it was a State Park, like much of Vermont, this area was largely deforested for farmland. Sunset Hill, as it was then known, was popular with hikers, picnickers and nature enthusiasts for its commanding views of the surrounding area.

In 1931, Dwight Goddard donated the 262-acres comprising Thetford Hill State Forest to the State of Vermont. He gave the property to the State with the stipulation that it remain a State Forest in perpetuity.

The CCC established a camp in the forest in 1935. Between 1935 and 1937, its work included the park road to the top of the hill where workers built a log picnic shelter, a toilet building, 14 stone fireplaces and tables in the original picnic area. Thetford Hill State Park opened to the public in 1936. All that is left of these original structures are the remains of some fireplaces which are now hidden in the woods. The campground, not originally part of the park, was built in 1964.

The Woods Hill Trail, a 5-kilometer multi-use trail, winds through the park property. It was designed for neighboring Thetford Academy, and was developed in 1991 almost entirely through the work of volunteers. Designed to have minimal environmental impact, it is considered to be one of the finest running trails in New England. Since its inception, the trail has hosted multiple Vermont and New England running championships. In the winter the trail is very popular for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Due to operational changes effective for the 2009 season, park operations have been ceased for the foreseeable future. The park is available for patrons to walk in via the road network or the running trail. Limited parking is available at the park entrance, though please don't block the gate. Parking may also be available at the trailhead at nearby Thetford Academy when school is not in session. Please check with the school upon arrival.

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