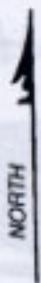




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STATE PARK BOUNDARY

PARK ENTRANCE

CONTACT STATION

Day Use Area

ADAMS RESERVOIR

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

TENT SITES

LEANTO AREA

TENT SITES

Campground

TENT SITES

GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Atwood Trail

Hiking Trail

Hiking Trail

AIKEN WILDERNESS AREA

AIKEN WILDERNESS AREA

LEGEND

BROOK →→→

PARKING AREA (P)

HIKING TRAIL - - - - -

WILDERNESS AREA BOUNDARY

WOODFORD STATE PARK

HIKING TRAIL MAP

SCALE: 1" = 660'

Woodford State Park

Two main features attract campers to Woodford State Park's 400 acres. The solitude provided by the forest and the waters of Adams Reservoir. The campground is surrounded by high elevation (2000' +) forest of beech, maple, yellow birch, spruce and fir and lies east of the 23 acre Adams Reservoir. The sense of solitude is further enhanced by the adjacent U.S. Forest Service lands which include the 5,060 acre George Aiken Wilderness Area.

The Glacial Landscape

Woodford's wet soils and fern-filled woods began with the massive sheets of ice that once covered Vermont. The glacial ice melted about 12,000 years ago, leaving thick deposits of glacial sediment and thin, poorly drained soils. The Woodford area is characterized by hummocks, bogs, marshes, and small ponds scattered throughout a forest whose wet and infertile soils, high elevation, and long harsh winters, make it difficult for trees to grow. Such a landscape is often called "swell and swale" topography.

This landscape of wetlands, open water, and large unbroken forest attracts wildlife. Thrushes and warblers add color and music to the forest. Beaver activity can be found around the shoreline of most open water. Otters, deer, moose, and black bear are other species at home in Woodford.

Changing Waters

In the early 1800's, Adams Reservoir was created to power several sawmills. In 1969, the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation rebuilt the spillway area of the dam. In the shallow waters of the reservoir (average depth 6.5'), dead trees provide homes and nesting sites for birds and other animals. Wetland vegetation such as sedges, grasses, and sphagnum moss have grown up in

recent years. Acidic conditions along the shoreline, caused by slow and incomplete decomposition, favor plants such as leatherleaf and sundew, both of which can be seen in the park.

Trails and Wilderness

The trails of Woodford State Parks are popular with hikers in the warmer months. In winter, this is a prime area for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. **Hiking trails only are shown on this map. All hiking trails are blazed in blue.** The Atwood Trail is a short loop through the forest and along the shore. For those who prefer a longer hike, the trail around the reservoir (2.7 miles) offers examination of the many species of trees and wildlife habitats, provides multiple views of the reservoir and adjacent wetlands, and access to the adjacent Aiken Wilderness area.

The George Aiken Wilderness Area was designated by Congress in 1984 to preserve the natural character of the area, provide visitors with opportunities for solitude and challenge, and allow for the undisturbed succession of plant and animal species and protection of their habitats. Visitors on foot are welcome at any time of the year. However, other than a short section of hiking trail from the park, **no other designated trails exist within the 5,060 acre area.** The few remnant logging roads leading into Aiken soon fade away as well. Please enjoy your experience, but leave it as you found it. Additional information regarding the George Aiken Wilderness Area is available from the park or from: Green Mountain National Forest, Manchester Ranger District, RR #1, Box 1940, Manchester Center, Vermont 05255, PH: 802-362-2307.

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