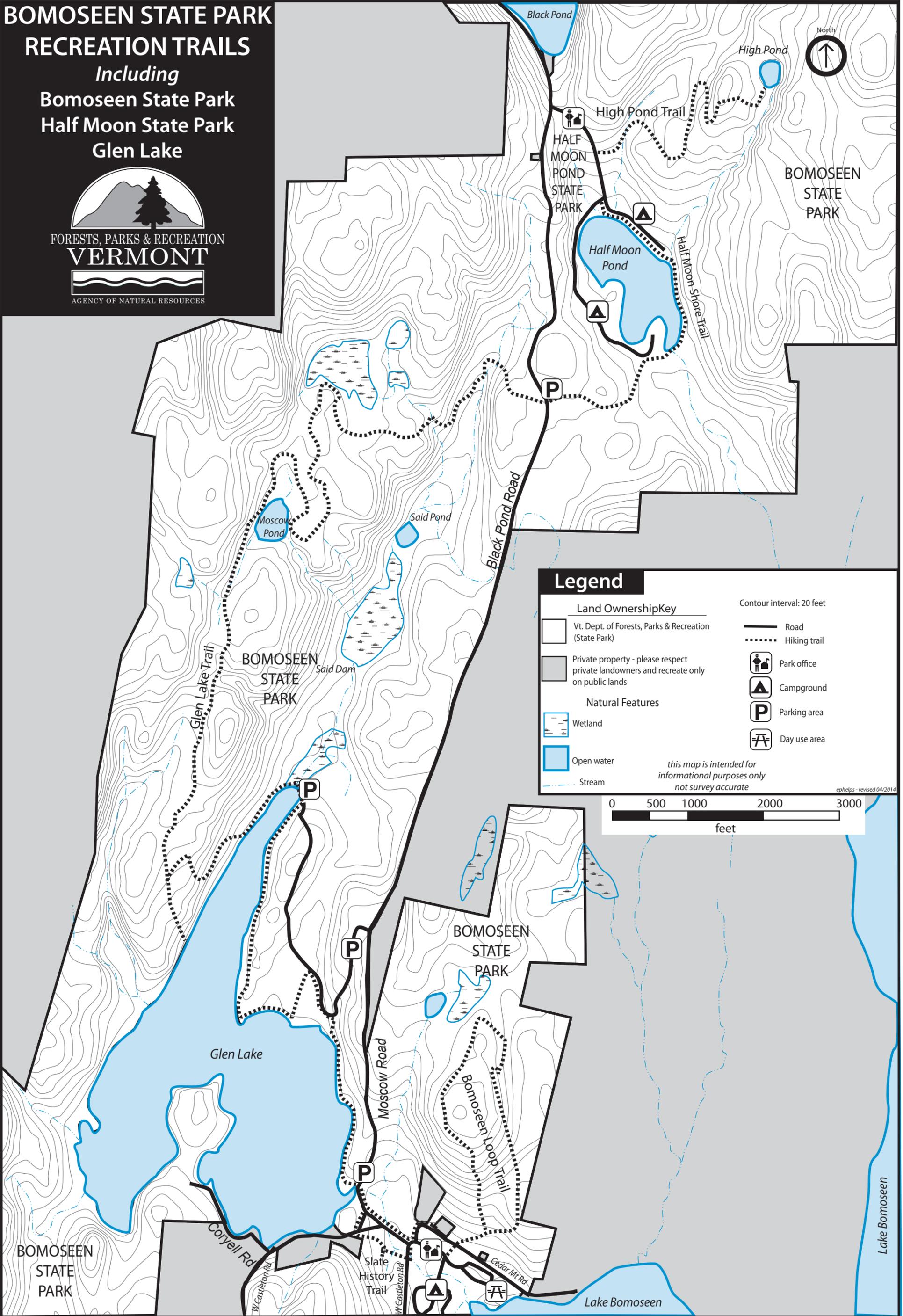


# BOMOSEEN STATE PARK RECREATION TRAILS

Including  
Bomoseen State Park  
Half Moon State Park  
Glen Lake



### Legend

<b>Land Ownership Key</b>		Contour interval: 20 feet
Vt. Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation (State Park)	Private property - please respect private landowners and recreate only on public lands	Road
<b>Natural Features</b>		Hiking trail
Wetland	Open water	Park office
Stream		Campground
		Parking area
		Day use area

*this map is intended for informational purposes only not survey accurate*

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## Trail Information



### General Information

All hiking trails are marked with blue blazes. State park property boundaries are marked with orange blazes. Please observe posted park rules and regulations, as well as:

- Overnight camping and campfires are allowed only at designated sites in the developed campground. Inquire at the park office for more information.
- Please stay on marked hiking trails.
- Keep the trails free of litter. Carry out what you carry in.
- Keep pets on a leash at all times.
- Trails are for foot travel only.
- Leave all wildflowers and plants in their natural environment for others to enjoy.
- Use caution around quarry holes and rubble piles.
- Stay on marked trails or forest roads.

### Bomoseen Hiking Loop 1.5 miles, 1 hour

This easy to moderate walk traverses the wildlife preserve portion of the state park. The trail starts in the meadow behind the park office and passes through pine stands and into hemlock-hardwood forest. Look for signs of wildlife, especially around apple trees scattered throughout the forest - remnants of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century farm. There is a nice vista of Glen Lake midway through the hike.

### Slate History Trail 0.75 mile, 1 hour

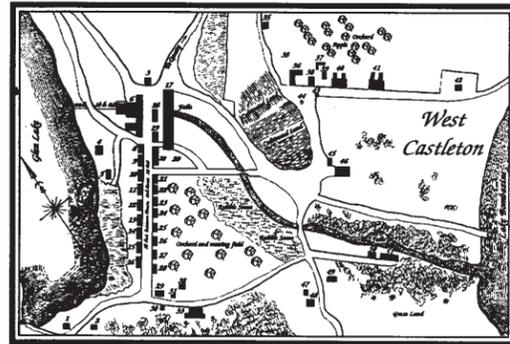
This easy trail winds through some of the quarries, rubble piles and building ruins of the West Castleton Railroad and Slate Company. A companion booklet to this hike is available at the Bomoseen State Park office.

### Glen Lake Trail 4.5 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. The trail begins at the Glen Lake boat launch. The trail follows the lakeshore for 0.5 mile, passing a foundation and cellarhole 0.25 mile from the trailhead. The trail curves around a wetland on the old Said Road and then continues for 0.5 mile along lake. Use caution as the trail is steep in some places. The trail crosses a wetland at the north end of Glen Lake and ascends 1 mile to an overlook 100' above Glen Lake, offering spectacular views. From here, the trail continues for another mile along a ridge to Moscow Pond and Beaver Meadow. At

### Off-Road Vehicles Prohibited

The use of ATVs, dirt bikes, or any other motorized, off-road vehicle is prohibited on these lands, roads and trails.



### Hunting, Fishing and Trapping

Bomoseen State Park offers more than 3,000 acres of public land for hunting, fishing and trapping in season with appropriate licenses. This large landholding is well suited to game hunting such as white-tailed deer, wild turkey and ruffed grouse. Glen Lake, Lake Bomoseen, Said Pond and Moscow Pond, as well as several streams, offer a wide variety of fishing opportunities.

Moscow Pond, one can see evidence of old farmstead foundations and stone walls and a carriage road. There are the ruins of an old camp and slate bluffs along the eastern side of Moscow Pond. Between Moscow Pond and Beaver Meadow, the forest is comprised of oak and hornbeam with an understory of sedges – this forest type is reminiscent of a savannah and is uncommon in Vermont. There is a vista that overlooks Beaver Meadow. From here the trail descends through oak-hickory forest. The trail crosses a series of faults before reaching Half Moon Pond State Park.

### High Pond Trail 0.75 mile, 1 hour

This is a moderate out-and-back scenic walk. It traverses open hardwood forest to secluded High Pond. Beavers, ducks, herons, turtles and frogs are often seen at the pond.

### Half Moon Shore Trail 0.34 mile, 20 minutes

This is an easy lakeside walk between sections of the Half Moon State Park campground. The trail affords many pleasant vistas of lake.



### Camping

There are two developed recreation within Bomoseen State Park. Bomoseen State Park offers camping and a large day use area with beach; it operates from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Half Moon Pond State Park is surrounds Half Moon Pond and offers camping for tents, self-contained recreational vehicles and also has lean-to shelters, cabins and a cottage for rent. There are boat rentals and a beach for those staying at the Half Moon Pond campground. Half Moon Pond State Park operates from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day.

Bomoseen Slate History Trail booklet is available at the Bomoseen State Park office.

Bomoseen State Park includes a wildlife preserve, an unusual feature for a state park in Vermont. This section of the park prohibits hunting by deed restriction and is managed for wildlife habitat.

Four trails provide access to the State Park land holding. The hikes provide opportunities to view forests, water, wildlife and cultural features of the area.

### Winter Recreation

Bomoseen State Park is a great place for a backcountry snowshoe or cross-country ski tour. There is a VAST snowmobile trail that crosses a portion of the park. Winter camping is available in the developed campgrounds; more information on winter camping and registration is available at the state parks website.

### For More Information

Please contact the Agency of Natural Resources Rutland North office located at 271 N Main St, Suite 215, Rutland, VT 05701, or contact by phone at (802)786-0060. On the web at: <https://www.vtstateparks.com>.



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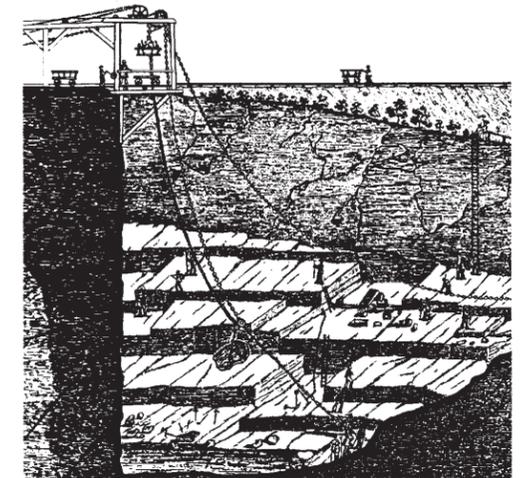
Situated at the extreme northern end of the Taconic mountain range, Bomoseen State Park provides a mosaic of forest, water, and open land more than 3,500 acres. The public land holdings include wildlife habitat, productive timber lands, historical features and developed camping and recreation areas at Bomoseen State Park and Half Moon Pond State Park

The terrain is dominated by a series of north-south ridges covered with hemlock and white pine forests. Other forest species include oak and hickory with occasional grassy understory. Water is abundant with many small remote ponds, large wetlands, and 202-acre Glen Lake which features a nearly undeveloped shoreline. Several open fields and clusters of apple trees can be seen along Moscow Road; both remnants of earlier farming in the area.

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 adjacent colorful slate rubble piles. These quarries provided slate for the West Castleton Railroad and Slate Company, a complex of up to seventy buildings that stood between Glen Lake and Lake Bomoseen. Several slate buildings and foundations remain in the park. The

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