

Kettle Pond State Park

Welcome to Kettle Pond State Park, located on the shores of Kettle Pond and close to the Montpelier-Wells River Rail Trail (Cross Vermont Trail).

As early as 1704, Native Americans and the French were using routes through Groton to reach Canada and Massachusetts. Colonists settled this area of Vermont slightly earlier than the rest of the state due to the accessible network of waterways.

The rocky, tree covered hillsides were originally cloaked with white pine, spruce, hemlock, beech, maple and birch. These were logged by local farmers for lumber, fuel and potash. The logging industry was large-scale for almost 100 years while the railroad was operating. Today, logging is still a vital industry in the area, but has lost some of its dominance in favor of modern society's leisure time movement - private cottages/seasonal homes and a variety of outdoor recreation activities.

Groton State Forest, with over 26,000 acres, is the second largest landholding administered by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. It contains over 17 miles of hiking trails and over 20 miles of gravel roads and multi-use trails suitable for mountain biking and horseback riding.

Kettle Pond State Park Amenities

- 26 lean-tos arranged in five separate clusters for groups
- 7 remote lean-tos, 1 remote campsite
- Reservations, check-in, firewood and ice available through New Discovery State Park

Recreation in Groton State Forest

- The Nature Center- exhibits and programs
- Boulder Beach State Park swimming, boating, picnicking
- Osmore Pond remote camping, quiet water boating, hiking, picnicking
- Seyon Lodge State Park fly fishing, meeting facility, dining, lodging
- Montpelier-Wells Rail Trail (Cross Vermont Trail) - multiple use trail
- Peacham Bog trail and nature study
- Silver Ledge Hiking Trail
- Owl's Head Recreation Area picnic area, hiking trails and vistas

Recreating & Sightseeing in the Area Barre

- Granite Museum/quarry tours
- VT Historical Society Museum/Library

Montpelier

- State Capitol
- Historic walking tours

St. Johnsbury

- Maple Grove Museum
- Fairbanks Museum
- St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

For more information contact:

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Operating Season: Memorial Day Weekend -Indigenous People's Day

Group Camping
Remote Camping
Hiking
Paddling
Fishing

Groton State Forest Recreation Area