



How-to Series

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Plan your Little River State Park Weekend

Saturday

Breakfast

Walk down to the campers' beach, explore the park (1 hour)

Hunt for the Paddle Paddle Letterbox or Little River CCC Letterbox (1 - 2 hours)

Letterboxing is a scavenger hunt where you follow clues to find a hidden box that contains something fun to learn, a stamp to use that proves you found the box and a log to record your find. It's super fun and easy and is a blast for both kids and adults.

Attend an Interpretive Program (1 hour)

A wide variety of programs are offered at Little River: stream critters, history hikes, birding by ear, guided canoe and kayak trips, nature crafts and more. Check in with the park office or our Events web page for complete schedule.

Lunch in camp

Spend the afternoon at Waterbury Reservoir (3 hours)

Pack up the beach gear and some snacks and head out to nearby Waterbury Center State Park. Here you will find a kid-friendly beach with great swimming. You can also rent canoes, kayaks or even stand-up paddleboards. Take a hike on the nature trail, fish or just relax on the big grassy lawn.

Back to camp. Dinner, campfire, s'mores, play in campground.



Sunday

Breakfast in camp

Hike the Nature Trail (0.5 miles/1 hour)

This trail packs a lot of variety in a short amount of time. Park at the History Hike trailhead located in the "B" camping area and follow signs to nature trail. Traverse woods and streamside habitat. Look for wildflowers, boulders, ferns and wildlife.

Break camp, pack lunches to go, check out of park

Visit Waterbury Flea Market (1 hour)

You never know what treasures you might find at the Waterbury Flea Market. Open Sundays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Free admission.

Take the Ben & Jerry Ice Cream Factory Tour (1 hour)

Just minutes away, you can't visit Little River State Park without at least one trip to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory. Take a factory tour and see how ice cream is made, enjoy free samples, the flavor graveyard and the scoop shot.

Visit Stowe Farmers Market & Lunch

Each Sunday Stowe hosts a great Farmers' Market on "The Mountain Road" , VT Route 108. Here you can sample and purchase a variety of Vermont fruits, vegetables, foods and flowers. There are also hot food vendors, demonstrations and weekly performances.

Head home

Other Options

Stowe Mountain Resort 5781 Mountain Road (VT Route 108) Stowe, 05672 (802) 253-3000

Take a ride up to the highest peak in Vermont and explore what summer has to offer. You can drive up the Toll Road for fabulous views of the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain. Or, take a ride on the Gondola if you want to leave your car at the base lodge. If you're feeling more adventurous, try the exhilarating Alpine Slide.

Stowe Bike Path Runs along Route 108 Stowe 05672 (802) 253-7321 (Stowe Area Association)

You can rent bikes along the path or bring your own. The Stowe Bike path is beautiful, easy bike riding. You'll see mountains, streams, bridges, farms and swimming areas. There are sweet little benches to be found and a gazebo to relax in.

Picnic in Smugglers' Notch You'll love the narrow winding road and dramatic cliff faces in 'The Notch'. There is a great picnic area with tables and grills.

Rainy Day Options

Waterbury Ice Rink 546 River Road, Waterbury, 05676 (802) 244-4040

There is something especially fun about ice skating during the summer months. Waterbury's Ice Center offers public skating time and ice skate rentals.

Cold Hollow Cider Mill 3600 Waterbury-Stowe Road (Route 100) Waterbury Center 05676 (802-327-7537)

Watch apples get pressed into cider, try out yummy cider donuts. Kids get free cider pops.