Lowell Lake State Park

Lowell Lake State Park was established in 1977 when the State of Vermont purchased 207 acres from the estate of Arline Weiss Gardner on the southern and eastern shores of Lowell Lake. This area included the dam, cemetery and a car-top boat launch. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, this portion of the property featured the seasonal Lowell Lake Resort hotel.

With assistance from the Vermont Land Trust, the “White Property” was acquired in 1996. This area included a former summer camp with a rustic lodge and numerous lakeside cabins, two islands and a maintenance building. The Lowell Lake Dam was built in 1963, damming off the majority of the headwaters of the Quechee Brook, creating Lowell Lake. The park property encloses the majority of the lakeshore, including some significant wetland habitat, making the park a total of 345 acres in size.

A steering committee made of community members, the Vermont Land Trust, and staff from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation developed a Long-Range Management Plan for Lowell Lake State Park in 1999. The plan calls for re-starting overnight use with rehabilitation of the cabins and lodge. Dispersed day use presently includes hiking, fishing, picnicking and non-motorized boat use. Eventual improvements will be conducted to maintain the quiet character of the park and sustain visitation within levels that do not compromise visitors’ experiences. Active management of the site will allow the public entrance and seasonal parking area to maintain the quiet character of the park and sustain visitation within levels that do not compromise visitors’ experiences. Active management of the site will allow the park to remain in its natural state.

The public entrance and seasonal parking area is most of the park to remain in its natural state:

- No overnight camping allowed.
- No fires allowed on the property.
- Park only in the designated parking area.
- Refrain from feeding wild animals.
- Keep pets on leashes no longer than ten feet.
- Clean up after pets.
- No storing boats or vehicles overnight.
- No internal combustion powered motors.
- Pack out all trash.
- No smoking in the park.
- Keep pets on leashes no longer than ten feet.
- Return from fishing with minimal damage.
- Park only in the designated parking area.
- No use allowed on the property.
- No off-trail hiking allowed.
- Lowell Lake Trail Rules

Lowell Lake Trail

The 3.5-mile long Lowell Lake Trail is one of the main hiking trails in the park. It is located at the end of Ice House Road at the southern end of the pond by the dam. There is space for 20 vehicles in the parking area. The trail is marked with blue paint blazes.

The multi-use section extends from the public parking area to the Route 3 gate. Bicycles, horses and foot traffic are allowed on this section; the remainder of the trail is for foot traffic only. The trail passes through two meadow areas. Beyond these areas, the trail is open to foot traffic only.

How to Get There

Take Lowell Lake Road off Rte. 11 about three miles east of Londonderry. Travel about 0.5 mile and turn right at a T intersection. Park entrance is just up the road.

For more information on Lowell Lake State Park, call us at (802) 824-4035, or contact the Springfield Office at (802) 289-0603.