

### **Silver Lake State Park**

Welcome to Silver Lake State Park, located in Barnard Village. Barnard is a classic Vermont hill town surrounded by high rolling hills, dotted with farms and affords many scenic vistas. This busy park is popular for its sandy swimming area, picnic grounds and camping area. Its proximity to Woodstock and other central Vermont tourist destinations makes it ideal for family vacations. The park encompasses the northern shoreline of 84-acre Silver Lake, which supports excellent fishing of northern pike, perch, smallmouth bass and other warm-water species. The lake is popular for paddling and quieter recreation, with only occasional motorboats passing by.

Silver Lake State Park was established in 1955 when two pieces of land were donated to the State by Mr. and Mrs. John McDill of Woodstock, Miss Margaret Crosby of Barnard, and Mr. Richard H. Field of Boston. Development of recreational facilities began soon after.

Barnard, chartered July 17, 1761 from the New Hampshire Grants, quickly became an agricultural town. Early homestead farms were replaced by sheep farms in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, and later dairy operations, a few of which remain today. The 35-acre state park was once part of several farms; a farm homestead was located near the current park entrance; the remains of a barn foundation are still visible in the campground. Today the town is known for the state park, the historic General Store, and its picturesque New England charm of the village center.

#### Silver Lake State Park Amenities

- 39 campsites
- 7 lean-to shelters
- Swimming and fishing on the lake
- Picnicking & Group Events
- Playground
- Interpretive programs
- Food concession & Boat rentals
- Firewood for sale

#### Recreating & Sightseeing in the Area

- Barnard
  - Historical Society museum
  - Historic village center
- Woodstock
  - Hiking on the Appalachian Trail
  - Marsh-Billings-Rockerfeller National Historical Park
  - Billings Farm & Museum
  - Historic downtown, shopping & dining
  - Farm tours
- Justin Morrill State Historic Site, Strafford
- Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch
- Quechee Gorge and State Park, Hartford
- Amity Pond Natural Area State Park, Pomfret

For more information, contact:
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# Silver Lake State Park Map & Guide



## Operating Season: Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day

Camping
Swimming
Picnicking
Group Events
Interpretive Programs