Welcome to Bomoseen State Park

BOMOSEEN STATE PARK
RECREATION TRAILS GUIDE

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Half Moon Pond State Park
Glen Lake Area

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Mountains and valleys, where slate and deciduous forests meet, is the home of Bomoseen State Park. The park's organization includes a network of trails, creeks, and ponds, offering opportunities for outdoor recreation. Bomoseen State Park is situated at the edge of the 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.

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 20th century farm. There is a nice vista of Glen Lake midway through the hike.

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 cellar hole 0.25 mile from the trailhead. The trail curves around a wetland on the old Said Road and then cellar hole 0.25 mile from the trailhead. The trail skirts the lakeshore for 0.5 mile, passing a foundation and stone walls and a carriage road. There is a nice vista of Glen Lake midway through the hike.

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. The terrain is dominated by a series of north-south ridges covered with hemlock and white pine forests. Other unusual feature for a state park in Vermont. This section of the park prohibits hunting by deed restriction and is managed for 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.vstaparks.com

Stay on marked trails or forest roads.

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.
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