



How-to Series

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Plan your Branbury State Park Weekend

Saturday

Explore the park, walk down to the lake; find out about nature programs (1 hour)

Take a hike on the Nature Trail (1 hour, 1/2 mile). Explore Branbury's easy-to-hike nature trail.

If your kids are adventurous or a little older, try a hike up to the **Falls of Lana** (1 hour, 1 mile), with its beautiful cascading waterfalls and pools.

Back to camp, free time and lunch

Rent canoes or kayaks and paddle on Lake Dunmore (1 - 2 hours) You don't need to own your own canoe or kayak to enjoy some time on the lake. Canoe, single kayak, double kayak and pedal boats are

available to rent. Paddles and pdfs are included and boats can be rented on an hourly, half-day or full day basis. If you do have your own boats, you are welcome to bring them.

Relax on the beach and go for a swim (1 hour)

Treat yourself to an ice cream from the park's snack bar

Back to camp. Gather wood for fire and build fire, cook dinner, play games. S'mores.



Sunday

Breakfast in camp

Go fishing at the lake (1 - 2 hours)

Fish for species like brook trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, lake trout, rainbow smelt, yellow perch, northern pike, large and small-mouthed bass, crappie and panfish. And did we mention trout? Kids under 15 don't need a fishing license. Short term 1, 3 or 7-day fishing licenses are available. Fishing licenses can be purchased online or be purchased at the park.

Attend an interpretive program (1 hour)

Branbury offers a fun variety of interpretive programs on the weekends. You might join a guided interpretive canoe trip, a birds of prey program, or make art out of recycled materials. For the latest schedule check out our Events web page.

Pack up Camp

Travel home, grab lunch on the road home.

Rainy Day Options

Marquis Theatre

65 Main Street, Middlebury 05443
(802) 786-8003

Movies

Whirlie's World

1232 Exchange Street, Middlebury 05443
(802) 989-7351

Bounce houses, black light mini golf, Xbox & Nintendo, pool table, arcade games, concession stand

Other Options

Salisbury Fish Culture Station

646 Lake Dunmore Road, Salisbury 05769
(802) 352-437

The Salisbury Fish Culture Station produces about 9 million trout eggs annually and has the largest fish of any Vermont hatchery. Kids love seeing the fish close up and visiting is a great learning opportunity.

Mount Independence State Historic Site

497 Mount Independent Road, Orwell 05760
(802) 759-2412

In 1776, the military complex at Mount Independence was one of the largest communities in North America. Visit the Revolutionary War fort on easy hiking trails that pass through nearly 300 acres of pasture and woodlands. Spectacular views overlooking Lake Champlain and the surrounding countryside.

Fort Ticonderoga

30 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga, NY 12883
(518) 585-2821

This is the scene of America's first major victory in its struggle for independence. Museum, special events, daily programs, hands-on family activities, tours.