Welcome to Fort Dummer State Park. With its proximity to Brattleboro and Interstate 91, and large spacious camp sites, the park provides a convenient stopping point for overnight travelers and visitors seeking a camping location within reach of downtown amenities.

The park is named for Fort Dummer, a frontier fort that became a permanent European settlement. Built on the frontier in 1724, and named after William Dummer, then lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, it was the gateway to the early settlements along the banks of the Connecticut River.

Forty-three English soldiers and 12 Mohawk Indians manned the fort in 1724 and 1725. Later, the fort protected what was then a Massachusetts colony from invasion during the French and Indian War. Housing 12 guns, and made from sturdy white pine timber stacked like a log cabin, Fort Dummer served its purpose well.

Established in 1962, Fort Dummer State Park overlooks the former site of Fort Dummer which was flooded when the Vernon Dam was built on the Connecticut River in 1908. A monument to Fort Dummer stands one mile south of the Brattleboro railway station, near the former site of the fort.

The land comprising the park was acquired by the Vermont Agency of Transportation in the 1950s when construction of Interstate 91 cut the property off from the rest of the town of Guilford. In the early 1960s the land was transferred to the Department of Forests and Parks.

The park encompasses 217 acres of forest. It consists of a campground, three short hiking trails and a picnic area.

Located in the southern foothills of the Green Mountains, the forest is more like those of southern New England than a typical Vermont forest. Mid-Atlantic tree species such as white, red and chestnut oak are dominant hardwoods.

Fort Dummer State Park Amenities:
- 50 campsites for tents or RVs
- 10 lean-to shelters
- Hiking/walking trails
- Firewood and ice sales

Recreation and Sightseeing in the Area:

Brattleboro
- Historic downtown shopping and dining
- Brattleboro Museum and Art Center
- Estey Organ Museum

Wilmington
- Molly Stark State Park
- Farmstands and tours
- Historic downtown
- Harriman Reservoir

Other Area Attractions
- Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Marlboro
- Fishing and boating on the Connecticut River

For More Information:

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