



How-to Series

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Plan your Half Moon State Park Weekend

Saturday

Explore the park, walk down to pond; pack up bikes and a picnic lunch (1 hour)

Ride bikes on the Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail (1 - 3 hours).

Only ten minutes from the park, the trail winds its way along farm fields and woods. A multitude of wildlife is commonly encountered – wetlands next to the trail are good places to see beavers, herons, ducks and muskrats. Especially along the southern half, deer are easy to spot.

After biking, stop at Bomoseen State Park for picnic lunch and swimming (1.5 hours)

Save room for an ice cream from the snack bar. Travel back to camp.

Free time: relax and play around camp

Paddle and fish on Half Moon Pond (1.5 hour) Kids under 14 fish for free; canoes, single and double kayaks available for rent in the park.

Dinner, campfire, s'mores, play in campground



Sunday

Breakfast in camp

Hike to High Pond on Daniel Coffey Memorial Trail (1 hour, ¾ mile)

Scenic walk through open forest to secluded High Pond. See beavers, ducks, turtles and frogs.

Break camp, pack lunches to go, check out of park

Drive to Bomoseen State Park and hike the Slate History Trail (1 hour, ¾ mile)

This trail guides you through the remains of the West Castleton Railroad & Slate Company. A self-guided pamphlet is available at the park office.

Take one last swim in Lake Bomoseen (1 hour)

Travel home, have lunch on the road.

Rainy Day Options

Flagship Cinemas

**142 Merchants Row, Rutland 05701
(802)786-8003**
Movies

**Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center
223 Woodstock Ave., Rutland 05701
(802) 773-3343**

Indoor Rock Climbing

Vermont Marble Museum

**52 Main St., Proctor, VT 05765
(802) 459-2300**

The Earth Alive hands-on exhibit explores the history of our planet and explains its ongoing geological evolution. Explore a quarry, view marble art made by resident artists.

Other Options

Check out Glen Lake and the Glen Lake Trail (1 - 4 hours)

Glen Lake is a beautiful, undeveloped lake located between Half Moon Pond and Bomoseen State Parks. Park at boat launch parking area and hike lakeside on the Glen Lake Trail. Trail is steep in places. Great views and wildlife abound.

Bomoseen Hiking Loop (1 hour; 1.5 mi.)

This is a moderate walk through the wildlife preserve. Starts in a meadow behind the contact station, goes through pines and into hemlock-hardwood forest. Look for signs of wildlife, particularly around apple trees scattered throughout the forest. See the remnants of an early 1900's farm and pleasant vistas of Glen Lake.

Rent kayaks at Bomoseen State Park (1.5 hours)

You can rent boats by the hour. Choose single or double kayaks. PFD's and paddles included. Fees start at \$5.00.

Dine out at Lake House Pub & Grill

**3569 Route 30 N
(802) 273-3000**

Live music on dock Wednesday - Sunday
Dogs permitted on deck & doggie menu
Open 7 Days, 11:00 am - late night.

Wilson Castle

**2909 West Proctor Rd., Center Rutland,
VT 05736
(802) 773-3284**

Take a tour of the Wilson family castle, a 115-acre estate with three floors, 32 rooms, 84 stained glass windows and 13 fireplaces. Castle is filled with antiques from Europe and the Far East. Explore castle grounds, stables and glass house.