

# Quechee State Park

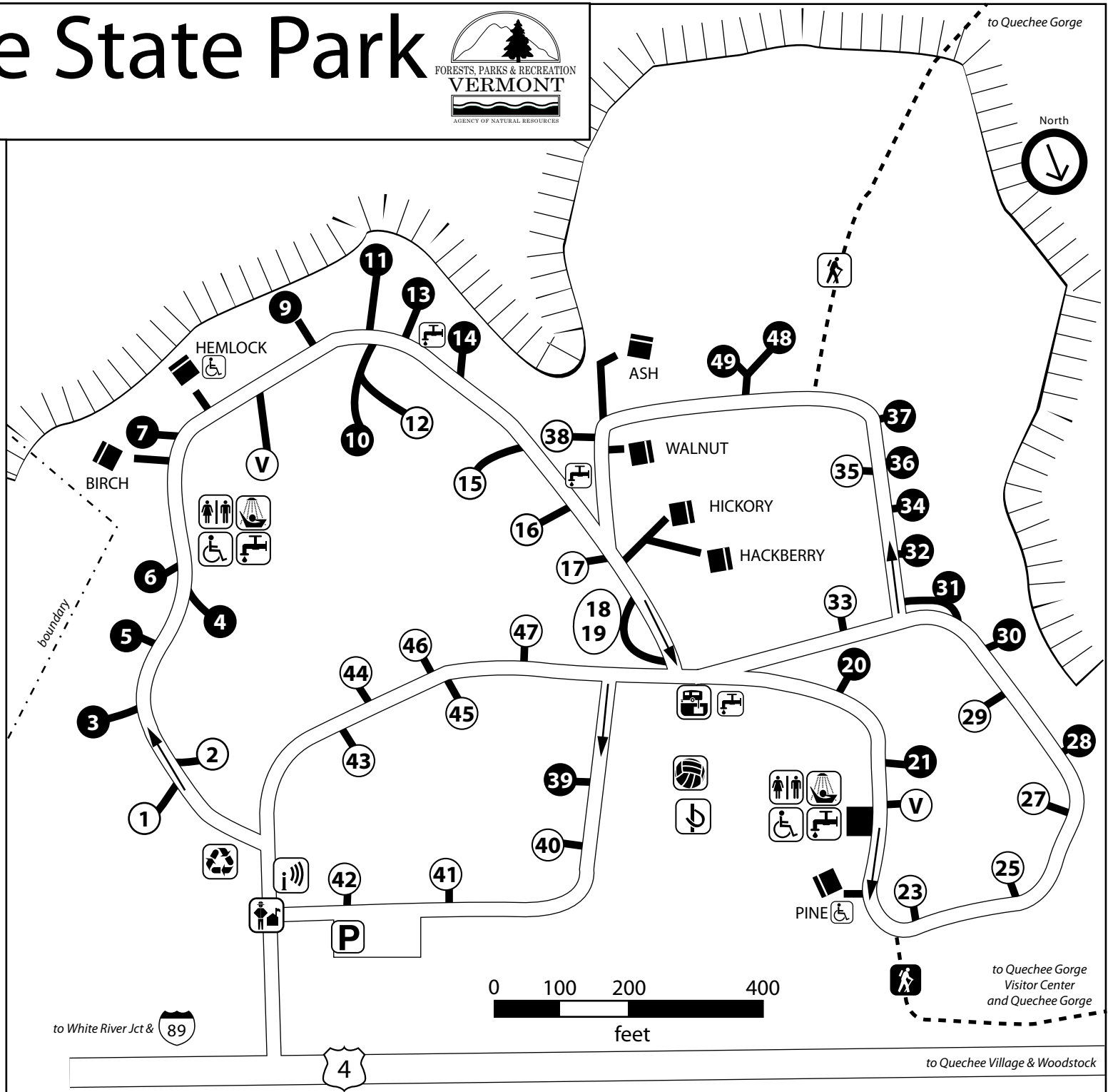
Quechee, Vermont



## LEGEND

- Park office
- free wifi area
- Prime campsite
- Campsite
- Prime lean-to
- Extra vehicle parking
- Restrooms
- Showers (\$)
- Accessible facility
- Drinking water
- RV Sanitary Station
- Trash/Recycling center
- Volunteer Site
- Foot trail
- Horseshoe pit
- Volleyball
- Steep bank

*this map is intended for informational purposes only*



## Quechee State Park

Welcome to Quechee State Park. Its location along US Route 4, and its proximity to many Upper Valley attractions make the park a popular tourist destination. Hundreds of thousands of visitors stop each year to take in the breathtaking views of Quechee Gorge. Other visitors seeking an overnight stay enjoy the easy access to the park's spacious campsites.

The focal point of the park is Vermont's deepest gorge, formed by glacial activity more than 13,000 years ago. Visitors can look down at the Ottauquechee River, flowing 165 feet below viewing points along Route 4.

The land on which the park is located was originally owned by the A. G. Dewey Company, a major wool processor in the 19th century. Mr. Dewey settled in the Quechee area around 1869, establishing a woolen mill. The Dewey Company was a very successful processor of wool and employed as many as 500 people.

Water from falls and the mill pond just above the gorge were used to power the facility. Numerous machinery and product inventions were created here, including Sheep's Grey or Dewey's Gray which was trademarked in 1875. Both types of wool were known throughout the country and became the standard fabric for roller coverings in cotton mills.

By 1936 this was the oldest mill in the country making shoddy (reworked used wool). Some of the material was used to make baseball uniforms for the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees, and blankets for the US Army and Navy.

The mill was closed in 1952, and relocated to Enfield, New Hampshire. Over the next several years, nearly all of the mill houses and buildings were demolished. Remains of mill and dam can still be seen at the head of the gorge.

The park had its beginnings when the US Army Corps of Engineers began taking land in the area as part of a large flood control plan, which included the construction of the North Hartland Dam. Construction of the campground and picnic areas began later, in the spring of 1962.

In 1965, the State of Vermont leased the park from the Army Corps.

Today, the park campground is located in what used to be the mill's recreation area. The area that is now the park's play field contained a skeet range, baseball diamond and picnic area.

## Quechee State Park amenities:

- 45 tent/trailer sites
- 7 lean-to shelters
- Quechee Gorge Visitor's Center
- Hiking
- Fishing in the Quechee Gorge
- Fishing and boating on Dewey Mills Pond
- Firewood & ice for sale

## Recreating and sightseeing

### Quechee Area

- Vermont Institute of Natural Science
- Hot Air Balloon Festival (held each June)
- Scottish Festival (held each August)
- Shopping and dining
- Swimming in North Hartland Lake

### Woodstock

- Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park
- Billings Farm & Museum
- Historic downtown, shopping & dining

### Other Activities in the Area

- Boating and fishing on area rivers
- Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich
- Justin Morrill State Historic Site, Strafford
- Old Constitution House Historic Site, Windsor
- Mt. Ascutney State Park, Ascutney
- Wilgus State Park, Weathersfield
- American Precision Museum, Windsor
- St. Gaudens Nat'l Historic Site, Cornish, NH

For more information, contact:

### Quechee State Park

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**White River Junction, VT 05001**

### Physical Address:

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Camping

Hiking

Picnicking

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