



# Green Mountain *National Forest*

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# Boating

## North Half of the Green Mountain National Forest:

Blueberry Lake in Warren covers 48 acres and is 15 feet deep. There is access to the lake on the north and south shores where information is provided on Forest Service bulletin boards. Only non-motorized boats are allowed.

Chittenden Reservoir in Chittenden covers 702 acres and is 25-30 feet deep. At the CVPS dam there is a boat launch and parking lot. **The maximum speed allowed for motorboats is 5 mph and personal watercraft (PWC) are not allowed.** Access to the reservoir from the Lefferts Pond day use area parking lot requires boats to be carried 50 feet to the water edge. Camping is permitted 200 feet from shore but not in the day use area.

Lefferts Pond in Chittenden, off of the Wildcat Road, covers 55 acres and is 10-12 feet deep. From the Lefferts Pond day use area parking lot small boats can be carried 150 feet to the pond or put in the water from Wildcat Road. Camping is permitted 200 feet from shore but not in the day use area. Only non-motorized boats are allowed.

Silver Lake in Leicester covers 101 acres and is accessible by a 0.6 mile portage from the parking lot (at a road gate) on Forest Service Road 27. There is a campground and picnic area on the north shore of the lake. Camping is allowed in designated sites only. Only non-motorized boats are allowed.

Sugar Hill Reservoir in Goshen covers 63 acres and is 25-30 feet deep. There is a carry-in boat launch available at the parking lot. The parking lot and boat launch are owned and maintained by Central Vermont Public Service and boats can be launched from a trailer.

The White River is popular for canoeing, kayaking, and tubing during the spring and summer months. Spring run-off provides good flow which allows easy passage while later in the season several portages may be necessary due to shallow stretches and occasional large boulders. Boats can be launched from White River Travel Way Sites at Peavine (Stockbridge), Riverbend (Rochester), and Hancock Overlook (Hancock).

The Mad River is also popular for canoeing and kayaking during the spring and summer months. Spring run-off provides good flow which allows easy passage while later in the season several portages may be necessary due to shallow stretches and occasional large boulders. Boats can be launched from several public access points along Vermont Route 100 in Warren and Waitsfield.



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### South Half of the Green Mountain National Forest:

The Batten Kill is a popular river for canoeing and kayaking year-round and is good for people of all skill levels because there are no difficult rapids. Access is available from Forest Service land at the junction of Richville and River Roads and at several other public access points.

Beebe Pond is on the Kelley Stand Road in Sunderland. It covers 8 acres and is 12 feet deep. Only non-motorized boats are allowed and must be carried 0.25 miles from the parking lot.

Branch Pond in Sunderland covers 34 acres and is 37 feet deep. Only non-motorized boats are allowed and must be carried 0.25 miles from the parking lot on Forest Road 70.

Grout Pond is located at the end of Forest Road 262 in Stratton. It covers 84 acres and is 28 feet deep. Only non-motorized boats are allowed and must be carried 100 feet from the parking lot. There is a campground and day use area on the shore of the lake with camping allowed in designated sites only.

Hapgood Pond Recreation Area is in Peru, off of Hapgood Pond Road, and is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The pond covers 8 acres and is 12 feet deep. It has the only designated and managed beach on the Forest. There is a hand-carry boat launch available at the south end of the pond adjacent to the day use parking areas. Only non-motorized boats are allowed. For non-campers a day use fee of \$4.00 per vehicle must be paid at either of the self-service fee stations at the day use parking areas. The pond is drained annually for the winter.

Wallingford Pond in Wallingford, via Forest Road 20, covers 87 acres and is 28 feet deep. The access road is rough and 4WD vehicles are recommended. Only non-motorized boats are allowed and carry-in boat access to the west side of the Pond is available using a 200 foot trail starting at a five car parking area.

Excellent backcountry boating opportunities exist at Little Rock Pond, Griffith Lake, Stratton Pond, Mudd Pond, and Bourn Pond for those willing to hand-carry their boats in. Only non-motorized boats (including electric motors) can be used on bodies of water in a National Forest Wilderness Area.

*Help prevent the spread of non-native invasive species, such as Eurasian watermilfoil and didymo, by cleaning and drying your boat between each use. This will help protect the health and beauty of our lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers.*

### Other Resources:

- Fishing Recreation Opportunity Guide
- Leave No Trace Recreation Opportunity Guide
- Vermont Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping
- Vermont Boating Safety Operating Laws & Regulations

### For More Information:

**Manchester Ranger District**, 2538 Depot St., Manchester Center, VT, 05255, (802) 362-2307

**Middlebury Ranger District**, 1007 Route 7 South, Middlebury, VT 05753, (802) 388-4362

**Rochester Ranger District**, 99 Ranger Rd., Rochester, VT 05767; (802) 767-4261

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