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Recreational Opportunities at
Federal Flood Risk Management
Reservoirs and the Cape Cod Canal
in 2016

Introduction

Recreational opportunities abound at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Cape Cod Canal and federal flood risk management reservoirs in New England. Most areas usually feature small lakes with facilities designed for day use such as picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing and hunting. There are also a few facilities for overnight camping.

Fishing is permitted at all federal flood risk management reservoirs in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. The only requirement to fish is a state license and adherence to state regulations. Check with state agencies for seasons and complete regulations. Many areas are stocked by state fish and wildlife agencies.

Developed facilities are available at a number of locations. Many of these areas are open to individuals or small groups free of charge. Large groups may be required to reserve group use picnic shelters, with picnic tables and grills, which are available at many sites, with additional fees for extra tables and for a 15-amp electrical circuit (if available). Special use permit fees are required if an individual or group/organization is conducting a nonpublic use activity (field trials, race event, camporee, boat regatta, fishing derby, music-cultural festival) where management control is appropriate. It should be noted that extra sanitation, trash collection, or grass mowing are to be provided by the permittee, and a performance bond may be required. Athletic playing fields, available at many sites, may be reserved for a fee.

Specific information about facilities and fees is listed on the following pages. Additional information may be obtained by calling or visiting the website of the Cape Cod Canal or the appropriate project office listed in the project description. With the exception of fishing, which is dictated by state fishing seasons, most recreation areas are open from Memorial Day through the middle of September.

The National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) makes it possible for campers to make reservations for campsites at our three campgrounds, as well as nearly 40,000 Corps of Engineers and USDA Forest Service campsites nationwide. Campers can reserve campsites as much as 240 days in advance and for as long as 14 nights in one location. It is now possible to camp your way across the U.S.A., entirely at federal campgrounds, with the peace of mind that your campsite is there waiting for you each night. A camper can also log on the NRRS web site and do all the reservation transactions on the internet. The toll free phone line is 877-444-6777 and the web site is www.recreation.gov.

Outreach programs and presentations by Park Rangers on a variety of subjects are available to schools and civic organizations by request. Popular subjects include environmental education, the water cycle and conservation, water safety, and the history and functions of the Corps of Engineers. In addition, during the summer, interpretive programs are scheduled for visitors at many projects. Programs may include visits to the dam, natural science, local history, recreation safety, "Junior Park Ranger" programs, fishing, etc.

America the Beautiful the National Parks, Federal Recreation Lands passes

On Jan. 1, 2016, about 240 Corps recreation projects nationwide began issuing America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Interagency Passes: **1)** Interagency Senior Pass, \$10, valid for lifetime of the pass owner and must be 62 or older and a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident; **2)** Interagency Access Pass, free for lifetime with documentation of permanent disability for U.S. citizens or permanent residents; **3)** Interagency Annual Pass, \$80, anyone can purchase this pass; **4)** Interagency Military Pass, free to current U.S. military members and their dependents; **5)** Interagency Every Kid in a Park 4th Grade Pass, free to current 4th grade students with valid Every Kid in a Park voucher (visit: www.everykidinapark.gov for details); and **6)** Interagency Volunteer Pass, earned with 250-plus hours of volunteer service on public lands. These passes allow their holders free access to boat launches and swimming beaches managed by the Corps.

Senior and Access America the Beautiful passes also provide holders a 50 percent discount on campsites at Corps-managed campgrounds. Additionally, the Corps will continue to sell its own annual day use pass, which allows visitors free access to boat launches and swimming beaches managed by the Corps. All America the Beautiful passes are available or can be purchased online at: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/annual.html>. For more information visit the website or phone 1-888-275-8747, option 3. Additional information about Corps' recreation is available at www.corpslakes.us.

In New England, 8 Corps recreation sites offer some passes. Check with each individual site.

CONNECTICUT

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Connecticut.aspx

BLACK ROCK LAKE, Thomaston, Route 109. While there are no developed facilities, a 21-acre lake is stocked with trout and also offers bass, pickerel, perch, bullhead, and bluegill. The surrounding Corps- and state-owned land offers opportunities for hiking and hunting. Black Rock Lake is open from the third Saturday in April through Columbus Day. For up-to-date information, call (860) 283-4900 or 283-5540. Alcohol is prohibited at this facility. The website is

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BlackRockLake.aspx.

Camping, swimming, and day use activities are available at the nearby Black Rock State Park on U.S. Route 6. For more information on Black Rock State Park, call CTDEP at (860) 283-8088. (NRB).

COLEBROOK RIVER LAKE, Colebrook, Route 8. One mile of stream fishing and a seasonal lake of over 700 acres offer trout, bass, pickerel, and perch. A boat ramp and parking are available. Boating is prohibited within 100 feet of the dam and intake tower. The maximum speed limit is 20 mph. Water contact sports are also prohibited at this facility. Downstream of the old Route 8 Bridge at the upper end of the reservoir, either Massachusetts or Connecticut fishing licenses may be used, but Connecticut fishing regulations and designated seasons apply. Upstream of the old Route 8 Bridge Massachusetts fishing licenses and regulations apply. There are no fees for use of the facilities at Colebrook, which is open to the public year-round. For up-to-date information, call (860) 379-8234. The website is

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/ColebrookRiverLake.aspx. (NRB)

HANCOCK BROOK LAKE, Plymouth, Waterbury Road. This area affords opportunities for hiking, fishing, and hunting. Tributary streams in the reservoir are stocked with trout and the 40-acre lake offers warm water fish such as bass, perch, bullhead, pickerel, and panfish. The area also contains a remote control model aircraft field managed under a cooperative agreement via the CT Model Airplane Club. Additional parking for recreational activities is available at the intersection of Keegan Road and Todd Hollow Road. For up-to-date information, call (203) 729-8840. The website is

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/HancockBrookLake.aspx. (NRB)

HOP BROOK LAKE, Middlebury, Route 63. The Corps has instituted Lake Management practices to improve the habitat for largemouth bass and other warm water species. Developed facilities at this area include three 30 x 44-foot and one 18 x 36-foot picnic shelters. A ball field also may be reserved for a fee, either separately or in conjunction with any of the picnic shelters. Other facilities/opportunities at Hop Brook Lake include

restrooms, picnic tables, grills, drinking water, a swimming beach, sand volleyball courts, disc golf, and hiking trails. Park user fees are in effect during the project recreation season which is from the weekend before the Memorial Day holiday weekend through the weekend after Labor Day. For picnic shelter reservations call Reserve America toll free at 1-877-444-6777 or via its website: www.recreation.gov. For up-to-date information, call (203) 729-8840. The Hop Brook Lake website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/HopBrookLake.aspx. (NRB)

MANSFIELD HOLLOW LAKE, Mansfield, Route 6 or Route 195. A 450-acre state-managed lake, with a boat ramp, affords free boating and fishing opportunities. Stocked trout may be caught in the outlet area below the dam, and the lake supports warm water fishing for bass, hornpout, and perch. Large group activities, such as bass tournaments, require a state permit. Other facilities/opportunities include restrooms, drinking water, uncovered picnic areas, hiking trails, and hunting. For up-to-date information, call (860) 923-2982 or visit the website at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/MansfieldHollowLake.aspx. (TRB)

NORTHFIELD BROOK LAKE, Thomaston, Route 254. There are two picnic shelters (18 x 32 and 18 x 36 feet), which may be reserved for a fee. The eight-acre pool is stocked with trout and also has warm water fish species. Note that this facility may be converting to a dry bed reservoir in 2015. Please call the project office for up to date information. Other facilities and opportunities include restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, grills, horseshoe pits, and hiking trails. The project is open from the third Saturday in April through Columbus Day. For up-to-date information, call (860) 283-5540. For picnic shelter reservations call Reserve America toll free at 1-877-444-6777 or via its website: www.recreation.gov. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/NorthfieldBrookLake.aspx. (NRB)

THOMASTON DAM, Thomaston, Route 222. The main stem of the Naugatuck River supports trout and warm water fish species and is designated as a trophy trout stream and a broodstock salmon area by the CT DEP. Leadmine Brook is stocked with brown-, brook- and rainbow trout. Recreation facilities include restrooms, drinking water, horseshoe pits, uncovered picnic area, hunting, remote control model aircraft field managed under a cooperative agreement with the CT Nutmeg Flyers, and a designated motorized trail bike (seasonal, 2-wheel only) and snowmobile area (seasonal). The project is open from the third Saturday in April through Columbus Day. For up-to-date information, especially for motorbike and snowmobile area availability, call (860) 283-5540. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/ThomastonDam.aspx. (NRB)

WEST THOMPSON LAKE, Thompson, Route 12. The 200-acre lake has a boat ramp and supports bass, perch, pickerel, and hornpout. The campground is open from the third Friday in May through the Sunday after Labor Day. Fees are charged for use of campsites. Some sites are equipped with water and electricity. Showers and restrooms free. Firewood is available for purchase. Camping reservations may be arranged through the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov. A 22 x 36-foot picnic shelter, two 30 x 44-foot shelters, and several group use areas may be reserved for a fee and require a special use permit. Group activities such as bass tournaments, field dog trails, and Scout group campouts require a special use permit. An 18-hole disc golf course is available for use by the public free of charge. West Thompson also offers hiking trails, hunting, snowmobiling, and free public programs. For up-to-date information, call (860) 923-2982. The website is:

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/WestThompsonLake.aspx. (TRB)

MASSACHUSETTS

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Massachusetts.aspx

BARRE FALLS DAM, Barre and Hubbardston, Route 62. Picnicking, hiking, canoeing, winter sports, watching wildlife, mountain biking, hunting, and fishing are popular at Barre Falls. The Ware River is stocked with brook-, brown-, and rainbow trout. The project is crossed by the Mid-State Hiking Trail. An 18-hole disc golf course, horseshoe pits and a volleyball court are available for use by the public free of charge. Interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers as requested by organized groups. Volunteers are welcome to participate on recreation related work projects. A 20 x 36-foot picnic shelter may be reserved for a fee. For information call (978) 928-4712. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BarreFallsDam.aspx. (LCRB)

BIRCH HILL DAM, South Royalston, Route 68 to dam area; Winchendon, Route 202 to Lake Dennison. Lake Dennison Recreation Area is managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Lake Dennison has a large campground with drinking water, restrooms, dump station, nature trail, and swimming. Other recreation facilities include a swimming beach, picnic tables, fireplaces, and a boat launch. Warm water fish species in Lake Dennison include pickerel, bullhead, and smallmouth bass. Lake Dennison is also stocked with trout. Elsewhere in the Birch Hill reservoir area hiking, hunting, mountain biking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, and stream fishing are permitted. For more information, visit www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BirchHillDam.aspx or call (978) 249-4467. For information on Lake Dennison Recreation Area, call the Headquarters of Otter River State Forest at (978) 939-8962 or visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencie/dcr/>.

Interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers as requested by organized groups. Volunteers are welcome to participate on recreation-related work projects.

Brook, brown, and rainbow trout are caught in the Millers River and its tributaries. The consumption of fish taken from the Millers River below its confluence with the Otter River in Templeton is discouraged. For further information, contact the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (508) 389-6300 or visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencie/dfg/dfw>. (LCRB)

BUFFUMVILLE LAKE, Charlton, off Route 12. The 200-acre lake has a boat ramp and offers fishing for bass, pickerel, perch, and catfish. Buffumville Park offers picnicking, a swimming beach, restrooms, and a seven-mile hiking and mountain bike trail. There is a fee to use the beach. A volleyball court, two horseshoe pits, as well as two picnic shelters, can be reserved by groups for a fee. Most facilities in Buffumville Park are barrier free. At nearby Buffumville Dam, there is a free 27-hole disc (frisbee) golf course and a pond for ice skating in the winter. Hunting is allowed at Buffumville Lake outside developed areas. Free interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers on a regular basis. For a complete list of events and programs and for up-to-date information, call (508) 248-5697 or visit the website at www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BuffumvilleLake.aspx. (TRB)

CAPE COD CANAL, Buzzards Bay. I-195 from Providence, RI, I-495 from points west or Route 3 from Boston, MA. The Canal is the gateway to Cape Cod. 13.5 miles of paved service roads along both sides of the waterway are available for public recreation. Recreational opportunities include bicycling, in-line skating, walking, jogging, fishing, and hiking. The Canal provides a unique, close-up view of ocean-going vessels from a simple working tug to a large container ship to a stunning luxury yacht. Access points, equipped with restrooms, picnic areas, and parking lots, are located along the Canal off major roadways. Saltwater fishing is permitted from the Canal banks in all areas except the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the Canal Administrative Area in Buzzards Bay. Fishing access is also available along the Sandwich bulkhead and the Scusset Beach fishing pier. Fishing by boat in the Canal is prohibited. Saltwater fishing is subject to state regulations. As of 2011, all persons age 16 and over recreationally fishing in Massachusetts marine waters are required to purchase a MA Recreational Saltwater Fishing permit or possess a recreational saltwater fishing permit from a state that has a reciprocity agreement with Massachusetts (NH, RI and CT). Licenses can be obtained at www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing/. The taking of herring is subject to State and Town regulations. Due to decreased fish stock, the Herring Run is closed to any taking in 2016. For information call 508-759-4431 and ask to speak with a Park Ranger. Park Rangers offer free interpretive programs on a variety of topics including children's programs, guided walks, and evening programs during the summer and early fall. The Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center on Ed Moffitt Drive in Sandwich is opened seasonally. Housed in a former Coast Guard boathouse, the center features films about canal history, wildlife and wildflowers. Visitors of all ages may enjoy interactive exhibits on the Canal's rich history, unique features and marine operations. Highlights include a retired 41-foot patrol boat as well as live radar and camera images of the waterway. A small bookstore as well as tide charts, canal guides and brochures are available. Call the Visitor Center at (508) 833-9678. The website is www.capecodcanal.us or www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/CapeCodCanal.aspx.

CHARLES RIVER NATURAL VALLEY STORAGE AREA, Eastern Massachusetts. The Charles River Natural Valley Storage Area (CRNVSA), comprised of 3,210 acres of land owned in fee and 4,891 acres of flowage easement, is located in portions of the towns of Bellingham, Dedham, Dover, Franklin, Holliston, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Needham, Newton, Norfolk, Sherborn, Walpole, West Roxbury and Wrentham occupying three counties. The CRNVSA reduces downstream flooding by using those 8,000 acres of wetlands to absorb and slow down storm-water runoff. Visitors can boat, canoe, fish, hike, hunt or view wildlife. In Millis, a car top public access to the Charles River is located on Forest Street. For directions, go to www.mass.gov/dfwele/pab/pabnemap.htm. For more information, call the West Hill Dam Park Ranger Staff at (508) 278-2511. Visit the website at: www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/FloodRiskManagement/Massachusetts/CharlesRiverNVS.aspx.

CONANT BROOK DAM, Monson, off Route 32 on Monson-Wales Road. This 469-acre site offers stream fishing for trout along Conant and Vinica brooks, and warm water fishing above the dam. The area has miles of trails for horseback riding, hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. For up-to-date information, call (508) 347-3705. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/ConantBrookDam.aspx. (TRB)

EAST BRIMFIELD LAKE, Fiskdale, Route 20. The 360-acre lake has two boat ramps located on the north and south sides of Route 20, in Sturbridge. The lake supports bass,

perch, northern pike, and hornpout. Winter ice fishing is especially popular. The area also features a swimming beach, picnic areas, restrooms and drinking water at Lake Siog (Holland Pond), which is open three days per week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., on Dug Hill Road off of East Brimfield-Holland Road. Canoe and boat launches on Lake Siog are located off of Pond Bridge Road, also in Holland. The swimming area off of Dug Hill Road and the launches off of Pond Bridge Road are a five-minute ride from Route 20. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management stocks trout. A short hiking trail is located at East Brimfield Dam, off of Route 20, at the end of Riverview Avenue. Barrier-free fishing access is available off of Champeau Road. For up-to-date information, call (508) 347-3705. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/EastBrimfieldLake.aspx. (TRB)

HODGES VILLAGE DAM, Oxford, off Route 12. Over 30 miles of trails are maintained at Hodges Village. Opportunities include nature study, hiking, fishing, mountain biking, hunting, snowmobiling, and dirt biking. A canoe launch and parking area serve the French River above and below the dam. The French River also is accessible for canoeing from Greenbrier Park at the upstream end of the project. Greenbrier Park, operated by the Town of Oxford, also provides tennis courts, baseball fields, a running track, and a skateboard park. Free interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers on a regular basis. For a complete list of events and programs for up-to-date information, call (508) 248-5697 or visit the website at www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/HodgesVillageDam.aspx. (TRB)

KNIGHTVILLE DAM, Huntington off Route 112. Indian Hollow Campground may be reserved by groups or civic organizations for a fee. Recreation facilities at Knightville Dam include picnic tables with grills, restrooms, and a picnic shelter. Groups may reserve the 20 x 36-foot shelter. Call (413) 667-3430 for fees and other information regarding reserving the shelter. Group campground reservations can be made by calling NRRS at 877-444-6777. Fly fishing is popular in the Little and Westfield rivers where brown-, brook, and rainbow trout are stocked. Only artificial lures may be used in the catch and release area of the East Branch of the Westfield River from the gate just north of the parking lot on Old Valley Road north to Chesterfield Gorge. South of the gate, the daily limit is three trout. MassWildlife stocks game birds in the Knightville Basin during the upland game hunting season. Other recreational opportunities at Knightville include the Claude M. Hill Horse Trail, hiking trails, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and mountain biking west of the Westfield River, watching wildlife, and hunting. For up-to-date information, call (413) 667-3430. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/KnightvilleDam.aspx. (LCRB)

Interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers as requested by organized groups. Volunteers are welcome to participate on recreation-related work projects.

LITTLEVILLE LAKE, Huntington off Route 112, Littleville Road and Goss Hill Road. The 275-acre lake, with boat ramp, is stocked with brook-, rainbow-, and brown trout, in addition to native populations of warm water fish. Littleville Lake is one of the most popular fishing spots in western Massachusetts. Stream fishing for a daily limit of three trout is available along 1-1/2 miles of the Middle Branch of the Westfield River in Chester. Hunting for deer and upland game birds also is permitted at Littleville Lake in season. For up-to-date information, call (413) 667-3656. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/LittlevilleLake.aspx. (LCRB)

Interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers as requested by organized groups. Volunteers are welcome to participate on recreation-related work projects.

TULLY LAKE, Royalston, Route 32. Tully Lake is a beautiful 200-acre gem, popular among hikers, picnickers and paddlers. There are two boat launching areas: motorboats up to the 10 horsepower limit may be launched at the ramp at the Tully Lake Recreation Area; canoes and kayaks may be launched at the Tully River Canoe Launch. Anglers catch bass, perch, black crappie, and pickerel from the lake and Long Pond. Trout are stocked by MassWildlife north of State route 68 in Royalston. There are trails for mountain biking adjacent to the Tully River, and hiking around the lake and to nearby waterfalls. The picnic area has pit toilets, tables, and grills, but no running water. A 44-person picnic shelter may be reserved for a fee. An 18-hole disc golf course lies on the south side of the lake. For more information visit

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/TullyLake.aspx or call (978) 249-9150.

Interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers as requested by organized groups. Volunteers are welcome to participate on recreation-related work projects.

Tully Lake Campground (call 978-249-4957) offers 36 tents-only campsites each with a fire ring and table, accessible by foot or boat. Operated by The Trustees of Reservations on the shore of Tully Lake, the campground offers access to over 20 miles of hiking trails including the Tully Trail, and the Lake Trail, with scenic vistas and waterfalls. Canoe and kayak rentals available. It is open from early May to late October. For more information, visit www.tullylakecampground.org or call The Trustees of Reservations at (978) 249-4957. (LCRB)

WEST HILL DAM, Uxbridge, between Route 16 and Route 122 on East Hartford Avenue. There are two miles of stream fishing along the trout-stocked West River. Bass, pickerel, and hornpout also can be found in the river. West Hill Dam offers a swimming beach, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, drinking water, hiking trails, mountain bike trail, wheelchair accessible playground, horseshoe pit, sandlot volleyball court and hunting. Two picnic shelters in West Hill Park, 30' x 44' and 20' x 36', each having picnic tables and grills may be reserved for a fee. A new shelter, 20' x 36' at the area near the dam with tables, grill and electric may be reserved for a fee. Shelter reservations can be arranged through the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov. Electric service is available at all shelters. For additional information call the Ranger staff at (508) 278-2511 or Park Ranger Viola Bramel at (978) 318-8417. Park Rangers regularly give free interpretive programs during the year. Call or check the website www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/WestHillDam.aspx. (TRB)

WESTVILLE LAKE, Southbridge and Sturbridge, Wallace Road off Route 131. There are five miles of stream fishing along the trout-stocked Quinebaug River. The 23-acre lake supports bass, pickerel and perch. A boat ramp is available. Occasionally, large pike that have moved downstream from the East Brimfield reservoir may be taken at this lake. The area also provides handicap accessible parking, restrooms, numerous picnic tables and charcoal grills. Ballfields, drinking water, boating and hunting areas are available for your enjoyment. Trails for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are also available. Two picnic shelters, 30 x 44-foot and 20 x 40 foot, can be reserved for a fee. Electric power is available at both shelters. For up-to-date information and reservations, call (508) 347-3705. The website is

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/WestvilleLake.aspx. (TRB)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/NewHampshire.aspx

BLACKWATER DAM, Webster, Route 127. This scenic area offers visitors approximately 3,600 acres of land and water recreation. There are several miles of open trails for hiking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. This includes over 20 miles of groomed snowmobile trails that wind gently through the forests along the Blackwater River. The pristine environment includes a meandering eight-mile stretch of the river which provides excellent canoeing and kayaking opportunities. Hunting and fishing also are available on the property in accordance with state and local laws. For up-to-date information, call (603) 934-2116 or (603) 648-6028 or visit our website at: www.corpslakes.us/Blackwater or www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BlackwaterDam.aspx. (MRB)

EDWARD MACDOWELL LAKE, West Peterborough, Route 101. The developed recreation area at Edward MacDowell Lake (located at the dam) provides a beautiful and peaceful place for recreation and reflection. Facilities include picnic areas with water, grills, and restrooms, a swimming beach, playground, horseshoe pits, volleyball area, boat launch and hiking trails. Two picnic shelters (20 x 35-foot & 30 x 50-foot) may be reserved for a fee (www.recreation.gov or 1-877-444-6777). The 100 acre lake and surrounding lands provide opportunities for hunting and bass, pickerel and hornpout fishing (NH State laws and regulations apply). For up-to-date information, call (603) 924-3431 or visit the lake's web site at www.corpslakes.us/EdwardMacdowell or www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/EdwardMacDowellLake.aspx. (MRB)

FRANKLIN FALLS DAM, Franklin, 46 Granite Drive, Route 127. This scenic area offers visitors over 3,900 acres of land and water recreation. Several miles of multi-use trails are available for hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. One-track bike trails developed by the New England Mountain Bike Association surround the grounds of the project office and over 15 miles groomed snowmobile trails wind along the river throughout the property. Developed recreational areas such as Profile Falls offer a picturesque waterfall, picnic shelter, and restroom facilities. Coolidge Woods recreation area offers excellent canoe and kayaking opportunities and Ledgeview Overlook recreation area provides a scenic view of the dam as well as picnicking. Hunting and fishing are also available on the property in accordance with state and local laws. For up-to-date information, call (603) 934-2116 or visit our website at: www.corpslakes.us/FranklinFalls or www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/FranklinFallsDam.aspx. (MRB)

HOPKINTON-EVERETT LAKES, Hopkinton, Route 127. Two developed parks are available at Hopkinton Everett Lakes. Elm Brook Park (off Route 127) is operated by the Corps and offers a swimming beach, picnic areas with water, grills and restrooms, athletic field, nature trail, boat ramp, and a model airplane flying field. Four picnic shelters, ranging in size from 20 x 30-foot to 30 x 60-foot, may be reserved for a fee (www.recreation.gov or 1-877-444-6777). There is a user fee charged to enter Elm Brook Park. Clough State Park, off Route 13 and operated by the New Hampshire Division of Parks, is on the shore of the 130-acre Everett Lake and offers a swimming beach, picnic areas with water, grills, and restrooms, and a boat ramp (603-529-7112 for information). A gazebo and picnic tables are available at Everett Dam. The lakes and surrounding lands of the project provide

opportunities for hiking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, and OHRV riding (on designated trails accessible from the OHRV parking lot in Dunbarton only). The 120-acre Elm Brook Lake, with a boat ramp, and the 91-acre Drew Lake, as well as Everett Lake, Stumpfield Marsh and Stark Pond, offer bass, pickerel, perch and hornpout fishing. The Piscataquog and Contoocook Rivers offer fine trout fishing. NH State laws and regulations apply. For up-to-date information, call (603) 746-3601 or visit the lakes' web site at www.corpslakes.us/HopkintonEverett or www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/HopkintonEverettLake.aspx. (MRB)

OTTER BROOK LAKE, Keene, Route 9. Otter Brook, both upstream and downstream of the lake, is stocked with trout and open to fishing. The lake offers warm water fishing for various species such as pickerel, yellow perch, and hornpout. The park features a swimming area, a picnic area, a ball field, and a boat ramp. Restrooms, a change house, picnic tables, grills, drinking water, and horseshoe pits are available in the area. Three group picnic shelters are available and can be reserved for a small fee. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. There is a 10-horsepower limit for boats on the lake. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis. For up-to-date information, call (603) 352-4130. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/OtterBrookLake.aspx. (UCRB)

SURRY MOUNTAIN LAKE, Keene, Route 12A. The 265-acre lake offers good warm water fishing for largemouth bass, pickerel, hornpout and yellow perch. The Ashuelot River offers fishing for bass and stocked trout. The recreation area features a swimming area, picnic areas, and a boat ramp. Restrooms, a change house, picnic tables, grills, drinking water, a playground, and horseshoe pits are available in the area. Three group picnic shelters are available and can be reserved for a small fee. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. There is a 10-horsepower limit for boats on the lake. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis. For up-to-date information, call (603) 352-2447 or (603) 352-4130. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/SurryMountainLake.aspx. (UCRB)

VERMONT

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BALL MOUNTAIN LAKE, Jamaica, Route 30 or Route 100. The West River provides good to excellent river fishing for Brown Trout downstream of the dam and in some sections upstream of the lake. The 75-acre lake provides some Smallmouth Bass fishing. Winhall Brook Camping Area is located off Route 100 in South Londonderry and features 111 campsites. The camping area is open from the third Friday in May through Columbus Day. Fees are charged for campsites for up to six people. (Two adults and children under 18 per site). Additional adults (18 and over) will be an additional fee. There are a limited number of electric and water hookups. Three-sided lean-to shelters also are available for a slightly higher fee. Firewood is available for purchase. Restrooms, showers, trails, volleyball court, basketball court, horseshoe pits, playgrounds and drinking water are available in the area. A small picnic area with tables, grills and gazebo is located along the access road to the dam. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis. For up-to-date

information, call (802) 874-4881. The West River Trail, a historic rail-trail, can be accessed in several areas of the reservoir. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BallMountainLake.aspx. Ball Mountain Lake is part of the NRRS and reservations for campsites can be made toll-free at (877) 444-6777 or on the web at www.recreation.gov. (UCRB)

NORTH HARTLAND LAKE, North Hartland, Routes 4 and 5. Stream fishing for trout is available along the Ottauquechee River and its feeder brooks, and the lake is stocked with rainbow trout. The recreation area features a swimming area, picnic areas, playground, horseshoe pits, volleyball nets and a boat ramp. Restrooms, picnic tables, grills, nature trail, and drinking water are available in the area. There is a day use fee to use the area. Three picnic shelters can be reserved for a fee. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis. For up-to-date information, call (802) 295-2855. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/NorthHartlandLake.aspx. North Hartland Lake is part of the NRRS and reservations for picnic shelters can be made toll-free at (877) 444-6777 or on the web at www.recreation.gov. (UCRB)

The Quechee Gorge Visitor Center located on Route 4 in Quechee is open year round. Visitors can enjoy the exhibits on the history of the area and the local flora and fauna. Access to the Quechee Gorge trail is also available from the Visitor Center. Call (802) 295-6852 for more information.

NORTH SPRINGFIELD LAKE, North Springfield, Route 106 and Reservoir Road. The 75-acre North Springfield Lake offers fishing for largemouth bass and other warm water species. The 48-acre Stoughton Pond is stocked with rainbow trout, and largemouth bass and has a boat ramp and a five-mile-per-hour speed limit. Trout and smallmouth bass are available in the rivers. Stoughton Pond Recreation Area features a swimming area and picnic sites. Restrooms, a change house, picnic tables, grills, and drinking water are available in the area. A picnic shelter can be reserved for a small fee. The area offers several hiking trails. Trail maps are available at the Project office. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis. For up-to-date information, call (802) 886-2775. The website is www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/NorthSpringfieldLake.aspx. (UCRB)

TOWNSHEND LAKE, Townshend, Route 30. Good to excellent fishing can be found for Brown and Rainbow Trout, and Smallmouth Bass just downstream of the dam. Brown and Rainbow Trout and warm water fish are also available in the 50-acre lake and in the river upstream of the lake. The recreation area features a swimming area, a picnic area, and a boat ramp. Restrooms, picnic tables, grills, drinking water, volleyball courts, playgrounds, horseshoe pits and hiking trails are available in the area. Three picnic shelters can be reserved for a fee. An adult salmon fish trap is located on the downstream side of the dam. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. There is a 10-horsepower limit for boats on the lake. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis. Pets are not allowed inside of the park. They are allowed at the top entrance hill area and at the downstream fish trap area. The West River Trail, an historic rail-trail, can be accessed in several areas of the reservoir. For up-to-date information, call (802) 365-7703. The website is

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/TownshendLake.aspx. Townshend Lake is part of the NRRS and reservations for picnic shelters can be made toll-free at (877) 444-6777 or on the web at www.recreation.gov. (UCRB)

UNION VILLAGE DAM, Thetford, Routes 132 and 113. Over six miles of river are available for fishing for stocked rainbow trout. The project also offers a small swimming area, beach volleyball court, playground, horseshoe pits, walking trails and picnic areas. Restrooms, picnic tables, grills, and drinking water are available in the area. A picnic shelter can be reserved for a fee. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis. For up-to-date information, call (802) 649-1606. The website is

www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/UnionVillageDam.aspx. Union Village Dam is part of the NRRS and reservations for the picnic shelter can be made toll-free at (877) 444-6777 or on the web at www.recreation.gov. (UCRB)

Other Campgrounds and Facilities

The following facilities, situated on federal lands, are operated under lease by state and local agencies. Contact the managers for up-to-date information on campsite fees and reservation policies.

BOURNE SCENIC PARK campground, Cape Cod Canal, Bourne, Massachusetts, on Route 6, 1/4 mile east of the Belmont Traffic Circle. Accessible via Route 25 and Route 3. Open April-October. Managed by Bourne Recreation Authority, 370 Scenic Highway, Bourne. Mailing address: 231 Sandwich Road, Bourne, Massachusetts 02532. Call (508) 759-7873. Email: scenicpark@capecod.net.

GALLO ICE ARENA, Cape Cod Canal, Bourne, Massachusetts, on Route 6A. Accessible via Route 25 and Route 6. Open weekdays fall through spring for public skating. Group skating spring through fall. Call for hours. Managed by Bourne Recreational Authority, 231 Sandwich Road, Bourne, Massachusetts 02532. Call (508) 759-8904. Email: galloarena@capecod.net.

LAKE DENNISON CAMPGROUND, Birch Hill Dam, U.S. Route 202, six miles south of Winchendon, Massachusetts. This 150-site campground is located on the shores of 83-acre Lake Dennison. It is managed by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Otter River State Forest, Baldwinville, Massachusetts. For more information visit www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/lden.htm or call DCR at (978) 939-8962.

QUECHEE STATE CAMPGROUND, North Hartland Lake, Vermont, 7 miles west of White River Junction on Route 4. Managed by the Vermont Department of Forests Parks and Recreation, Springfield, VT 05156. Call (802) 295-2990.

SANDWICH MARINA, Cape Cod Canal, Sandwich, Massachusetts, on Route 6A to Tupper Road to Freezer Road, at 25 Ed Moffit Drive. Open year-round. On a fee basis, boaters may use the marina's slips or boat ramp. Managed by Town of Sandwich, P.O. Box 1393, Sandwich, Massachusetts 02563. Call (508) 833-0808. Email: ebbasin@townofsandwich.net.

SCUSSET BEACH CAMPGROUND, Cape Cod Canal, Sagamore, Massachusetts, on Scusset Beach Road, one mile east of the Sagamore Traffic Circle. Accessible via Route 3 and Route 6. RV camping, open year-round. Managed by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of State Parks and Recreation, Scusset Beach State Reservation, 140 Scusset Beach Rd., Bourne, MA 02532. Call (877) 422-6762 or (508) 888-0351 or 888-0859.

SURRY MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND is a private campground located on the western shore of Surry Mountain Lake off Route 12A in Surry, N.H. Forty-two seasonal and nightly sites are available to the public for both tents and motor homes. Facilities include hookups, modern restrooms, and metered showers. Recreational opportunities include swimming, hiking and volleyball. Pets are allowed, and reservations are recommended. Open from May 15 through October 15. Call (603) 352-9770.

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, Doane Hill Road, Royalston, Massachusetts. Tully Lake Campground offers 35 tents-only campsites each with a fire ring and table, accessible by foot or boat. Operated by The Trustees of Reservations on the shore of Tully Lake, the campground offers access to more than 20 miles of hiking trails with scenic vistas and waterfalls. Canoe and kayak rentals available. Open from Memorial Day through Columbus Day. For more information, visit www.tullylakecampground.org or call the Trustees of Reservations at (978) 249-4957 in season.

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Merrimack River Basin Office (MRB)

Hopkinton-Everett Lake
2097 Maple Street
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Telephone (603) 746-3950 or 5142

Thames River Basin Office (TRB)

Hodges Village Dam
P.O. Box 300
Oxford, MA 01540-0500
Telephone (508) 987-0108 or 0109

Naugatuck River Basin Office (NRB)

100 Allerton Farm Road
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Information is also available from the New England District headquarters in Concord by contacting:

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