

Recreational Opportunities at Federal Flood Risk Management Reservoirs and the Cape Cod Canal 2021

Introduction

Recreational opportunities abound at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 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.

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. 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 Recreation One Stop (R1S) makes it possible for campers to make reservations for campsites at our three campgrounds, as well as nearly 40,000 USACE and USDA Forest Service campsites nationwide. 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 USACE. 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

About 240 USACE recreation projects nationwide began issuing America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Interagency Passes on Jan. 1, 2016: 1) Interagency Senior Pass, \$80, valid for lifetime of the pass owner and must be 62 or older and a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident; 2) Interagency Senior Annual Pass \$20, valid one year from month of purchase, available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 or older, the Senior Annual Pass can be upgraded to the Lifetime Senior Pass by exchanging 4 previously purchased Senior Annual Passes or paying the difference between the purchase of 1 to 3 Senior Annual Passes to equal the value of the Senior Lifetime Pass, \$80. 3) Interagency Access Pass, free for lifetime with documentation of permanent disability for U.S. citizens or permanent residents; 4) Interagency Annual Pass, \$80, anyone can purchase this pass; 5) Interagency Military Pass, free to current U.S. military members and their dependents; 6) 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 7) 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 USACE.

Senior and Access America the Beautiful passes also provide holders a 50 percent discount on campsites at USACE-managed campgrounds. Additionally, the USACE will continue to sell its own annual day-use pass for \$40, which allows visitors free access to boat launches and swimming beaches managed by the USACE. 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 USACE recreation is available at www.corpslakes.us.

In New England, eight USACE recreation sites offer some passes. Check with each individual site.

CONNECTICUT

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Connecticut/>.



BLACK ROCK LAKE, Thomaston, Route 109. While there are no developed facilities, a 21-acre lake is stocked with trout and offers bass, pickerel, perch, bullhead, and bluegill. The surrounding USACE- 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Black-Rock-Lake/>.

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 CTDEEP 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. Weather, conditions and flood control activates permitting. For up-to-date information, call (860) 379-8234. The website is <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Colebrook-River-Lake/>. (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. 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hancock-Brook-Lake/>. (NRB)

HOP BROOK LAKE, Middlebury, Route 63. The USACE has instituted Lake Management practices on the 21-acre lake 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 include restrooms, picnic tables, grills, drinking water, a swimming beach, sand volleyball courts, and hiking trails. The park recreation season 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hop-Brook-Lake/>. Facebook www.facebook.com/HopBrookLake/. (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, northern pike, hornpout, and perch. Large group activities, such as bass tournaments, require a state permit. Other facilities/opportunities include restrooms, drinking water, uncovered picnic areas, a picnic shelter, hiking trails, and hunting. For up-to-date information, call (860) 923-2982 or visit the website at:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Mansfield-Hollow-Lake/>.

(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. 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

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Northfield-Brook-Lake/>

(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 DEEP. 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, and a designated motorized trail bike (seasonal, 2-wheel only). The project is open from the third Saturday in April through Columbus Day. For up-to-date information, especially for motorbike area availability, call (860) 283-5540. The website is

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Thomaston-Dam/>.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ThomastonDam (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 and range from \$15 to \$30. Some sites are equipped with water and electricity. Showers and restrooms are free of charge for registered guests. Firewood is available for purchase. Camping reservations

may be arranged through Recreation One Stop 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 over 17 miles of hiking trails, hunting, snowmobiling, and free public programs. For up-to-date information, call 860-923-2982. The website is <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/>. (TRB)

MASSACHUSETTS

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Massachusetts/>



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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Barre-Falls-Dam/>. (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 fishing are permitted. For more information, visit

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Birch-Hill-Dam/>.

or call (978) 318-8224. For information on Lake Dennison Recreation Area, call the Headquarters of Otter River State Forest at 978-939-8962 or visit <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-conservation-and-recreation>.

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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 <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/division-of-fisheries-and-wildlife>. (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. The Park is open May through September and a day-use fee is charged. A volleyball court, horseshoe pit, and two picnic shelters can be reserved for a fee. Shelter reservations can be arranged through Recreation One Stop at 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov. At nearby Buffumville Dam, there is a free 27-hole disc 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 for up-to-date information, call (508) 248-5697 or visit the website at

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Bufumville-Lake/>. (TRB)

CAPE COD CANAL, Bourne and Sandwich. I-195 from Providence, RI, I-495 from points west or Route 3 from Boston, MA. As a busy navigable waterway, the Cape Cod 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. Some 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, saltwater fishing, and hiking. Access points, equipped with restrooms, picnic areas, and parking lots, are located along the Canal off major roadways. Fishing by boat in the Canal is prohibited. Saltwater fishing is subject to state regulations. Visit www.mass.gov/massfishhunt for more details. Camping is available along the Canal at Bourne Scenic Park (www.bournescenicpark.com) and Scusset Beach State Reservation (www.reserveamerica.com). A swimming beach is also available at Scusset Beach; entrance fees apply. Park Rangers offer a variety of free interpretive programs including children's programs and guided walks. The Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center on Ed Moffitt Drive in Sandwich features films and interactive exhibits about the Canal's history and operations, as well as local wildlife. Highlights include a retired 41-foot patrol boat and live radar and camera images of the waterway. Canal brochures and guides and a small bookstore are also available. The Visitor Center is closed for the 2021 season. More information available at the Cape Cod Canal Field Office at 508-759-4431 or visit www.capecodcanal.us or www.facebook.com/capecodcanalvisitorcenter, or <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Cape-Cod-Canal/>.

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 boat launch to the Charles River is located on Forest Street. For directions, go to

<https://www.mass.gov/fishing-and-boating-access>. For more information, call the West Hill Dam Park Ranger Staff at (508) 278-2511. Visit the website at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Flood-Risk-Management/Massachusetts/Charles-River-NVS/>.

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 hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. For up-to-date information, call (508) 347-3705. The website is <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Conant-Brook-Dam/>.
(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. Lake Siog (Holland Pond) located on Dug Hill Road features a swimming beach, picnic areas, restrooms and drinking water, and is open three days per week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. A gravel, car top canoe/kayak launch is located below Pond Bridge, at the outlet of Lake Siog. A second gravel boat launch is located at the end of Pond Bridge Road and is suitable for boat trailers. Easily walked and accessed trails are available off of Route 20 and Five Bridge Road in Brimfield, and off of Pond Bridge Road. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management stocks trout in the river. 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/>.
(TRB)

HODGES VILLAGE DAM, Oxford, off Route 12. Over 25 miles of trails are maintained at Hodges Village Dam. Opportunities include hiking, fishing, mountain biking, hunting, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and dirt biking. Dirt bike trails are closed seasonally. A canoe launch and parking area provide access to the French River below the dam. The French River is also accessible for canoeing from Greenbriar Park at the northern end of the project. Greenbriar Park, operated by the Town of Oxford, 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 trail conditions call (508) 248-5697 or visit the website at <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/> (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 visiting www.recreation.gov. 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Knightville-Dam/>. (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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Littleville-Lake/>. (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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Tully-Lake/> or call (978) 318-8907.

Interpretive programs are given by the Park Rangers as requested by organized groups. Volunteers are welcome to participate in a variety of work projects.

Tully Lake Campground 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. Vehicle access to the West Hill Day-use Area is currently restricted, however walk ins are welcome. West Hill Dam offers a swimming beach, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, drinking water, hiking trails, mountain bike trails 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. One shelter, 20' x 36' at the area near the dam with tables, grill and electricity may be reserved for a fee. Shelter reservations can be arranged through Recreation One Stop 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. Check the website at <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Hill-Dam/>. (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. Shelter reservations can be arranged through Recreation One Stop at 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov. Electric power is available at both shelters. For up-to-date information and reservations, call (508) 347-3705. The website is <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Westville-Lake/>. (TRB)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/New-Hampshire/>.



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. Interpretive programs are available throughout the year and on request. For up-to-date information, call (603) 934-2116 or visit our website at: www.corpslakes.us/Blackwater or <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Blackwater-Dam/>.
(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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Edward-MacDowell-Lake/>.
(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. An 18-hole disc golf course is available free of charge starting at the Franklin Falls Dam front parking lot. 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. Interpretive programs are available throughout the year and on request including the popular Junior Ranger Program for children ages 6-12. The

Junior Ranger Program offers a chance to get a firsthand look at the various jobs of a USACE Park Ranger. Topics typically include water safety, trees and forestry, wildlife, wetlands, and flood control. For up-to-date information, call (603) 934-2116 or visit our website at: www.corpslakes.us/FranklinFalls or <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Franklin-Falls-Dam/> (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 USACE 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hopkinton-Everett-Lake/> (MRB)

OTTER BROOK LAKE, Keene, Route 9. The park features a swimming area, a picnic area and a boat ramp. Restrooms, beach, picnic tables, grills are available in the area. 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. 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 no horsepower limit but the whole lake is no wake. Trash shall be removed on a carry-in/carry-out basis.

For up-to-date information, call (603) 352-4130. The website is <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Otter-Brook-Lake/>. (UCRB)

SURRY MOUNTAIN LAKE, Surry, 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 and a playground 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 no horsepower limit but the whole lake is no wake. 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Surry-Mountain-Lake/>. (UCRB)

VERMONT

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Vermont/>



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. A canoe/kayak launch is available on the lake, but no trailers are allowed. A small picnic area with tables, grills and gazebo is located along the access road to the dam. 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. Pets must be on a 6-foot (or less) leash at all times. Hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling are permitted with the applicable licenses and permits and in accordance with state and federal regulations. Trash and recycling are provided and located next to the entrance. For up-to-date information, call (978)318-8914. The West River Trail, a historic rail-trail, can be accessed in several areas of the reservoir. The website is <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Ball-Mountain-Lake/>. Ball Mountain Lake is part of R1S 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. 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. 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 <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/North-Hartland-Lake/>. North Hartland Lake is part of the R1S 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 annually with rainbow trout and also offers warm water species like largemouth bass, yellow perch and various panfish. Stoughton Pond offers a gravel boat ramp, watercraft are limited to a five-mile-per-hour speed limit. Stoughton Pond Recreation Area features a swimming area and picnic sites. Restrooms, change house, picnic tables, grills, playground 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

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/North-Springfield-Lake/>.
(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 must be on a 6-foot (or less) leash at all times and are not allowed on the beach. The West River Trail, an historic rail-trail, can be accessed in several areas of the reservoir. For up-to-date information, call (978) 318-8915. The website is

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Townshend-Lake/>.

Townshend Lake is part of R1S 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 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

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Union-Village-Dam/>.

Union Village Dam is part of R1S 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. Website: www.bournescenicpark.com

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. Website: www.galloarena.com

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. Website: www.sandwichmarina.com

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 (508) 888-0859. Email: Scusset.beach@state.ma.us. Website: www.mass.gov/locations/scusset-beach-state-reservation.

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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Perkinsville, VT 05151
Telephone 802-886-8111

Lower Connecticut River Basin Office (LCRB)

3 Athol-Richmond Road
Royalston, MA 01368
Telephone 978-249-2547

Merrimack River Basin Office (MRB)

Hopkinton-Everett Lake
2097 Maple Street
Contoocook, NH 03229-3370
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
Middlebury, CT 06762-2829
Telephone 203-758-1723 or 1724

Cape Cod Canal Field Office

P.O. Box 1555
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532-1555
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Information is also available from the New England District headquarters in Concord by contacting:

Technical Services Section/Recreation

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District

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