



Green Mountain *National Forest*

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Picnicking

General Forest Information:

Forest visitors are allowed to picnic anywhere in the Green Mountain National Forest. Certain areas are set up with amenities designed toward picnicking and general day use. Day use areas are open from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. In these areas tables with grills, hand pumps for drinking water, vault toilets, and parking areas are provided. All visitors to the Green Mountain National Forest are asked to practice Leave No Trace Principles, such as carry out what you carry in.

North Half of the Green Mountain National Forest:

Texas Falls: Up the road from the Texas Falls is the picnic area on the left side of the road, bordering the brook. There is a picnic pavilion with 10 tables under it as well as 13 tables scattered around the area, with grills located at each picnic site. **There is no drinking water or garbage service available.**

Robert Frost Wayside: The Robert Frost Wayside is a picnic area in a stand of red pine trees located on Route 125. There are picnic tables and grills scattered through the area and an accessible vault toilet. The Forest Service and State of Vermont maintain bulletin boards on site, with area information posted. **There is no drinking water available.**

Falls of Lana: Located on North Branch, the Falls of Lana picnic area is accessible only by foot. There are picnic tables and grills scattered through the area and a vault toilet. **There is no drinking water available.** The Falls of Lana is the starting point of several hikes.

Silver Lake: The Silver Lake day use area is located on the shore of Silver Lake. Accessible only by foot, the picnic area has 7 picnic tables and grills scattered through the area. There is an accessible vault toilet. **There is no drinking water available.**



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South Half of the Green Mountain National Forest:

Big Branch: This day-use area is located off Forest Road 10 near the town of Danby. An accessible vault toilet is found near the parking area. The semi-open picnic area has picnic tables and grills. **There is no drinking water available.** Fine views of the Route 7 valley are found at the south end of the picnic area.

Hapgood Pond Recreation Area: There are 2 day use areas consisting of large open areas that have picnic tables and grills. There is also a bathhouse with flush toilets, 2 picnic pavilions, which can be reserved for a small fee with advanced notice, an accessible fishing pier, a hand-carry boat launch, a swimming beach (There is no lifeguard on duty; swim at your own risk.), and drinking fountains throughout the area. The \$4.00 per vehicle day use fee can be paid at the self-service fee station at the main parking area.

Grout Pond Recreation Area: This recreation area is off of the Kelley Stand Road, near the town of Stratton. An open day use area with picnic tables and a barrier-free vault toilet can be found near the host cabin in the upper section of Grout Pond Recreation Area. Down near the parking area there is another accessible vault toilet, a hand pump for drinking water, a 200-foot hand-carry boat portage with an unloading area, and 5 day use picnic areas with tables and grills. Another day use picnic site can be found along the northern edge of Grout Pond by following the Pond Trail. Plenty of hiking opportunities also exist with over 10 miles of trails, marked with blue diamonds.

White Rocks: This recreation area is tucked in the Green Mountain National Forest off of Route 140 near the town of Wallingford. Next to the parking area is a large mowed open play area with picnic tables and grills. Other tables and grills are located along the wooded path. **There is no drinking water available.** There is an accessible vault toilet near the play area. Two day hike opportunities, White Rocks Cliffs and Ice Beds Trail lead from the parking area.

Other Resources:

- Day Use Area Recreation Opportunity Guides
- Developed Campground Recreation Opportunity Guides
- Leave No Trace Principles Recreation Opportunity Guide

For More Information:

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