



Green Mountain National Forest Lefferts Pond Area

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Description:

Lefferts Pond Area provides a wide variety of activities for Forest visitors, which includes mountain biking, horseback riding, boating, fishing, picnicking, cross country, skiing, snowmobiling, and hiking. These trails offer loop opportunity that begins and ends at the parking lot.

Round Robin Trail

From the Lefferts Pond parking lot, the trail passes views of Chittenden Reservoir and Lefferts Pond as it crosses over the dam and a bridge over a spillway. The trail climbs for a short distance to the intersection with the Lefferts Pond Trail. The Round Robin trail continues to the left and goes north on the east side of Chittenden Reservoir to Forest Road 99 at 4.9 miles. The trail is wide and gently rolling through the woods. Maximum elevation change is 250 feet. Average trip time is 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ – 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours round trip.

Lefferts Pond Trail

There is a loop opportunity around Lefferts Pond by connecting the Round Robin Trail, Lefferts Pond Trail, and a section of Wildcat Rd. Leaving Lefferts Pond parking lot, follow the Round Robin trail to the intersection with the Lefferts Pond Trail and turn right. The trail is wide, with gradual ascents and descents to the intersection with Wildcat Rd. Turn right on Wildcat Rd. to return to the parking area at 2.9 miles. The trail is wide and gently rolling through the woods. Maximum elevation change is 200 feet. Average trip time is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ – 2 hours.

Cross Country Skiing and Horseback Riding is available on the Round Robin and Lefferts Pond Trails but riders must obtain a day pass from the Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden (see map on back for location of Inn).

Boating and fishing access to Lefferts Pond and Chittenden Reservoir (from the parking lot) is available. Lefferts Pond 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. **Only non-motorized boats are allowed on Lefferts Pond.** The species present in Lefferts Pond and Chittenden Reservoir are Brown Trout, Yellow Perch, and Largemouth Bass. All fishing and boating activities need to meet state regulation on both Lefferts Pond and Chittenden Reservoir.

Directions:

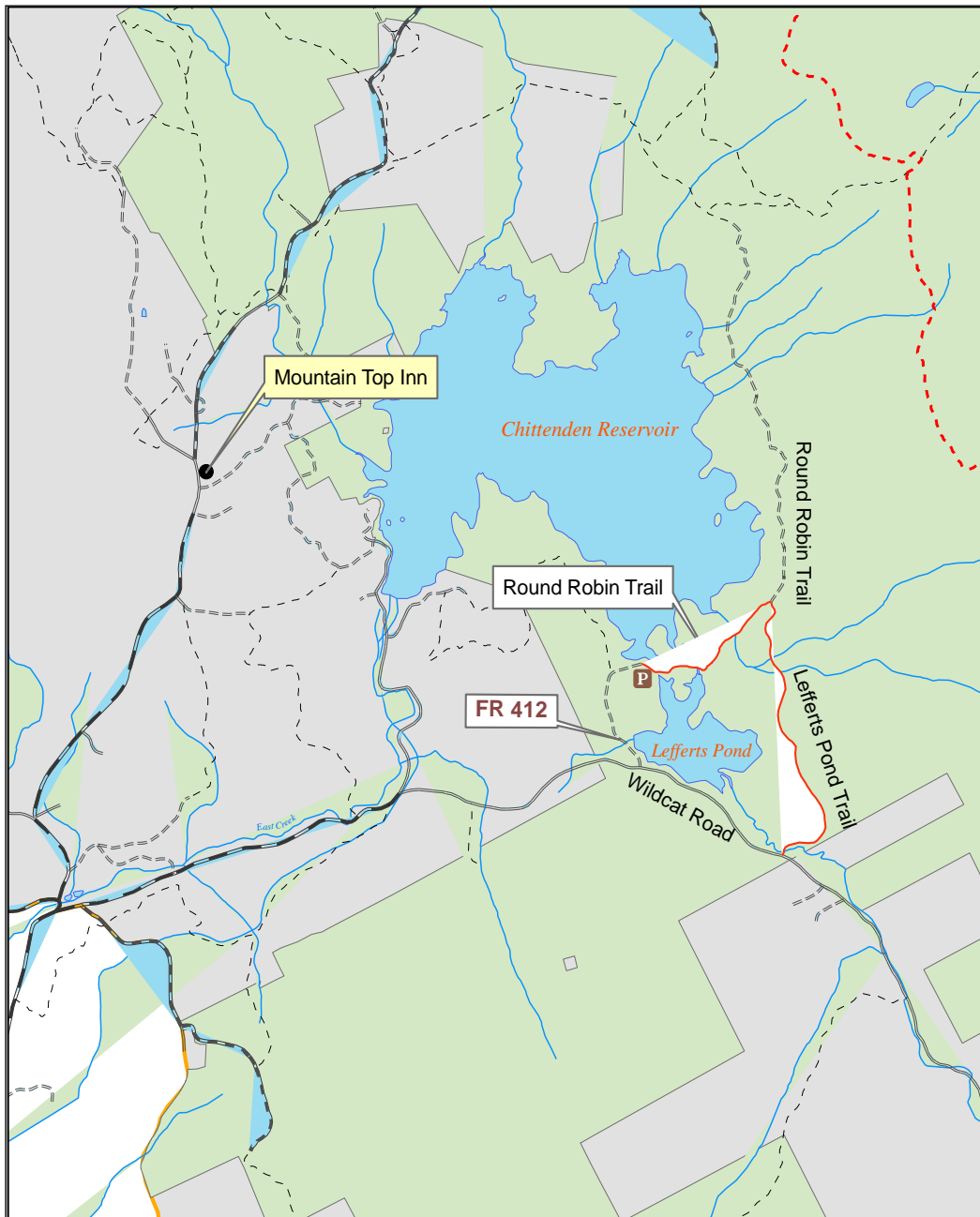
From Rutland, follow Route 7 north, past a stoplight outside of town. Bear right onto East Pittsford Rd. East Pittsford Rd. turns into Chittenden Rd. at 3.3 miles. Continue for 2.7 miles on Chittenden Rd. to a three-way junction. Bear right onto Dam Road and follow it for 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Wildcat Road (unmarked) and follow it for 0.9 miles. Turn left onto a dirt road (Forest Road 412) and follow it for 0.5 miles to the parking lot at the end.

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Notes:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- Camping is not allowed in the day use area.
- No fires are allowed in the day use area.
- Day Use Only – 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
- There is no garbage service.

Map:**For More Information:**

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

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