

GRAFTON LAKES STATE PARK



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BRIEF HISTORY

Grafton Lakes State Park, open year round, is located on the forested mountain plateau between the Taconic and Hudson Valleys, twelve miles east of Troy. The City of Troy used the ponds for its water supply until the 1960's, when the land was acquired for the state park system. The park's 2,357 acres features four ponds and the Martin-Dunham Reservoir.

WHAT TO DO IN THE PARK

Picnicking - Family picnic areas consist of grills, Picnic tables and comfort stations; no reservations required. Group picnic shelters are open for reservations by calling the park office.

Swimming - The 1200' sandy beach on Long Pond is the Park's most popular summer attraction. The beach is open Daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The beach area includes showers, locker rooms and snack bar

Boating - Canoes, rowboats and sailboats may be launched at each pond. Row boats and pedal boats may be rented Memorial Day to Columbus Day at the boathouse on Long Pond.

Fishing - All five bodies of water offer excellent fishing opportunities. Ice fishing is promoted and encouraged, ice conditions permitting. Stop by the park office for further information.

Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park - The purpose of this newly formed organization is to support and promote the environmental education programs and other activities at Grafton. Please stop by the park office for further information. The "Friends Group" meets at the Nature Center on Shaver Pond Road.

Trails - There are twenty miles of trail throughout the park. Trails are designated for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Trail information may be found at the park office

REMINDER OF GENERAL PARK RULES

- 1. Children under 10 years of age shall at all time be under supervision and control of parent, guardian or responsible custodian (18 years of age or older).
- 2. Glass containers, alcoholic beverages and pets are not allowed on the beach.
- 3. All boats and canoes are required to have life jackets (PFD's) for each person. Please do not swim from any boat. No motor are allowed, except electric motors on the Martin-Dunham Reservoir, Long Pond, and Second Pond
- 4. You must be 21 years of age possess or consume alcoholic beverages. An alcohol permit is required for large amounts of alcohol. Please obtain a permit at the Park Office.
- 5. This is a "Carry In Carry Out" Park. Please take home you picnicking litter and dispose of it properly.
- 6. Pets must be on a leash (not exceeding six (6) feet in length) and under control at all times. Proof of rabies inoculation may be requested. Please clean-up after your dog as a courtesy to others.

