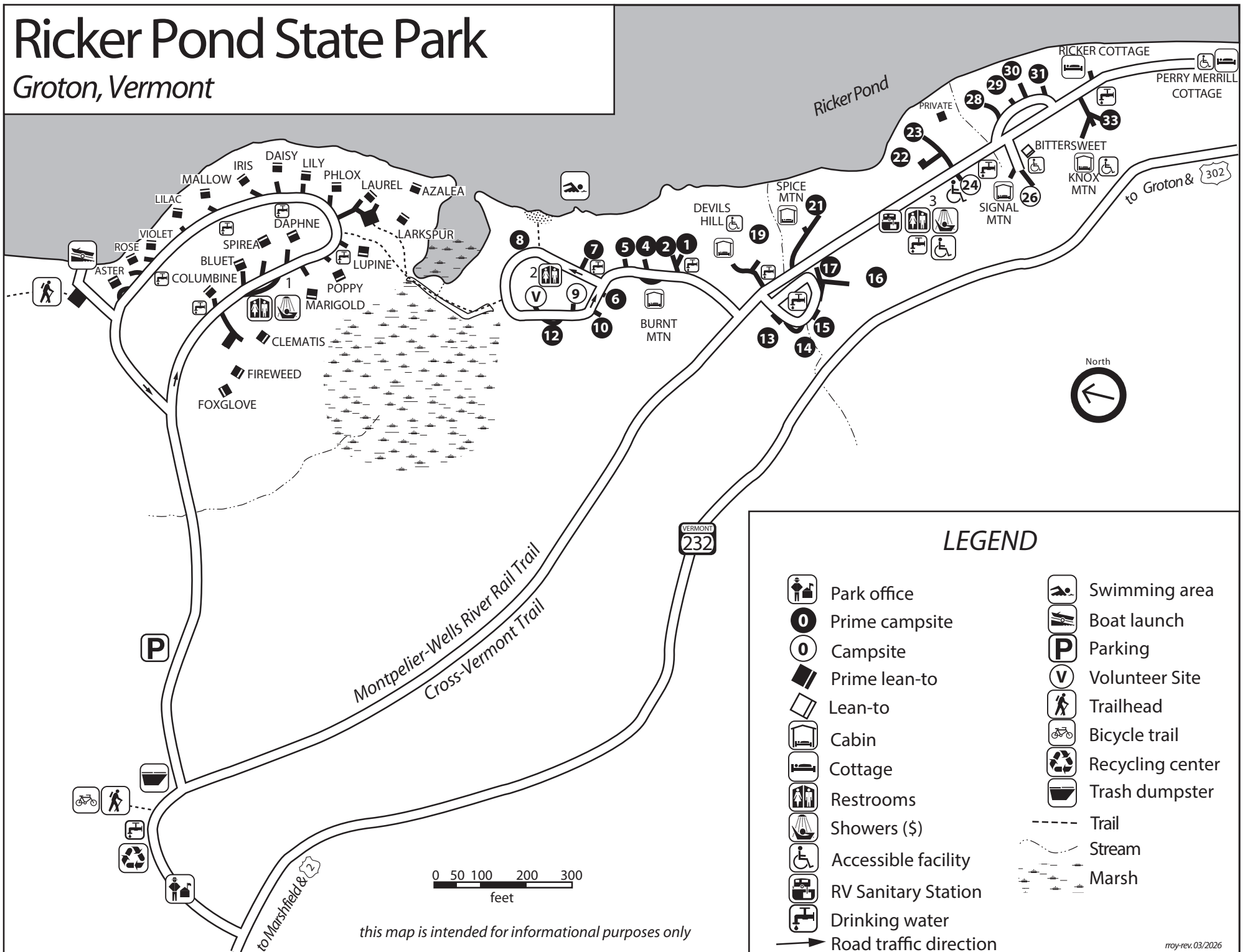


Ricker Pond State Park

Groton, Vermont



LEGEND

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| | Park office | | Swimming area |
| | Prime campsite | | Boat launch |
| | Campsite | | Parking |
| | Prime lean-to | | Volunteer Site |
| | Lean-to | | Trailhead |
| | Cabin | | Bicycle trail |
| | Cottage | | Recycling center |
| | Restrooms | | Trash dumpster |
| | Showers (\$) | | Trail |
| | Accessible facility | | Stream |
| | RV Sanitary Station | | Marsh |
| | Drinking water | | |
| | Road traffic direction | | |

Ricker Pond State Park

Ricker Pond State Park, is located on the western shores of Ricker Pond and adjacent to the Montpelier-Wells River Rail Trail (Cross Vermont Trail).

As early as 1704, Native Americans and the French were using routes through Groton to reach Canada and Massachusetts. Colonists settled this area of Vermont slightly earlier than the rest of the state through the accessible network of waterways.

The rocky, tree covered hillsides were originally cloaked with white pine, spruce, hemlock, beech, maple and birch. These were logged by local farmers for lumber, fuel and potash. The logging industry was large-scale for almost 100 years while the railroad was operating. Today, logging is still a vital industry in the area, but has lost some of its dominance in favor of modern society's leisure time movement - private cottages/seasonal homes and a variety of outdoor recreation activities.

Groton State Forest, with over 26,000 acres, is the second largest landholding administered by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. It contains over 17 miles of hiking trails and over 20 miles of gravel roads and multi-use trails suitable for mountain biking and horseback riding.

Ricker Pond State Park Amenities

- 27 campsites
- 23 lean-to shelters
- 5 cabins
- 2 waterfront cottages
- Firewood & ice for sale

Recreation in Groton State Forest

- Groton Forest Nature Center
- Boulder Beach State Park – sand beach, boat rentals, picnicking

- Kettle & Osmore Ponds - remote camping, quiet water boating, hiking
- New Discovery State Park - trails
- Seyon Lodge State Park - fly fishing, meeting facility, dining, lodging
- Cross Vermont Trail – walking, bicycling, winter use
- Peacham Bog - trail and nature study
- Miles of foot trails

Recreating & Sightseeing in the Area

Barre

- Granite Quarries & Museums
- VT Historical Society Library

Montpelier

- Vermont State House
- VT Historical Society Museum

St. Johnsbury

- Maple Grove Museum
- Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium
- St. Johnsbury Athenaeum & Art Gallery

For More Information contact:

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18 Ricker Pond Campground Road
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Memorial Day Weekend-
Indigenous People's Day

Camping
Boating
Fishing
Cabin & Cottage Rentals
Multi-Use Trail

Groton State Forest Recreation Area