

Silver Lake Campground and Recreation Area



Attractions

Silver Lake Campground is a small, primitive campground located on Silver Lake and is only accessible by hiking 0.6 miles down the Goshen Trail, which starts at a parking lot at the end of Forest Road 27. The campground is open yearround, with hosts typically on-site from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Sites are available on a first come, first served basis.

Silver Lake has attracted people for many generations long before the Green Mountain National Forest owned the surrounding land or the Hortonia Power Company started making electricity. Even before the famous Silver Lake Hotel and religious retreat existed on the site of today's picnic area, ancestors of today's Abenaki people were here enjoying the peace and beauty.



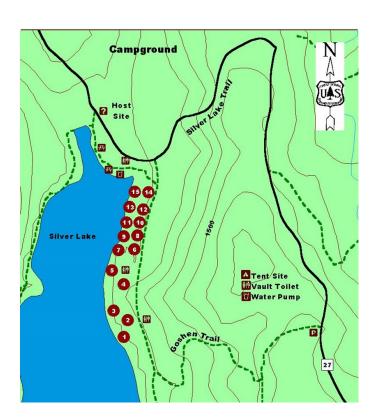
Access

From Middlebury, travel south on Route 7 to the Junction of Route 125. Travel east on Route 125 for 6.8 miles and turn right onto Forest Road 32. Follow FR 32 for 6.8 miles and turn right onto Silver Lake Road (FR 27). Follow Silver Lake Road 2.2 miles to the parking lot at the end.

From Rochester, travel south on Route 100 to the junction of Route 73. Travel west on Route 73 for 10.3 miles. Turn right on Hathaway Road and follow it for 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Flora White Road and follow it for 1.4 miles to a stop sign. Go straight through onto Silver Lake Road (FR 27). Follow Silver Lake Road 2.2 miles to the parking lot at the end.

Campground Facilities

There are 15 campsites irregularly spaced along a wooded road. Each site has a picnic table and fire ring with a grill. There are two vault toilets in the campground and one barrier free vault toilet in the picnic area. **There is no drinking water available**. There are no showers or hook-ups. There is no garbage service available; please carry out what you carry in.



Campground Information & Regulations

• Camping Fee: \$10.00 per Site per Night

Maximum Campers Per Site: 6 People

Checkout Time: 2:00 PM

Dogs must be on a leash at all times

Quiet Hours: 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM

There is no dump station or trash service

Maximum stay: 14 days in a 30-day period

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Trail Information











Silver Lake Trail

The trail follows an old carriage road from Silver Lake parking on Rt. 53, past the Falls of Lana and Silver Lake to the junction with Leicester Hollow Trail at 1.6 miles. The trail goes uphill all the way and is fairly steep from Route 53 to Silver Lake. The maximum elevation change is 850 feet.

Rocky Point Trail



The trail junctions at both Leicester Hollow trail, south of Silver Lake Campground, and Silver Lake trail north of the picnic site. The trail follows around Silver Lake, leaving the lake to meet up with Chandler Ridge Trail, and then continuing again along the lake at 1.6 miles.

Leicester Hollow







The trail follows Leicester Hollow Brook as it gradually ascends to Silver Lake. The trail ends at the Silver Lake Trail, near a dam, at 5.6 miles. For good views, return via the Chandler Ridge Trail, which begins off the Silver Lake Loop Trail on the west side of Silver Lake.

Chandler Ridge





The trail follows a ridge with gentle grades and has views to the east and west and meets the Leicester Hollow Trail at 4.8 miles. Elevation change over Chandler Ridge is 720 feet. Average hiking time for the Leicester Hollow/ Chandler Ridge loop is 5 hours.

Goshen Trail





The trail begins at the Goshen parking lot on Forest Road 27 at a gated road. The trail crests a low ridge and passes under a power line. Continuing through the woods, the trail turns right at a junction with the Ridge Trail, and connects with the Leicester Hollow Trail just south of Silver Lake Campground at 0.6 mile. Maximum elevation change is 270 feet.

Minnie Baker Trail











The trail climbs steeply in several pitches from route 53 and then descends to the Leicester Hollow Trail on a long downgrade with a hairpin turn at 1.2 miles and the maximum elevation change is 800 feet.

