

Moosalamoo Moose Viewing Drive

Looking for moose is a popular activity in the spring. Moose come to roadside wetlands to feed on vegetation and get the salt that has washed off the roads from the winter. Dawn and dusk are the best times to see the moose out in the open.

This popular loop will lead you through the Moosalamoo Region. You can start the drive from any point and make a loop with these directions. From **Ripton**, follow Route 125 east to the Ripton Goshen Road (FR32) there is a sign that says (to Silver Lake and Blueberry Hill). It will be a right turn onto a dirt road. Follow FR32 slowly through the Moosalamoo area. Most of the time moose are seen close to wet areas. Along FR 32 you will pass the Moosalamoo Campground, Voter Brook Overlook, Blueberry Hill Inn and X-C Center, the Moosalamoo information kiosk, and the roads to the Blueberry Management Area and Silver Lake. Stay on FR 32 until you come out on Route 73 in **Goshen**. (to get to Goshen from **Brandon** travel east on Route 73) Turn left (east) on Route 73 and follow this up and over the mountain (Brandon Gap) just over the top is a pull off on the left where moose are seen quite often. Their tracks can be seen in the mud around the beaver pond below. Moose are also often seen along route 73 from the Gap to Chittenden Brook Campground Road. Follow Route 73 to Route 100 in Rochester. Turn left (North) on Route 100 and follow this through the town of **Rochester**. Going north you will come to **Hancock** and Route 125. Turn left onto Route 125 and go west. Moose are seen along the road usually near the mountain (on either side). Follow Route 125 down the mountain, as the road flattens out there is a wet area on the south side of the road where moose hang out. Just past the Breadloaf campus of Middlebury College is the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail on the left. Moose are sometimes seen in this area. Continue on Route 125 for about a mile past Robert Frost and you will reach FR 32 again on the left. Staying on Route 125 will bring you back to **Ripton** where you began.

