

StewardMRV

Blueberry Lake Beach Access North

Site Stewardship Plan - 2021

Site:

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Location & Description:

Warren - 44.07956, -72.83486

Introduction

This popular recreational access point is the primary gateway to Blueberry Lake, an artificial lake. A mix of forestland, wetlands, and open meadow, the Blueberry Lake property provides outstanding opportunities for recreation, including swimming, fishing, hiking, ice skating and cross-country skiing. And its location, adjacent to the Roxbury State Forest, offers prime habitat for songbirds, black bear, and other wildlife.

The effort to protect the land reached its first milestone in 2000 when the town of Warren acquired a 4-acre property on Mills Brook, including the small dam that forms the lake. Several months later, thanks to the support of the Vermont Congressional delegation, we helped the Green Mountain National Forest acquire roughly 370 acres around this popular swimming hole, including nearly the entire lakeshore. The final phase of the project was completed in 2002 when 140 acres on Prickley Mountain were added to the National Forest.

Ownership:

- Owner
 - US Forest Service - Green Mountain National Forest
- Contact
 - Phillip Macaskill - Natural Resource Specialist
99 Ranger Road - Rochester, VT 05767 - 1(802) 767-4261 x5530

Current Site Use & Parking

Parking lot,

Stewardship Management Issues

High level of use, resulting in parking crunch at high use times.

Trash/debris left on site

Goose waste on the lawn has been an issue

Signage

There is US Forest Service signage on the property.

Trails

There are no trails emanating from this site

Restroom Facilities

Over the past few years the USFS has paid for the rental and servicing of a single Portalet located near the parking lot. It is serviced twice a week. There are currently no plans to use stewardMRV funds to alter the existing USFS plan.

Refuse Plan

According to the US Forest Service plans this is a "Pack It In - Pack It Out" site.

Dog Poop Bag Dispenser

There is not currently a dispenser at this site.

Parking Plan

Status - Limited parking on busy days

Safety & Liability**Water Quality Testing & Public Health**

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Volunteer Plan

Volunteer will check the site on a weekly basis to pick up trash, check the condition of the port-o-let and report any problems to the stewardMRV Coordinator and the USFS as necessary.

Site Management Supervision

Site management will be coordinated by the stewardMRV Program Coordinator intern under the supervision of the MRV Chamber Director and the Trails Collaborative stewardMRV working committee.

The Coordinator will recruit and manage a site volunteer.

The Coordinator will connect on a weekly basis with the Site Steward Leads and report to the various stakeholders as necessary.

The Coordinator will track data and provide reporting on trash picked, status of the site and pass along any problems/issues as needed. The Coordinator will be present at the working committee meetings for periodic reports.

Site Steward Leads – Adopt-A-Site

Available

Site Stakeholders

USFS/Green Mountain National Forest, Town of Warren

Adopt-A-Site Sponsor

Available

Site Notes, Recommendations & Improvements

Site Map