Camping and Use Guidelines

Observe and Practice “Leave No Trace” Guidelines.

Fires
The deep humus soil in the Zack Woods area poses a significant risk of underground fire that can be very difficult to extinguish.
- Use camp stove whenever possible.
- Fires must be attended at all times.
- Drown fire completely when away and before sleep.
- Collect dead and downed wood only. Never cut or remove branches or bark from live trees.
- If packing in wood, it must come from within Vermont or be certified heat-treated.

Cleaning and Bathing
Use only phosphate-free soap. Bathing, washing dishes and disposing dish water must all be done at minimum 150 feet from surface waters, trails or campsites.

Sanitation
Human waste must be disposed of in a hole 8 inches deep at least 150 feet from surface waters, trails or campsites. Mix waste well with soil and leaf litter and cover the pit completely when done. Pack out all trash and recyclables.

Noise
Voices and other sounds carry easily over open water. Leave radios at home and enjoy the sounds of nature. If you must use electronic devices, do so only at low volume.

Pets
Pets must be kept quiet and under control at all times. Clean up after your pet and pack out pet waste.

Camping and boat launching allowed in designated locations only.

- Before launching, please carefully inspect and clean boats of all types, fishing gear and equipment to prevent the spread of invasive species.
- The island in Zack Woods Pond is closed to public access. Please stay off.
- These are designated “quiet” waters. Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules limit motors to electric power with a maximum speed of 5 mph. Internal combustion motors are prohibited.
- Please carry and store canoes and kayaks away from the shoreline when not in use to protect shoreline vegetation.
Zack Woods Pond
Green River Reservoir State Park

Zack Woods Pond is part of the 5,174-acre Green River Reservoir State Park. Green River Reservoir is not your typical state park - it is part of a 4,600-acre habitat block identified by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department as high quality wildlife habitat with numerous ponds, streams and wetlands. The park features a series of campsites accessible only by non-motorized watercraft.

Zack Woods Pond has a unique natural island, which provides an ideal nesting location for Common Loons. Nesting loons are sensitive to human interference; for this reason the island is closed to public access. To help protect loons, please:

- Avoid getting within 300 feet of loon nests during nesting season (May - July). Honor posted warning signs.
- Always maintain a respectful distance from loons when on the water. If a loon vocalizes, slowly back away.
- Pick up snagged fishing lines, which can entangle the birds. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department recommends using steel fishing tackle instead of lead.

Amenities
There are four Remote Campsites at the Zack Woods Pond recreation area. These are accessible only by foot. Please limit occupancy to six persons or fewer; maximum stay is three consecutive nights. Camping is allowed only at the designated sites.

Recreation Opportunities in the Area:
- Boating fishing and paddling throughout Green River Reservoir State Park and Elmore State Park
- Hiking at Elmore State Park and Mt. Mansfield State Forest
- Cycling on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail in Morrisville

For More Information, Contact:
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For general information outside of the operating season:
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