

The Nature Conservancy is a private, nonprofit conservation organization that owns and manages lands in Vermont and we are dedicated to protecting the lands and waters on which all life depends. We encourage the public to visit and enjoy our lands, but limit use to activities that are compatible with our mission and conservation goals. Please respect of these policies when visiting our preserves so that future generations can continue to enjoy the great places of Vermont.



### **Uses that are generally allowed**

**Hiking, Walking, Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing**– Some trails are seasonally closed or re-routed to minimize detrimental impacts and to protect sensitive habitats. While our preserves are open in the winter, trails and parking areas are often not maintained.

**Canoeing, Kayaking, Other Non-Motorized Boating, and Swimming** – Many water bodies on Conservancy preserves are accessible for the public use, although The Nature Conservancy does not actively maintain boat access.

**Hunting and Fishing** – Hunting and fishing are allowed on most Conservancy lands in Vermont, though some may require prior permission. For more information on our hunting policies: [nature.org/vthunting](https://www.nature.org/vthunting)

**Harvesting of wild edibles** – Harvesting/foraging of berries or other plentiful wild edibles in small quantities for individual personal use is permitted.

### **Uses that are generally prohibited**

The following uses are generally inconsistent with The Nature Conservancy’s mission, goals, or policies and procedures, and are not allowed on Conservancy preserves.

**Pets and Domesticated Animals** – Pets are generally prohibited except for trained ADA service animals. Pets are inappropriate visitors to Conservancy preserves because they can disturb wildlife, impede enjoyment of the preserve by other visitors, spread diseases to wildlife, or leave stools that may create sanitation problems or contain seeds from non-native plants. Horseback riding, pack animals and dog sledding is not allowed.

**Motorized Vehicles and Watercraft**– All motorized vehicles are prohibited. Exceptions include snowmobile use on approved VAST trails, use of motorized vehicles for Conservancy management purposes, and use of motorized vehicles in emergencies.

**Wheeled Vehicles Including Bicycles** – Our trails are not designed or maintained for wheeled vehicles, which can have detrimental effects on trail conditions, especially on steep slopes and erodible soils, and so are prohibited.

**Camping and fires** – In general, Conservancy preserves are only open from dawn to dusk and camping and fires are prohibited. An exception is made at designated fire pits at Barr Hill Natural Area in Greensboro.

**Rock/Ice/Mixed Climbing** – Rock, ice, “mixed” climbing and bouldering are prohibited.

**Trapping, target shooting, baiting or feeding of wildlife** – Trapping requires the permission of the landowner by Vermont statute. Currently, trapping, target shooting and baiting/feeding wildlife is not generally permitted on Conservancy preserves.

**Commercial Harvest or Collection** – Collection of plant, animal, mineral or other specimens is prohibited, except for approved scientific purposes. Commercial collecting of any kind is prohibited.

**For-profit, Commercial Trips or Guiding** – Because we are non-profit organization and our lands are open to the public for free, any paid, commercial trips are prohibited.

**Hang Gliding, Personal Aircraft, Ultralights and Drones** – All self-propelled or other aircraft are prohibited from taking off, landing or being operated by a person on any Conservancy preserve unless it is associated with Conservancy management purposes or pre-approved research.

**Adventure Racing or Orienteering Competitions** – Our preserves and trails are not designed or maintained for trail running or large group activities. Additionally, these activities can negatively impact the experience of other visitors and are not allowed.

**Group Sports/Games** – Paintball or “capture the flag” type games are prohibited.

### **Uses that are generally allowed with prior permission**

The following activities require advance permission. Please call 802-229-4425 or contact [vermont@tnc.org](mailto:vermont@tnc.org) to find out how to obtain permission.

**Research and Field Study** – Individuals from educational, research, academic, governmental or other recognized institution can conduct non-destructive field study and research on Conservancy preserves with prior written permission.

**Educational Programs and Field Trips** – Many non-profit organizations and school groups use Conservancy preserves for environmental programs and educational field trips. Interested parties larger than 8 people should contact The Nature Conservancy for general permission, and should notify the Conservancy prior to each use to ensure compliance with management guidelines and to avoid conflict with any other events or management activities.

### **Uses that may be allowed on a case by case basis**

Please call 802-229-4425 or contact [vermont@tnc.org](mailto:vermont@tnc.org) to find out whether the activity you are interested in is permitted on a particular preserve.

**Snowmobiling** – Snowmobiling established VAST trails is allowed on some Conservancy preserves. VAST clubs are required to enter into use agreements for any trails on Conservancy property and must carry liability insurance.

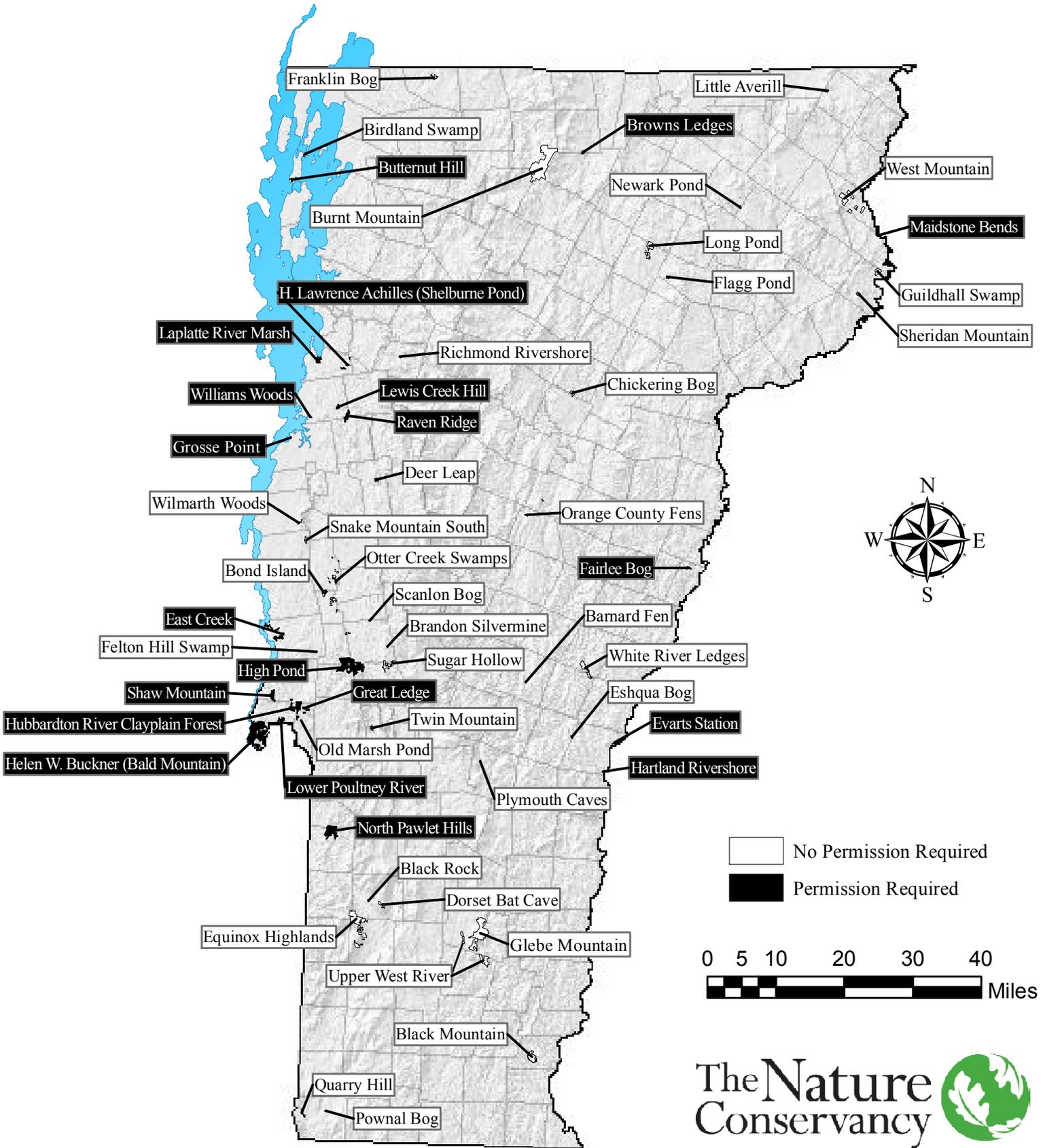
**Hunting with Dogs** – Use of trained retrieving or pointing dogs may be allowed to aid in hunting of upland birds or waterfowl. Hunting with hounds or coursing dogs is prohibited.

**Geocaching, letterboxing, earth caching** – Geocaches are considered on a case-by-case basis and must be placed in a location and manner that avoids disturbance or alteration to any significant natural feature or area of ecological concern.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynn McNamara, Director of Stewardship, at [lmcnamara@tnc.org](mailto:lmcnamara@tnc.org).

# The Nature Conservancy - Vermont Chapter

## *Lands Open for Hunting*



# Nature Conservancy Lands Open for Hunting



NORTHERN VERMONT		
Natural Areas	Towns	Acres
Barnard Fen	Barnard	7
Birdland Swamp	North Hero	56
Black Mountain	Dummerston	799
Bond Island	Whiting	199
Browns Ledges	Lowell, Westfield	98
Burnt Mountain	Montgomery, Westfield, Lowell, Eden, Belvidere	5478
Butternut Hill	North Hero	77
Chickering Bog	E. Montpelier, Calais	220
Deer Leap	Bristol	101
East Creek	Orwell	559
Eshqua Bog	Hartland	41
Evarts Station	Hartland	15
Fairlee Bog	Fairlee	142
Flagg Pond	Wheelock	100
Franklin Bog	Franklin	184
Grosse Point	Ferrisburg	17
Guildhall Swamp	Guildhall	385
H. Lawrence Achilles (Shelburne Pond)	Shelburne	122
Hartland Rivershore	Hartland	5
Laplatte River Marsh	Shelburne	230
Lewis Creek Hill	Charlotte	123
Little Averill	Averill	38
Long Pond	Greensboro	769
Maidstone Bends	Maidstone	340
Newark Pond	Newark	44
Orange County Fens	Brookfield, Williamstown	43
Otter Creek Swamps	Cornwall, Whiting	664
Raven Ridge	Monkton, Charlotte, Hinesburg	364
Richmond River-shore	Richmond	26
Sheridan Mountain	Guildhall	125
Snake Mountain	Bridport	240
West Mountain	Brunswick	1494
White River Ledges	Sharon, Pomfret	186
Williams Woods	Charlotte	63
Wilmarth Woods	Addison	81

**For permission and more information, please contact:**

**Northern Vermont:**

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**Southern Vermont:**

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- ◆ Hunting of predator species including black bear, bobcat, gray and red fox, coyote, marten, lynx, ermine, otter, fisher and mink is generally **prohibited**
- ◆ **Temporary** tree stands and ground blinds are allowed from the third Sunday in August through the third Saturday in December, May 1-31 or during any Youth Hunting Day or Youth Hunting Weekend
- ◆ No damage may be done to vegetation in erecting stands and blinds and they must be clearly labeled with owner's name and address
- ◆ Permission may be granted at the discretion of the natural area manager for single working dogs under direct voice command for upland bird or waterfowl hunting

SOUTHERN VERMONT		
Natural Area	Town	Acreage
Black Rock	Dorset	39
Brandon Silvermine	Brandon	13
Dorset Bat Cave	Dorset	249
Equinox Highlands	Manchester	2343
Felton Hill Swamp	Orwell	22
Glebe Mountain	Londonderry, Windham	3561
Great Ledge	West Haven, Fair Haven	976
Helen W. Buckner (Bald Mountain)	West Haven	3791
High Pond	Sudbury, Brandon, Pittsford, Hubbardton	2553
Hubbardton River Clayplain	West Haven, Benson	354
Lower Poultney River	West Haven	222
North Pawlet Hills	Pawlet	1437
Old Marsh Pond	Fair Haven	12
Plymouth Caves	Plymouth	13
Pownal Bog	Pownal	26
Quarry Hill	Pownal	105
Scanlon Bog	Brandon	16
Shaw Mountain	Benson	453
Sugar Hollow	Pittsford	272
Twin Mountain	West Rutland	119
Upper West River	Londonderry, Jamaica	1052

**Color Code:**

No Permission Required
Call for Permission

For more information about TNC land, please visit: [nature.org/vthunting](http://nature.org/vthunting)

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