

Whetstone Gulf STATE PARK



WHETSTONE GULF STATE PARK
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**Parks, Recreation
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Thousand Islands Region 2021

New York Statewide Campsite and Cabin Reservation Program

Reservations are accepted up to 9 months prior to the first night of stay at <https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com/> or by calling 1-800-456-CAMP.

All campsites, cabins and cottages in the Thousand Islands Region are site specific except campsites at Mary Island and Cedar Island State Parks. Some parks may have designated waterfront campsites with additional surcharge and pet free areas.



The Empire Pass is your key to all-season enjoyment at New York State Parks! A wallet-sized card that can be shared within a household and not assigned to a specific vehicle. The card provides unlimited day-use vehicle entry to most facilities operated by New York State Parks and the State Department of Environmental Conservation including forests, beaches, trails and more.

Empire Passes are available for different lengths of time: choose from one-season, multi-season or lifetime.

KEEP YOUR PASS! Empire Pass cards are also renewable!



The Access Pass permits residents of New York State with disabilities, as defined in the application, free or discounted use of state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The pass holder may have free or discounted use of facilities operated by these offices, for which there is normally a charge.

For more information, contact 518-474-2324.



The Lifetime Liberty Pass benefits include free vehicle entry to state parks and DEC-operated day-use areas, state boat launch sites, historic sites, arboretums and park preserves, free golf at 28 State Park golf courses; free swimming pool entrance at 36 State Park pools, and discounted camping and cabin rentals.

To qualify for the pass, the veteran must be a resident of New York State and provide State Parks with written certification from the US Veterans Administration or the NYS Division of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is a war veteran with a 40% or greater service connected disability as certified by the US Veterans Administration.

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If you are a New York State resident 62 or older, on Monday - Friday (except holidays), you can obtain free vehicle access to most state parks, boat launch sites and arboretums and fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses.

Simply present your currently valid New York State Driver License or New York State Non-Driver Identification Card at the park entrance. No application is required as your NY State Driver's License/Non-Driver ID Card serves as your pass.

For more information on NYS Parks & Sites call 518/474-0456 or contact us on the internet at <http://www.nysparks.com/>.

Pets & Rabies

1. There is a strict limit of two (2) pets per campsite and cabin, where allowed.
2. All pets, where allowed, must be supervised and kept under constant control, either caged or on a leash not exceeding six feet in length.

With the outbreak of rabies in New York State, it is imperative that the following rules be followed:

3. All pets must have a veterinarian's certificate of inoculation as proof of currently effective rabies inoculation. There can be no exceptions to this rule.
4. Feeding wild animals prohibited.

**In Case Of EMERGENCY
DIAL 911**

**PARK POLICE EMERGENCY
1-877-851-6086
OR
315-482-3349**

When to call? Problems in the park after hours, violations of park rules (ie. quiet hours, disputes), injuries, thefts, accidents (motor vehicle, boats or personal), suspicious activity, etc.

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Park Office: 315/376-6630
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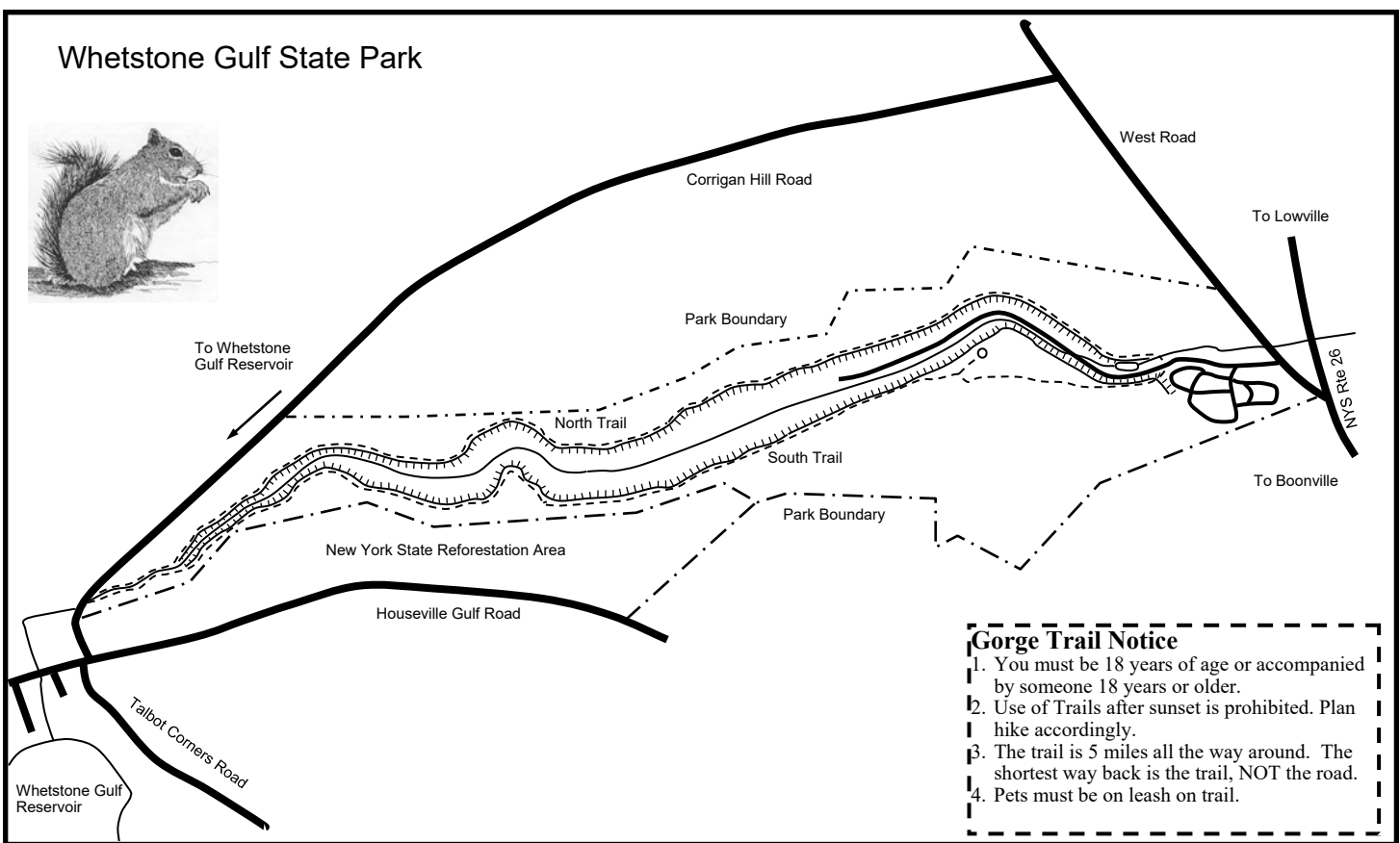
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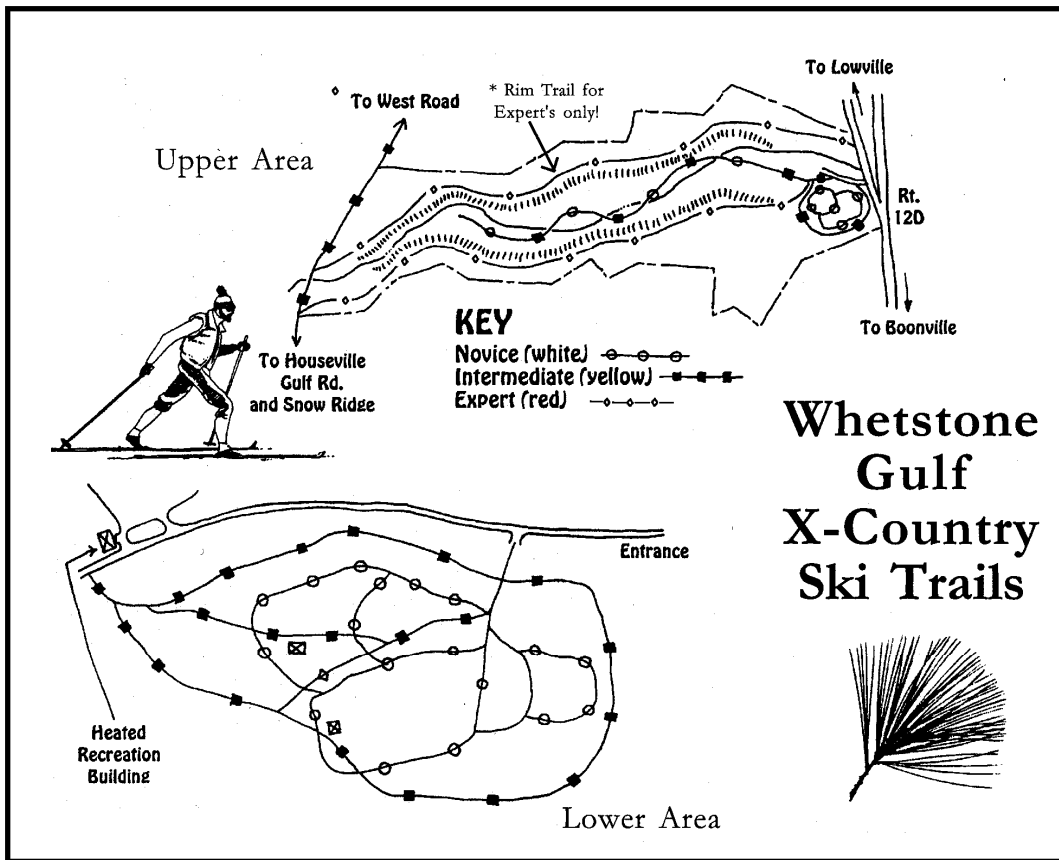
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- ### Park Rules
1. Quiet hours are between 10 pm and 7 am and are strictly enforced. Also, any use of generators will be limited to 9-11 AM and 5-9 PM.
 2. All pets must show proof of valid rabies inoculation.
 3. All pets must be secured by a 6 foot or shorter leash and under complete control at all time.
 4. Pets are prohibited in the beach area.
 5. All plants, trees and animals are protected by law.
 6. No "Gopeds" allowed on park roads.

- ### Gorge Trail Notice
1. You must be 18 years of age or accompanied by someone 18 years or older.
 2. Use of Trails after sunset is prohibited. Plan hike accordingly.
 3. The trail is 5 miles all the way around. The shortest way back is the trail, NOT the road.
 4. Pets must be on leash on trail.



Our Park's Short History

The Whetstone area has been a scenic recreation area since the late 1800's. Through the efforts of New York State Assemblyman, Clarence Lyon Fisher, \$25,000 was appropriated to purchase "Whetstone Gulf" for use as a State Park. Improvements were made by the Conservation Department and the Federal CCC program after the land was purchased. The planting of red pine trees, which can be seen throughout the park today, was part of this improvement. Red Pine and Norway Spruce were chosen for its rapid growth rate.

The park was dedicated to Conservation Department Forest Ranger William H. McCarthy for his dedication to forest and wildlife conservation from 1931 to 1941. The park was developed further after WW II. Campsites, a swimming beach and a bridge to the new picnic area were constructed. The park was transferred to the Thousand Islands State park region in 1968.

Whetstone Today

Whetstone Gulf is a beautiful park built in and around a three mile long gorge cut in the eastern edge of the Tug Hill plateau. The gorge is one of the most spectacular scenic vistas east of the Rocky Mountains and is the main reason for the park's location. The park is composed of over 2400 acres, most of which are undeveloped. Whetstone Gulf State Park has 62 spacious wooded campsites, a scenic picnic area along Whetstone Creek, a man-made swimming area with water supplied by Whetstone Creek and various trails, one of which circles the gorge. The park also has a 500 acre reservoir above the gorge that was developed for flood control from the creek and to provide recreational fishing and canoeing. The reservoir is stocked with tiger muskies and large mouth bass.

- ### Facilities & Services
- 2400 acres
 - 62 Campsites (24 Electric)
 - Hot Showers / Flush Toilets
 - Pavilion
 - Playground
 - Swimming Beach
 - Trailer Dumping Station
 - Canoe Rental
 - Hiking Trails
 - Ski Trails
 - Firewood & Ice Sold
 - Winter: December 15 to March 15

