

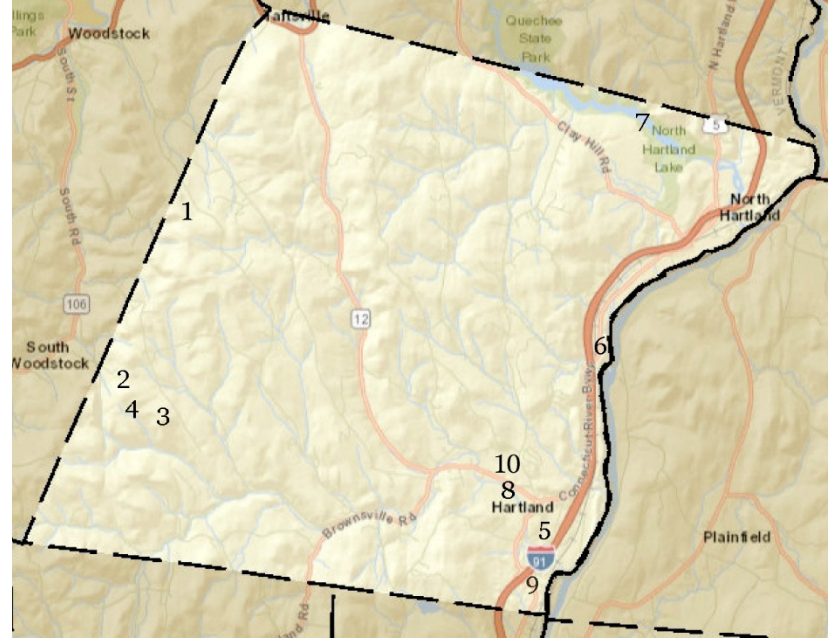


	Acres	Hiking	Skiing/snowshoeing	Snowmobiling	Trail biking	Sledding	Fishing	Hunting	Picnic tables	Horse-back riding	Swimming	Boating/kayaking/canoeing	Bird watching	Playground equipment
1. Eshqua Bog	41	X											X	
2. Densmore Hill Wildlife Management Area	252	X	X					X		X			X	
3. Cady Brook Trail	N/A	X	X	X	X					X			X	
4. Jenne Town Forest	24	X	X	X				X					X	
5. 17-Acre Wood	17	X	X										X	
6. Summer Falls Recreation Area	55	X	X				X		X	X		X	X	
7. North Hartland Lake	1700	X	X				X		X			X	X	
8. Foster's Meadow	16	X	X										X	X
9. Summarsell Gateway Preserve	29	X	X										X	
10. Timotheus Pohl Conservation Area	75	X	X										X	X

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TOWN OF HARTLAND, VERMONT

GUIDE TO PUBLIC PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS



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1. **Eshqua Bog** – 241 Garvin Hill Rd. - Eshqua Bog is a 41-acre parcel on Garvin Hill Road in Hartland. Widely known for a spectacular June display of Showy Lady's Slippers, the property is owned and managed jointly by the Nature Conservancy and the New England Wildflower Society. Over 300 species of plants have been identified. It is open all year and there is no charge. A 480-foot ADA-approved boardwalk includes four observation platforms and three benches. There are no restroom facilities.

<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/vermont/places-preserves/eshqua-bog-natural-area.xml>

2. **Densmore Hill Wildlife Management Area** – 21 Morely Rd. - Densmore Hill Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is a 252-acre parcel owned by the State of Vermont and managed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. It is bordered by Morley Road on the west and by Cady Brook on the southwest in the town of Hartland. Ranging in elevation from 1,249 feet to 1,548 feet, the parcel's terrain is rugged and almost completely forested. It is open to hunting, trapping, fishing, wildlife viewing and other wildlife-related outdoor activities all year and there is no charge. There are no restroom facilities.

http://fpr.vermont.gov/state_lands/management_planning/documents/district_pages/district_1/densmore_hill

3. **Cady Brook Trail** – 164 Jenneville Rd. – Cady Brook Trail is a pleasant 2-mile wooded trail that runs from Jenneville Rd. to the Densmore Hill WMA (see above). The trail winds along Cady Brook. It is a great spot for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, or birding.

4. **Jenne Town Forest** – 90 Dodge Lane – Jenne Town Forest is a 24-acre wooded parcel, most easily accessed off Cady Brook Trail (see above). The land slopes steeply up from Cady Brook Trail up to Dodge Lane. Several stone walls and cellar holes add interest. There are no maintained trails, but a primitive picnic area near the brook offers a good spot for lunch.

5. **17-Acre Wood** – 65 Martinsville Rd. – This wooded parcel is adjacent to the Hartland Elementary School and is reserved for student use during school hours. After hours and on weekends or holidays it is open to the public and provides a lovely walk. An ADA-compliant trail leads down onto a plateau, followed by another steep downward trail to a lower level. A variety of habitats are found, including wetlands, hardwoods, and streams.

6. **Sumner's Falls** – 404 Route 5 – This 55-acre parcel borders the Connecticut River and provides an easy access for fishing and boating. The water level at the falls can change quickly if dams upstream release

water, so caution is advised. Once the site of a dam, a mill, and numerous other buildings, remnants of historic activity can be found. There are hiking trails, picnic tables, and a portable toilet.

7. **North Hartland Lake Recreation Area** – 108 Clay Hill Rd. - The North Hartland Lake Recreational Area covers 1,700 acres of land, including 215 acres of water to explore. With forests, fields, wetlands, and even a beach, it offers many opportunities and activities to enjoy. The main gate is open from 7:00 am to 3:30 during the week, providing pedestrian access to the dam. In summer, the boat launch, beach, and shelters are open Fri. – Sun. This is a popular destination for fishing, sunbathing, hiking, and bird watching.

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/North-Hartland-Lake/>

8. **Foster's Meadow** – 19 Route 12 – This 16-acre parcel is located behind the Hartland Recreational Center near the library. It features several ball fields and a Frisbee golf course. Lull's Brook meanders along the western edge of the property and provides cool shade on a hot summer day.

9. **Summarsell Gateway Preserve** – 35 Route 5 – The Preserve is a 29-acre parcel of land just south of the Park & Ride at Exit 9 of Interstate 91. It features a mixture of open, rolling hills and a densely wooded southern border. The grassy hills are popular with grassland birds like bobolinks in summer and offer wonderful sledding in winter.

10. **Timotheus Pohl Conservation Area** – 50 VT Route 12 – The Pohl Conservation Area is a 75-acre park, an easy walk from Hartland Three Corners Village. The starting point for Hartland Winter Trails features year-round hiking/ski trails, agricultural fields, and beautiful vistas.

Other Recreational Opportunities

Hartland Winter Trails – 20 km of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails (<http://www.hartlandwintertrails.org/>)

Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) – 45 miles of trails in Hartland (<https://vtvast.org/hartland-hill-hoppers.html>)

Green Mountain Horse Association – 400 miles of trails and dirt roads in Windsor County for horseback riding (<https://www.gmhainc.org/>)