Map 12 SEARSBURG RESERVOIR



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From Wilmington, Vermont travel five miles west on Vermont Route 9. Take a right on Somerset Road and travel 2 miles to reach the dam, and 3 miles to the East Branch Trail. Use is seasonal.

Recreation

There is excellent fishing on the reservoir and downstream of the dam. The East Branch Trail is used for both cross-country skiing and hiking.

Natural Features

The Searsburg development is surrounded by remote woodlands that provide habitat for moose, deer and other wildlife including many birds.

History

Searsburg Dam was built in the 1920's and features a wooden penstock which carries water from the dam to the generating station over 3 miles downstream. Searsburg Station was one of the first hydrostations to be "remotely controlled" from another location.

Access and Safety

- Daytime use only-camping not allowed.
- PFDs required by Coast Guard regulations.
- Grill fires are allowed in designated picnic areas if fire danger permits.
- All-terrain vehicles and trail bikes are not allowed on any trails or property.
- Fishermen, hunters and trappers must carry appropriate state licenses and permits.
- River flows fluctuate seasonally, daily and sometimes hourly.
- Water levels may change rapidly in the rivers—especially near dams.
- For river conditions, visit <u>www.h2oline.com</u> or call Waterline:
 - 0 Anglers, dial: 1-800-452-1742
 - o Boaters, dial: 1-800-452-1737
- For general inquiries, call 802-291-8104 or email communications@greatriverhydro.com

Map Key



Hiking



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Cross-country Skiing

State Route

Hiking Trails

Snowmobile Trails _ _ _