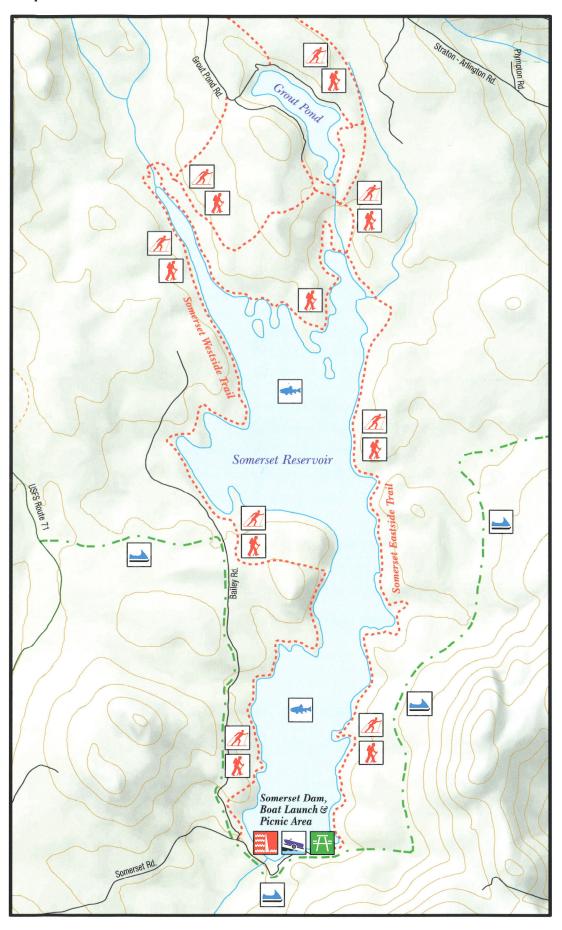
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From Wilmington, Vermont travel five miles west on Vermont Route 9. Take a right on Somerset Road and travel 10 miles to reach the boat launch and picnic area on the south end of the reservoir. Seasonal operation from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Recreation

Facilities include a boat launch and picnic area and hiking trails. There is excellent fishing and winter trail use for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Natural Features

There are mountain views from the reservoir and abundant waterfowl, wildlife and birds, including eagles, osprey and common loons.

History

Somerset Reservoir was built on the East Branch of the Deerfield River for yearly cycle water storage in 1910. It relies on snow melt as its water supply. Water is released to provide minimum flows and for downstream generation of power through the rest of the year.

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:
 - o 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

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