

Swimming, Boating and public water source existing uses in Basin 17 as identified in the 2017 Basin 17 Tactical Basin Plan

Swimming

Most of the swimming in the basin takes place on the many lakes and ponds which have a presumed existing use of contact recreation. There have been no locations of swimming use on rivers identified that are accessed through publicly owned lands such as stream crossing rights-of-way.

Recreational Boating

It is the Agency’s long-standing stipulation that all lakes and ponds in the basin have existing uses of boating and so only boating locations on rivers are listed below. Several locations are good whitewater or flatwater boating stretches in the basin; some highly rated by the Vermont Paddlers Association, listed in the AMC or New Hampshire or Vermont paddlers Guide. The Clyde River is part of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail and includes some spectacular flat-water canoeing. All sites listed on Table B1 are rated significant for recreational boating (Jenkins, 1992) or were otherwise brought to VDEC’s attention. Many canoe access areas and dam portages have been established. Anyone boating these reaches should carefully scout routes before launching. This list of existing uses makes no representations as to the suitability or safety of the listed reaches with respect to the individual skills of the reader of this plan or those of prospective boaters.

Table 1. Recreational Boating as an Existing Use of Specific Waters within Basin 17.

Location	Documentation	Put in	Take out
Black River from Coventry to Lake Memphremagog	Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), NH and VT paddlers guide	Park in Coventry	South Bay VFWD Boat Launch
Barton River from Willoughby River to Lake Memphremagog	AMC	River Road Bridge	South Bay VFWD Boat Launch
Clyde River from Five Square Mile Road to Pensioner Pond	AMC, Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Clyde River Paddling and Fishing Guide.	Five Mile Square Road (also can put in at Ten Mile Square Road)	Pensioner Pond
Clyde River from West Charleston to Salem Pond	AMC, Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Clyde River Paddling and Fishing Guide.	Fontain Road Bridge	Salem Lake Fish and Wildlife access
Clyde River from Lake Salem to Clyde	AMC, Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Clyde River Paddling and Fishing	Salem Lake Fish and Wildlife access	Clyde Pond Dam Access Area

Pond	Guide, White water rivers of VT (rated highly important)		
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Public Water Sources

Table 2. Public Water Source as an Existing Use within Basin 17.

Water Body	Town	Documentation
Unnamed tributary to Island Pond	Brighton	Town of Brighton water supply (identified in the VWQS and source protection plan)
Unnamed tributaries to unnamed tributary to Lightning Brook	Brighton	Town of Brighton water supply (identified in the VWQS and source protection plan)
Derby Lake	Derby Center	Derby Center water supply (based on source protection plan)
Holland Pond	Holland, Norton	Emergency water supply
May Pond Brook watershed above water intake	Barton, Sutton	Town of Barton water supply (identified in the VWQS and source protection plan)