

Activities at Black Gum Swamp

A visit to the Vernon Black Gum Swamps and surrounding forest offers a truly unique experience providing excellent opportunities for:

- Photography and aesthetic enjoyment
- Hiking
- Nordic Walking is great for the hilly terrain
- Bird-watching



Roaring Brook Wildlife Management Area is used primarily for hunting, hiking, and snowmobiling, but has little available access.

Location

The Vernon Black Gum Swamp is located within the J. Maynard Miller Municipal Forest (Vernon Town Forest) and within the adjacent Roaring Brook Wildlife Management Area (WMA) owned by the VT Fish and Wildlife Department.



Sign posted at the edge of the parking lot and start of trails.

The Town of Vernon provides parking at the end of Basin Road and there is an easy walking trail through the forest surrounding the Vernon Black Gum Swamps .

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Class I Wetland Candidate
Vernon, Vermont



Home to the Black Gum Tree!



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What makes Black Gums important?

Black gums are very rare in the state of Vermont. They are much more common 400 miles to the south, and are remnants of when Vermont's climate was much warmer ~3000 - 5000 years ago.



These Red Maple - Black Gum wetlands are among the oldest forest communities in Vermont. This wetland is significant because of its contribution to Vermont's natural heritage as a rare community that is accessible to the public.

The swamps provide unique wildlife habitat, including suitable habitat for a high diversity of amphibians, three species of bat, a number of bird species, and mammals.



A great spot for bird - watching!



Find the perfect spot to take a snack break! Fuel up surrounded by beautiful forest scenery after all that walking.

Wetland Access - Trails

Several trail systems are maintained for recreation. They are very clearly marked, and maps are provided at the parking lot.



They include: Ridge Trail, Swamp Trail, Molly J. Swamp Trail, Bible Hill Road, Rabbit Trail, Fisher Cat Trail, Tree Identification Trail, Valley Road, Concord End Road, Gould Pond Road, Mud Pond Road, Mud Pond Trail

