



Following are some frequently asked questions about the Chittenden Reservoir:

How large is the lake (reservoir)?

The area of the lake covers 741 acres. It is two miles across at the widest point.

What is the area around the lake? Is it public or private land?

The lake is surrounded by the Green Mountain National Forest. Some of the adjacent land is owned by CVPS and there are just a few private homes.

The Mountain Top Inn & Resort has use of the trails around the lake for horseback riding and cross-country skiing. The trail is called Round Robin and is 12 miles long.

What type of reservoir is it? Is it used for recreation?

It is a power reservoir used by CVPS during peak demand.

It is not a reservoir used for drinking water.

Motorboats are allowed with a 5 mph speed limit restriction.

Kayaks and canoes are always welcome!

How deep is the reservoir?

The deepest spot in the reservoir is 40 feet

When was it built?

It was built in the early 1940's.

Any historical highlights?

The dam broke in 1948 and flooded Chittenden and Rutland.

What types of fish live in the water? Is fishing permitted?

Fish species include Walleye, Large-mouth Bass, Perch and Sunfish.

Yes, with the appropriate fishing license you may fish in the lake.

What wildlife might we see on the tour of the lake?

The lake and surrounding forest land is home to many animals including Moose, Loons, Bald Eagles, Osprey, Beavers, many species of Waterfowl, such as Black Ducks and Mergansers, Black Bear, White-tailed Deer, Red Fox, and more.

This summer (2007) was the first time since 1902 that Loons successfully nested on the Reservoir.

