

# Elm Brook Wildlife Management Area

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## General Description

Elm Brook Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is located in northwest Vermont in the town of Fairfield. Lapland Road crosses through it between Stratton and Morey Roads. It is 208 acres in size. The WMA is owned by the State of Vermont and managed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

## History

Like many areas of Vermont, this land was once cleared for agriculture, probably for both crops and pasture. It is now mostly reforested, but some of the old fields are kept open to provide diverse habitat for deer and other wildlife.

R. H. Trudell sold the land for the WMA to the State in 1967. The property was bought with State funds generated by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

## Habitat Features

The WMA is located on gently sloping land southeast of a row of small hills. Elevations vary from 600 to 900 feet. Elm Brook runs through the southeastern edge of the property. It is 80% forested with a mix of red and sugar maple, yellow birch, beech, hemlock and white pine. The remainder is active agricultural land, brushy fields and scattered apple trees. There is a beaver-created wetland as well, including an alder swamp. There are some vernal pools in the forest, which are important breeding habitat for amphibians. There is also a deer wintering area in the northeast corner of the WMA.



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## Common Fish and Wildlife

**Mammals** Expect to find the following game species: white-tailed deer, snowshoe hare, beaver, mink, coyote, fisher and raccoon. Non-game forest species abound as well, such as northern and southern flying squirrels, red squirrels, chipmunks and bat species.

**Birds** Upland game birds present on the WMA are ruffed grouse, American woodcock (especially in the alder swamp) and wild turkey. Woodpeckers, owls and forest-dwelling hawks live in the WMA. Songbirds that occur in forests and old fields may be found, such as thrushes, vireos and many species of warblers.



A red eft crawls along the forest floor.  
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**Reptiles and Amphibians** Eastern newts, red-backed salamanders and spotted salamanders may be found on the WMA. Wood and gray tree frogs and American toads are other amphibians that may be encountered.

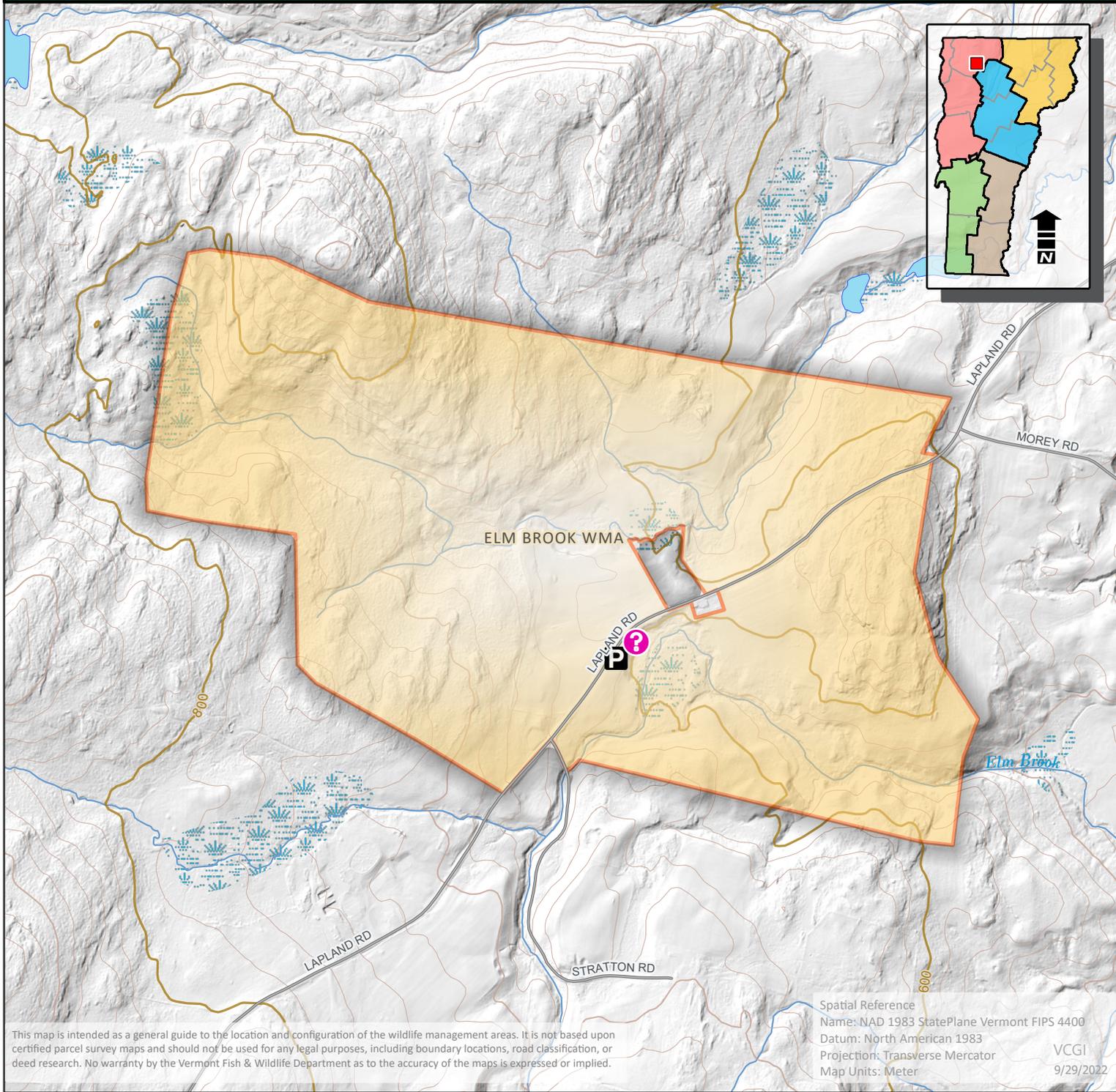
**Fish** There are brook trout in Elm Brook.

Elm Brook WMA is open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing.



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Parking	Shooting Range	Fishing Access	Trails
Boat Ramp	Wildlife Viewing Area	Visitor Information	Town Boundary
Cartop Access	Campground	Gate	Wildlife Management Area
Park Office	Vista	Rail Lines	WMA Hunting Rights Only
		Refuge (no public access)	Special hunting/trapping restrictions
		Streambank Management Area	Controlled Hunting Area
		Federal Land	State Land
		Town Land	