Keiser Pond Wildlife Management Area

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General Description

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History

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Habitat Features

Predominate cover on shoreline parcels is mature northern white cedar, with most stems quite large (>12 inches diameter), especially immediately adjacent to the pond and on gentle slopes. Associated canopy species are scattered balsam fir, red spruce, and white pine. The parcel south of Harvey's Hollow Road is mature birch-beech-maple forest.

Keiser Pond is a rather shallow, warm-water pond. The shoreline has only 3 residences and a nearly intact shoreline, which allows a "semi-remote" fishing/wildlife viewing experience for boaters. Due to its small size, fishing or viewing wildlife is best suited to canoes, kayaks, or small boats.

Common Fish and Wildlife

Mammals The natural shoreline provides valuable wetland habitat for a variety of wildlife including beaver, muskrat, raccoon, mink and otter. White-tailed deer are common, and black bears occasionally visit this WMA. Signs of predators such as bobcat, fisher, coyote, fox and weasel may be seen here in the winter.

Birds The undeveloped shoreline and wetlands also provide feeding grounds for great blue herons, and nesting-feeding habitat for waterfowl, including mallards, black ducks, green-winged teal, wood ducks, hooded mergansers, and Canada geese. Common loons nest on Keiser Pond.

Reptiles and Amphibians Painted and snapping turtles inhabit Keiser Pond, and red spotted newts are common. Woodland salamanders such as the redback salamander may be found under logs. The marsh edges and lily pads of Keiser Pond, along with upland forest, provide habitat for many frogs including spring peeper, pickerel frog, wood frog, bullfrog, green frog, and possibly mink frog and gray tree frog.

Fish Chain pickerel, yellow perch, rock bass, brown bullhead, and suckers inhabit Keiser Pond.

Hooded mergansers nest in cavities in large trees such as the cedars at Keiser Pond WMA.

Keiser Pond WMA is open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing.

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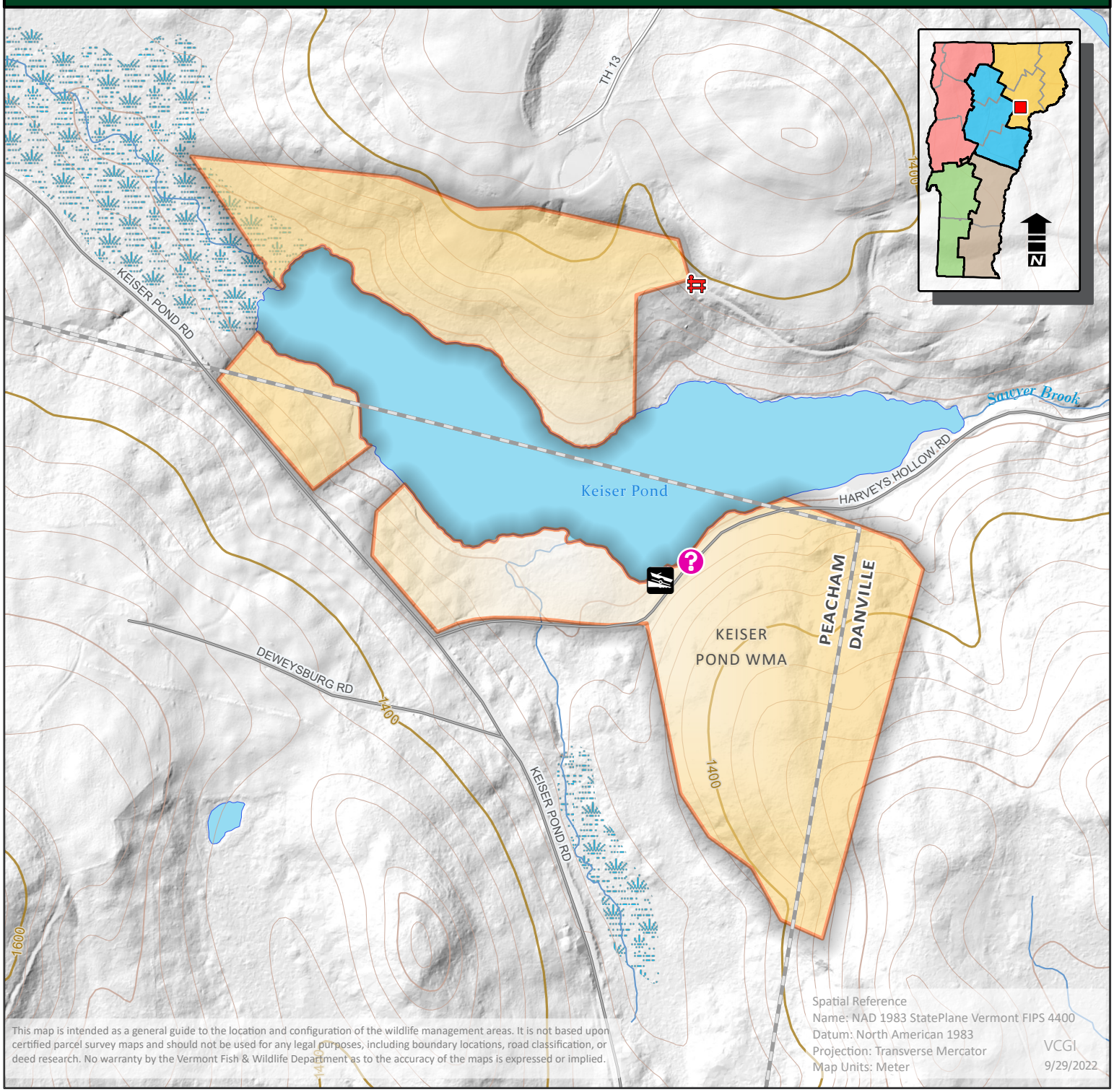

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- Parking
- Boat Ramp
- Cartop Access
- Park Office
- Shooting Range
- Wildlife Viewing Area
- Campground
- Vista
- Fishing Access
- Visitor Information
- Gate
- Rail Lines
- Trails
- Town Boundary
- Wildlife Management Area
- WMA Hunting Rights Only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