Levi Pond Wildlife Management Area

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General Description

Levi Pond Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is a 260-acre parcel of land owned by the State of Vermont and managed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The WMA consists of 24-acre Levi Pond and 236 acres of land surrounding the pond in the town of Groton, Caledonia County, Vermont. The access road, which is suitable only for foot travel, is located at the corners of County Road, Red Brook Road and Goodfellow Road, near Route 302 in Groton. Access is at the discretion of private landowners, as there is no legal right-of-way to this WMA.

History

Levi Pond WMA was purchased as three separate parcels between 1964 and 1971. Primary funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund, which was created to enhance the nation's outdoor recreation resources.

Ponds are a good place to see moose in the summer months.
Bill Silliker Jr. photo.

Habitat Features

Prominent features of the WMA are Levi Pond and Wesson Hill, which rises 220 feet above the pond to the southeast. Levi Pond is a rather shallow, warmwater pond, with one of the State's largest concentrations of great rhododendron. The slopes of Wesson Hill are dominated by red maple, sugar maple, yellow birch and beech. Also present is a red spruce-balsam fir-hemlock forest, primarily at the south end of the pond and in nearby lowlands. The remaining area is mixed hardwood and conifer forest. Beavers have built dams and created wetlands along Red Brook, which flows through the WMA.

Common Fish and Wildlife

Mammals Active and inactive beaver flowages create valuable wetland habitat for a variety of wildlife including muskrat, raccoon, mink and otter. Black bear, white-tailed deer and moose are common visitors of this WMA. Signs of predators such as bobcat, fisher, coyote, fox and weasel may be sighted.

Birds Loons are occasionally observed fishing on Levi Pond. The brook, wetlands, and beaver ponds provide feeding grounds for great blue herons and provide nesting habitat for waterfowl, including wood ducks and hooded mergansers.

Reptiles and Amphibians Painted and snapping turtles likely inhabit Levi Pond. Red-spotted newts are very common. Woodland salamanders such as the red-backed salamander are found under logs. The marsh edges and lily pads of Levi Pond, along with diverse wetlands in the beaver flowages and Red Brook, provide habitat for many frogs including gray treefrog, spring peeper, and pickerel, wood, green, mink and bull frogs.

Fish Brook trout inhabit Red Brook. Levi Pond is periodically stocked with hatchery-reared brook trout, some of which grow to an admirable size in the deepest portion of the pond. Chain pickerel also occur in Levi Pond.

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

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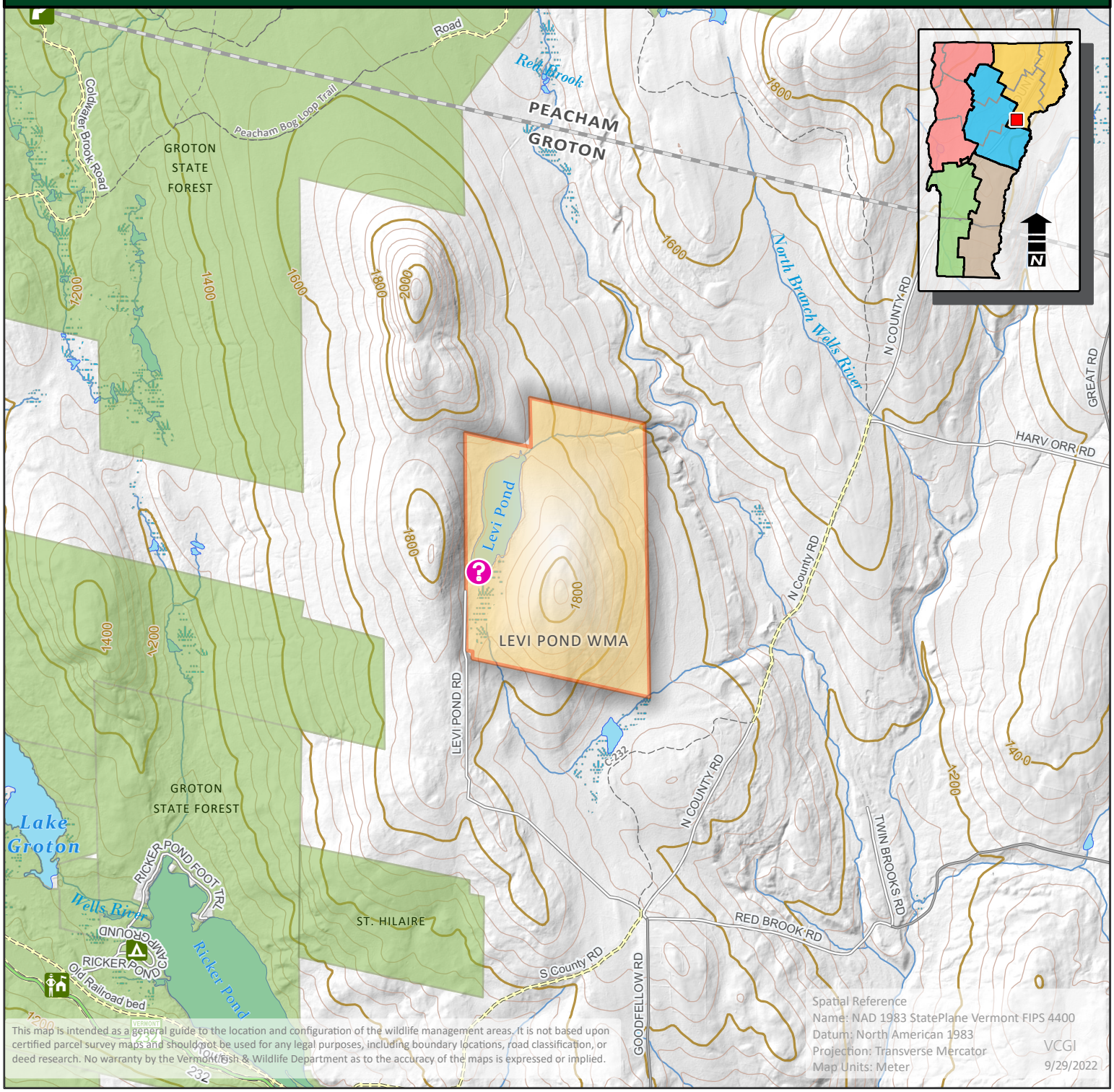

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- Boat Ramp
- Cartop Access
- Park Office
- Shooting Range
- Wildlife Viewing Area
- Campground
- Vista
- Fishing Access
- Visitor Information
- Gate
- Rail Lines
- Trails
- Town Boundary
- Wildlife Management Area
- WMA Hunting Rights Only
- Refuge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