



## PRIMITIVE CAMPING FACT SHEET

### Coolidge State Forest

Many areas of state land are available for primitive or “no trace” camping and are open, free of charge, to the public. Primitive camping is done without the presence of developed facilities. The challenge for campers is to leave the area where they camp with no evidence of their visit.

Coolidge State Forest east consists of over 5,000 acres of land in the Towns of Plymouth, Reading, Woodstock and Bridgewater. Primitive camping is allowed in two areas, the Curtis Hollow and Northwest Plymouth Blocks of the forest.

The Curtis Hollow Block is accessed from the Curtis Hollow Road off Route 4 in Bridgewater (in back of the Bridgewater Mill Mall). Follow this Curtis Hollow Road approximately 2.0 miles south to an intersection with a state forest road marked by a forest identification sign. A gate and parking area are also located at this road entrance to the forest. The gate is closed during the months of April & May. During the summer and fall, campers can leave their vehicle at this parking area or at a smaller one located approximately 2 miles up the state forest road and then hike into the primitive camping area. This access road is used as a snowmobile trail during the winter.

The Northwest Plymouth Block is accessed by Ranger Road off Route 100A located just slightly north of the entrance to Coolidge State Park. Follow Ranger Road approximately 2.0 miles to intersection with Messer Hill Road. Turn north on Messer Hill Road and travel approximately 1.0 mile to parking area at end of road. During the summer and fall, campers can park their vehicle here and hike into the primitive camping area. A remote lean-to is also located in this area.

Small intermittent brooks that may dry up during the summer are the only source of water within the camping areas. Larger brooks are located near the parking lots. All water should be treated before use.

Primitive camping is allowed only within designated areas of state land. Within these designated areas, camping must be at least 100 feet from any stream or body of water, 200 feet from any trail or property line, and 1,000 feet from any traveled road. Camping is limited to three consecutive days in any location. Groups of 11 or more individuals must obtain a permit from the district office. State forest boundaries are marked with orange paint. Parking lots and access roads are not plowed during the winter.

Only dead and down trees or branches may be used for firewood. Remove all evidence of campfires before leaving the site. Human waste should be buried at least 100 feet away from any stream or body of water.

Forest management activities should occur periodically on Coolidge State Forest. Contact the District Office to check out scheduled timber sale activity.

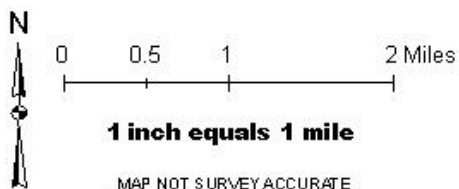
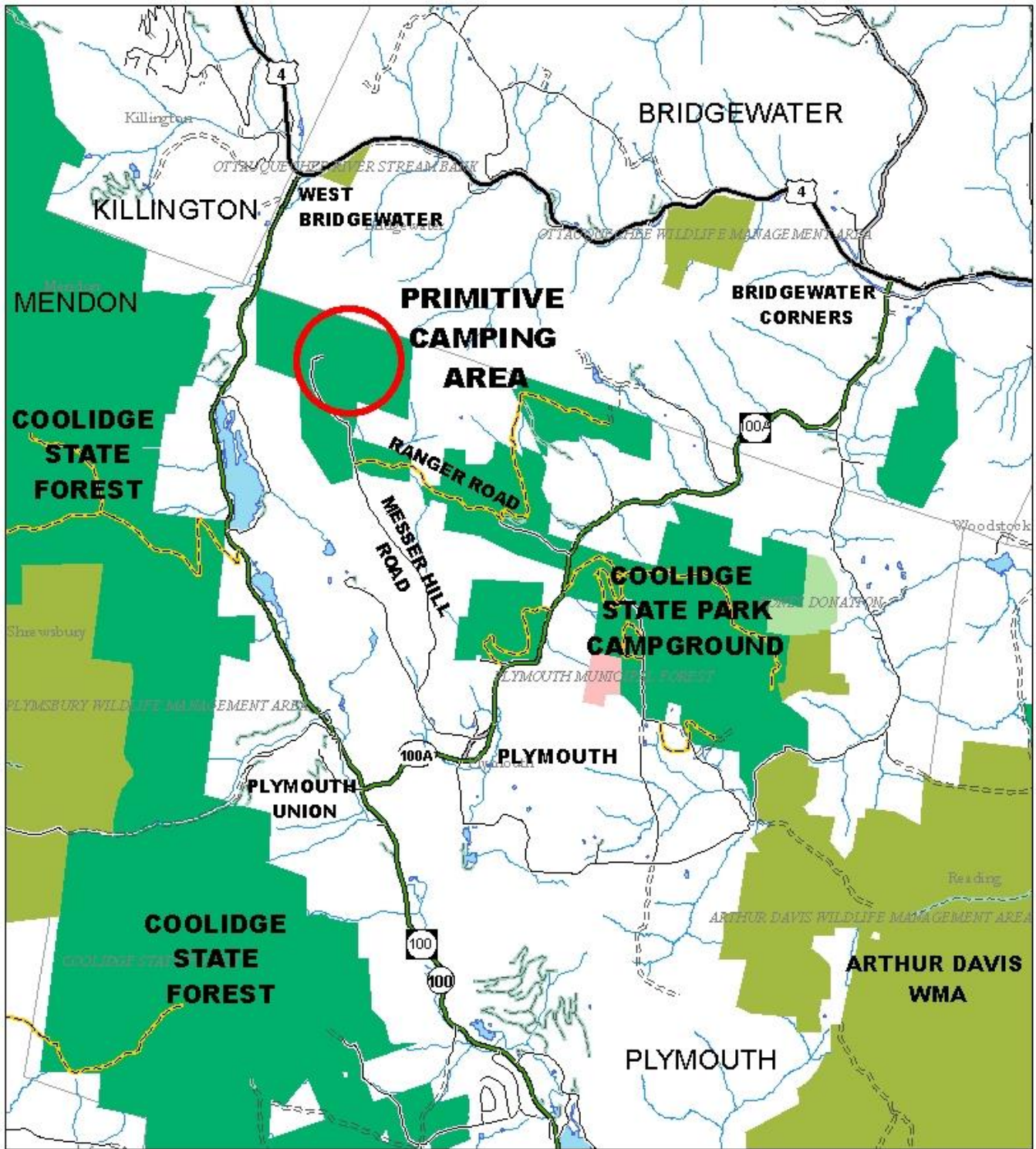
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For more information, contact the district office:



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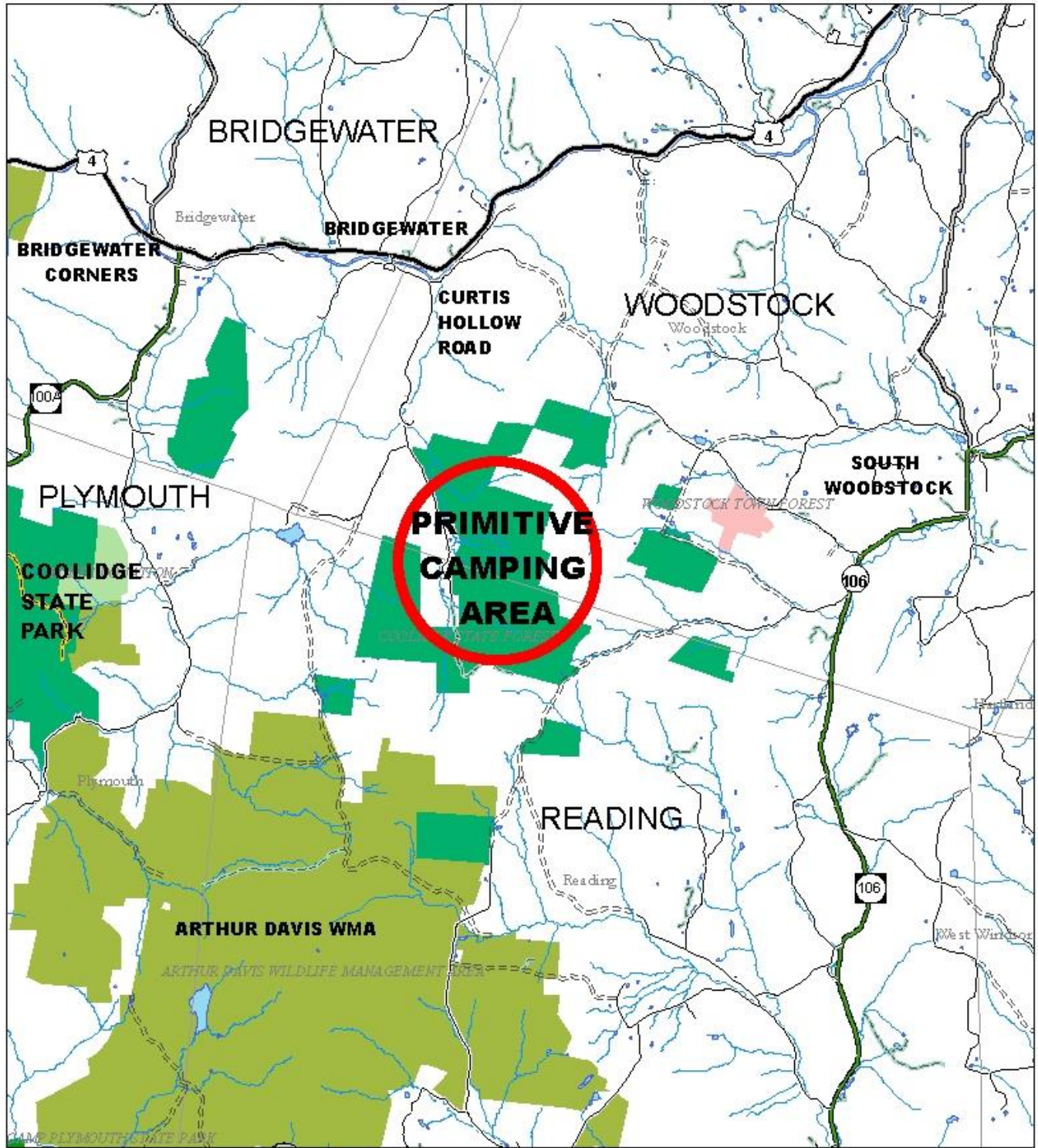
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**COOLIDGE STATE FOREST  
PRIMITIVE CAMPING - LOCATOR MAP  
NORTHWEST PLYMOUTH BLOCK  
PLYMOUTH, VERMONT**

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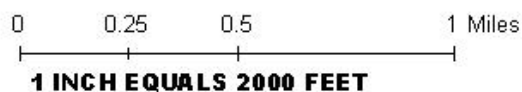
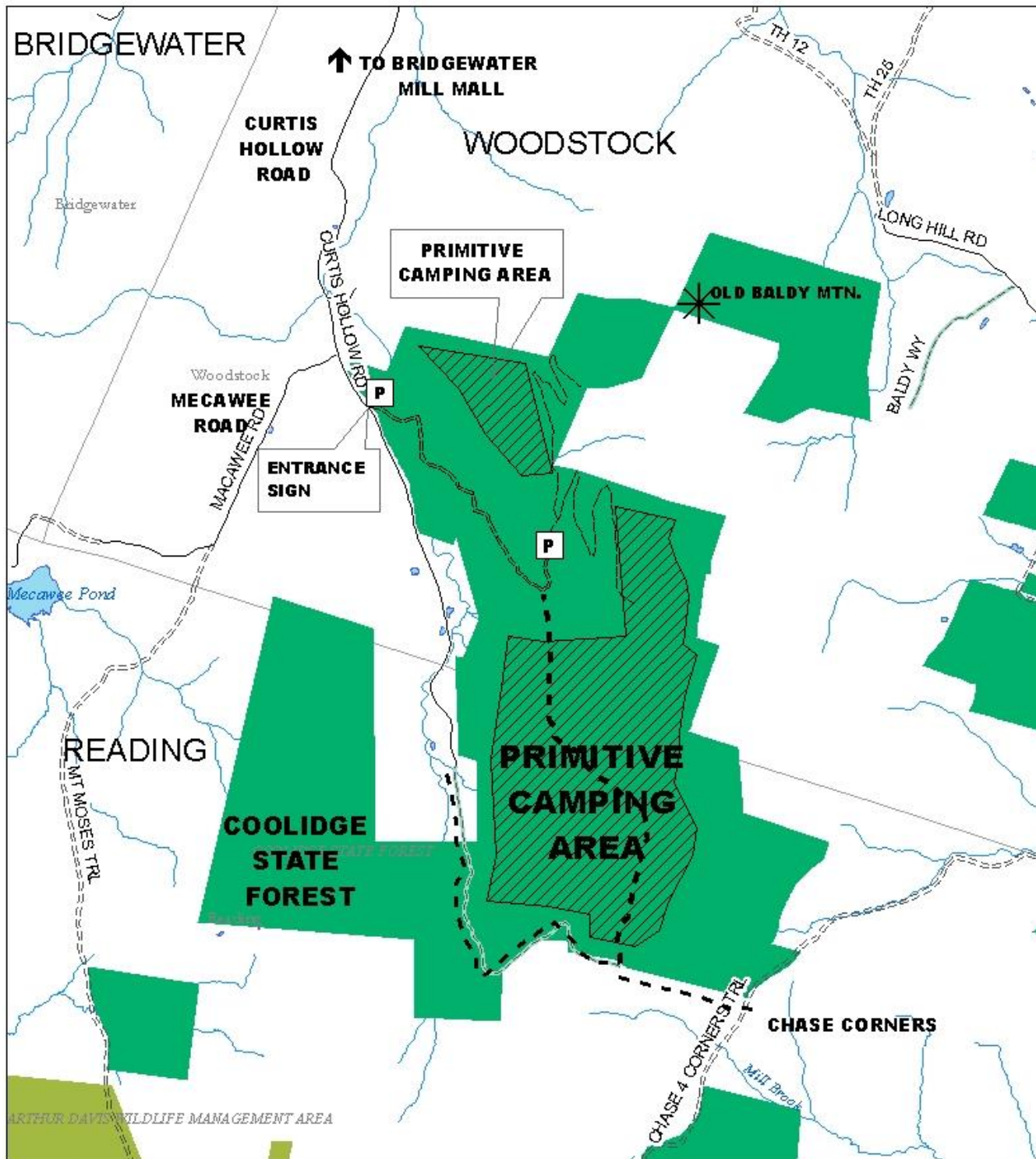
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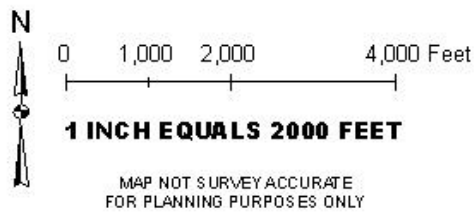
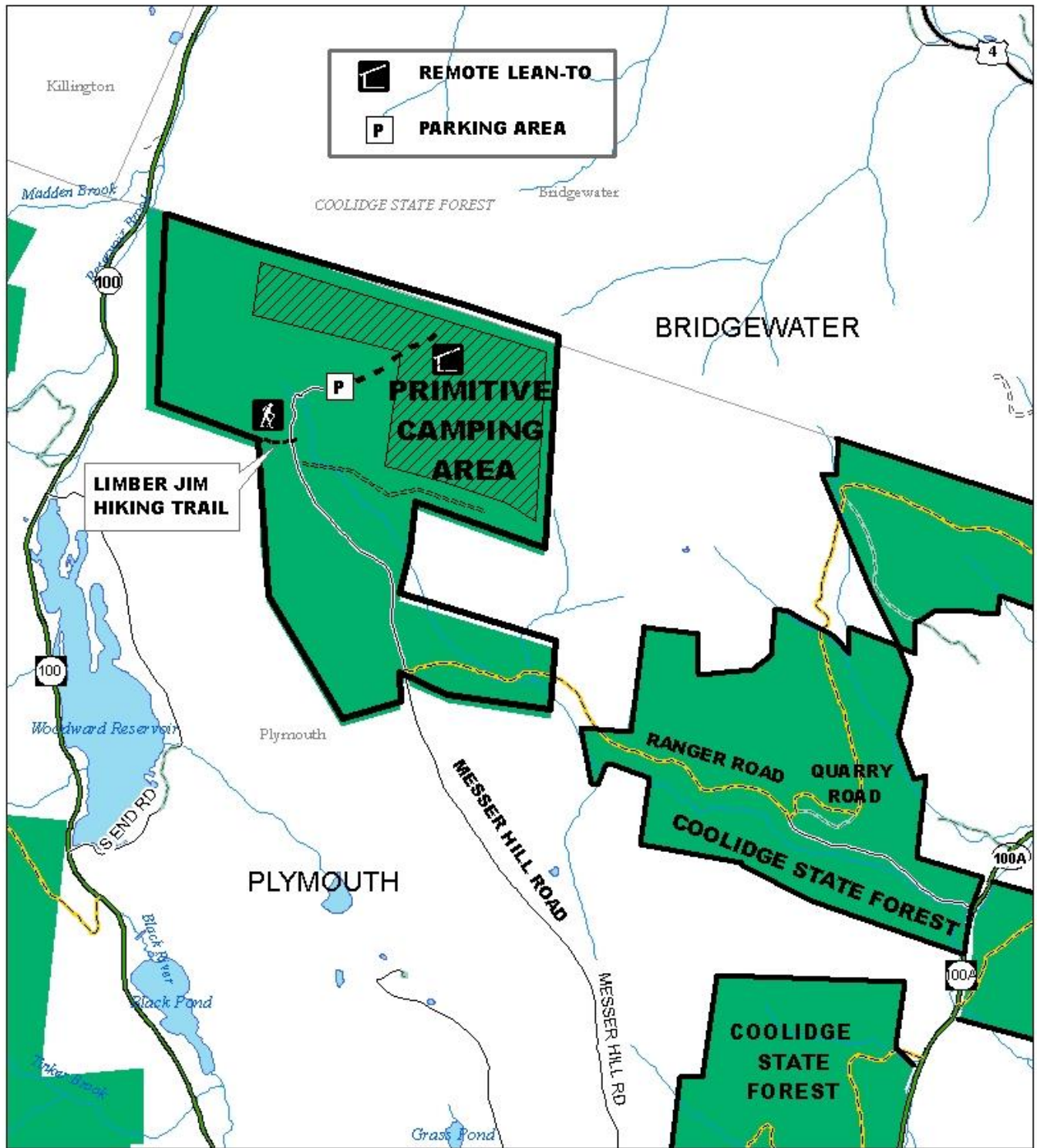
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# COOLIDGE STATE FOREST

## PRIMITIVE CAMPING AREA MAP

### CURTIS HOLLOW BLOCK

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