



PRIMITIVE CAMPING FACT SHEET

Okemo 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.

Okemo State Forest consists of over 7,000 acres of land in the Towns of Ludlow, Mount Holly, Weston and Andover. Primitive camping is allowed in two areas. One area is located on the northern end of the forest and can be accessed off Route 103 north of Ludlow Village. Turn by the Wright Construction Co. building onto Station Road and follow this gravel town road approximately 0.7 miles across the railroad tracks to the Healdville Trail parking lot. During the summer and fall, campers can leave their car at this parking lot and hike into the primitive camping area on this hiking trail or on a gated logging road that also starts from this parking lot. During the winter this road is used as a snowmobile trail.

A second primitive camping area can be accessed off Route 155 (no sign along 155) by a graveled state forest road located at the height of land between East Wallingford and Weston (approximately 7 miles south of east Wallingford). Follow this access road for approximately one mile to a signed parking area. Two gates are located on this gravel access road. The first gate is located near Route 155 and is open most of the year, being closed only during spring mud season (usually April to mid May). The second gate is closed except during snowmobile season (December through March) when the road is used as a snowmobile trail. A visitor parking lot is located just before the second gate. During the summer and fall, campers can leave their car at this parking lot and hike into the primitive camping area.

Both primitive camping areas contain small brooks that provide a year-round source of water on the forest under normal weather conditions. 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. No camping is allowed within the ski area or the upper elevations of the mountain.

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 occur periodically on Okemo State Forest. Contact the District Office to check out scheduled timber sale activity.

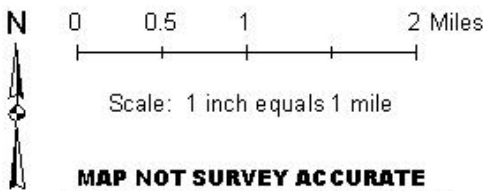
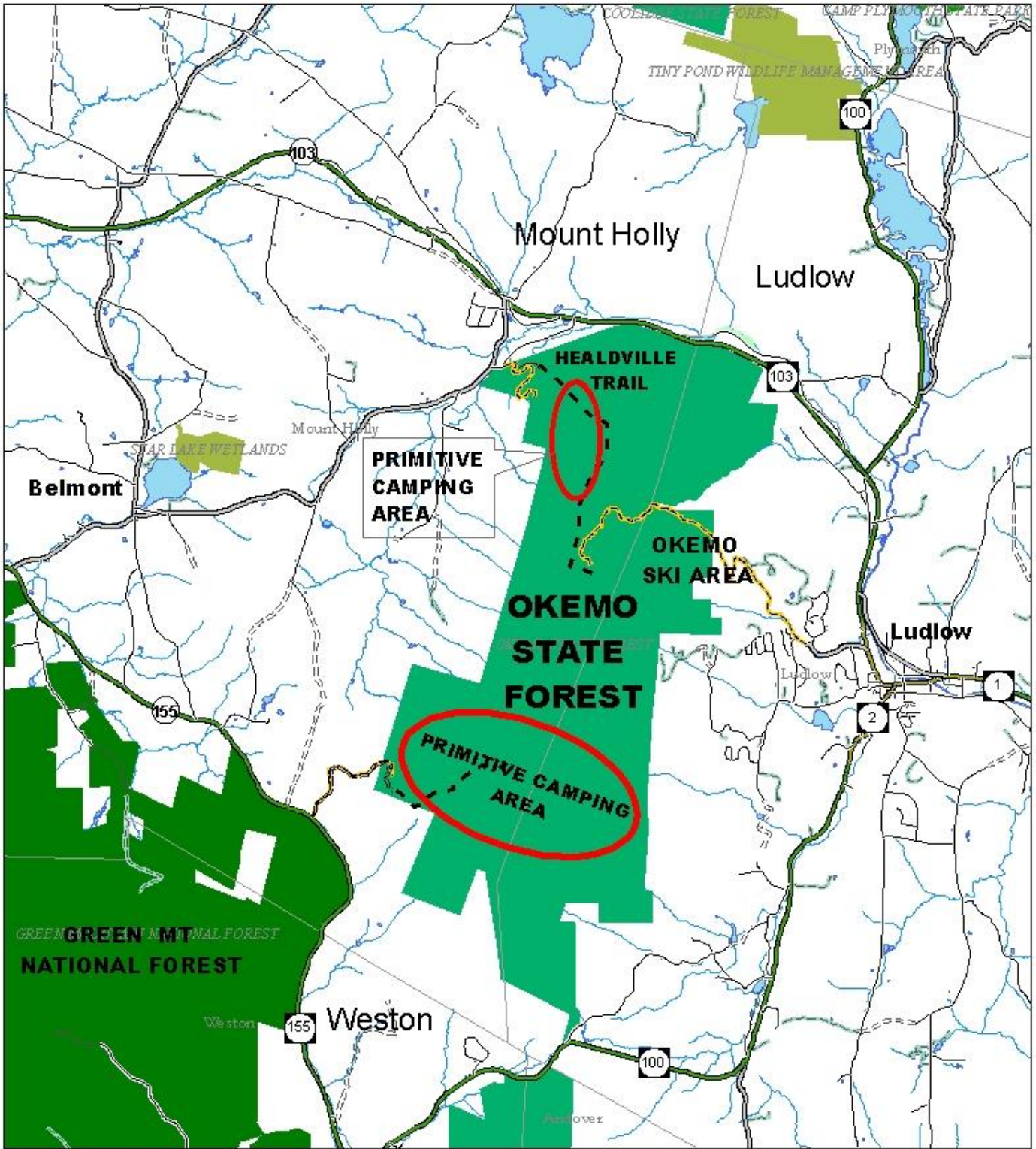
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For more information, contact the district office:



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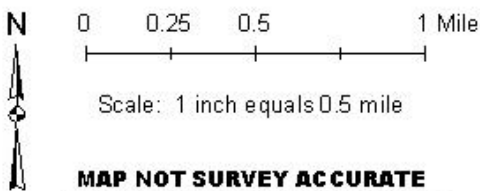
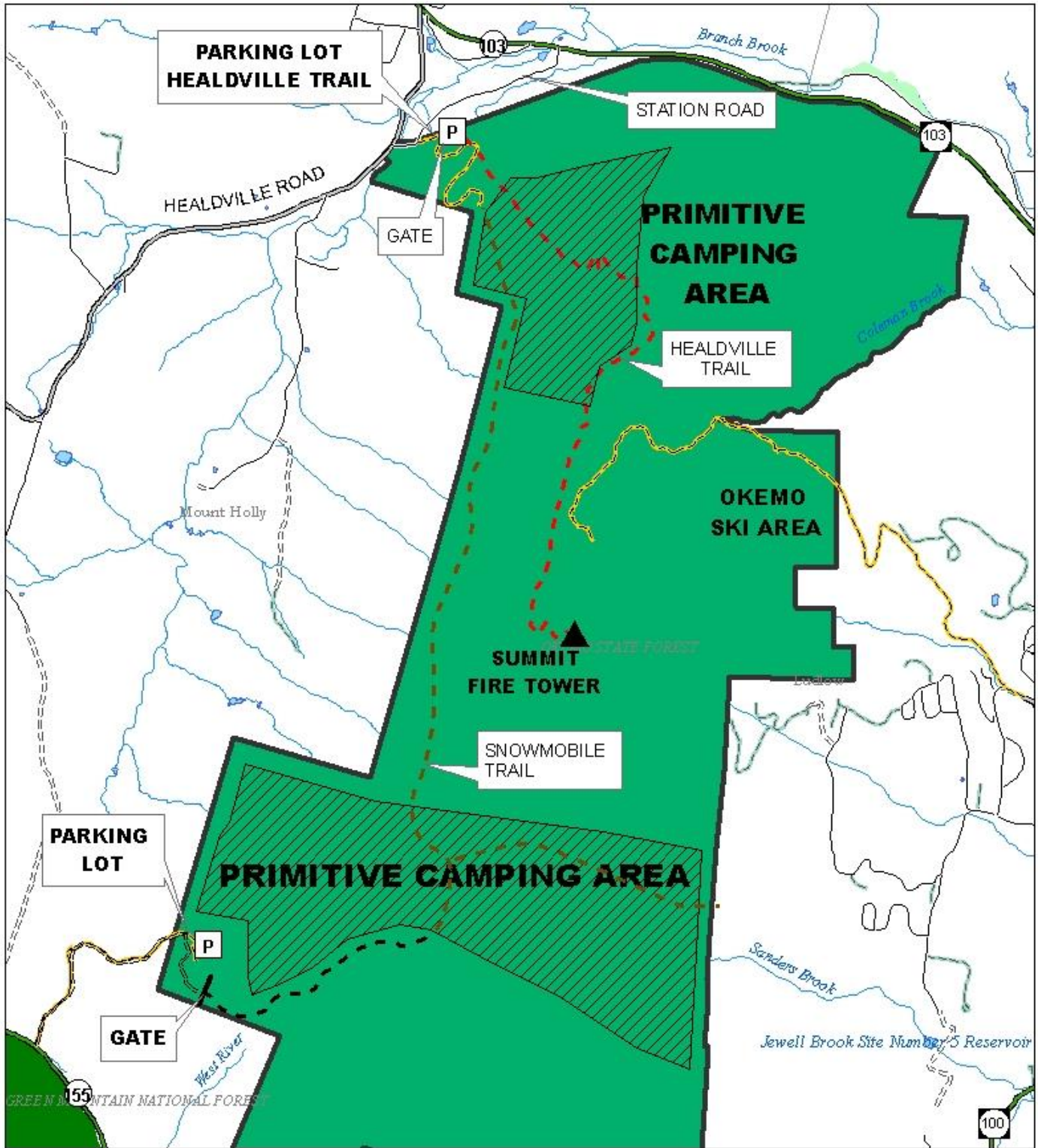
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PRIMITIVE CAMPING - LOCATOR MAP
MOUNT HOLLY & LUDLOW, VERMONT**

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