

Recreation

Opportunities for recreation activities are numerous at Bowman Lake. There are 188 large campsites; 148 of these are trailer sites and 40 are tent sites. With hiking trails (including over one mile of the Finger Lakes Trail), nature trails, and snowmobile trails, the park provides campers and day-use visitors with the opportunity to truly experience its serene, natural beauty. Literature pertaining to the trail is available at the park office for those who enjoy a scenic hike around the lake.

Day users may choose from a large number of picnicking facilities. A pavilion may be reserved for reunions and other outings. The park has a concession stand which stocks supplies for camping and picnicking. Rowboats and paddleboats can be rented at the boathouse during beach hours.

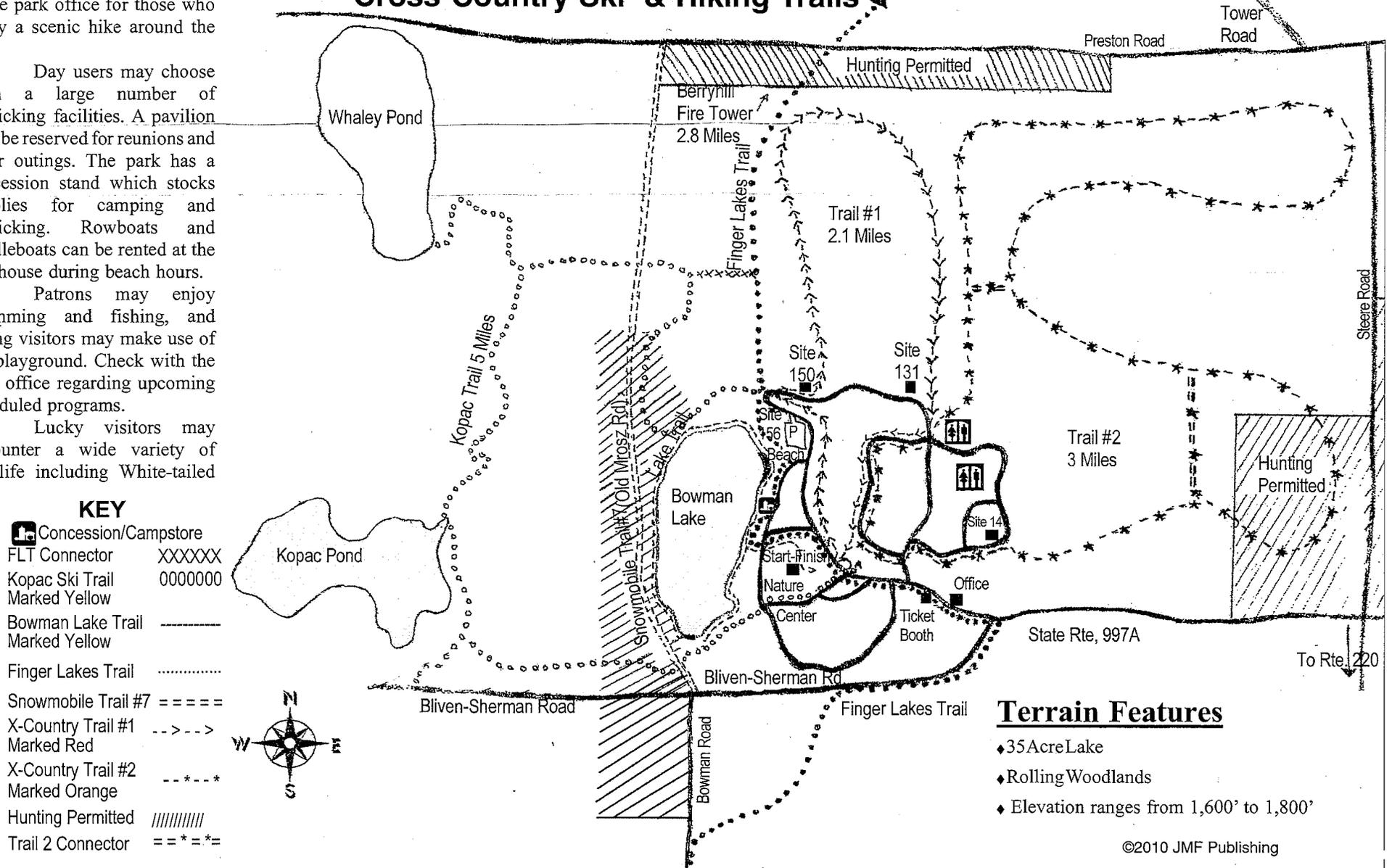
Patrons may enjoy swimming and fishing, and young visitors may make use of the playground. Check with the park office regarding upcoming scheduled programs.

Lucky visitors may encounter a wide variety of wildlife including White-tailed

Deer, Red Fox, Woodchuck, Raccoon, Gray Squirrel, Cottontail Rabbit and Beaver. For those interested in the botanical aspects of the park, there are magnificent mosses, ferns (Christmas, Lady and Woods ferns are most common), and trees. Towering Maples, American Beech, Black Cherry, White and Yellow Birch, White Ash, Red Pine and Dogwood abound.

Bird watchers can enjoy a multitude of viewing opportunities. The Chenango Bird Club is instrumental in keeping an inventory of the bird population in the park, and reported 77 different species during one survey. Among the sightings are geese, ducks, finches, warblers, hawks, and woodpeckers.

Cross-Country Ski & Hiking Trails



KEY

- Concession/Campstore
- FLT Connector XXXXXX
- Kopac Ski Trail 0000000
- Marked Yellow
- Bowman Lake Trail -----
- Marked Yellow
- Finger Lakes Trail
- Snowmobile Trail #7 =====
- X-Country Trail #1 -->-->
- Marked Red
- X-Country Trail #2 - - - - -
- Marked Orange
- Hunting Permitted //////////////
- Trail 2 Connector ==*==*

Terrain Features

- ◆ 35 Acre Lake
- ◆ Rolling Woodlands
- ◆ Elevation ranges from 1,600' to 1,800'