

# Green Mountain National Forest Visitor Survey 2016



## Bourn and Branch Ponds

ID \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Admin. \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Destination: ☐ Bourn Pond    ☐ Branch Pond

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1. **Including yourself, how many people are in your personal group on this trip to Bourn or Branch Pond?**

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any children under the age of 16 in your personal group on this trip to Bourn or Branch Pond? (Check one box)**

☐ Yes (Number of children) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ No

2. **On this visit, what kind of personal group were you with?**

☐ Alone

☐ Family

☐ Friends

☐ Family and friends

☐ Business associates

☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

a.) **Are you and your group traveling with any larger, organized group (e.g. outfitter, tour, scouts, club, school, etc.)?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. **Have you visited Bourn or Branch Pond before today?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If YES, about how many times have you visited Bourn or Branch Pond, including this visit?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of visits

OR

☐ Don't know/Not sure

4. **Where did you start your hike for this trip? (Check one box)**

☐ Bourn/Branch Pond Trailhead

☐ Lye Brook Falls Trailhead

- ☐ Stratton Pond
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Don't know/Not sure

**5. At approximately what time did you arrive at the trailhead today? (Enter time)**

Approximate arrival time today: \_\_\_\_\_AM/PM

OR

☐ I arrived on a different day (please specify date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_)

**6. How long do you expect to continue hiking today?**

\_\_\_\_\_ hours

**7. Which of the following activities did you/will you do during this trip to Bourn or Branch Pond? Check one box for each item.**

|                                                          | Did on this Trip | Will do on this Trip | Did/will not do on this Trip |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Walking/Short hike (less than 1 hour)                 |                  |                      |                              |
| B. Day hiking (more than 1 hour)                         |                  |                      |                              |
| C. Backpacking (# of nights): _____                      |                  |                      |                              |
| D. Camping at Bourn Pond (# of nights): _____            |                  |                      |                              |
| E. Camping at Branch Pond (# of nights): _____           |                  |                      |                              |
| F. Camping elsewhere (# of nights): _____                |                  |                      |                              |
| G. Picnicking                                            |                  |                      |                              |
| H. Swimming                                              |                  |                      |                              |
| I. Boating (including canoes/kayaks)                     |                  |                      |                              |
| J. Fishing                                               |                  |                      |                              |
| K. Creative arts (photography/drawing/ painting/writing) |                  |                      |                              |
| L. Other (Please specify): _____                         |                  |                      |                              |

**b) Which of the activities listed in Question 7 is your primary activity on this trip to Bourn or Branch Pond? (Enter Letter of primary box or check the box)**

Letter of primary activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. If you fished at Bourn or Branch Pond today, how many fish of each species did you catch and/or release?**

|                  | Caught | Released |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| A. Brook trout   | _____  | _____    |
| B. Rainbow trout | _____  | _____    |
| C.               | _____  | _____    |
|                  | _____  | _____    |
|                  | _____  | _____    |
|                  | _____  | _____    |

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9. At approximately what time did you begin fishing at Bourn or Branch Pond today?  
(enter time)

Approximate time today: \_\_\_\_\_AM/PM

10. For approximately how long did you fish at Bourn or Branch Pond today?

Approximately \_\_\_\_\_hours

11. If you fished at Bourn or Branch Pond last season, how many trips did you make?

Number of trips last season \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please use the scale below to rate (from 1 to 5) how crowded you felt by people during this visit to Bourn and/or Branch Pond today. Please Circle only one.

| Not at all<br>crowded | Slightly<br>crowded | Moderately<br>crowded | Very<br>crowded | Extremely<br>crowded |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1                     | 2                   | 3                     | 4               | 5                    |

13. These questions ask for your opinion about management and conditions within the Green Mountain National Forest as a whole. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. (Circle one number for each statement.)

|    |                                                       | Strongly<br>Disagree | Disagree | Neither<br>Agree nor<br>Disagree | Agree | Strongly<br>Agree |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| a. | The trails are too crowded.                           | -2                   | -1       | 0                                | +1    | +2                |
| c. | There are too many large groups hiking on the trails. | -2                   | -1       | 0                                | +1    | +2                |
| d. | The trails are in good physical condition.            | -2                   | -1       | 0                                | +1    | +2                |
| e. | Signs and way-finding aids on trails should be        | -2                   | -1       | 0                                | +1    | +2                |

|    |                                                                                          |    |    |   |    |    |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
|    | improved.                                                                                |    |    |   |    |    |
| k. | I am very satisfied with my recreation experience on the Green Mountain National Forest. | -2 | -1 | 0 | +1 | +2 |

**14. Do you live in the United States?**

- ☐ Yes (What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_ )
- ☐ No (In what country do you live? \_\_\_\_\_ )

**15. What year where you born?**

Year born: \_\_\_\_\_

**16. What is your gender?** *(Please mark one.)*

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

17. **Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed.** (*Please mark only one.*)

- |                                                                                              |                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than high school                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate/GED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational or Technical School Certificate                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Associates degree        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate degree or professional degree (MA, MS, PhD, JD, MBA, etc.) |                                                   |

18. **Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

- ☐ Yes      ☐ No

19. **With which racial group(s) do you most closely identify?** (*Select one or more.*)

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American        | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Refused                                   |

Thank you for your help with this survey!  
Your responses are ***anonymous*** and ***confidential***.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the survey administrator.