

Sunset Rock Highlights

- Trail starts in Village at end of Sunset Street
- Bird's eye view looking down Main Street
- Glacial kettle hole
- Pine and early successional forest
- Panoramic view at the Upper Overlook

Activities Walking, snowshoeing, picnicking and any other low-impact activities.

Day use only Open from sunup to sundown.

Dogs must be under control at all times.

Parking is available in a lot located off Taber Hill Road, or in the Village. Sunset Rock visitor parking is prohibited on Sunset Street.

Parking at the Upper Overlook is for mobility-impaired persons. Other vehicular access is prohibited.

Prohibited ATV's, snowmobiles, bicycling on trails, motorbikes, camping, fires, horses, hunting and trapping.

Please carry out all trash

Glacial Kettle Hole



View From Upper Overlook

We Welcome You to Experience Stowe at its Natural Best

Who helps make this possible? Stowe Land Trust purchased Sunset Rock in 1999 and donated it to the Town of Stowe. Protecting Sunset Rock was a priority for the community because of its significant scenic and recreational attributes.

The Stowe community, in partnership with the Town of Stowe, the State of Vermont, Stowe Land Trust, Vermont Land Trust, and Sterling Falls Gorge Natural Area Trust, has conserved over one third of Stowe's land area for scenic, natural, recreational, agricultural and forestry purposes.

Stowe has many natural recreation areas for you to enjoy. For more information see the FREE [Stowe & Waterbury Recreation Guide](#), available at the Stowe Area Association's Visitors Center.



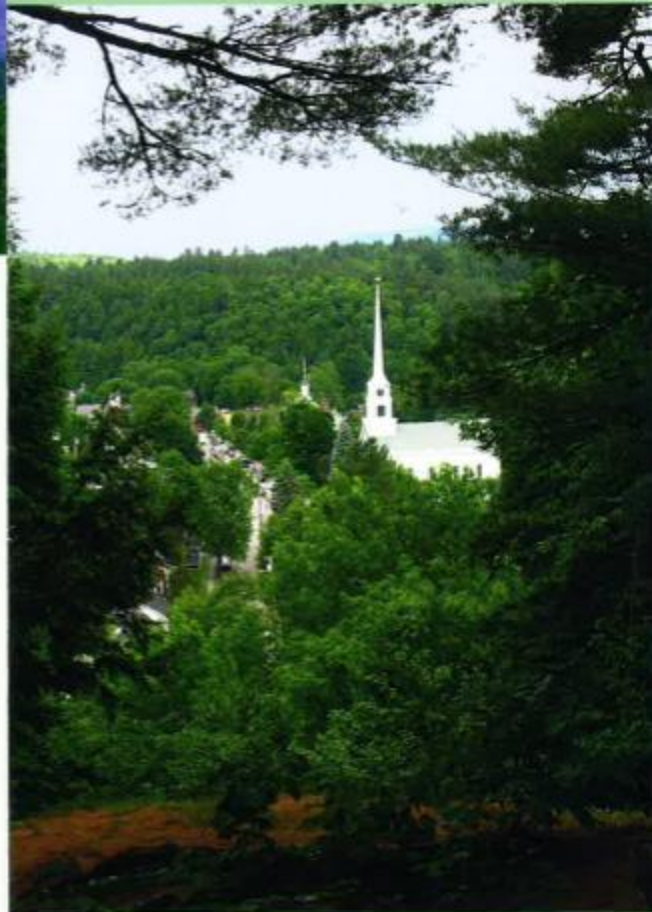
Get Outside
Enjoy Stowe



The Stowe Conservation Commission promotes conservation of Stowe's natural resources for the continuing benefit of the community.

Sunset Rock

A Natural Recreation Area in Stowe



View From Sunset Rock

A short walk from the Village, Sunset Rock has a bird's eye view of Main Street and the Upper Overlook offers a spectacular panoramic view of Stowe

Trail Map & Guide

Visiting Sunset Rock and the Upper Overlook

Sunset Rock is located in the heart of Stowe's historic Village, providing a forested backdrop, recreational opportunities and scenic vistas.

The best way to visit Sunset Rock is to walk from the Village via the Sunset Rock Trail located at the end of **Sunset Street**. Visitor parking is prohibited at the end of Sunset Street.

The **Sunset Rock Trail** ascends steeply for about 200 yards with an elevation gain of 100 feet to the **actual Sunset Rock** and its birds eye view of **Main Street**.

Just past Sunset Rock is the **Glacial Kettle Hole**, formed 10,000 years ago as the glaciers receded and the raging melt-waters filled the valley below. The kettle hole was created by small pebbles swirling in a whirlpool that eroded the rock, forming the circular hole.

From Sunset Rock, the trail continues to climb for another quarter of a mile to the **Upper Overlook** with a spectacular view of **Mount Mansfield** to the west. Just before arriving at the Upper Overlook the trail passes the intersection with the **Taber Path**.

Parking at Sunset Rock is available via a lot located off **Taber Hill Road**. From the Village, take School Street ¼ mile and then bear left onto Taber Hill Road. The lot is 200 yards up the hill on the left.

From the parking lot, it is an easy quarter-mile walk along the **Access Road** to the Upper Overlook. The walk can be done as a loop, returning via the Sunset Rock Trail to the Taber Path and back to the parking lot.

