

Safety Tips

- Tell someone your plan
- Stay on marked trails
- Check the weather
- Do not approach wildlife
- Check for ticks
- When trails are wet and muddy, please do not use them
- Dial 911 for emergencies



History & Culture

Long before European settlers arrived, this land was part of the traditional territory of the Abenaki people, who lived throughout what is now Vermont and parts of neighboring states and Canada. The Abenaki hunted, fished, farmed, and traveled the region, relying on the resources of the Lamoille River, Lake Champlain, and surrounding forests. Connection to the land shaped a culture centered on community, sustainability, and respect for nature.

In 1763, the area was chartered and named "Milton," likely after the English poet John Milton. Settlement by Europeans began in the 1780s, following the American Revolution. Early settlers built farms, mills, and small industries, taking advantage of the river and fertile soil. By the 19th century, Milton was a hub for agriculture, timber, and manufacturing, with the arrival of the railroad boosting its economic importance.

Throughout its history, Milton has maintained a strong sense of community and connection to the land. In 1980, the land that is now known as Bombardier Park was sold to the Town of Milton by Albert & Ruth Bombardier. In 2000, Bombardier Park was expanded to over 185 acres as part of the Tracy Estates development. In 2016, Ruth Bombardier sold her remaining 4.84-acre parcel adjacent to the Park, to the Town, with wishes for the property to serve the public good. While modern development has brought change, Milton continues to honor its roots, history, and a culture grounded in family, resilience, and the natural environment.



Albert and Ruth Bombardier



The Bombardier Barn

Wildlife

Milton's park lands are home to a wide variety of mammals, birds, reptiles & amphibians, and insects! Pictured below are a few examples.

The protection and conservation of wildlife is something we can all lend a hand with. Be on the lookout for all of these friends and neighbors, and enjoy the beauty of nature from afar.

American Black Bear



Eastern Gray Squirrel



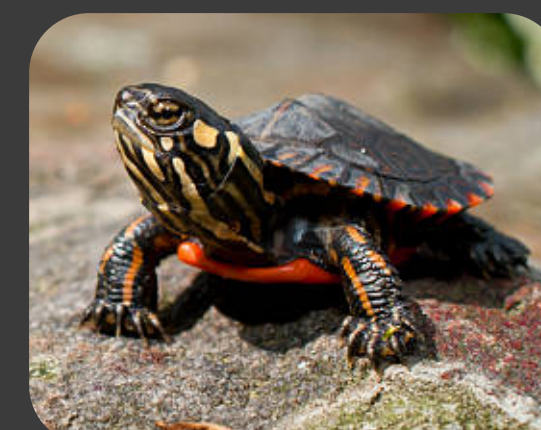
North American Beaver



White-Tailed Deer



Painted Turtle



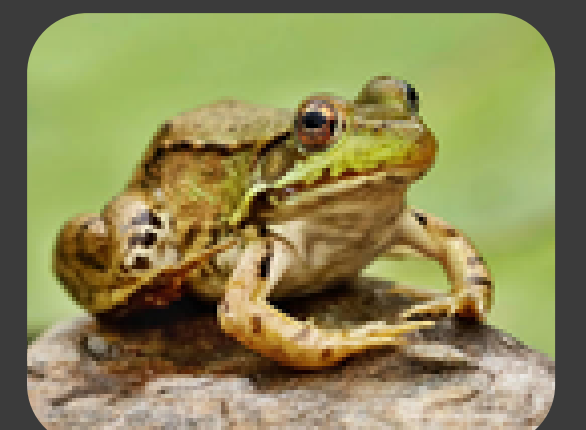
Eastern Newt



Common Garter Snake



Northern Leopard Frog



Eastern Bluebird



Barred Owl



Eastern Wild Turkey



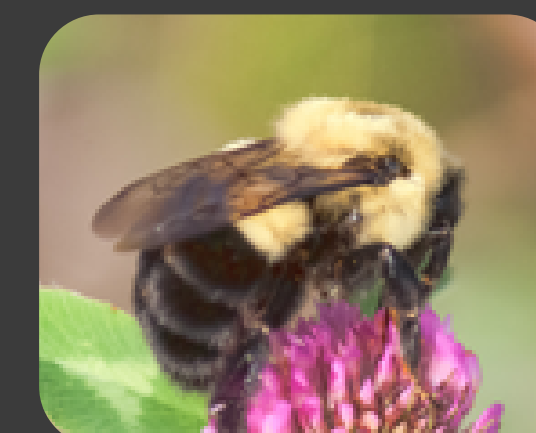
Ruffed Grouse



Dragonfly



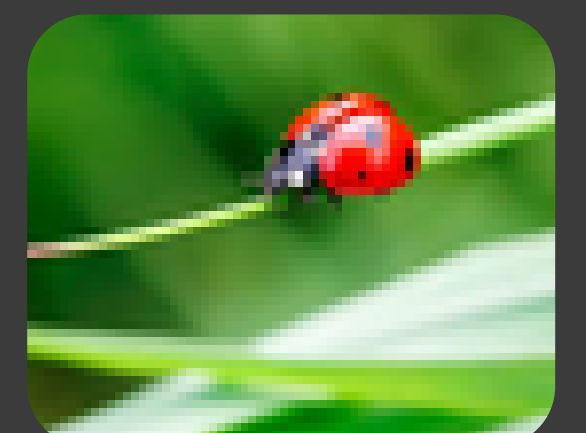
Bumble Bee



Monarch Butterfly



Lady Beetle



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