

# Middlesex Wildlife Management Area

## General Description

Middlesex Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is located in the central Vermont town of Middlesex. The WMA is 290 acres in size and is bounded by Interstate 89 to the south. The State of Vermont does not own the land, but does own timber management, recreational and development rights. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is responsible for the management of those rights. Access to the WMA is from Exit 9 of Interstate 89, then north on Center Road onto McCullough Road to Upper Barnet Hill Road. An undeveloped parking area exists off Upper Barnet Hill Road, where several large cement-building footers are located. Vehicle access becomes more difficult as one travels south on Upper Barnet Hill Road because the road turns into an unimproved Class 4 town road.

## History

The WMA was acquired by the State of Vermont in 1990 as a result of Act 250 mitigation proceedings that compensated for deer wintering habitat lost from a development project. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department manages this WMA as a deer wintering area while providing public access for compatible consumptive and non-consumptive uses.

## Habitat Features

The WMA lies within the Winooski River watershed and is mostly forested with hemlock, white pine and balsam fir. There are two small intermittent streams present in the northwest and southeast extremities.



Bear tracks in mud and snow. Leif Richardson, VFWD photo.

## Common Fish and Wildlife

**Mammals** Game animals include white-tailed deer, black bear, moose, coyote, snowshoe hare and fisher. Expect to find many smaller non-game species as well.

**Birds** Ruffed grouse can be found on the WMA, as well as songbirds associated with coniferous tree species.

**Reptiles and Amphibians** Spotted, spring, and red-backed salamanders, American toad, green frog, and milk, garter and red-bellied snakes may be found.

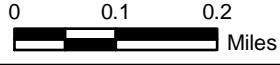
**Fish** There are no fishable waters on the WMA.



VFWD photo.

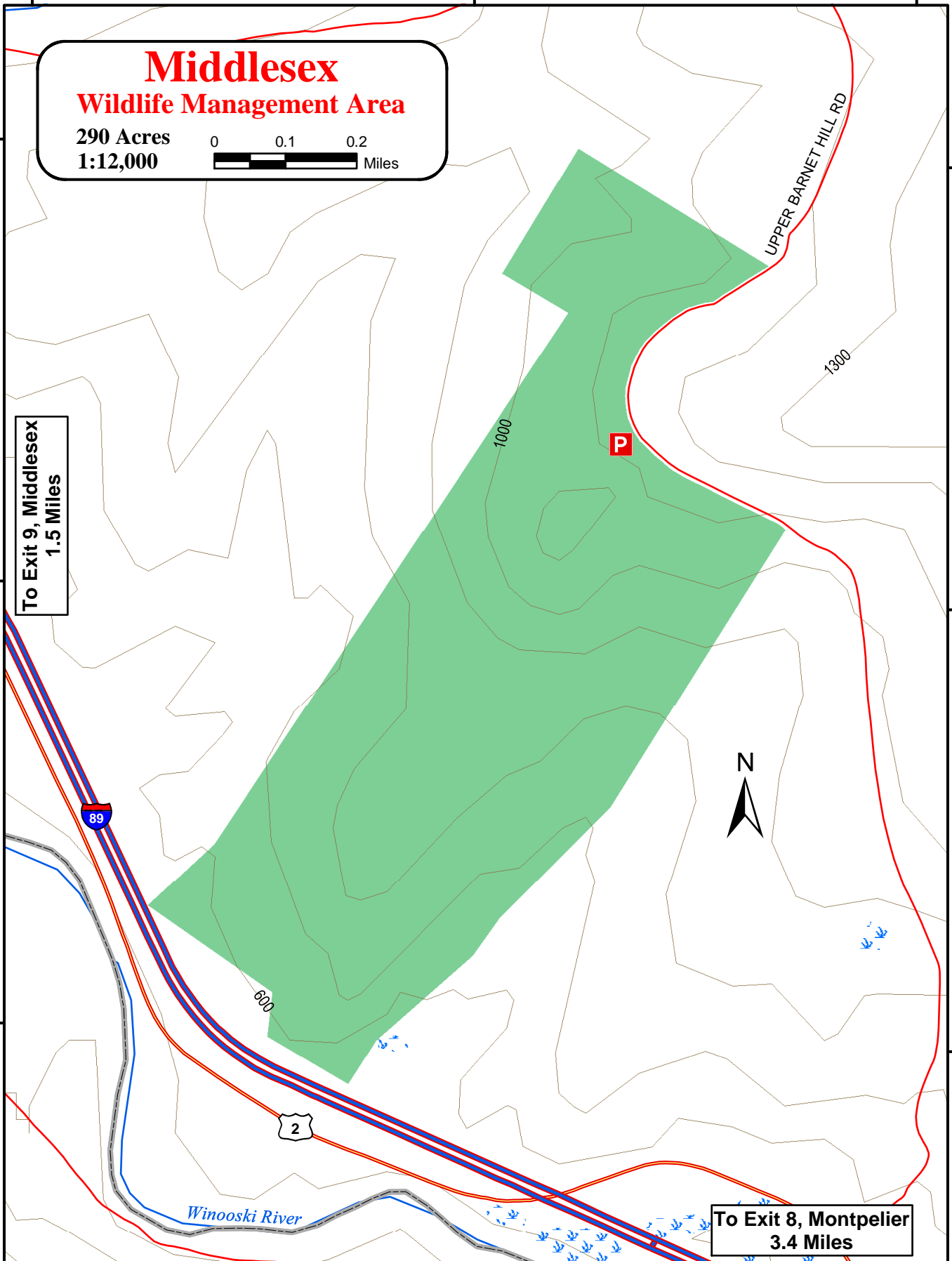
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To Exit 8, Montpelier  
3.4 Miles



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