

# Gilbert Lake State Park

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## Hilltop Camping Area, SW

Corner of park + highest point, elev. 1800. Gilbert Lake is 1530'.

Baseball field surrounded on NW by old pastures with RA thickets. Slightly higher, forested area beyond to NW - not explored.

Forest betw. camping area + summit is all NNDWDF no oak. SUB-RM-B a few PB, BC, NEM + ASM. Norway + white Spruces + red pine planted by CCC. Observation + radio tower gone! DP, RA abundant in understorey.

Summit betw. Cabin Colony + Ice Pond = cleavcut maybe 10y ago. Salix bebb.

The forest is very uniform in this park; N Hardwoods with conifer plantation patches. Wetland edges around all 3 ponds similar.

Till is ochre-gray<sup>m</sup> color, not red, and maybe 10% stony.

Species	Ice Pond elev. 1630	<sup>Elev 1690</sup> Spring Pond	<sup>7590'</sup> Twin Fawnr
Alder, speckled	✓	—	
Salix sericea	✓	✓	
S. bebbiana	✓	—	
S. sericea x endocephala?	✓	+	
Vib dent	✓	✓	
Spiraea lat	✓	✓	Impenetrable thickets
Dulichium abun.	✓	✓	
Red pine + apple planted around edge	✓✓	✓	
Norway + white spruce	—	✓✓	
European larch	—	✓	
R. hispidus	—	✓	
Vacc cornub	—	✓	
Ilex vert	—	✓	✓ also high dry on shore!
Aster simplex	—	✓ common	
Sphagnum	—?	✓	
VCASS	—	—	✓ not Vlent

The black ash swamp just N of Cabin Colony has NEM, RM, BA22, DEESTATA, COPTIS, CINN, CARP, RANUNC SEPTENT??

The 4' hiking stick (ex-ski pole) did not reach bottom < 100 ft from shore.

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Native Americans

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Outside, in a window, is Native American tool exhibit by

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Archaic Indians lived in Gilbert Lake area

for 8000 y (or 8000 y ago - unclear!), nomadic,

living in elm bark huts and hunting, fishing, gathering.