Park Goals Include:
+ A network of trails, using the day use parking lot as a trailhead for loops within the park. Trails will access interpretive sites and major views;
+ Potential connections to trails outside of the park;
+ Primary interpretive theme will be: “Bates continues to have a lasting cultural and natural impact on the surrounding area and region.”
+ Visitors will learn about Bates through panels, tours and a brochure;
+ Access to Bates Pond for a variety of recreation activities;
+ A 35 unit camping loop with showers, and 12 camper cabins and 10 walk-in camping sites on the hillside;
+ A main day use area and trailhead below the dam with parking, picnic shelter, interpretive hub, and open play area;
+ A small day use area with a picnic shelter at the upper end of the pond;
+ Forest preservation and restoration areas;
+ Riparian restoration areas;
+ Meadow preservation and restoration areas;
+ Improving water quality in the creeks and pond to enhance fish habitat; and
+ Protection of archaeological resources.