



Pitch Pine at White Lake State Park



In 1980, the National Park Service designated a mature stand of pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*) at White Lake State Park as a National Natural Landmark. The NH Natural Heritage Bureau has identified this stand as an exemplary ***pitch pine - scrub oak woodland*** natural community.



Pitch pine - scrub oak woodland is the dominant natural community in the area known as the Ossipee Pine Barrens, which stretch from White Lake State Park in the west to the Maine border in the east. This area of deep sandy soils supports the globally-rare pine barrens ecosystem, which is dependent on regular fires to maintain its structure and species composition.

