

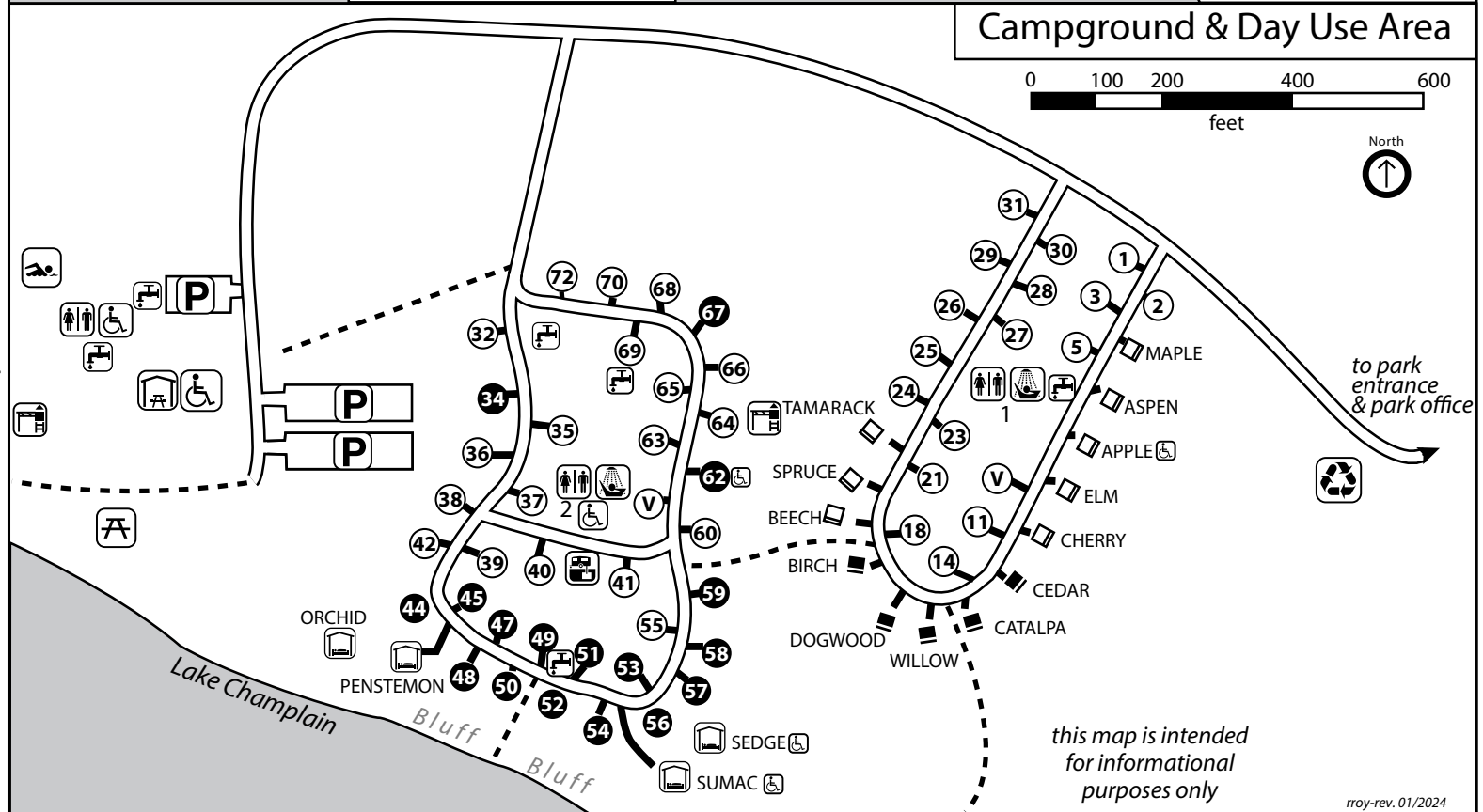
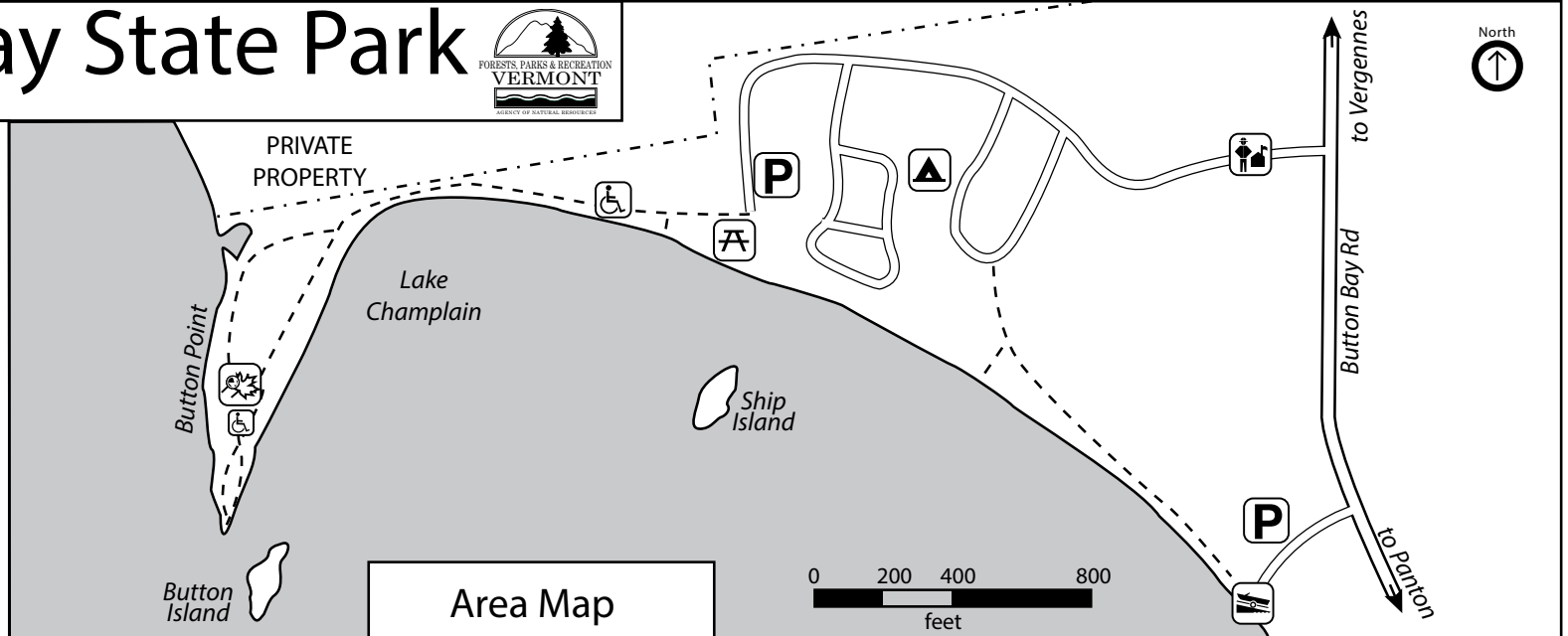
# Button Bay State Park

Ferrisburgh, Vermont



- Park office
- Campground
- Parking
- Picnic area
- Wheelchair accessible facility
- Nature Center
- Boat launch
- Prime campsite
- Campsite
- Prime lean-to
- Lean-to
- Restrooms
- Showers (\$)
- RV Sanitary Station
- Drinking water
- Trash/Recycling center
- Volunteer Site
- Picnic shelter
- Swimming pool
- Playground

- Park boundary
- Trail
- Traffic direction



## Button Bay State Park

Welcome to 253-acre Button Bay State Park, established in 1964. Situated on a bluff along the eastern shore of Lake Champlain, the park provides a scenic overview of Vermont's Champlain Valley and the Adirondack Mountains of New York. A broad, sweeping, sickle-shaped, shallow bay, Button Bay is named for its button-like concretions formed by clay deposits along the shoreline.

The park contains two islands; one, located just offshore from the Button Point Natural Area, is artificial. It once was the location of a large summer home, complete with stone-walled piers that remain today. The other island just off the shore of the camping area may have once been part of the mainland which has since eroded away.

The 8-acre Button Point Natural Area is a favorite destination for visitors. It contains fossils, a mature forest and several rare and endangered plants. Although this area has been disturbed by human development, it is significant botanically, ecologically, and geologically. A nature center located in the Natural Area has regularly scheduled programs presented by the park interpreter.

The land in and around the park has a rich history. Notable people such as Samuel De Champlain (1609), Ethan Allen (1776), Ben Franklin (1776), and Benedict Arnold (1777) visited the area.

The nearby city of Vergennes is named after Charles Gravier, Comte de Vergennes, a Frenchman who aided the colonial effort in the Revolutionary War. In Vergennes, Thomas Macdonough built an armed fleet that defeated the British on Lake Champlain during the War of 1812.

## Button Bay State Park Amenities

- 57 campsites
- 4 cabins
- 13 lean-to shelters
- Fishing and boating on Lake Champlain
- Picnicking
- Hiking trail
- Swimming pool
- Nature center and interpretive programs
- Firewood and ice for sale

## Recreating and Sightseeing in the Area *Vergennes and Ferrisburgh*

- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
- Dead Creek Wildlife Mgmt. Area
- Kingsland Bay State Park

### **Addison**

- DAR State Park
- Chimney Point State Historic Site

### **Shelburne**

- Shelburne Museum
- Shelburne Farms

### **Charlotte**

- Mt Philo State Park
- Rokeby Museum

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*Memorial Day Weekend -  
Indigenous People's Day*

Camping  
Swimming Pool  
Picnicking  
Group Events  
Interpretive Programs

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