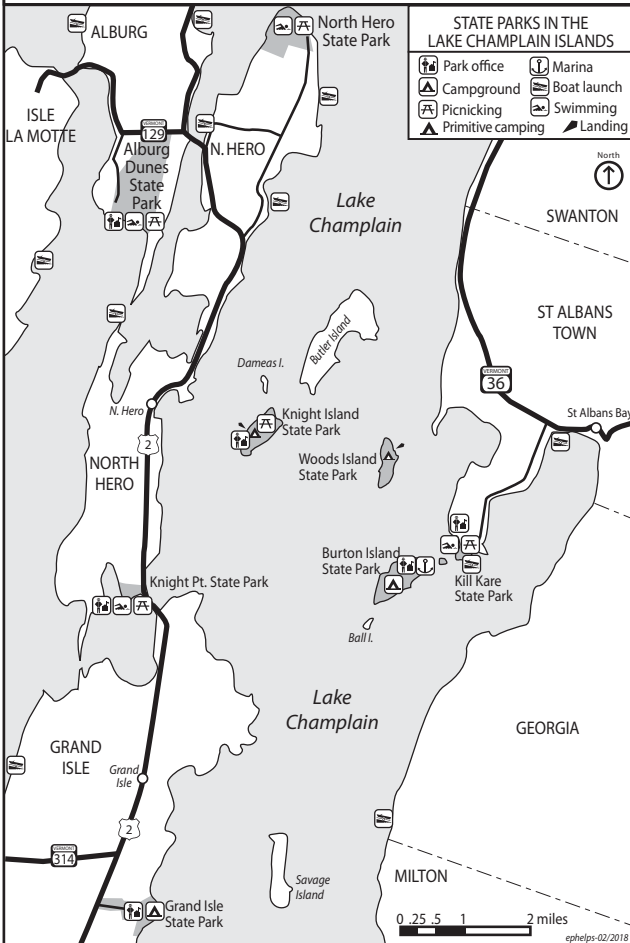


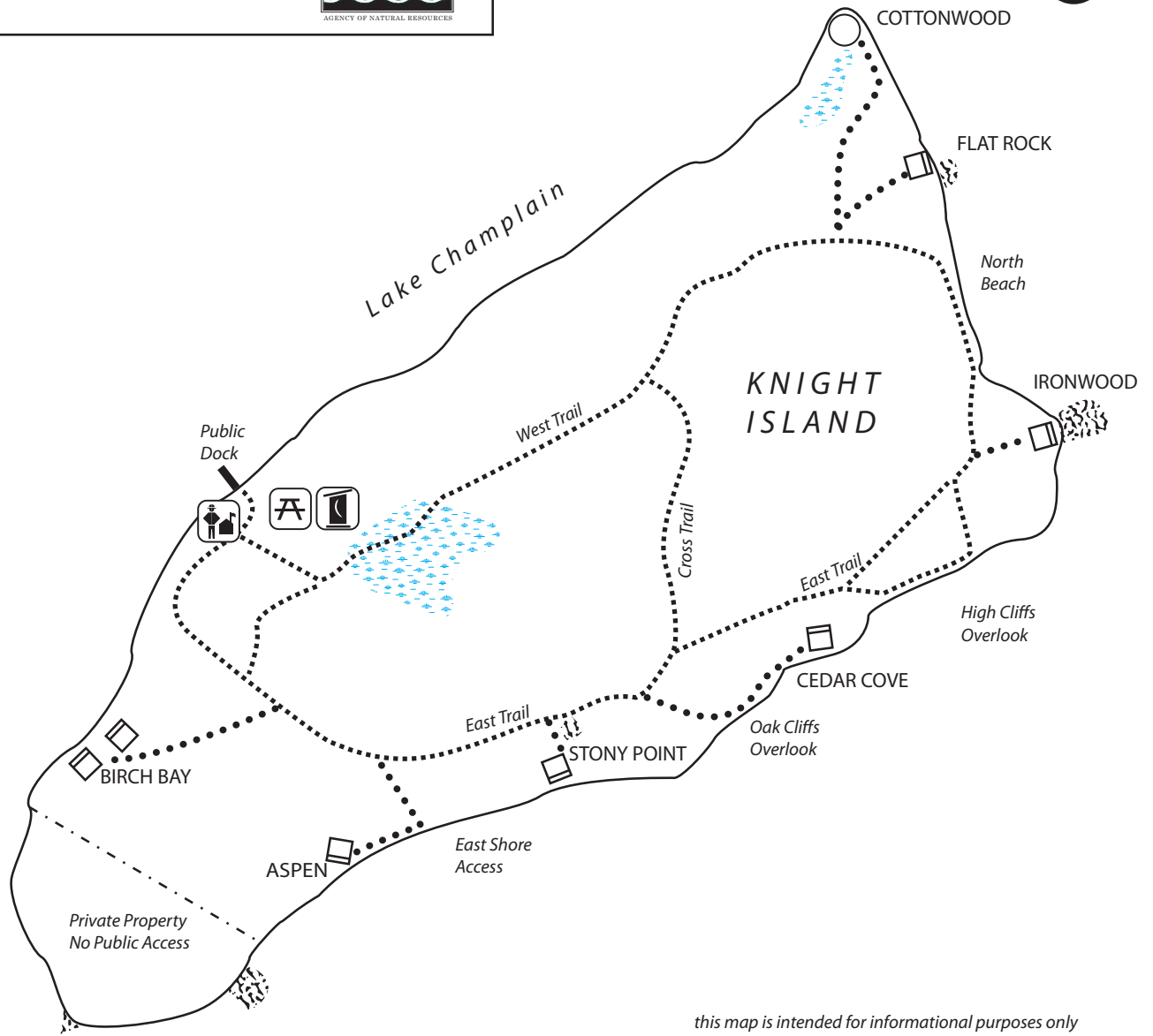
Knight Island State Park

North Hero, Vermont



STATE PARKS IN THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN ISLANDS

Park office	Marina
Campground	Boat launch
Picnicking	Swimming
Primitive camping	Landing



LEGEND

- Privy
- Managers' residence
- Picnic area
- Campsite
- Lean-to
- Main trail
- Campsite access trail
- Beaver pond/marsh
- Rocky shore

Knight Island State Park

Knight Island, acquired by the State in 1990, is one of three island parks in Lake Champlain's "inland sea". This 185-acre island is a mile long and nearly a half mile wide. The park includes all but 10 acres of private land on the island's southern tip. When on Knight Island, **please respect the rights of the park neighbor, and keep off the southern end.**

The island was farmed historically then was uninhabited for many years. It was a privately operated primitive campground through the 1980s. Under state ownership, remote area camping occurs on seven sites dotted around the island. Land management activities are those which will keep the island unique and unspoiled.

Facilities

Knight Island is a "remote area" campground. Remote Area campsites, while beautiful, are not for everybody. Sanitary facilities (composting privies) are minimal, and there is no potable water supply. The island's seven campsites, six of them with rustic log lean-tos, are situated approximately equidistant around the 2 1/2-mile shoreline, and are connected by a trail system. This gives you great privacy, but also means you're going to have to walk. From the State dock, it's up to a mile to the campsites, and while you may be able to come ashore closer, you shouldn't bring anything you're not prepared to carry in and carry out. There are no docks at the campsites, and beaching possibilities are limited. Beach your boat or anchor it offshore at your own risk.

Camping is by reservation only on designated sites. A permit may be obtained at the ranger station on the west shore, and is necessary before setting up. Reservations (2-night minimum) can be made through the State Parks Reservations Center or online up to 11 months in advance. Maximum eight (8) persons per site; fourteen (14) night maximum stay.

Getting to Knight Island

Knight Island is 2 miles east of North Hero village, and 5.5 miles northwest of Burton Island/Kill Kare State Parks. If you don't have a boat, you will need to arrange a private water taxi service for a fee.

Options for Knight Island parking include Knight Point State Park in North Hero (a three-mile crossing) or Kill Kare State Park in St. Albans (a five-mile crossing), where there is no parking fee for Knight Island campers. If launching a power boat, Kill Kare is your best option. Knight Point is fine for kayaks and canoes. The closest access (2 miles) is from North Hero village, where you may arrange private parking (\$) through Hero's Welcome General Store: 802-372-4161. If traveling to Knight Island via water taxi, you should make your own parking and pickup arrangements through your water taxi operator.

Visitors are advised that weather conditions do occur which can make travel on Lake Champlain hazardous. Delays

in getting to and from the Island are not uncommon, and it is neither the responsibility nor the obligation of Vermont State Parks to get visitors to or from the islands when lake conditions preclude safe crossing.

Camp Fires –are permitted only in fire rings on designated campsites only. Burn only dead and down wood. Firewood is available for purchase at Burton Island State Park

Refuse Removal is carry-in/carry-out. Please help keep Knight Island clean.

Water Supply – There is no public water supply. Bring your own, or be prepared to treat (filter or boil) lake water.

Plants – Some unusual and rare plants grow on Knight Island. No plant may be uprooted or cut without written permission from the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Day Use and Hiking – Day use during daylight hours only, day visitors must depart by sundown. No day use on campsites. Fires and barbecues permitted only in the day use area. A privy is available. Hike only on the marked trail system or shoreline below high-water level.

Emergency Assistance – The Park Manager can be reached by phone (below)

**For More Information:
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North Hero, VT 05481**

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