

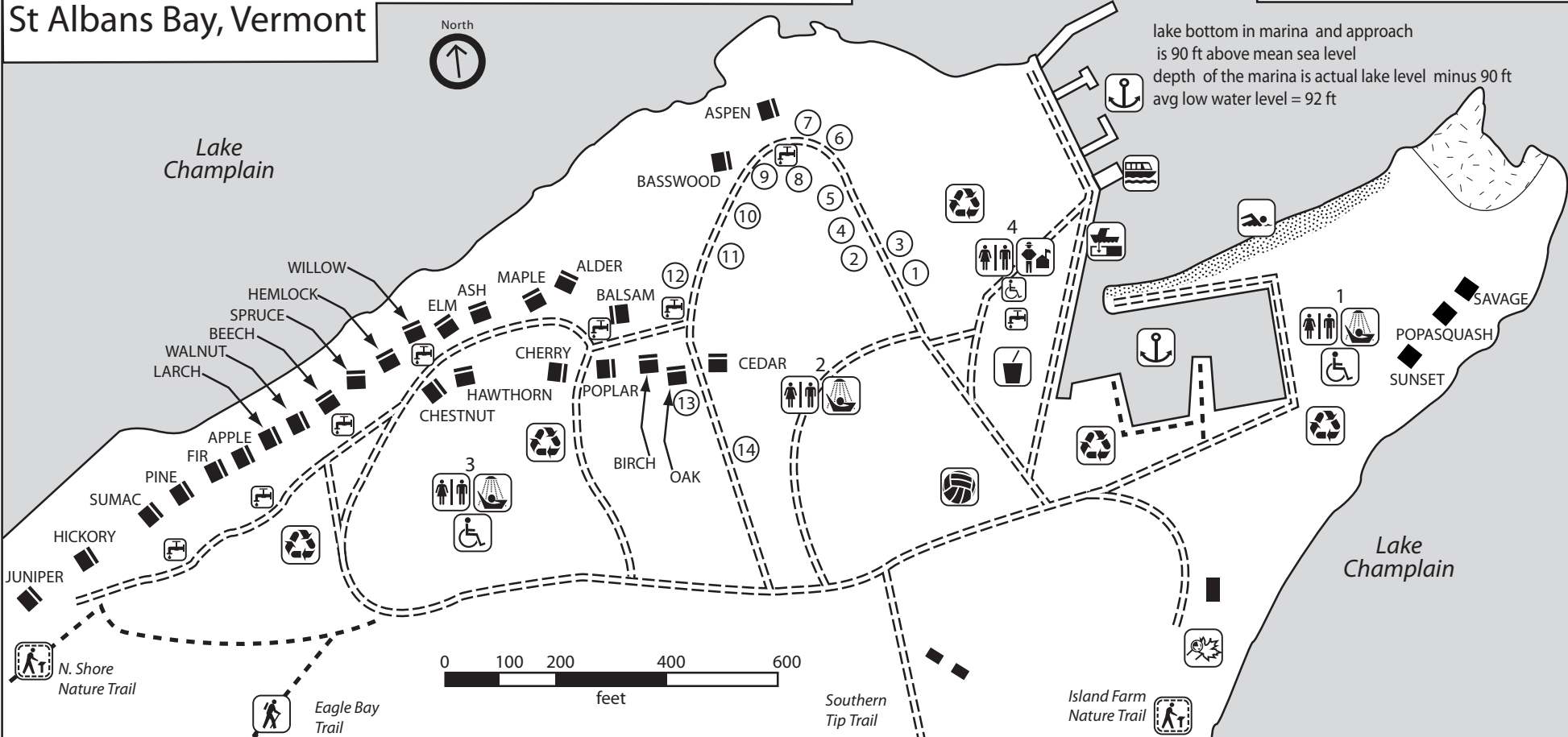
Burton Island State Park

St Albans Bay, Vermont



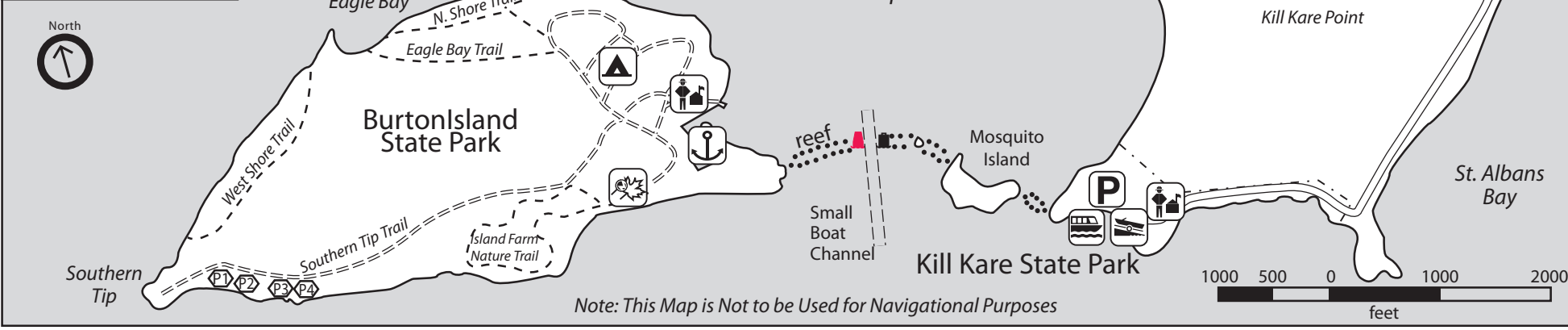
Campground

Legend



- Mult-Use Trail: foot and bicycle traffic
- Foot trail only
- Park office
- Campsite
- Prime lean-to
- Cabin
- Restrooms
- Showers (\$)
- Wheelchair accessible facility
- Drinking water
- Trash/Recycling center
- Concession and store
- Volleyball
- Swimming area
- off-leash dog area
- Nature center
- Self-guiding trail
- Hiking trail
- Marina
- Boat sanitary station
- Parking
- Boat launch
- Passenger ferry dock
- Park boundary

Area Map



Burton Island State Park

Welcome to Burton Island State Park, established in 1962, which encompasses 253 acres of Burton Island. This large island lies off the southwestern tip of St. Albans Point in Lake Champlain's Inland Sea. The park is accessible only by boat; visitors can travel in their own crafts or take the Island Runner passenger ferry from Kill Kare State Park. The Island Runner sails on a regular schedule several times per day during the operating season.

Eighteenth century maps refer to the island as the "Isle of White." Jesse Welden, an early St. Albans settler and agent for Ethan and Ira Allen, is attributed with first clearing and farming the island. As recently as 1874, Lake Champlain navigation charts label it "Potter's Island," though C.C. Burton, a farmer from St. Albans Bay, was using the island for pasture by the 1840's. Sidney Burton later owned the island through the early 20th century and leased it to tenant farmers who raised cows, pigs, sheep and chickens. Crops included beans and peas. Remnants of the island's agricultural past, such as fence lines and stone piles, rusted farm implements and the foundation of the old barn, are still visible.

Sidney Burton built a camp on the eastern point in 1902. Ida Lashway inherited the island from Burton and continued leasing to tenant farmers, eventually selling it to Randall Dimon in the 1950's. The Dimon's spent summers in the cottage for many years after selling the island to the State of Vermont in 1962.

Burton Island State Park opened in 1964. Original development plans included a causeway. This idea was abandoned to keep the unique appeal of an island campground without cars. A marina was built to accommodate boats. The State acquired property at the end of St. Albans Point in 1967 to provide easier access to Burton Island. This acquisition on the main land became Kill Kare State Park; Kill Kare has a varied and interesting history of its own, including being the site of several hotel business and summer children's camps.

Passenger ferry service added in the early 1980's to accommodate visitors without boats. Today, the marina is a lively stopover for people cruising the lake and the campground is popular with those who enjoy relaxing on a semi-remote island

without cars.

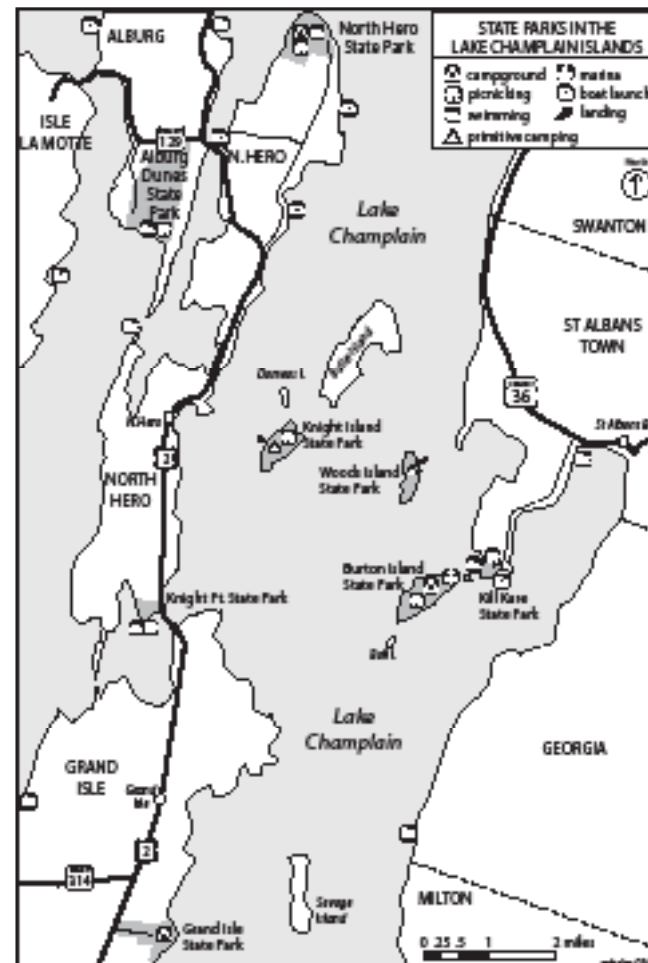
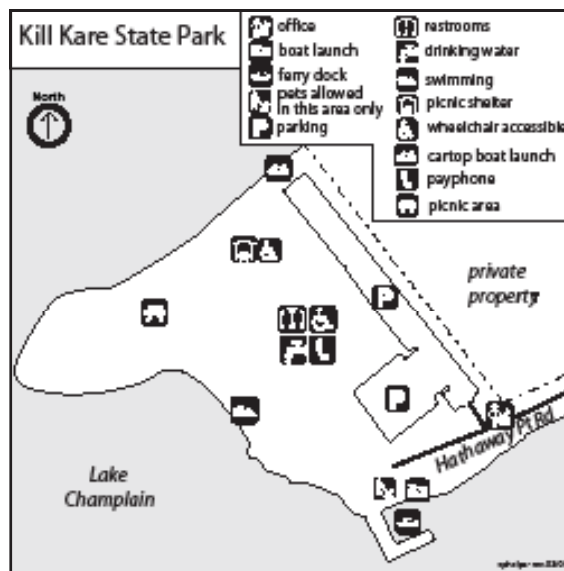
Kill Kare State Park provides a boat launch, parking and the ferry dock for Burton Island's visitors. Day use facilities at Kill Kare include a beach, open air pavilion and the beautifully restored Rocky Point House, the circa 1870 hotel building which has function and historical exhibit space. The park is a popular spot for lakeside weddings.

Burton Island State Park Facilities

- 26 lean-to shelters
- 3 cabins
- 14 tent sites
- 100 slip, 15 mooring marina
- Store
- Interpretive programs
- Walking trails
- Firewood for sale
- *No vehicle access*

Kill Kare State Park Facilities

- Swimming area
- Picnicking & group events
- Parking & boat launch
- Passenger ferry service



For More Information, contact:
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Island Runner passenger ferry

Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day

Camping
Fishing
Boating
Swimming
Interpretive Programs