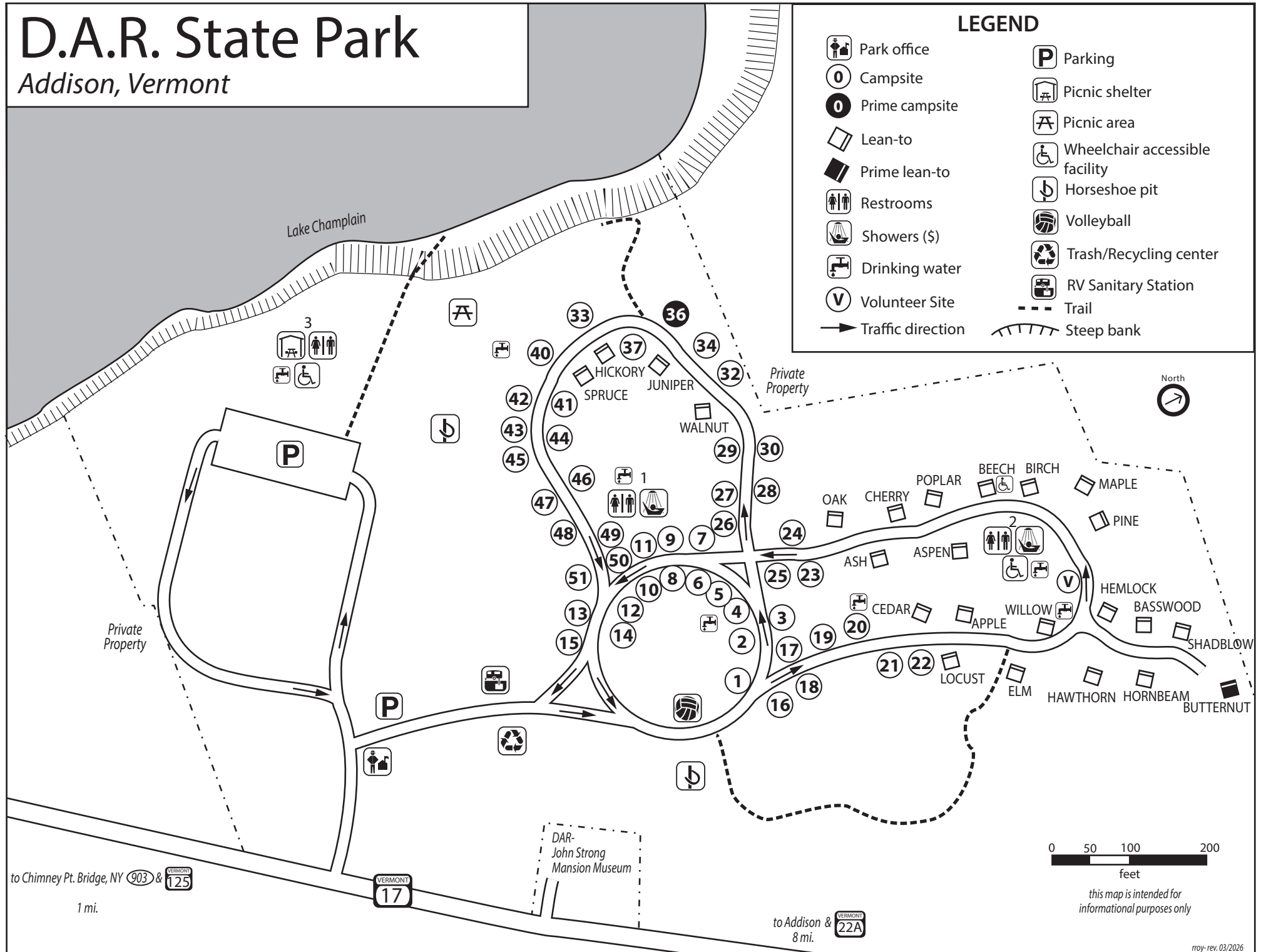


D.A.R. State Park

Addison, Vermont



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Welcome to D.A.R. State Park. With its picturesque setting on the shores of Lake Champlain, the park is ideal for anyone seeking a relaxing day visit or an overnight respite. A quiet park, it is known for its large, open campground, grassy picnic areas and stone pavilion. It is also a favorite spot for birdwatchers and provides access to Lake Champlain and an excellent fishery.

D.A.R. is located in the contemporary rural agricultural community of Addison. This area is one of the earliest settled parts of Vermont, with evidence of human habitation dating back over 7,500 years. Native Americans regularly used the land for camping, hunting and fishing for over 7,000 years until Euro-American settlers arrived.

After the first Europeans arrived in 1609, the area was important for interactions between Europeans and the native people. In 1690, the English used it to watch for their French enemies on Lake Champlain. In 1731, the French built a fort to keep the English out of the lake, blocking their easy access to Canada. This land was a frontier of New France, with the first long-term French settlement in the region. This site saw much military activity during the French and India War and the American Revolution.

After the English won control of the area in 1760, English settlers began to arrive and build homesteads. Legend says that John Strong, an early Vermont politician and Revolutionary War veteran, built a cabin on top of a former French home site. The foundation is visible just north of the park picnic pavilion. Loyalist British forces burned down Strong's cabin in 1790. After that, he built the imposing brick mansion near the park entrance. The Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) purchased the property in 1934. They turned it into a museum depicting early colonial life. In 1955, the D.A.R. donated 95 acres to the State of Vermont to create D.A.R. State Park.

D.A.R. State Park Amenities:

- 47 tent/trailer sites
- 24 lean-to shelters
- Lake Champlain shore access
- Picnicking and group events
- Firewood for sale

Recreating and Sightseeing in the Area:

Addison

- John Strong Mansion Museum
- Chimney Point Historic Site
- Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area
- Snake Mountain Wildlife Management Area

Middlebury

- Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History
- Downtown Marbleworks District
- Middlebury College
- University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm

Vergennes

- Button Bay State Park
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

New York State

- Crown Point State Historic Site
- Fort Ticonderoga National Historic Landmark

Ferrisburgh

- Kingsland Bay State Park
- Rokeby Museum

Orwell

- Mt. Independence State Historic Site

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