

Kill Kare State Park

St. Albans Bay, Vermont



Lake Champlain

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LEGEND

-  Park office
-  Parking
-  Picnic area
-  Restrooms
-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Picnic shelter
-  Swimming area
-  Ferry dock
-  Boat launch
-  Cartop Boat Launch
-  Sundial
-  Memorial fireplace
-  Park boundary

function
tent area

Rocky Point
House

Private property



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Welcome to Kill Kare. This state park is named for Kill Kare, a summer camp for boys which operated on this site from 1912 until 1966. Located on the southwestern tip of St. Albans Point, a three-mile peninsula that defines St. Albans Bay, Kill Kare is surrounded on three sides by the sparkling water of Lake Champlain. The three-story Rocky Point House in the center of the park was built in the 1870s and operated as a summer resort hotel until 1912, when the boys' camp purchased the property. In addition to the hotel building, then known as "The Main House," the camp included tennis courts, a baseball field and several small cabins.

Recognizing the need for a mainland base from which to service Burton Island State Park, the State of Vermont purchased the 17-acre Kill Kare property in 1967. The cottages were removed, and the boat ramp was created on the east shore. The breakwater protecting the boat ramp and ferry dock was built into the lake. Some group picnicking was allowed on the grounds, but the primary purpose of the park, in the early days, was to support Burton Island. It was not until the mid-1970s, a period during which water quality within St. Albans Bay was particularly poor, that the public began to swim and picnic at Kill Kare, and to appreciate the park for its clean water and cooling summer breezes. Visitation was such by the early 1980s that modernization was a necessity. The Rocky Point House was renovated in 1982, but by 2009 further improvements were necessary. In 2010, the hotel building was completely renovated to reflect the original lakeside hotel architecture. The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation partnered with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation to renovate the historically significant Rocky Point House. The renovation process was a conscious effort to restore the Rocky Point House to the original post-Civil War-era architecture. The stately building you see today closely resembles the original lakeside hotel as it stood in the late 1800s. The Rocky Point House architecture exudes a feeling of class, elegance and distinction; patrons of this establishment who sought recreational enjoyment of Lake Champlain, during that time, would have expected this level of sophistication.

Park Amenities

The park features the Rocky Point House Museum, dedicated in 2012. The displays are lively and interesting, recognizing the history of the site from the Hotel Era to present day. Additionally, the Rocky Point House West Room is available for small wedding receptions and meetings (call the park directly). The southeast lawn functions as large tent space for weddings, with electricity available adjacent to the tent site. Picnic tables and cooking grills are located throughout the park in both open and shaded lawn areas. The 26' x 40' open-air shelter has a group-sized cooking grill, electricity and may be reserved for group functions. The south-facing swimming area has a mostly sandy bottom. The boat ramp gets your boat quickly into deep water. If you do not have a boat, kayaks are available for rent, or you can ride the Island Runner ferry, departing from the dock to Burton Island State Park, seven times daily.

Directions

From St. Albans, take VT Route 36 (Lake Street) west three miles to St. Albans Bay. Bear right at the Bay, staying on Route 36 one-half mile, across a bridge. After the bridge, turn left onto Hathaway Point Road. In three miles the road ends at Kill Kare.

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swimming
fishing
group events*