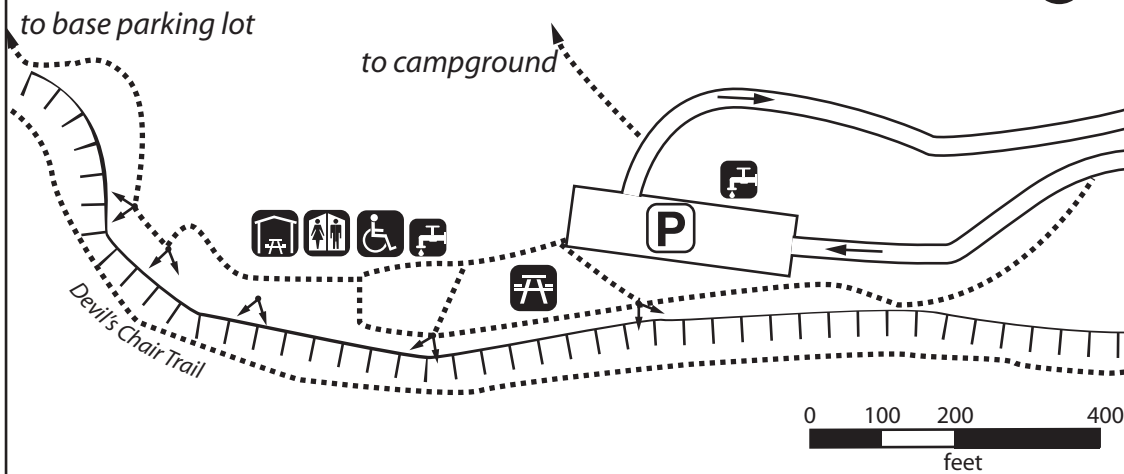


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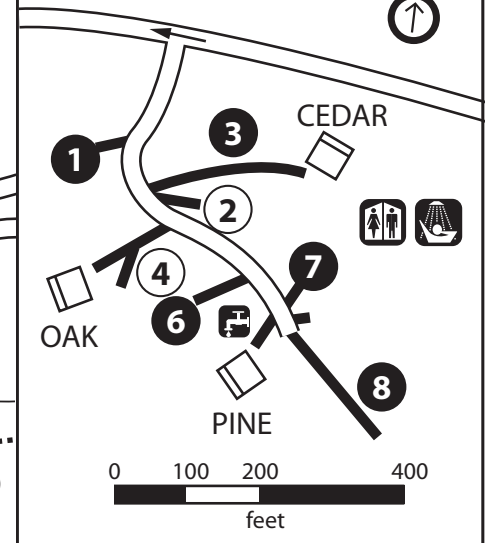
Charlotte, Vermont



## Summit Area



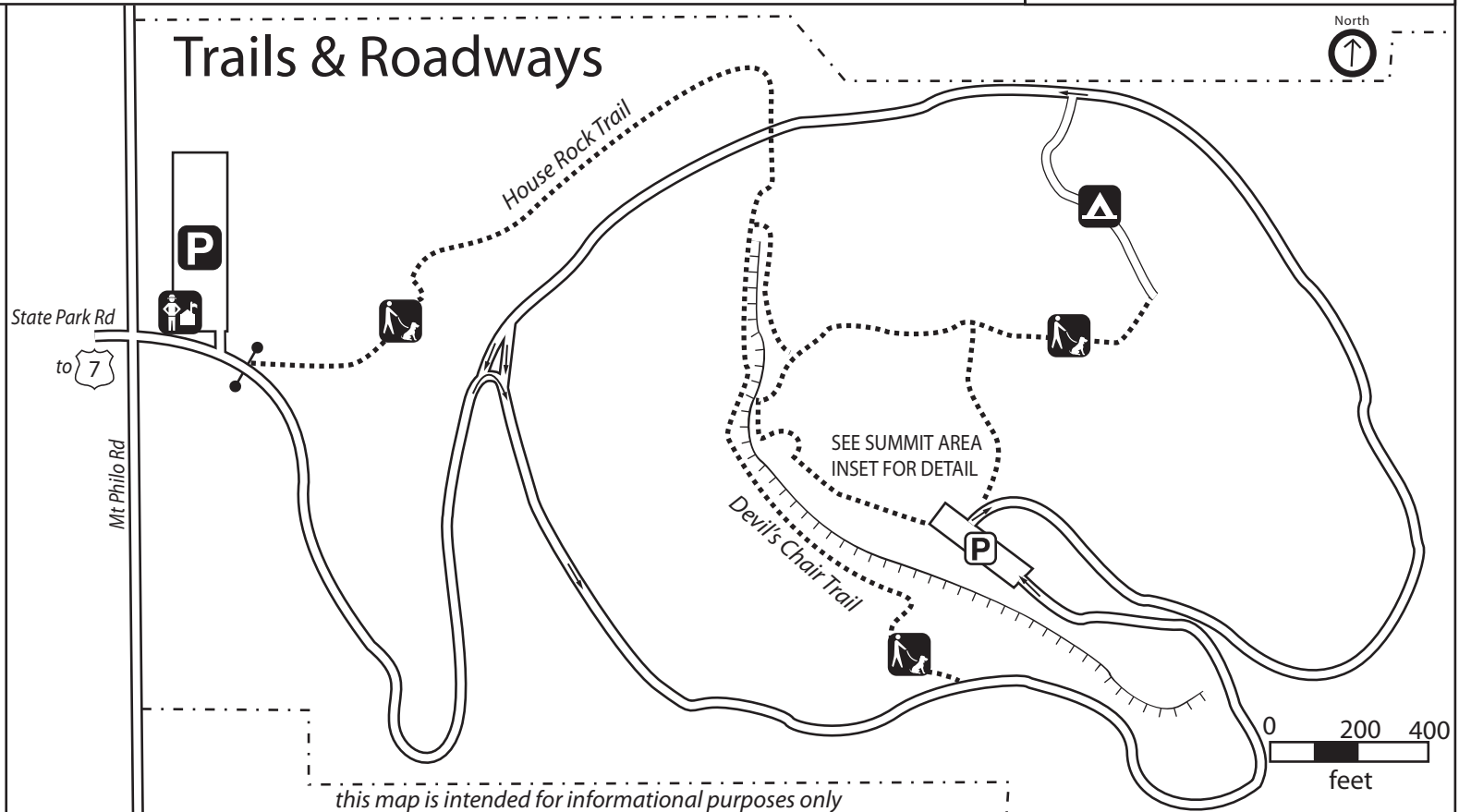
## Campground



### LEGEND

- Park office
- All Season Parking
- Parking-daytime, in operating season
- Picnic area
- Restrooms
- Picnic shelter
- Drinking water
- Wheelchair accessible facility
- Vista
- Campground
- Prime campsite
- Campsite
- Lean-to
- Showers (\$)
- Trail
- Pets allowed on leash
- Park boundary
- Cliffs
- Traffic direction
- Gate- open during daytime hours in operating season

## Trails & Roadways



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## Mt. Philo State Park

Welcome to Mt. Philo State Park. Sitting atop 968' Mt. Philo, the 168-acre park became the first Vermont State Park in 1924. With breathtaking views of the Lake Champlain Valley and New York's Adirondack Mountains, the park is a favorite of hikers and picnickers, and includes a small campground.

G. Lewis and Associates, proprietors of the Mt. Philo Inn, built the original carriage road to the top of Mt. Philo in 1903. Inn guests were able to ride to the top of the mountain in horse-drawn surreys. Traces of the original road are still visible in sections along the current park road, and the inn still stands outside the park's southwest boundary. Toward the end of the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Mrs. Frances Humphreys acquired the mountain property. In 1924 Mrs. Humphreys deeded the 150 acres to the State for use as a recreational area. In the early 1930's a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) unit was assigned to the mountain. This crew built the current access road, campground, ranger's quarters, picnic area and summit lodge. The park boundary reached its present configuration in 1969 when John and Hobart Wells deeded 13.45 acres in the southeast corner of the park to the State.

Today the park attracts hundreds of hikers, picnickers and nature watchers each day during the busy summer months. The summit access road allows visitors to drive to the top, or a ¾-mile hiking trail leads to the mountain's summit for more ambitious visitors. Hikers are likely to see a variety of wildlife including white-tailed deer or moose. The park is an excellent spot to watch autumn bird migrations, and is noted for raptor watching. A small campground is located on the north side of the park. Due to the steep grade and narrow width of the roadway, recreational vehicles are not suited to this park.

### Mt. Philo State Park amenities:

- 7 tent sites, 3 lean-to shelters
- Picnicking and group events
- Hiking
- Interpretive programs
- Firewood for sale

### Recreating and sightseeing in the area:

#### **Charlotte**

- Rokeby Museum
- Ferry to Essex, NY

#### **Shelburne**

- Shelburne Museum
- Shelburne Farms

#### **Burlington**

- ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain
- Ethan Allen Homestead
- University of Vermont

#### **Vergennes**

- Button Bay State Park
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

#### **Addison**

- D.A.R. State Park
- 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 Marble Works District
- Middlebury College
- University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm

#### **Ferrisburgh**

- Kingsland Bay State Park

#### **New York State**

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

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