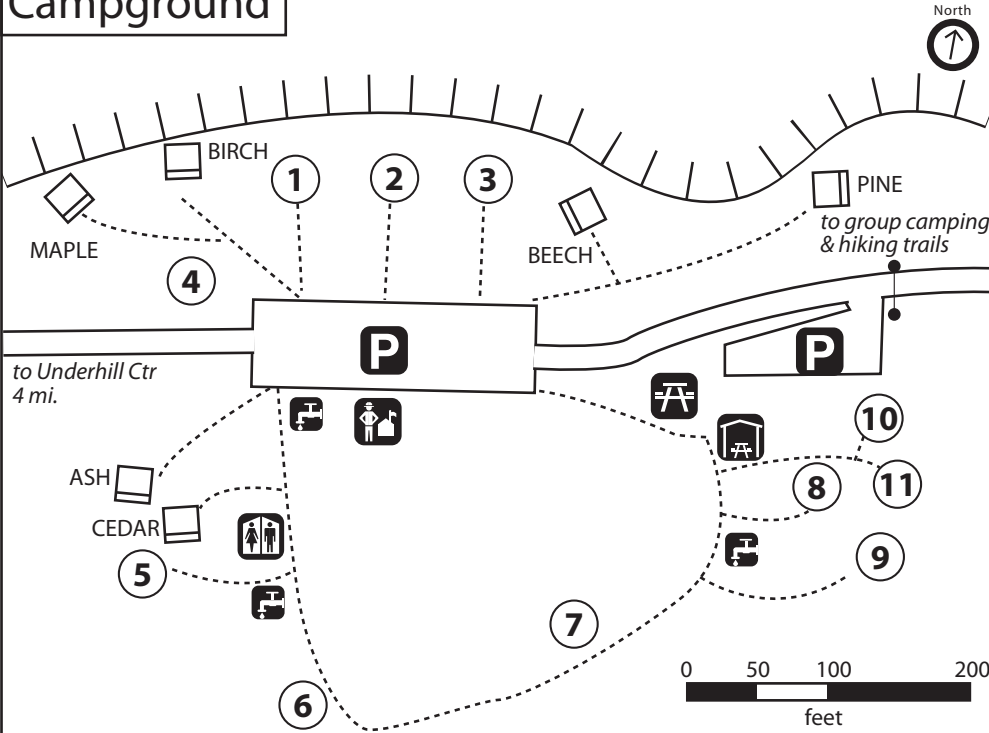


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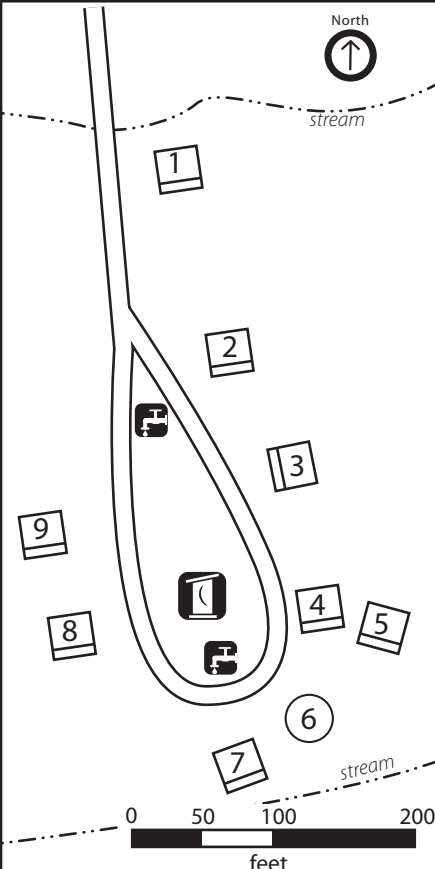
Underhill Center, Vermont



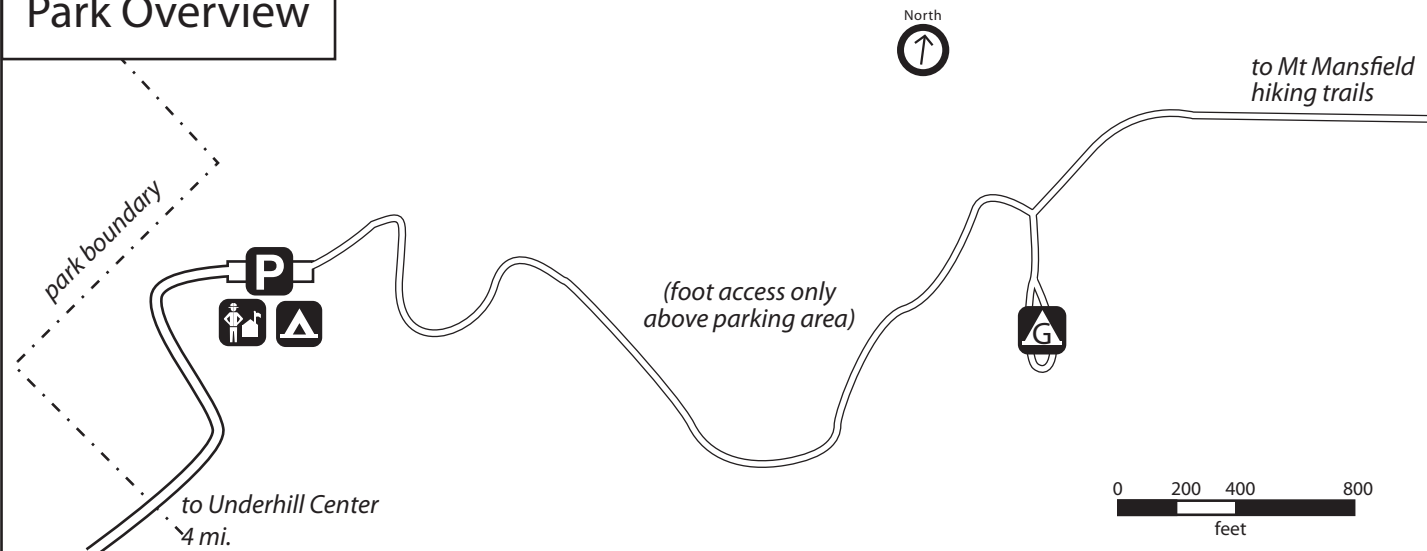
## Campground



## Group Camping Area



## Park Overview



## LEGEND

- Park office
- Campground
- Group Camping
- Campsite
- Lean-to
- Parking
- Picnic area
- Restrooms
- Drinking water
- Pit toilet
- Picnic shelter
- Steep bank
- Foot Trail

*this map is intended for informational purposes only*

## Underhill State Park

Welcome to Underhill State Park, located in Vermont's 34,000 acre Mt. Mansfield State Forest. On the headwaters of the Brown's River, at 1850 feet elevation, the park lies on the western slope of the 4393 foot Mt. Mansfield, the state's highest peak. Just over the summit ridge is Stowe Mountain Resort, one of North America's first ski resorts.

The elevation and corresponding exposure to harsh climatic conditions have resulted in some relatively unusual vegetation types along the mountain's summit ridge. The low, stunted plants found in the alpine tundra near the summit are very rare in New England; they are more typical of types found on broad expanses of Arctic tundra a thousand miles farther north. These plants are fragile- when you hike to the summit, please stay on marked trails.

The park includes a log picnic shelter, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps or CCC, a nationwide public works program created during the great economic depression of the 1930's to provide jobs and training for thousands of unemployed. Many state and national parks trace their origins to the CCC era.

In addition, the park contains a small campground, picnic grounds, and a group camping area. The campground has a restroom facility with flush toilets and cold running water, but no showers. Due to the park's hillside nature, it is not suitable for RVs or trailers. All campsites are walk-in. This off-grid park uses solar power for office functions, and to operate the water system. The group camping area consists of a small level field with 9 lean-to shelters, a 0.8 mile moderate walk uphill from the main campground. There is a pit toilet that serves the group area.

The park is probably best known for its hiking. There are four trails to the summit ridge of Mt. Mansfield from Underhill State Park. Walking up the gated road from the park headquarters, the

trails begin branching off shortly above the group camp area. The Sunset Ridge Trail, 3 miles to the summit, is the most popular. Vermont's *Long Trail* traverses the summit ridge and, with several trails from the other side of the mountain, many loops are possible. Hiking information and trail maps are available at the park headquarters.

### Underhill State Park Amenities

- 11 tent campsites
- 6 lean-to shelters
- Picnic shelter
- Group camping area- 9 lean-tos
- Firewood for sale

### Recreating & Sightseeing in the Area

#### Jeffersonville

- Smuggler's Notch Resort
- Smuggler's Notch Scenic Highway & hiking

#### Stowe

- Stowe Mt Resort-gondola, toll road, alpine slide
- Historic downtown shopping & dining
- Stowe Recreation Path

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*Memorial Day Weekend – Late October*

**Camping**  
**Hiking**  
**Picnicking**

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