

Stony Brook STATE PARK



Dansville, New York



Finger Lakes Region
2020

THE FINGER LAKES STORY

Sparkling lakes, breathtaking waterfalls and rolling pastoral land dominate the landscape of the Finger Lakes Region. Over thousands of years, gigantic glaciers and coursing streams carved this landscape shared by generations of people. Stony Brook State Park is one of 29 facilities of the Finger Lakes State Parks Region where you can enjoy these treasured landscapes and discover the lives of people of the past.

This park features a beautiful gorge with three waterfalls and surrounding forests. You can enjoy the park's rich scenery while camping, picnicking, swimming or hiking.

THE NATURE OF STONY BROOK

Water has shaped the natural landscape of the park. During the past million years, water in the form of giant mounds of ice, or glaciers, covered New York State several times, dramatically transforming the land in its path. In this region, the most recent glacier moved through shallow river valleys leaving in its place deep, steep-sided troughs. When the glacier receded north about 10,000 years ago, water filled some of these new troughs, creating the 11 Finger Lakes. Since then, water in the form of Stony Brook has poured down a glacially-steepened hillside, cutting away its soft sedimentary rock. This ongoing process has formed the park's gorge and spectacular waterfalls.

PEOPLE AND STONY BROOK

For over three centuries, people traveled to Stony Brook to experience its gentle, rugged beauty.

Seneca Indians hunted and fished at Stony Brook before European-Americans moved in over 150 years ago and built farms and a sawmill. After the Civil War, a landowner built small conveniences for those who walked through the gorge. He charged a small admissions fee.

With the construction of a railroad in 1883, Stony Brook became a summer tourist destination. Picnickers came from as far away as St. Mary's, Pennsylvania to stroll along well-kept paths, climb rustic stairs and go to a dance hall or outdoor theater in the evenings.

Large stone and concrete footings, which look like stepping stones for a giant, cross the gorge from rim to rim near the upper park. They are what remain of a high railroad bridge that supported trains bringing visitors to

Blading, Boarding and Bicycling Safety: Safety helmets are required by New York State Law. Check at the park office for times and locations where these activities are allowed.

Pets: Family pets must be leashed and are not allowed on the swimming area. Proof of rabies vaccination must be by Veterinarian's certificate-the collar tag will not be accepted as proof. Only 2 pets per campsite.

Respecting Wildlife: Please do not feed or harass any wildlife while visiting the park. If you see any wildlife that appears ill, or if you come into physical contact with an animal, leave it where it is and contact park personnel immediately.

FEES

Park Entrance Fee: \$7.00 / per vehicle

Campsites

Base Rate: \$15.00 / night

+ XL Site Fee: + \$5.00 / night

+ Weekend & Holiday Fee: + \$4.00 / night

+ Out of State Fee: + \$5.00 / night

Cabins

Base Rate: \$45.50 / night

+ Out of State Fee: + \$7.00 / night

Camping Reservation Fee (Per each site/cabin rented)

Reservation Fee (advance reservation): + \$7.25 (once)

Walk-In Registration Fee (day of): + \$1.25 (once)

NEARBY STATE PARKS

Letchworth State Park: NYS Route 36, Mt. Morris or NYS Route 19A, Castile

Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area:

Canadice Hill Rd, 6 miles South of Honeoye

Honeoye Lake State Boat Launch: Off NYS. Route 20A, East Lake Rd, South of Honeoye



Accessible parking spaces and restrooms are available. Due to the nature of the trails, they are not accessible to wheelchairs, medical walkers, or baby strollers.

STONY BROOK STATE PARK

10820 Route 36 South

Dansville, New York 14437

Park Office: (585) 335 - 8111

Campground Office: (585) 335 - 5530

FL Regional Office: (607) 387 - 7041

PARK POLICE (Non-Emergency): (585) 658 - 4692

Email: stonybrook1@parks.ny.gov

Website: parks.ny.gov

IN AN EMERGENCY 911

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Camping and cabin reservations in NYS parks may be made up to nine months in advance by calling: 1(800) 456-2267, or visiting: www.ReserveAmerica.com.

PARK PASSES

Access Pass: Available to NY residents with qualifying disabilities.

Golden Park Program: For NY residents age 62+ with NY driver's license or ID card allows unlimited weekday and non-holiday access.

Empire Pass: Unlimited vehicle access to most NY state parks and recreation areas. It can be purchased at park offices, shop.parks.ny.gov or by calling 518-474-0458. Passes are renewable online and are valid from date of purchase through December 31.

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the park. The Stony Brook railroad station was located where the campground office is today.

Indians were the first to notice natural gas bubbles rising from the water in the lower park. In 1882, a driller tried, unsuccessfully, to locate oil by sinking a well near the bubbles. The gas, nonetheless, was captured and used for lighting and cooking.

By the 1920's the resort at Stony Brook had fallen into decline. New York State revived Stony Brook by purchasing the land and establishing the state park in 1928.

During the 1930's Stony Brook State Park became a bustling center of activity. Federal public works programs came to the park, including the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration. They put unemployed Depression-era young men to work improving park trails and facilities. Laborers were housed in a camp where the present park maintenance building is located. From an original size of 250 acres (101 ha) in the 1920's, Stony Brook has expanded to 577 acres (233 ha).

CAMPING INFORMATION

Reservations must be made through Reserve America. Alcohol is prohibited in the campground. There are no onsite water hookups available. Water is available at the Dump Station and shared water spigots in each camping loop. Comfort stations with hot showers and flush toilets are available in each camping loop.

Campsites: 83 regular, non-electric sites accommodate 6 occupants, 2 camping units (2 tents or 1 camping unit (Trailer, RV) and 1 tent), 2 vehicles and include 1 fire ring and table.

XL Campsites: 5 large, non-electric sites accommodate 8 occupants, 4 tents ONLY, 2 vehicles, and include 1 fire ring and 2 tables.

Cabins: 8 rustic, non-electric cabins accommodate 4 occupants, 2 vehicles and each includes 1 bunk bed, 1 double bed, 1 fire ring and table.

Group Campsite: Reservations and information available by calling the park office.

Check In/Check Out: Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Checkout time is 11:00 AM, all equipment must be off the site at that time.

Quiet Hours: Quiet hours in camping areas and marinas are from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM and are STRICTLY enforced. Your cooperation is appreciated by park staff and your fellow campers. Generators may be operated from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and must be attended.

Additional Vehicles: Parking for guests is available in nearby parking lots for an additional fee.

Alcohol Use: Alcohol is NOT permitted in the campground area.

DAY USE INFORMATION

Day use areas of the park are open from dawn to dusk. There is a vehicle use fee in effect at the park. Permitted activities are posted in the park office.

Picnic Areas: Tables and grills

Picnic Shelters (2): Clara Barton (North) & Shawmut (South), advance reservations required.

Hiking Trails (Gorge and Rim Trails): Hikers can choose among 3 hiking trails that connect the Picnic Area to the Campground. The trails are all about 1 mile long with quite a few stairs making them moderately difficult. Please stay on the designated trails. Public is prohibited in the stream bed at any time. Proper footwear for hiking in a variety of conditions will make your trail visit safer. Bicycles are not allowed on the trails. Due to varying weather conditions, park trails can close at any time throughout the year. Do not go on trails designated as CLOSED.

Cell Phone Tour: Locations on hiking trails
Swimming - Stream fed pool: Swimming is only available in the designated supervised area when lifeguards are on duty and is not a guaranteed activity. The supervised swimming area may be closed due to weather conditions, call the park office for availability. Pets, alcoholic beverages, and glass containers are not permitted in the swimming area. THERE IS NO SWIMMING OR WAIDING IN THE GORGE.

Playgrounds

Play fields: Tennis Court, Baseball Field, Volleyball Court, Basketball Court

Comfort Stations

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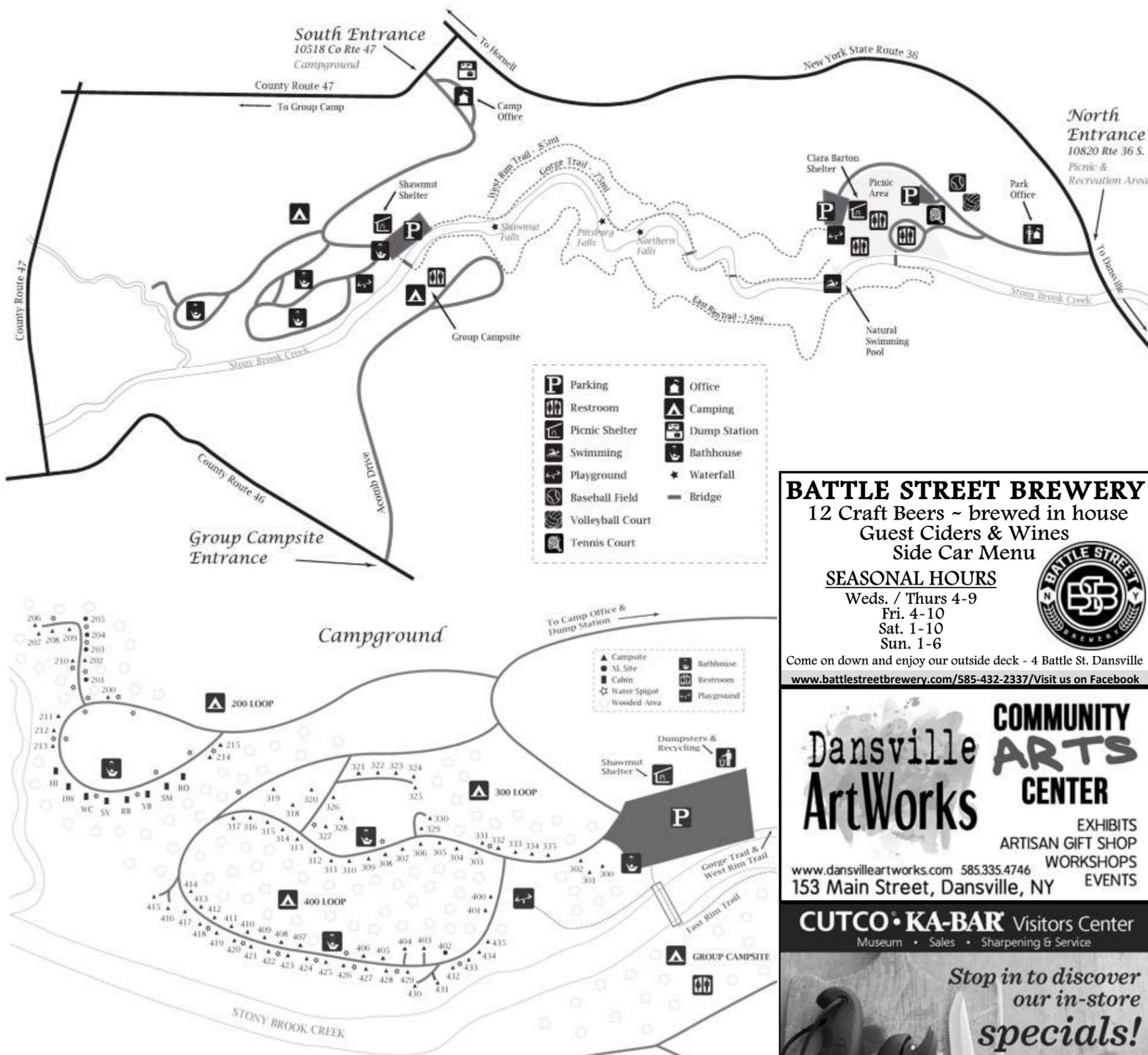
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