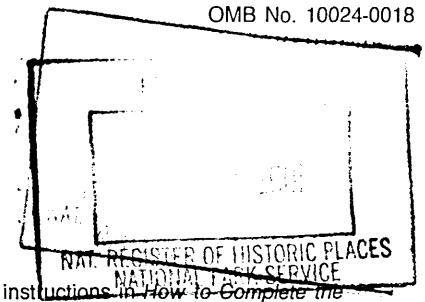


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

12/05



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Maidstone State Park

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 4858 and 4876 Maidstone Road N/A not for publication

city or town Maidstone N/A vicinity

state Vermont code VT county Essex code 009 zip code 05905

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Suzanne C. Gamble, National Register Specialist 10-11-01  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Vermont State Historic Preservation Office  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
  - determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
  - determined not eligible for the National Register.
  - removed from the National Register.
  - other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson A. Beall Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 11-29-01

Maidstone State Park  
Name of Property

Essex County, Vermont  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>13</u>	<u>38</u>	buildings
<u>3</u>		sites
		structures
<u>14</u>		objects
<u>30</u>	<u>38</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Park Landscapes in National & State Parks

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture/outdoor recreation

Landscape/park

Landscape/forest

Landscape/parking lot

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture/outdoor recreation

Landscape/Park

Landscape/forest

Landscape/parking lot

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: CCC State Park

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls log

wood

roof asphalt

other stone

\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Maidstone, Essex County, Vermont

Maidstone State Park is located in northeastern Vermont near the Connecticut River in the town of Maidstone. It has two non-contiguous sections, a small day use area (of approximately 40 acres) on the eastern shore of Maidstone Lake and a larger camping and hiking area (approximately 600 acres) one mile to the south on the southeastern shore of the lake and extending into the surrounding hills. The historic areas, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1938, include the day use area, a small section of the camping area 'A' at the entrance to the larger area. The significant historic features include a large lodge (now known as the nature center I.1), a gatehouse (I.2), a parking lot (I.3) a barn (I.4), two bathrooms (I.7 and II.7), a picnic shelter (I.8), fourteen stone fireplaces (I.9), and seven lean-tos (II.6). These are all constructed in a rustic style, using logs, wood and stone. All of these remain in their original locations except for one of the historic lean-tos, which has been moved about 200 yards to a similar site and remains near the other historic lean-tos. The setting has changed slightly with the addition of new buildings, campsites, and trails to the park, but has remained the essentially the same and retains its original boundaries. The historic features of the park are all in good condition and retain their original design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

### I. Day Use Area

The day use area is bounded on the east by the access road (which is 400-800 feet from the shore of Maidstone Lake) to Vermont Route 102 (5 miles to the northeast) and stretches about 1,200 feet from north to south. At the entrance there are a lodge/ranger's quarters (currently the nature center, 1, 1938) and a gatehouse (2, 1938). A dirt driveway leads past these buildings west and then curves around to the north where it splits. One branch leads further north to a parking lot (3, 1938) and the other branch leads west. Immediately after the split on the west branch there is a barn (4, 1938) on the right (north) and a cottage (5, c.1975) on the left (south). Here the road ends in a large grassy area. To the northwest, towards the lake there is a bathhouse (6, c.1980) and continuing on there is a beach on Maidstone Lake. To the west of the cottage a walking path leads south to a bathroom (7, 1938). From the grassy area a path leads to the south and leads to a picnic shelter (8, 1938) on a knoll overlooking the lake. Scattered around this area are fourteen stone and brick fireplaces (9, 1938) and nine grilladiers (10, c.1975).

#### 1. Lodge/Ranger's Quarters (Nature Center), 1938.

This building is located along the north/south running access road to the park and to the north of the entrance to the day use area. It is set back about thirty feet from both roads. It has a concrete foundation and is constructed of logs which are rounded on the sides and smoothed on their tops and bottoms to make a tight seal without the use of chinking between them. Internally the logs are fitted together with metal bars. The logs are not jointed at the corners,

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instead every other log extends one foot beyond the intersecting wall plane with the perpendicular log ending flush in its side. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the eaves have a medium sized overhang. It originally was the ranger's quarters, but now consists of a nature center and living quarters for the assistant rangers, as well as a garage. It is a one-story, front-gabled log structure with two slightly offset gabled ells extending on either side, and a massive stone chimney set on the ridge line of the main roof. The entrance is on the south wall of the main block leading into the building from a porch under the roof of the south ell. In each of the four gable peaks is a rectangular louvered vent.

The front gable faces the access road (east) and is dominated by a bank of three pairs of 8-pane casement windows. All windows on this building, including these, have wooden sash and frames. Beneath the windows is a flower box made of a hollowed out log. The entrance, consisting of a screen door and a vertical board door, is on the south side of the main block and there is a bank of two pairs of 6-pane casement windows on the north side. The west (rear) gable of the main block has four bays, the most northerly and the two southerly containing paired 6-pane casement windows. The other bay is an entrance with a screen door and a vertical board door. The north and south sides of the main block are dominated by the gabled ells which leave only a few feet of exterior wall on the eaves sides.

The south ell extends about forty feet from the main block. Along the east (eaves) side starting from the main block and stretching half the length of the ell there is a porch (approximately ten feet deep), under the principle roof, which is supported by two log posts. There are a pair of 6-pane casement windows looking out from a bedroom onto the porch. On the south end of the porch there is a wooden board door leading into the garage. The southernmost section of the east side has a bank of two pairs of 6-pane casement windows looking out from the garage. The south (gable) end is a solid wall except for the vent. The west side of the south ell is split in two equal sections. Between them are log ends that stick out from an interior log wall. The southern section has a large garage door, made of two, outward swinging, vertical board doors. The section nearer the main block has a bank of two pairs of 6-pane casement windows looking out from the bedroom roughly in the center of the section, and a single 6-pane casement window looking out from the hallway.

The east (eaves) side of the north ell has a bank of two pairs of 6-pane casement windows. The north (gable) end has a bank of three 6-pane casement windows (not paired). Its west side is a solid wall.

The interior of the main block consists of a large room used as a nature center for visitors in the eastern section and a hallway to the south of the large room leading to a bathroom in the southwest corner and a kitchen in the northwest corner. The hallway extends a short distance

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into the south ell, leading to a door to a bedroom, which then has a door leading into the garage. The entire north ell is occupied by a bedroom with a door leading from the nature center area.

The walls of all these areas are made of logs with rounded sides left exposed except for those of the bathroom, kitchen, and south ell bedroom which have vertical board paneling. There are vertical board doors in the doorways from the south ell bedroom to the garage, the nature center to the north ell bedroom, and from the hallway to the kitchen, bathroom and south ell bedroom. There are board ceilings in all of the rooms except for the garage, which has an open ceiling exposing the roof truss system.

The south wall of the nature center area has the main entrance in the eastern end. The east wall has a bank of windows. The north wall has a bank of windows on the east side and a doorway to the north ell bedroom on the west side. The west wall has a massive fireplace and chimney made of irregularly coursed, rough cut granite in its center and an opening to the hallway on the south side. The hallway has the three doorways leading to the kitchen, bathroom, and south ell bedroom to the north, west, and south respectively. Its southern section, directly before the bedroom, has a closet on the east side and a small window on the west side. The kitchen has an exterior door surrounded by two windows on the west wall. The bathroom has a window on the west wall.

The south ell bedroom has windows in the east and west walls and a closet in the north wall. A doorway to the garage is in the south wall. On the north wall the garage has a stairway leading down to the cellar and a ladder leading up to a small access door to the attic, as well as the doorway to the bedroom. The east wall has a bank of windows and the west wall has the swinging garage doors. The north ell bedroom has a doorway to the nature center area in the south wall, banks of windows on the east and north walls, and a closet in the northwest corner.

### 2. Gatehouse, 1938.

The gatehouse is about twenty feet from the access road on the north side of the road leading into the day use area. It is a small structure (about six feet by six feet) with a concrete foundation, diagonal board walls, and a pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles. There are posts at each of the four corners. It has a wooden vertical board door on the south side. There are 8-pane casement windows with wooden sills and frames on the east and west walls. These each have wooden, vertical board shutters which swing open to one side. The north side is a solid wall.

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3. Parking Lot, 1938.

The parking lot is an elongated dirt oval running approximately 250' north/south and 100' east/west. In the center is a grassy area surrounded by boulders, and with trees on the northern end.

4. Barn, 1938.

This is a gable-front, board-sided, one-and-a-half story structure with a low-pitched asphalt shingled roof and a concrete foundation. It is two bays wide on the south (gable) end and three bays long on the eaves side. The ground floor of the south side has two garage doors. The north door slides to the south to open, thereby covering the other door. The south door has two hinged doors that fold in half inward. The upper story has two 6-pane fixed sash windows closely flanking a small access door. The roof extends out about two feet over this access door. Each eaves side has 6-pane fixed sash windows in the south and middle bays and a doorway in the north bay. The north side has three bays of 6-pane fixed sash windows on the ground floor and two bays of 6-pane sash windows on the upper floor.

To the east of the barn is an earthen platform rising two feet, about 30' square, and buttressed by wooden rails. There is a gas pump of uncertain date in the southwest corner and an underground septic tank in the middle. Originally there was a firewood shed on this platform.

5. Cottage, c. 1975.

This is a eaves-front, gable-roofed, one story building with board and batten siding. It is three bays long by one bay deep with all of its windows being one-over-one double sash. The north (eaves) side has the entrance door in the eastern bay. It is non-contributing due to age.

6. Bathhouse, c.1980.

This is a one story, low-pitched, gable-roofed structure with asphalt shingle roofing and board and batten siding. The northwest side has entrance doors for men and women. The gable peaks have large, triangular plate-glass windows. It is non-contributing due to age.

7. Bathroom, 1938.

The bathroom is a small (10' by 20') gable-roofed structure clad in shiplap siding made to resemble logs and roofed with asphalt shingles. It has doorways on both gable ends, one for women and one for men. The entrances are protected by six foot tall walls that extend out and around the entrances, leaving access only from the front of the building. There are louvered vents next to each of the doors and two louvered windows on the back of the structure. Also there are two skylights on the back side of the roof.

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8. Picnic Shelter, 1938.

The picnic shelter is located on a knoll overlooking Maidstone Lake. It is a gable-roofed, asphalt shingled structure on a concrete foundation. The southwest (gable and lake) side is open but the gable peak is boarded. The two southwestern bays of the northwest and southeast (eaves) sides are also open. The bays are delineated by large log posts, which have diagonal log trusses connecting them to the plate-logs. The roof truss system is king post and made of logs. The rafters and purlins are also log. There is low log fencing skirting all these open sides except the middle bay of the northwest side. The northeast (gable) side and the northeast bays of the northwest and southeast sides have log walls similar to those of the nature center (I.1). The northeast end also has a massive, irregularly-coursed, rough granite fireplace and chimney.

9. Fireplaces, 1938.

These are fourteen small stone fireplaces set on a stone hearth. The walls are about one foot thick. They are open in the front, the side walls are about one foot high, and the back wall is about two feet high. The fire pit area is surrounded by brick on the three walled sides.

10. Grilladiers, c. 1975.

These are small, rectangular metal barbecues with grills set on three foot tall metal poles. They are non-contributing due to age.

## II. Camping Area 'A'.

This area is one mile south of the day use area by way of the access road, along the eastern shore of Maidstone Lake. At the entrance to this area on the right hand (west, lake) side of the road there the ranger's quarters and contact station (1, c.1975) with a wooden staircase behind it leading down to a lake overlook. Beyond the ranger's quarters there is also a greeting sign, and further down towards the lake a small shed (2, after 1957). On the left hand side of the road there is a firewood shed (3, c.1975). The historic portion of this section is all along the right hand side of the road as it continues into the park. There, between the road and the lake, are seven historic lean-tos (4, 1938) and a historic bathroom (5, 1938). There is a dumpster shelter (6, c.1980) across the road from this bathroom. The road continues on with more campsites on the lakeside. There are also roads that loop away from the lake and contain more campsites and twenty non-historic lean-tos (7, c.1975). The lean-tos (both historic and non-historic) are all on the northern side of the area. There are also two non-historic bathrooms (8, c.1980) on the south side of the area. Each campsite or lean-to site has a concrete fire platform, which is non-historic. As the road continues on towards camping area 'B' there is a campers beach to the right.

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1. Ranger's Quarters and Contact Station, ca. 1975.

This is a one-story, eaves-front, gable-roofed house with board and batten siding and asphalt shingles on the roof. It is three bays wide by two bays deep. The northernmost bay on the front (east) side is cut back to make a porch under the main roof. The entrance is on the south side of this porch, facing north.

There is a stairway leading to an overlook behind the ranger's quarters. They are constructed of wooden boards. The stairway descends about twenty feet to the overlook.

There is a wooden greeting sign and announcement board with information for campers just beyond the ranger's quarters to the south. It is protected by a small asphalt shingled gable roof.

All of these are non-contributing due to age.

2. Small Shed, after 1957.

This shed has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and shiplap siding rounded to resemble logs. It is non-contributing due to age.

3. Firewood Shed, c.1975.

This shed has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and eaves side towards the road. It has board siding with gaps to allow air flow. In front of the shed, along the road are two associated structures with open sides and gable roofs with asphalt shingles. It is non-contributing due to age.

4. Historic Lean-tos, 1938.

There are seven of these log lean-tos in camping areas along the lake in the northern section of camping area 'A'. They measure about fifteen by twenty feet and have a saltbox roof, which is covered in asphalt shingles. Viewed from the side (gable end) the low-pitched roof extends out towards the back until it the eaves are only about four feet from the ground, while the front eaves side roof only extends around one third of this distance. This makes the gable ends asymmetrical. The front eaves side is entirely open, giving access to the lean-to interior. The other three sides are walled with logs joined together by saddle joints, and with their ends extending about one foot past the joints. The gable walls below five feet extend from the back only to a point below the peak of the gable. Above five feet the logs fill the entire space between the two roof lines.



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The floor joist logs are supported by four concrete foundation blocks at the four corners. These in turn support a floor of wooden boards. The roof is made up of boards supported by log rafters and purlins.

5. Historic Bathroom, 1938.

This is located between the fifth and sixth historic lean-tos. It is exactly the same in design as the historic bathroom in the day use area (I.7) except that it has two windows on the front wall as well.

6. Dumpster Shelter, c.1980.

This structure is on a raised wooden platform with no foundation. It is open to the front, while the other three walls are made of a criss-cross lattice of two inch wide boards. The roof is a kind of extremely low-pitched gable with its peak shifted towards the front. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. It is non-contributing due to age.

7. Non-historic Lean-tos, c.1975.

These are similar in shape and form to the historic lean-tos (II.4), except that they are walled with vertical planks. They are non-contributing due to age.

8. Non-historic Bathrooms, c.1980.

These have the same plan as the bathhouse (I.6). They are non-contributing due to age.

### III. Camping Area 'B'.

This area is another one-half mile down the access road south from camping area 'A'. There is a loop of 25 campsites here and the road comes to an end. Ten of the campsites have lean-tos (1, c.1975). There is also a dumpster shelter (2, c.1980) and a bathroom (3, c.1980). A short path leads from the loop to a campers beach. Also there is a hiking path that leads out of this area to the southwest giving access to the undeveloped part of the park. This camping area and its structures are all non-contributing due to age.

1. Lean-tos, c.1975.

These are the same as the non-historic lean-tos in camping area 'A' (II.7). They are non-contributing due to age.

2. Dumpster Shelter, c. 1980.

This is the same as the dumpster shelter in camping area 'A' (II.6). It is non-contributing due to age.

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3. Bathroom, c. 1980.

This is the same as the non-historic bathrooms in camping area 'A' (II.8) and the bathhouse in the day use area (I.6). It is non-contributing due to age.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

( Mark " x " in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

( Mark " x " in all the boxes that apply. )

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

( Enter categories from instructions )

Entertainment/Recreation

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1938

**Significant Dates**

1938

**Significant Person**

( Complete If Criterion B is marked above )

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

**Architect/Bullder**

CCC, Department of the Interior

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

( Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets. )

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

( Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets. )

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other .

Name of repository:

Maidstone State Park

Essex County, VT

Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

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UTM references

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 19 290640 4947860
Zone Easting Northing
2 19 290800 4947860

3 19 290720 4947380
Zone Easting Northing
4 19 290560 4947380

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Burlington state Vermont zip code 05405

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

( Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

( Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, c/o Larry Simino

street & number 103 Main Street telephone (802) 241-3655

city or town Waterbury state VT zip code 05671

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Maidstone State Park in Maidstone, Vermont, is significant as an excellent example of park construction in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). It is being nominated to the National Register under the Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks MPDF. It clearly meets the registration requirements for the state parks, country parks, and recreational demonstration areas property type. It qualifies for statewide and local significance under criteria A by its association with the CCC and its connection to the recreation movement in the US. It is an important example of how parks were built to accommodate the upsurge in recreation due to people having more leisure time and due to the automobile. It qualifies for statewide and local significance under criteria C as an excellent example of the rustic style of architecture associated with the CCC built state parks, 21 of which are in Vermont as well as hundreds throughout the country. This architecture is particularly significant in the way it relates to the natural environment around it.

The small and sparsely populated town of Maidstone is on the west side of the Connecticut River in the remote Northeastern Kingdom of Vermont. It was originally chartered on October 12, 1761 by Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire. It was first settled by Arthur and Thomas Wooster in 1772. Its principle industries (both historic and current) are logging and agriculture (potato farming, and in the last 100 years dairy farming has also become a major industry). The town is very sparsely populated today, most of the people concentrated in the plains near the Connecticut River. Moving further west from the river the land becomes mountainous. Maidstone Lake, with the park on its east and south shores, is a glacial lake nestled in these hills away from the main settlement of the town of Maidstone.

Maidstone State Park was constructed by CCC workers in 1938, one of the later of the 21 CCC state parks constructed in Vermont. The workers were based in a camp in Bloomfield ten miles to the north of Maidstone. The CCC was a New Deal program created by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932 to create jobs and stimulate the economy. The CCC was involved in many public works projects besides park construction. For more on the CCC, its origins, organization and significance see the MPDF form CCC Resources in Vermont context and significance sections.

The CCC worked on Maidstone State Park for only one year, 1938, and in that year they made access trails, several buildings (a lodge/ranger's quarters [now the nature center, I.1], a barn [I.3], and seven lean-tos [II.4]), and structures (a gatehouse [I.2], a parking lot [I.3], a firewood shelter [non-extant], bathrooms [I.7 and II.5], a bathhouse [non-extant], fourteen stone and brick fireplaces [I.9] and a picnic shelter [I.8]). The majority of what the CCC built is in the day use area of about 40 acres in the middle of the eastern shore of Maidstone Lake. The lean-tos and one of the bathrooms were in the northernmost section of a separate, larger

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site (about 600 acres) one mile to the south. This site is on the southeastern shore of the lake and extends into the surrounding hills, making up the bulk of the area of the park.

The formation of Maidstone Park was also highly influenced by the recreation movement in the United States. Starting in the late 19th and early 20th century these movements not only provided motivation for park construction but also had great effect on the form that the park took. This is particularly true in the park's relationship to the automobile, for a car was necessary to be able to reach Maidstone Park because of its remoteness. The need for and use of the automobile to reach these parks are a characteristic of the time, when people began to be able and willing to range further afield in search of recreation. This is a defining feature of CCC built state parks. Evidence of this at Maidstone include the CCC designed parking lot (I.3) and the fact that all of the campsites are arranged to be accessible to the automobile. The rustic architecture of the park buildings, such as rangers quarters, bathrooms, gatehouses, barns, shelters and lean-tos, is exemplary of the style of park construction in the United States of the 1930s. This style was a descendant of the building practices and ideas of the romantic revival, dating to the nineteenth century. The emphasis is to make the buildings fit unobtrusively into their surroundings, making it well suited to the needs of parks. The structures in the parks were constructed to blend into, not to dominate or take away from the park environment. The materials used for these buildings were chosen for their suitability to their specific environment. Buildings exemplifying this rustic style in Vermont were usually built of wood or wood and stone. The walls were often constructed of logs or siding rounded to look like logs. Many buildings were also built with vertical or diagonal board siding that fit into this style.

Maidstone State Park has several fine examples of this rustic style, including the log lodge/ranger's quarters (now the nature center, I.1), board-sided gatehouse (I.2), board-sided barn (I.4), rustic faux log shiplap-sided bathrooms (I.7 and II.5), seven log lean-tos, and a log picnic shelter (I.8). Stone fireplaces were also representative of this style, and Maidstone has fourteen separate small stone fireplaces (I.9) as well as two monumental stone fireplaces and chimneys, one in the nature center (I.1) and one in the picnic shelter (I.8).

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#	Zone	Easting	Northing
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6	19	288500	4945860
7	19	290340	4946040
8	19	290420	4945080
9	19	289600	4944080
10	19	288780	4944700

### Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for Maidstone State Park is printed on the USGS map, provisional edition 1988, maps titled Maidstone Lake, VT-NH and Stone Mountain, VT. The park consists of two discontinuous parcels.

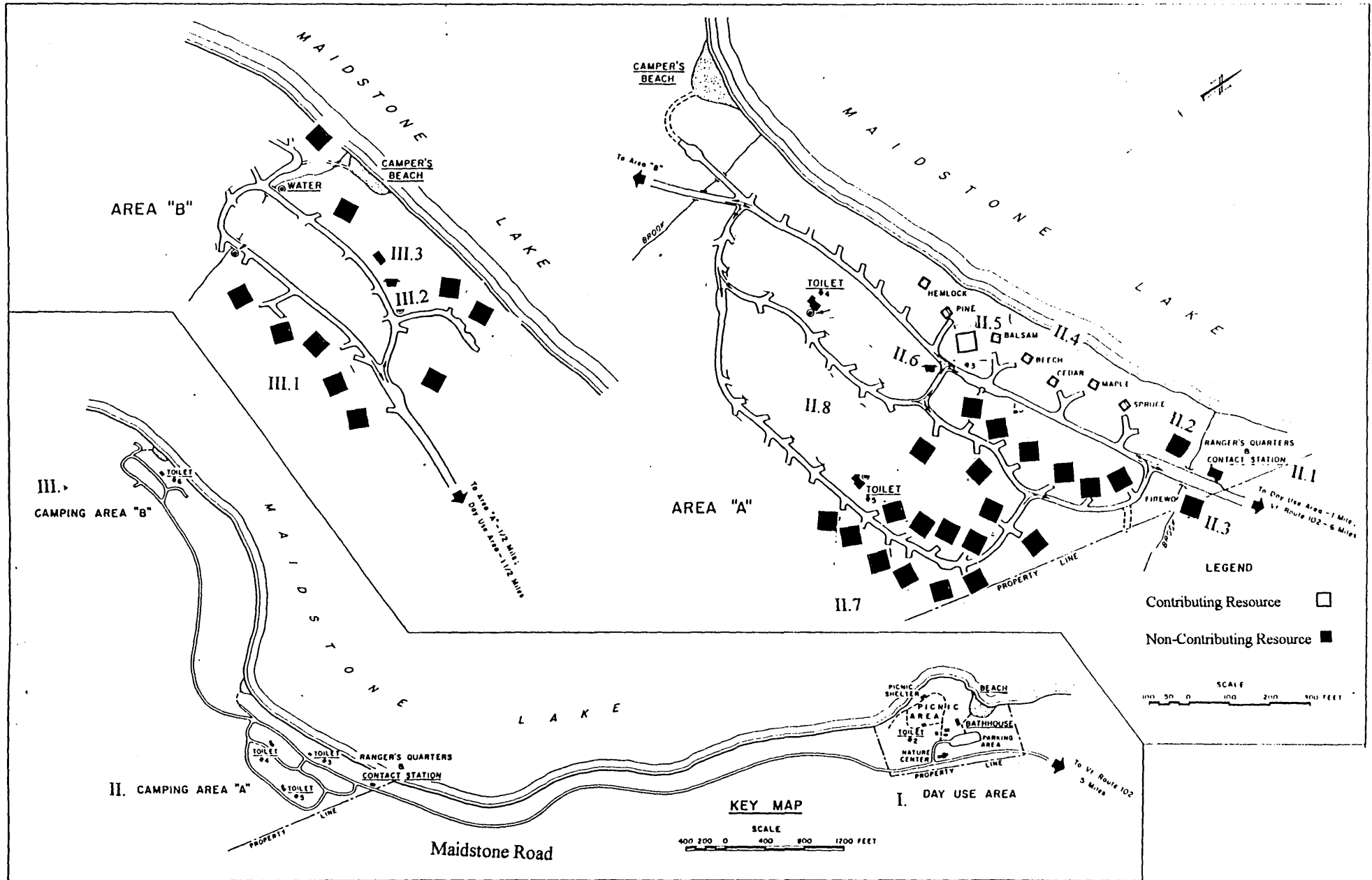
### Boundary Justification

The boundary is the historic park and clearly conveys the significance of the park.



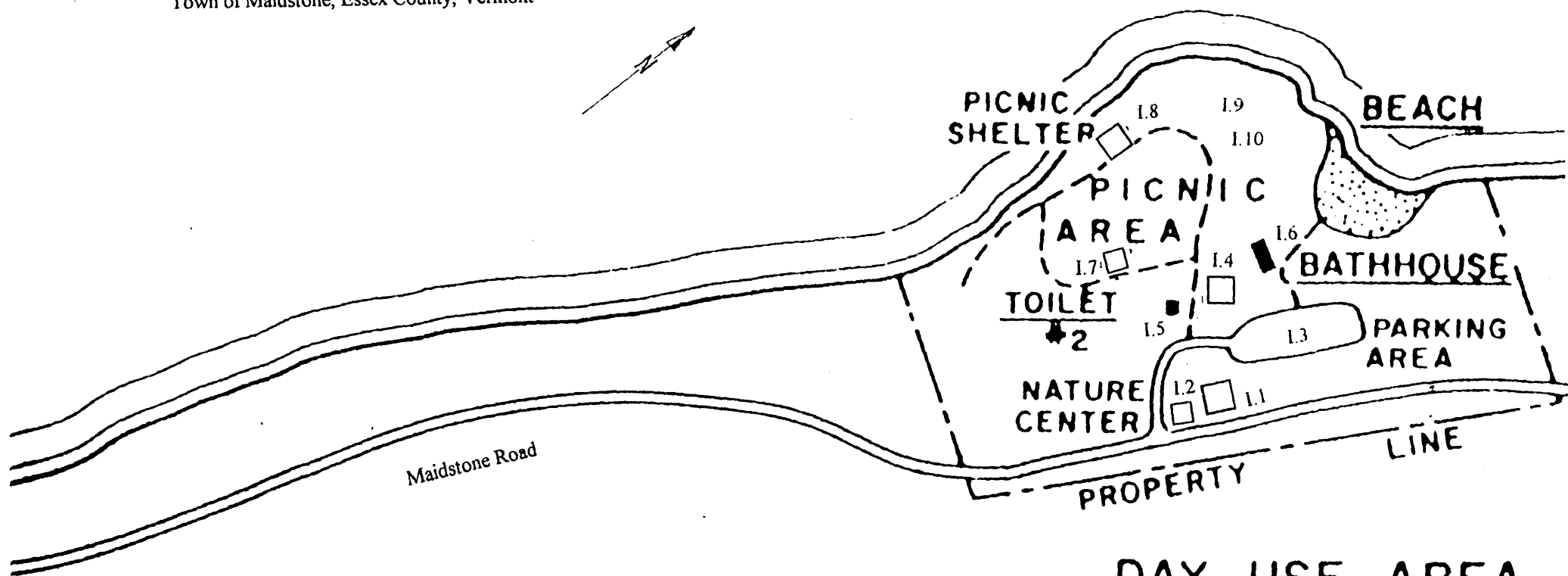
# SKETCH MAP - MAIDSTONE STATE PARK

4858 and 4876 Maidstone Road  
Town of Maidstone, Essex County, Vermont



# SKETCH MAP - MAIDSTONE STATE PARK

DAY USE AREA (I.)  
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## KEY MAP

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### SCALE

