

YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE: STORIES FROM THE DAY THE BRIDGE CLOSED

OCTOBER 19, 2019 10am-4:30pm

9:30 am: start at Chimney Point State Historic Site, registration + coffee

10am: (approximately 75 minutes)

Jess Robinson, PhD, Vermont State Archaeologist, will begin the day with an illustrated lecture on the exciting archaeological discoveries made on the Vermont side of the lake as part of the Lake Champlain Bridge project. He participated in many of these findings, at the time working for the University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program.

11:15-12:00p: (approximately 45 minutes)

Chimney Point site grounds will be inhabited by living history personages from Chimney Point's past, discussing the ways people have adapted to the lake crossing through time.

12:00-1:15p: Lunch and refreshments provided; allows for a walk over the bridge!

1:15-2:45p: (approximately 90 minutes)

Moderated panel discussion, Q+A with eyewitnesses, activists and politicians integral to the rebuild of the bridge. Stories, memories and poems from Lorraine Franklin, Karen Hennessey, Jean Arleen Breed, site managers Tom Hughes and Elsa Gilbertson, Lake Champlain Tourism director, Suzanne Maye, VT and Rep. Diane Lanpher and NY Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, lend their insights within the legislature at the time.

3p – 4:15p: (approximately 75 minutes)

Ted Zoli, the structural engineer of the current Lake Champlain Bridge, will present on construction applications of both the original 1929 and 2011 bridges and provide his unique perspective on reconnecting the divide, when a bridge meant more than just a bridge.

Pre-registration required, \$25 per person. Registration limited to 45.

To register, call Chimney Point at 802- 759-2412 or email elsa.gilbertson@vermont.gov

For questions, please call Crown Point at 518-597-4666.