

Facilities and Services...

Belmont Lake State Park, a full service park which houses the administration headquarters of the Long Island State Park Region, became one of the most popular of the picnicking parks upon the completion of the Southern State Parkway to Babylon.

Rowboat/Pedal Boat Rentals

Kayak Rentals

Picnicking

Playgrounds

Ball fields

Bicycle paths

Fishing - freshwater

Hiking trails

Exercise stations

Horseshoe courts

Basketball courts

Cross country skiing – weather permitting

Comfort stations – handicap accessible

Bridle path – please call (631)587-7778 for more information.



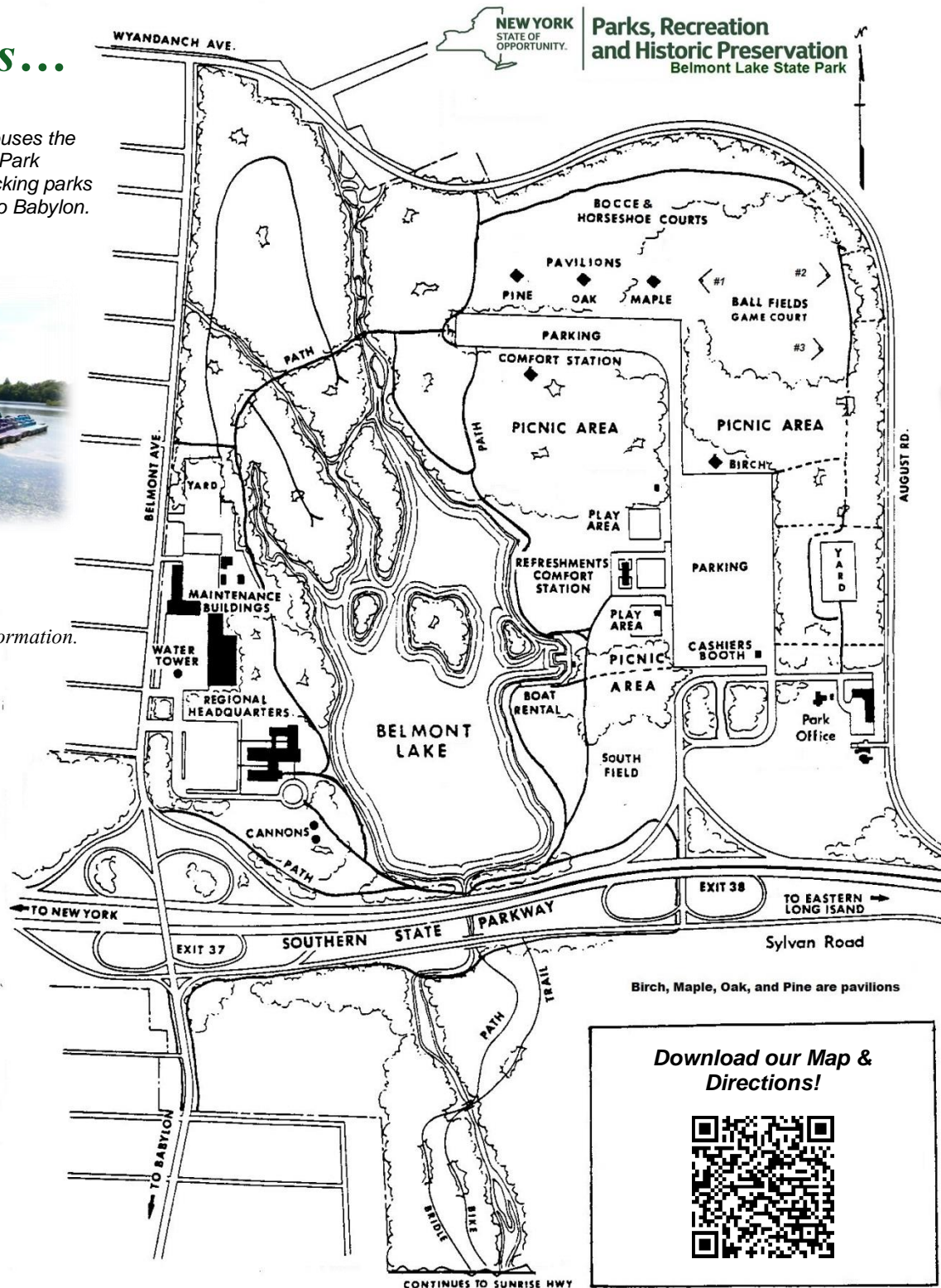
For group outing (picnic) or youth group outing applications, or to rent a pavilion, please call (631)321-3770 or visit us online at www.nysparks.com



Directions...

42 miles from Manhattan

Exit 38 on the Southern State Parkway. Also reached by Deer Park Avenue from Babylon and Belmont Avenue from Sunrise Highway (Route 27).



Welcome to...

Belmont Lake State Park



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Babylon, New York 11702
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Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

A Brief History...



The August Belmont country estate of 1,100 acres was formerly devoted to the breeding of thoroughbred horses. In 1885 August Belmont moved his racing stock to a new establishment in Kentucky.

Upon August Belmont Jr.'s death in 1924, the lands were passed to his widow Eleanor Robson Belmont, a famous American actress and playwright. Early in 1924, she sold all but a small portion of the estate to Cadman H. Frederick who subdivided most of it into lots. The remaining 158 acres, including the lake, the mansion, and the main farm buildings were sold to the State of New York. In 1927, the State purchased land that had been retained by Mrs. Belmont. Since that time, further acquisitions have brought the total acreage of Belmont Lake State Park to 459.

The family mansion was used for a time as the Long Island State Park Commission administration headquarters. In 1935 it was razed to make way for the present office building, which was erected on the site of the Belmont estate's Episcopal Chapel. In addition to the office building, central maintenance and shop buildings are located there.

Park Operations...

Park open year-round, seven days a week.
Sunrise to Sunset

Parking Fee Collected:

Weekends/Holidays - April through Columbus Day

Daily - Memorial Day through Labor Day

Programs and Events...

Spring Egg Hunt
Family Fishing Festival
Summer Run Series Site
Children's Summer Theater
The Great Jack-o'-Lantern Spectacular Sail
Tree Lighting

*For recreation/cultural arts programs, please call (631)
321-3510 or visit us online at www.nysparks.com*

Environment...

The park has wetland and freshwater habitat which attracts numerous birds. **American wigeon, Canvasbacks, Scaup, Mergansers**, and many other species of waterfowl can be seen in the winter on the 28 acre lake. During the summer, the great **Blue Heron** can be seen walking along the lake shore hunting for fish. **Warblers** can be observed along the nature trail that encircles the lake during spring and fall migration. *A bird checklist is available at the park office.*

In the spring, hikers can see an abundance of **Spring Azure Butterflies** flying low to the ground, and **Mourning Cloak Butterflies** emerging from the tree hollows. Each June, **Painted and Snapping Turtles** come ashore to lay eggs. Walking on the park's woodland trails, you are likely to see **Box Turtles, Squirrels** and **Eastern Cottontail Rabbits**.

In the fall and spring the lake is stocked with **Brown, Brook and Rainbow Trout**. All year-round, **Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Brown Bullhead, Yellow Perch**, and **Carp** inhabit the lake.

For more information please visit www.dec.ny.gov

Special Services...

Golden Park Program

Senior Citizens, persons 62 years of age or older who are New York State residents, can have unlimited weekday and non-holiday access to all state parks and discounts on certain fees by showing their New York State driver's license or New York State non-driver identification.

Access Pass

The Access Pass is available to New York State residents with qualifying disabilities. The pass provides free or reduced entry and use of state parks and recreation areas and their facilities. Not included are special events, programs, services, and facilities provided by concessionaires and utilities for camping. Applications are available to mail from Access Pass, New York State Parks, Albany, New York, 12238.

Empire Passport

The Empire Passport provides unlimited vehicle entry to most state park and recreation areas during the fiscal year, April 1 – March 31. The pass does not cover activity fees. Purchase can be made in person at certain parks (please call (631)321-3770 for listing), online, or by mail from Passport, New York State Parks, Albany, New York 12238.

Lifetime Liberty Pass

The Lifetime Liberty Pass provides New York State veterans with a 40 percent or greater service-connected-disability, discounted use of parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the New York State parks. Not included are special events, programs, services, and facilities provided by concessionaires and utilities for camping. Applications are available to mail from Access Pass/Lifetime Liberty Pass, New York State Parks, Albany, New York, 12238.

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