Bridge Quest
Searching for an Answer
2018 Google Earth

You Are Here
Samuel de Champlain 1612 Map
Voyages of Samuel de Champlain (1613)
Corridor of Conflict

• Beaver Wars (1628-1701)
• King William's War (1688–1697)
• Queen Anne's War (1702–1713)
• Dummer's War (1722–1725)
• King George's War (1744–1748)
• French and Indian War (1754-1763)
• American Revolution (1775-1781)
• War of 1812 (1812-1814)
“Valley of the Forts”
1778/1779 Survey Map

Lake Champlain Bridge Is Here

You Are Here
Section of William Faden’s 1779 Map of Lake Champlain
Not One, but **Three** Forts!
Corridor of Commerce

You Are Here ★
Lake Champlain Bridge Opens 1929
Bridge Condemned October 15, 2009
Friday, August 26, 2011
Span Lift: Lake Champlain Bridge
Crown Point, New York
Bridge Reopens November 7, 2011!
This pilot project will use the Champlain Bridge area to connect cultural/natural heritage sites using the “Conservation and Community,” “Making of Nations” and “Corridor of Commerce” interpretive themes of the CVNHP. The project will identify cross-border connections, develop three travel itineraries, and help create a marketing strategy for the region.

The geographic location is at the very “heart” of the CVNHP. The abundance of natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources that immediately surround the Lake Champlain Bridge should be recognized as one—a destination; not just a gateway/pass-through to either the Adirondacks or Vermont. The new bridge, with its sidewalks and bicycle lanes, offers an outstanding opportunity to link both sides of the lake and showcase its shared history, natural and recreational resources. Improvements at boat launches now invite and accommodate water travelers as well.

The project builds upon a 2013 collaborative project between the LCBP with the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism in Essex County to develop interpretation at the Lake Champlain Visitors Center in Crown Point. The new interpretive panels educates the public on the health of Lake Champlain and the history and culture of the CVNHP region, and encourages extended visitation and exploration of the sites associated with Crown Point, Chimney Point and the surrounding area. The project includes 1) a total assessment/count of current visitation and site use; 2) hosting meetings among relevant stakeholders to determine ways to overcome administrative obstacles, project a unified site to the visitor (possible joint ticketing, shared days/hours of operation, etc.) and plans for future goals; 3) Create a printed and on-line version of an annotated map/guide highlighting all assets. (Printed version: Distribute to all regional VCs, as collateral in response to RFIs, tourism promotion agencies, as an on-site handout. Digital version: host on http://www.champlainvalleynhp.org Provide link to pertinent websites.); 4) Identify site locations where interpretive or way-finding signage may be missing; develop signage; 5) Create a site visit itinerary for use by families, group tours, school classes and as a promotional tool to attract group tours; and 6) Convene regional marketing officials to develop a destination marketing strategy.

**Supports OFA Action 9.9:** Connect, promote, and improve cultural and natural heritage sites through interpretation.

- **Task 9.9.5:** Provide general technical support for interpretation projects.

**Supports OFA Action 9.10:** Support the use of interpretive themes to link resources within the CVNHP.

- **Task 9.10.3:** Collaborate with partners to develop an interpretive plan for the CVNHP that thematically links sites while preserving their individual identities and interpretive goals.
- **Task 9.10.4:** Support initiatives that highlight the relationships among stakeholder sites and programs through interpretation, while maintaining the individual character of those sites.

**Supports OFA Action 9.12:** Produce coordinated education programs for students.

- **Task 9.12.6:** Provide opportunities for teachers and students to participate in CVNHP-related field trips and restoration projects.
What to do?
Maps and Guides?
Apps?
Wayside Exhibits?

• At least 50 plaques, signs & wayside exhibits on the sites already

• At least six different templates in use: NYSDEC, NYSOPRHP, VTDHP, LCBP/CVNHP, NPS Unigrid, etc.

• No interpretive plan for the area
Geocaching?

Letterboxing?
What to do?
Questing is: “a game played across a community or geographic place.”
Question #1
Question #2
Question #4
Question #5
Question #6
Question #7
Our First Questers: Nicola, Nicholas and Poppy Bell from London, England!

“It was great fun!”
Questions?