Explore Burlington and the Surrounding Area
An Activities Guide for Chittenden County's Eight Byway Communities
• culture and history
• nature and outdoor recreation

Milton contains a variety of natural, recreational and historic areas to explore. Larger recreational areas provided by the town include the Milton Town Forest and Eagle Mountain Natural Area, which has excellent views of Lake Champlain and New York's Adirondack Mountains. There are several locations that offer the public access to Lake Champlain and the Lamoille River, notably Sand Bar State Park and Wildlife Management Area, and the Lower Lamoille River Wildlife Management Area and several “Fishing Access Areas” maintained by the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife where you can fish or launch a boat.

The historic village area on Main Street just south of Arrowhead Mountain Lake was the former central business district throughout most of Milton's history. A small riverfront park, perfect for a family picnic, the Lamoille River Walk Trail and the Milton Historical Museum on School Street are also located in this area.

www.milton.govoffice2.com
**Colchester**

With the extensive shoreline of Malletts Bay its defining feature, Colchester offers a wealth of opportunities for water activities. Colchester is also well-known as the central link in the Island Line Trail, a bikeway connecting the Lake Champlain Islands to the north and Burlington to the south. The town hosts several natural areas and Niquette Bay State Park, perfect for exploring the outdoors.

You can learn about history at a restored one-room, Log Schoolhouse at Airport Park and at the Vermont Veteran’s Militia Museum on Route 15. Also, on Route 15 is the Fort Ethan Allen National Historic District, which served as a military base from 1893 to 1962 and St. Michael’s College which hosts several music and theatre events throughout the year.

**www.colchestervt.gov/recreation**

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**Essex Junction**

Essex Junction is well known for the Champlain Valley Exposition which hosts numerous shows and concerts year round including Vermont’s largest summer fair which takes place around Labor Day. The village is home to the Maple Street Park Pool, which includes a waterslide and wading pool. A stroll through the village allows the visitor to see numerous buildings reflective of different architectural periods such as Federal, Italianate, Greek and Colonial Revival.

Essex Junction has a rich history reflective of Vermont as a whole. Some of the State’s first mill and hydroelectric dams were built here. The village has served as a passenger rail stop continuously since 1849, and continues to be an important part of passenger and freight rail transportation for the State.

**www.ejrp.org**
Winoooski's history as a major mill city is immediately evident to the visitor. Open-year-round, two small museums at the Champlain Mill interpret the rich industrial and immigrant history of the Winoooski Falls Mill National Historic District. In 2005, the city completed an award-winning redevelopment project including the Riverwalk boardwalk along the banks of the roaring river and other pedestrian improvements which facilitate a leisurely exploration of the city and its charms.

Nature is also easily accessible through a stroll along the Winoooski Nature trail, a hike in the Gilbrook Natural Area or paddling or fishing in the Winoooski River below the dam.
Although in many respects South Burlington looks like a typical, modern American community, it has many unique natural places to explore. Red Rocks Park, a 100-acre parcel on Lake Champlain, has 2.5 miles of foot trails, a picnic area, and a public beach. Also of interest are the park’s 300 species of wildflowers, outstanding fern and lichen growth, and many varieties of small wildlife and birds. The park includes scenic overlooks and is used year-round for hiking, running, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

The Dorset Park Natural Area is also a great place to explore pristine habitat. This area includes foot trails, grasslands, forest, wetlands, and transitional brush land. The City’s Recreation Path Network offers nearly 20 miles of paved, off-road path and is a great way to get around on foot or bike. Other Natural Areas include Centennial Woods and East Woods owned by the University of Vermont. Don’t miss Overlook Park to take in a beautiful view of the Lake and the Adirondack mountains.

www.sburlrecdept.com

Known as the “Queen City”, Burlington offers the Byway’s widest range of activities and things to learn for the traveler. Frequently cited as one of America’s “most livable” cities, it has a vibrant mix of recreational, cultural, historical and natural assets topped off with spectacular views of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks. ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, the Ethan Allen Homestead, the Intervale Center and the Fleming and Perkins museums are great resources to gain a full understanding of the area’s unique history and resources. A walk through downtown and its neighborhoods (many are designated on the National Register of Historic Districts) gives the visitor a perspective on the city’s development from its early days as a commercial port city to its current, multi-faceted nature today.

The city has several public beaches and parks where you can cool off in the calm waters of Lake Champlain. Or you can cycle or walk the Burlington Bike Path which connects the entire shoreline and links the city with paths in Colchester and South Burlington.

www.enjoyburlington.com
Shelburne is blessed with an abundance of natural and historical resources—which together make for an incomparably engaging and educational experience for the visitor. Two major sites are Shelburne Farms, a 1,400-acre environmental education center, working farm and Historic Landmark and Shelburne Museum, a world-class art and made-objects museum. Both offer an opportunity to understand early American rural history and culture and the agricultural economy with which it was deeply intertwined. Shelburne's village center is a National Register Historic District with numerous intact buildings.

Shelburne Bay is a great starting point for your exploration of the natural environment. Here you can head off to navigate Lake Champlain or the LaPlatte River, or hike the trails of Bay Park, the Ti Haul Road, or The Nature Conservancy’s Natural Area. Just south of the village is the Town’s LaPlatte Nature Park while to the east is Shelburne Pond which offers both water recreation and foot trails.

www.shelburnevt.org
Situated in the fertile Champlain Valley with a series of hills and ridges, Charlotte hosts a large network of working farms and forests, reflecting its agricultural heritage. Several conserved lands provide scenic landscapes and opportunities to enjoy nature while the town’s quiet country roads are great for biking. The Town Beach is a great place to relax and enjoy a view of the Lake and the Adirondack Mountains. The town also hosts the Charlotte to Essex, NY ferry which operates daily year-round and Mt. Philo State Park which affords excellent views of the entire Lake Champlain Byway region.
Looking at Eight Charms

This map is a guide to the Milton, Colchester, Essex Junction, Winooski, Burlington, South Burlington, Shelburne and Lake Champlain Byway. It makes for a rewarding and engaging experience.

The map focuses on historical sites, cultural institutions. All of these sites are free or accessible for only a modest fee. For the most up-to-date information, visit the Vermont Regional Chamber of Commerce at 60 Main Street in downtown Burlington or contact them at www.vermont.org or toll-free at 1-877-686-5253. Information can also be obtained from the Vermont Department of Commerce and Community Development.

There are also resources available from the Vermont Wild and Scenic Rivers Program, the Vermont Natural History Association, and The Nature Conservancy.
Introducing the Lake Champlain Byway’s
Haddenden County Communities

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Sites on sites located on municipal and state lands or those operated by non-profit organizations are free or accessible for a modest fee. For the most up-to-date and comprehensive visit these sites directly through their phone number or website listed below or visit our website LakeChamplainByway.com.

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Park 893-4922 / milton.govoffice2.com

Area Code for all phone numbers is (802).
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Shelburne

Achilles Natural Area @ Shelburne Pond (TNC and UVM) 229-4425 / nature.org/vermont

LaPlatte Natural Area Park 985-9551 / shelburnevt.org

LaPlatte River Marsh Natural Area (TNC) 229-4425 / nature.org/vermont

National Museum of the Morgan Horse 985-8665 / morganmuseum.org

Pierson Library 985-5124 / shelburne.org/

Shelburne Bay Fishing Access (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com/Fish_Accessareas.cfm

Shelburne Bay Park 985-9551 / shelburnevt.org

Shelburne Farms 985-8686 / shelburnefarms.org

Shelburne Museum 985-3346 / shelburnemuseum.org (open mid-May - late Oct.)

Shelburne Pond Fishing Access (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com/Fish_Accessareas.cfm

Shelburne River Park (Lake Champlain Land Trust) 862-4150 / lclt.org

Ti Haul Path 985-9551 / shelburne.org

Charlotte

Barber Hall 425-3071 / charlottetown.org

Charlotte Memorial Museum 425-2410 (limited hours, call first)

Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge 425-3071 / charlottetown.org

Charlotte Public Library 425-3864 / charlottetown.org

Co-Housing Trail 425-3071 / charlottetown.org

Converse Bay Fishing Access (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com/Fish_Accessareas.cfm

Holmes, Quinlan & Sequin Covered Bridges 425-3071 / charlottetown.org

Mack Trail 425-3071 / charlottetown.org

Mount Philo State Park 425-2390 / vtstateparks.com

Pease Mountain Natural Area (UVM) 656-4055 / uvm.edu/envprog

Town Beach 425-3071 / charlottetown.org

Whiskey Bay on Thompson’s Point 425-3071 / charlottetown.org

Williams Woods Natural Area (TNC) 229-4425 / nature.org/vermont