

Water Recreation Sites of the Lake Champlain Byway



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Located in the northwest portion of Vermont, the Lake Champlain Byway is a Scenic Byway designated by the State of Vermont for its unique intrinsic qualities and resources. From north to south, the formal route is 185 miles (298 km) long and consists of U.S. Route 2 through the Champlain Islands, U.S. Route 7 through the city of Burlington and several surrounding towns, and then south to nine different communities in Addison County.

Scenery

Throughout the Byway, the scenery is spectacular no matter where you are. Views of Lake Champlain, Vermont's Green Mountains and New York's Adirondack mountains are always around you (many times all three at once!). The Byway's working landscape of farms and forests—whether bathed in spring and summer green, fall colors or winter's white blanket—brings the traveler a sense of connection to the land.



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Nature and Outdoor Recreation

The first and foremost characteristic of the Byway is its ready access to Lake Champlain, the rivers which flow into it and numerous locations to explore nature. There are several state parks, marinas, public boat launches, public beaches and other points of access, making it easy for travelers to get out on the water.

Activities include power boating, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, scuba diving and windsurfing.



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The region also has numerous parks and natural areas with hiking and biking trails and campsites. Bike touring along its country roads or designated recreation paths is also popular. Even the Byway's most populous communities contain several pristine areas conserved in perpetuity to enable resident and visitors the chance to relax in nature.

European to visit the region. Settlement and agriculture expanded after the Revolutionary War followed by the establishment of numerous shipping and mill towns along the region's waterways. Like the Adirondacks of New York, Lake Champlain became known for its nature-oriented tourism.

The area features several museums, both large and small, to teach us about the Abenaki, French settlers, rugged Yankees and others who made the Lake Champlain region their home. Vermont's largest city, Burlington, hosts several cultural festivals while the Byway's smaller communities offer the traveler unique experiences such as French-heritage days, farmers' markets, fall harvest festivals, and community suppers and dances.

Enjoy Lake Champlain

Although quieter in the winter, the region offers several locations to enjoy cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, ice fishing and newer sports like Nordic skating and kiteboarding.

History and Culture

Native American Abenaki were the region's original inhabitants. In 1609, French explorer, Samuel de Champlain was the first



Shelburne Museum



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Water Recreation along the Byway

Launching your boat

Dotting the scenic shores of Lake Champlain, Byway boat launch areas are convenient, easy to come by and simple to use – so you'll get to exploring faster. The Lake Champlain Byway has multiple public boat launches to help you spend the day on the water. Take advantage of exceptional fishing opportunities, go waterskiing or tubing, sailing or skim across the water on your personal watercraft. The Lake is over 120 miles long so there's plenty of room for all! Many launches are maintained by the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife. For more information, visit: http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish_accessareas.cfm.



VT Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

Enjoy our beaches

The Lake Champlain Byway is home to more than 20 diverse, beaches including many that are sandy and shallow. Whether you're looking to swim, canoe, paddleboard, have a family picnic or simply relax on the shoreline, there's a beach to complement your preference. Varying from small to large, the Byway's beaches boast spectacular Adirondack views, well-maintained shores, and shallow access areas – making them safe and fun for all ages. Many beaches also feature ample parking, convenient facilities, snack bars, nearby restaurants, and are close to a wealth of recreational opportunities for all interests and abilities.



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Marinas

Lake Champlain is a boater's paradise, and the Byway affords a number of conveniently located marinas – many of which offer a range of boat rental opportunities, nearby or on-site accommodations, lakefront picnic locations, fishing access points and more. Panoramic views of Mt. Mansfield and surrounding mountains, gentle breezes, and a varied selection of nearby recreational opportunities are just some of the features you can expect from Lake Champlain's selection of well-maintained marinas. For a full list of marinas, visit <http://vtbma.org/resources.html>.



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State Parks

With unparalleled views, premier hiking trails, sandy beaches and quiet bays, Vermont State Parks along the Byway are a favorite destination for outdoor enthusiasts. In particular, the State Parks in the Champlain Islands offer a number of water access points and a wide, unique and exciting range of activities such as power boating, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming and fishing. Individuals, couples and families alike will find sanctuary in Vermont's quiet forests, scenic shorelines and accessible camping sites. For more details, visit <http://www.vtstateparks.com>.



Paddle powered exploring

Lake Champlain and the rivers that feed into it offer miles of serene paddling and are home to many of Vermont's thriving fish and wildlife. Hand launch your canoe or kayak at one of the Byway's many public access sites and spend the day exploring. See the Lake Champlain Land Trust's list of conserved shoreline areas at www.lct.org or check out the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail for remote camping options, www.lakechamplaincommittee.org/explore.



Trip Kinney, courtesy of Lake Champlain Committee

Ferries

A unique and exciting way to take in Lake Champlain's beautiful views, the Byway hosts a number of ferry crossings services to and from New York. With convenient launch times each day, these ferries are an excellent and relaxing way to explore both states' shores of Lake Champlain, catch some of the area's best sunsets, and bring your family on a safe and affordable expedition. All ferry services offer vehicle transport, so getting around once you're on the other side is a breeze. For details, including rates and schedules, visit www.ferry.com and www.fortiferry.com.



Vermont State Parks



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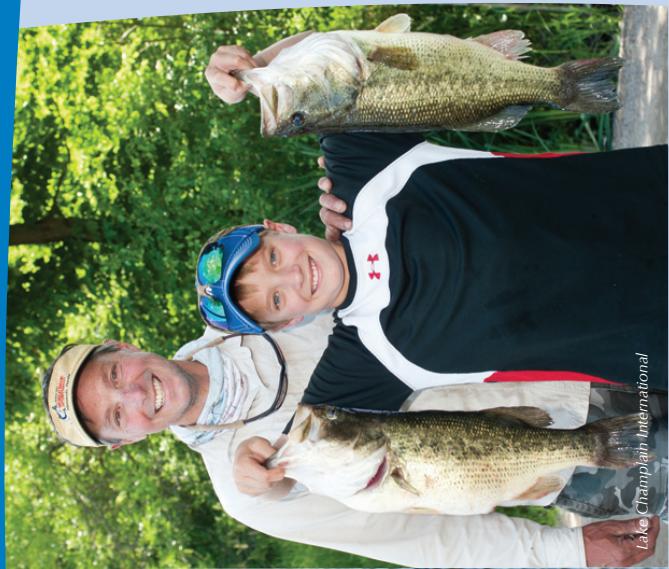
Recreation Services

To find water recreation services such as guides, watercraft rentals and sales, fishing tackle, etc. please contact the Vermont Outdoor Guide Association or our regional chamber of commerce partners:

- Vermont Outdoor Guide Association
www.voga.org (800) 425-8747
Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce
www.addisoncounty.com (877) 686-5253
(802) 388-7951

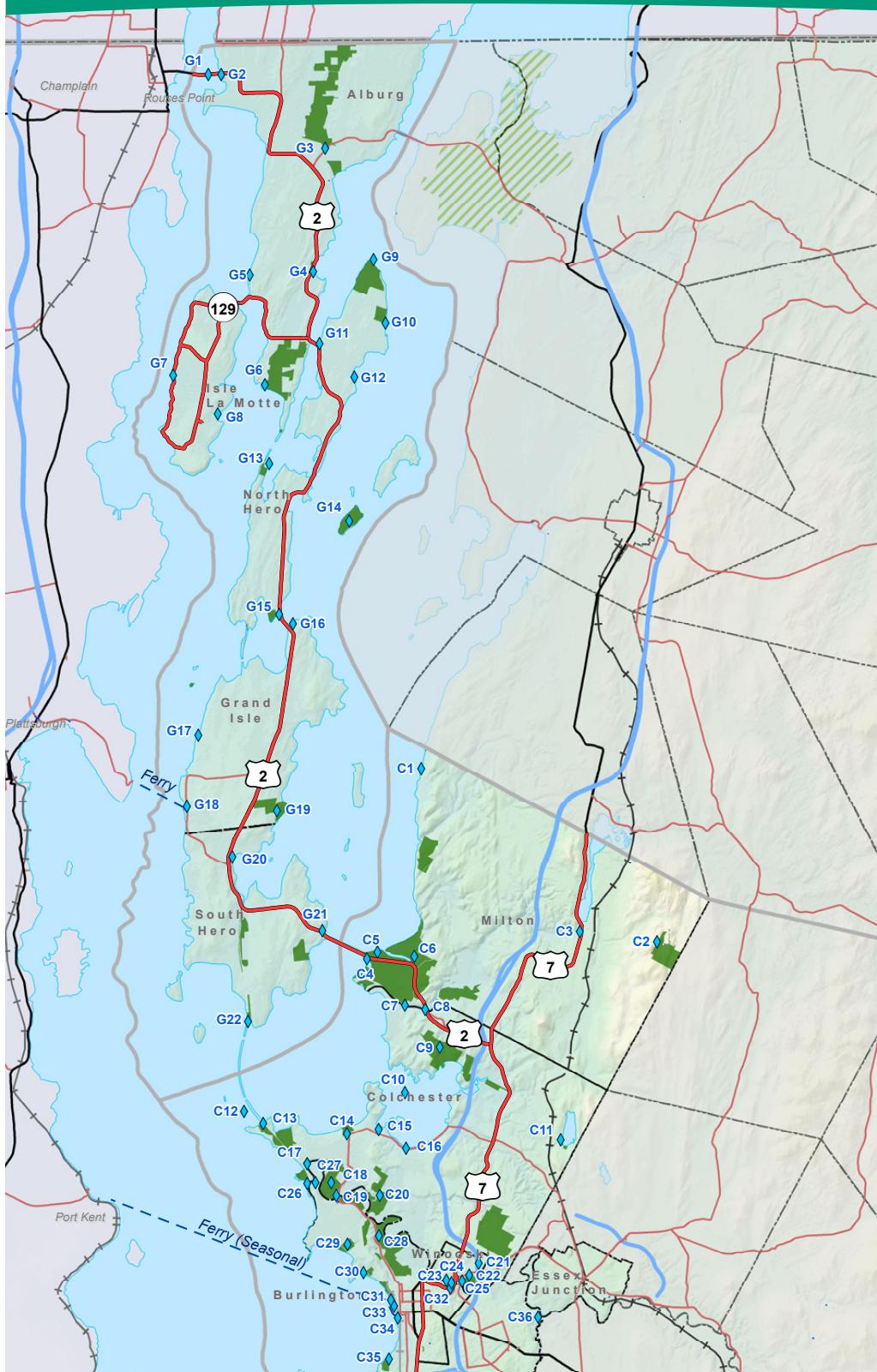
Fishing

Anglers of all abilities anticipate fishing season on Lake Champlain, as it hosts some of Vermont's finest fishing spots. The season typically runs from May through March. Be sure to pick up your license at any number of locations along the Byway. www.vtfishandwildlife.com. For information on fishing derbies visit www.mychamplain.net/fishing-derbies.



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Water Recreation along the Lake Champlain Waterfront



This map is a guide to water recreation sites that comprise the Lake Champlain waterfront. For more information please visit our websites noted for each location.

Grand Isle County

Alburgh

- G1 - Korean War Veterans Access (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G2 - Kelly Bay (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G3 - Mud Creek Pond (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G4 - Dillenbeck Bay (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G5 - Horicans (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G6 - Alburgh Dunes State Park**
796-4170 / vtstateparks.com

Isle La Motte

- G7 - Stoney Point (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G8 - Holcomb Bay (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com

North Hero

- G9 - North Hero State Park**
372-8727 / vtstateparks.com
- G10 - Stephenson Point (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G11 - North Hero Causeway (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G12 - Kings Bay (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G13 - North Hero Marina**
372-5953 / northhero.com
- G14 - Knight Island State Park**
524-6353 / vtstateparks.com
- G15 - Knight Point State Park**
372-8389 / vtstateparks.com

Grand Isle

- G16 - Ladd's Landing Marina**
372-5320 / laddslandingmarina.com
- G17 - Vantines (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G18 - Ed Weed Fish Culture Station**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- G19 - Grand Isle State Park**
372-4300 / vtstateparks.com

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ter recreation sites in the twenty-two communities along the Lake Champlain Byway. For the most up-to-date information, visit our website, www.lakechamplainbyway.com or the app.



VTFW - Vermont Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fishing Access Area
WMA - Wildlife Management Area
Area code for all phone numbers is (802)

Burlington

- C26 - Charlie's Boathouse** 862-9840 + boat rentals
C27 - Mayes Landing 863-5744 / wvpd.org
C28 - Ethan Allen Homestead 865-4556 / ethanallenhomestead.org
C29 - Leddy Park 864-0123 / enjoyburlington.com
C30 - North Beach 864-0123 / enjoyburlington.com
C31 - Community Sailing Center 864-2499 / communitysailingcenter.org + sailing rentals
C32 - Salmon Hole Park 863-5744 / wvpd.org
C33 - Burlington Waterfront 865-3377 / enjoyburlington.com
C34 - Perkins Pier & Comm. Boathouse 865-3377 / enjoyburlington.com
C35 - Oakledge Park 864-0123 / enjoyburlington.com

South Burlington

- C36 - Muddy Brook Park** 863-5744 / wvpd.org
C37 - Red Rocks Park 846-4108 / sburlrecdept.com

Shelburne

- C38 - Shelburne Shipyard** 985-3326 / shelburneshipyard.com
C39 - Shelburne Bay Park 985-9551 / shelburnevt.org
C40 - Shelburne Bay (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
C41 - LaPlatte River Marsh Natural Area 229-4425 / nature.org/vermont
C42 - Shelburne River Park 862-4150 / lclt.org
C43 - H. Laurence Achilles Natural Area 229-4425 / nature.org/vermont
C44 - Shelburne Pond (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com

Charlotte

- C45 - Town Beach** 425-3071 / charlottevt.org

Shoreham

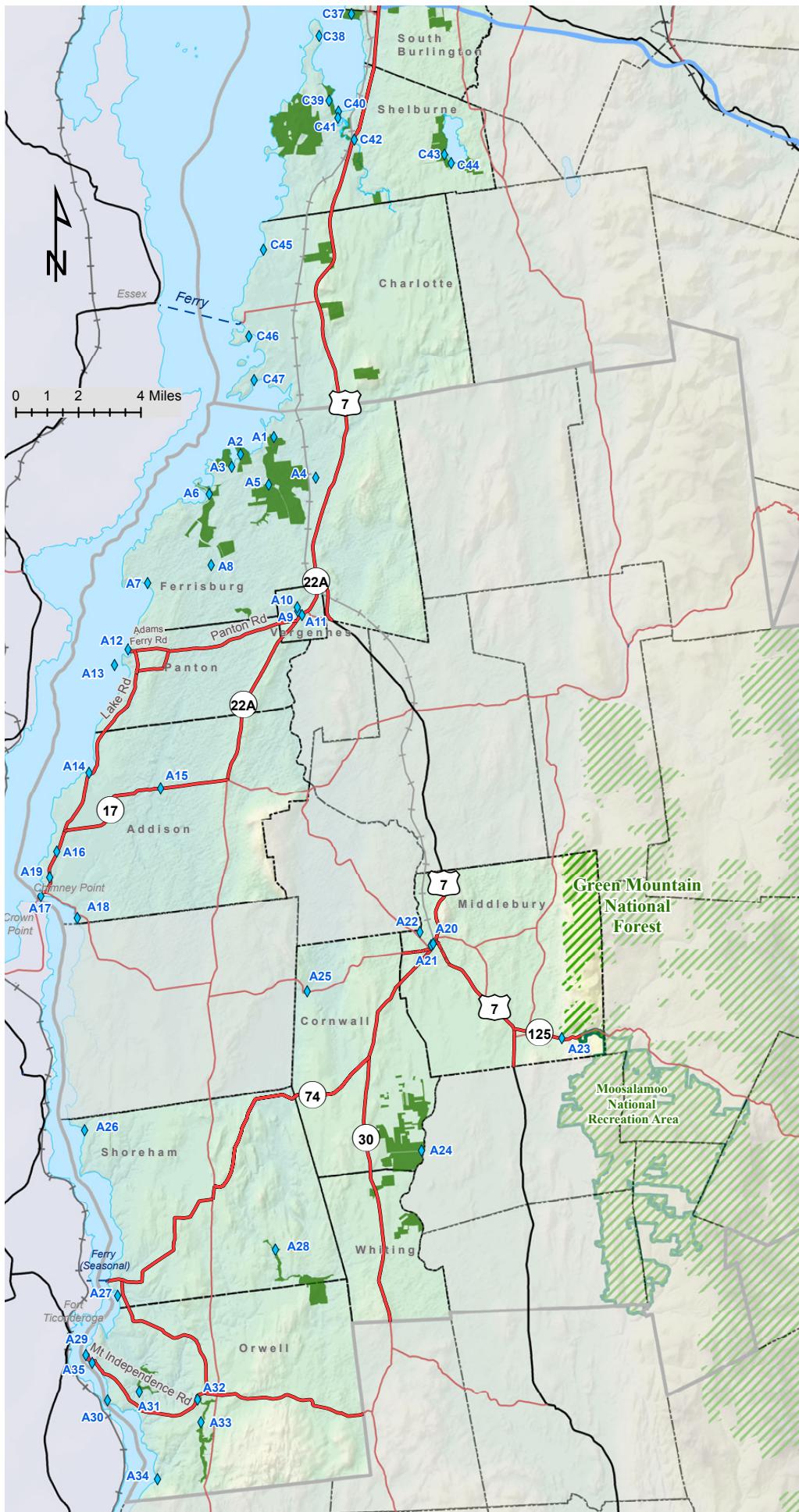
- A26 - Lapham Bay (VTFW)** 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
A27 - Larabee's Point (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
A28 - Richville Pond (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com

Orwell

- A29 - Buoy 39 Marina** 948-2411 / buoy39marina.com
A30 - Chipman Point Marina 948-2288 / chipmanpoint.com
A31 - Plunder Bay Marina 345-1460 / plunderbayvt.com
A32 - East Creek 1 (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
A33 - East Creek 2 (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
A34 - George Davis (Singing Cedars) (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
A35 - Mount Independence (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



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South Hero

G20 - Keeler Bay (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



G21 - John Guilmette (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



G22 - Allen Point (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



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Milton

C1 - Van Everest (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



C2 - Town Forest and Pond

893-4922 / miltonvt.org



C3 - Lamoille River Park

893-4922 / miltonvt.org



C4 - Sand Bar WMA (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



C5 - Sand Bar State Park

893-2825 / vtstateparks.com



C6 - Sand Bar Refuge (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



C7 - Lamoille River (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



C8 - Sears (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



Colchester

C9 - Niquette Bay State Park

893-5210 / vtstateparks.com



C10 - Mallett's Bay Marinas

264-5508 / colchestervt.gov



C11 - Colchester Pond

863-5744 / wwpd.org



C12 - Law Island

264-5640 / colchestervt.gov



C13 - Causeway Park and Island Line

264-5640 / colchestervt.gov



C14 - Rossetti Natural Area

264-5640 / colchestervt.gov



C15 - Malletts Bay (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



C16 - Bayside Park

264-5640 / colchestervt.gov



C17 - Colchester Point (VTFW)

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



C18 - Half Moon Cove WMA

878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



C19 - Heineberg Access/Billado Park

264-5640 / colchestervt.gov



C20 - Macrae Farm Park

863-5744 / wwpd.org



Winooski

C21 - Gilbrook Natural Area

655-6410 / winooskivt.org



C22 - Casavant Natural Area/Winooski Nature Trail

655-6410 / winooskivt.org



C23 - Millary Canoe Access

655-6410 / winooskivt.org



C24 - Winooski One Hydro Park and Fishway

223-7141 / winooski1hydro



C25 - Winooski River Walk

655-6410 / winooskivt.org





Addison County

Ferrisburgh

- A1 - Lewis Creek (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A2 - Kingsland Bay State Park**
877-3445 / www.vtstateparks.com
- A3 - Ferrisburgh Town Beach**
877-3429 / ferrisburghvt.org
- A4 - Little Otter Creek WMA**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A5 - South Slang (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A6 - Fort Cassin (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A7 - Button Bay State Park**
475-2377 / vtstateparks.com
- A8 - Tom's Marine**
475-2465 / toms-marine.com

Vergennes

- A9 - Falls Park**
877-2841 / vergennes.org
- A10 - MacDonough Park**
877-2841 / vergennes.org
- A11 - Settlers Park**
877-2841 / vergennes.org

Panton

- A12 - Arnold Bay Town**
Boat Access 475-2333
- A13 - Rock Island**
862-4150 / www.lclt.org/rock-island-panton

Addison

- A14 - Potash Bay Town Access**
759-2020 / addisonvt.org
- A15 - Dead Creek (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A16 - D.A.R. State Park**
759-2354 / vtstateparks.com
- A17 - Chimney Point (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A18 - McCuen Slang (VTFW)**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A19 - Champlain Bridge Marina**
759-2049 / sayahoy.com

Middlebury

- A20 - Mill St Access & Natural Area**
388-8100 ext 205 / townofmiddlebury.org
- A21 - Otter Creek Falls**
388-8100 ext 205 / townofmiddlebury.org
- A22 - Otter Park**
388-8100 ext 205 / townofmiddlebury.org
- A23 - Middlebury Gorge Arch Bridge**
388-8100 ext 205 / townofmiddlebury.org

Cornwall

- A24 - Cornwall Swamp WMA**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A25 - Lemon Fair WMA**
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com



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Town of Colchester



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