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Paddlers’ Trail for remote camping options, committee.org/explore. www.lclt.org or check out the Lake Champlain Land Trust’s list of conserved shoreline areas at www.lclt.org or visit www.lakechamplainbyway.com.

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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.

**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.

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.

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 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.
Water Recreation along the Byway

Launching your boat
Dotting the scenic shores of Lake Champlain, Byway boat launch access 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](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish_accessareas.cfm).

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.

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/resouces.html](http://vtbma.org/resouces.html).

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.vistateparks.com](http://www.vistateparks.com).
Paddle powered exploring

Lake Champlain and the rivers that feed into it offer miles of serene paddling and are home to many 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.lclt.org or check out the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail for remote camping options, www.lakechamplaincommittee.org/explore.

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.ferries.com and www.tiltiferry.com.

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.

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.vermont.org (877) 686-5253

Addison County Chamber of Commerce
www.addisoncounty.com (802) 388-7951
This map is a guide to water recreation along the Lake Champlain Byway. For the most up-to-date information please visit our website 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 LaMotte**
- 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
Water recreation sites in the twenty-two communities that comprise the Lake Champlain Byway. For the most up-to-date information, visit the website, [www.lakechamplainbyway.com](http://www.lakechamplainbyway.com) or the book, Lake Champlain Byway: Explore Vermont's West Coast.

### Burlington
- **C26 - Charlie's Boathouse**
  - 862-9840
- **C27 - Mayes Landing**
  - 863-5744 / wwpd.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
- **C32 - Salmon Hole Park**
  - 863-5744 / wwpd.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
- **C26 - Muddy Brook Park**
  - 863-5744 / wwpd.org
- **C37 - Red Rocks Park**
  - 846-4108 / sburtoneddept.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 - Larrabees 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

### South Hero
- **C46 - Converse Bay (VTFW)**
  - 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- **C47 - Town Beach**
  - 425-3071 / charlottevt.org

**Websites noted for each location.**
- [www.lakechamplainbyway.com](http://www.lakechamplainbyway.com)
- [www.vtstateparks.com](http://www.vtstateparks.com)
- [vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com)
- [colchestervt.gov](http://colchestervt.gov)

VTFW - Vermont Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fishing Access Area
WMA - Wildlife Management Area
Area code for all phone numbers is (802)
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South Hero
G20 - Keeler Bay (VTFW)
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
G21 - John Guimette (VTFW)
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
G22 - Allen Point (VTFW)
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com

Chittenden County

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 Trail
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
878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
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 - Millyard Canoe Access
655-6410 / winooskivt.org
C24 - Winooski One Hydro Park
655-6410 / winooskivt.org
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 - McCue Slang (VTFW) 878-1564 / vtfishandwildlife.com
- A19 - Champlain Bridge Marina 759-2049 / sayhoy.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