

website: [www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome), (look under Wildlife Management areas) provides a map which shows the roads. Vermont Fish & Wildlife: 802-878-1564.

### *The Rokeby Museum*

The Rokeby Museum, located on Route 7 about 1/2 mile north of Ferrisburgh, offers a 1.5 mile trail featuring natural and cultural history. Old stone walls and apple trees help tell the story of 150 years of cultivation of the 90 preserves acres of the historic homestead. The walk is free, an informative map and brochure is available at the site: Rokeby Museum: 802-877-3406.

### **VERGENNES, VT**

#### *Vergennes Revitalization Walk*

A fabulous 32-page guide with history, photos, and maps of the walks and trails around Vergennes, America's smallest city. The guide is free, available at the Vergennes Revitalization Office, Bixby Memorial Library or the Vergennes City Hall, all located on Main Street in downtown



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Vergennes. Vergennes Revitalization Office: 802-877-3637.

### **ADDISON, VT**

#### *Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area*

Located on VT 17, about two miles west of Addison Four Corners. Two one-mile walks along Dead Creek and its marshes offer many opportunities to view waterfowl and wildlife. A bird viewing shelter on RT 17 provides interpretation on migratory birds. A map is available at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website: [www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome), look under Wildlife Management areas. WMA Refuge office: 802-759-2398.

#### *Snake Mountain Wildlife Management Area*

A 3-mile trail along an abandoned carriage road leads to the summit of the mountain. This easy to moderate walk offers mixed forest, wildflowers, hawk-viewing and panoramic views of the Champlain Valley and the Adirondacks. Parking is available on the corner of Mountain and Wilmarth Roads. A map is available at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website: [www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/fw/fwhome), look under Wildlife Management areas. Vermont Fish & Wildlife: 802-878-1564.

### **MIDDLEBURY, VT**

#### *Trail Around Middlebury*

The Trail Around Middlebury is a 14-mile footpath that encircles the Town of Middlebury, linking several hundred acres of town land, conserved properties, schools and local landmarks. There are eight sections to the trail with parking available at the trailheads. Maps are available from the Middlebury Area Land Trust, who created and manages the trail: 802-388-1007.



#### *Middlebury Historical District*

A prosperous 19th-century milltown and commercial center has evolved into a lively college town. The spacious town green is a focal point to the compact downtown and Marbleworks district. A historic walking tour guide of over 100 sites of architectural, historic and cultural sites is available from the Addison County Chamber of Commerce located at 2 Court Street, 802-388-7951.

### **ORWELL, VT**

#### *Mount Independence State Historic Site*

Over 6 miles of trail grace this beautiful promontory on the shore of Lake Champlain. The trails wind past Revolutionary War remains of batteries, blockhouses, a hospital and barracks of this once-bustling fort complex. The visitor center tells the story of military life atop the Mount during the pivotal years of 1776-1777. A privately-operated tour boat, the M/V Carillon, docks at Mt. Independence and offers 1.5 hour cruises. Trail map and brochure are available at the Visitor's Center, 802-759-2412 or at [www.cit.state.vt.us/dca/historic/hp\\_sites.htm](http://www.cit.state.vt.us/dca/historic/hp_sites.htm).

### **CHESTERFIELD, NY**

#### *Keeseville Historic District*

An entire village walking tour along, and crossing, the Ausable River. This tour features American iron bridge engineering, and historic architectural buildings. This National Register Historic District offers over 33 points of interest which are described in the publication *A Thoroughly Wide Awake Little Village—A Walking Guide to Keeseville's Historic District*. The guide book is available at Friends of the North Country: 518-834-9606.



### **WILLSBORO, NY**

#### *Noblewood*

A 63-acre park and nature preserve, Noblewood offers nature trails, 3500 feet of sand beach, 2500 feet of river frontage, large wetlands and nesting falcons near a virgin forest. Construction of a 2-mile trail connecting to the village of Willsboro is underway. Guide map available through the Town of Willsboro: 518-963-8668.

### **ESSEX, NY**

#### *Essex Historic Hamlet*

The entire hamlet of Essex is on the National Register of Historic Places. Founded in 1765, it is one of the area's earliest European settlements and it contains one of the most intact collections of pre-Civil War architecture in America. The walking tour guide includes a history of the area and brief details on 28 structures in the village and 24 outside the village. Guide booklet is available from ECHO: 518-963-7088.

### **WESTPORT, NY**

#### *Coon Mountain*

A 2-mile easy roundtrip hike on Adirondack Land Trust Preserve, Coon Mountain is famous for its mysterious and craggy interior with rocky outcrops and hemlock forests. A nature trail guide, available at the trailhead, tells the story of this unique area as you climb to the rocky summit for great views. Limited parking is available along Hald Road near trailhead. Adirondack Nature Conservancy: 518-576-2082.

#### *Westport Historic Walking Tour*

A brochure highlighting Westport's diverse history, from potash industries to Adirondack tourism gateway. Available for \$2 from the Westport Chamber of Commerce, 518-962-8383.

### **MORIAH, NY**

#### *Belfry Mountain*

A 0.6 mile easy roundtrip walk along a utility truck road leads to the summit where there are views of Lake Champlain, abandoned iron mines, and mountains. The trailhead located on Dalton Hill Road, about 5 miles west of Port Henry. Park on the road, please do not block the gate. Refer to the Lake Champlain Region Map Guide (for Essex County), available at the Lake Champlain Visitors Center: 518-597-4646.

#### *Port Henry Walking Tour*

The Port Henry Walking tour is a self guided walk that consists of four loops—Park Place, Powerhouse Park, Cedar Point, and Downtown—which explore Port Henry's historic architectural district and Moriah's industrial legacy. The first three loops relate to the mining and railroad history of Port Henry. The fourth loop is a 30- to 45- minute architectural walking tour of downtown Port Henry. There are no trail markings so be sure to get a copy of the guide, *Port Henry, NY: A Walk Through History*, available at the Iron Center or Moriah Town Hall, 14 Park Place, Port Henry: 518-546-3606.

### **CROWN POINT, NY**

#### *Crown Point State Historic Site*

Crown Point State Historic Site provides an easy 2.8 mi. walk among the ruins of two revolutionary war era forts - French and British. Enjoy great views of the lake and mountains. A trail map and guide is available at the interpretive center. Visitors can walk under the bridge to get to the campground. A parking fee is charged at the site. Crown Point State Historic Site: 518-597-4666.



#### *Penfield Homestead Museum*

The Village of Ironville is on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit the museum and learn how Penfield helped usher in the Electric Age. The walking tour includes ten numbered stops in the village and Old Iron Works. Guided tours of the site can be arranged at the museum or a self guided tour can be taken with the help of a brochure, also available at the museum. The museum is open from May 15 to October 15. Penfield Museum: 518-597-3804.

### **TICONDEROGA, NY**

#### *La Chute Riverwalk Trail*

The La Chute Trail is a .5 mile easy roundtrip walk along the LaChute River, which drops 230 feet as it flows from Lake George to Lake Champlain, and has driven mills since 1755. An illustrated trail guide and map traces the natural and industrial history of this historic river, available from the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce: 518-585-6619.

#### *Historic Walking Tour*

The walking tour of historic Ticonderoga features the architecture and history of 28 different buildings, residences and churches. The guide is available from the Ticonderoga Chamber of Commerce: 518-585-6619.

#### *Fort Ticonderoga and Mt. Defiance*

Built in 1755, Fort Ticonderoga is a National Historic Landmark. Nearby Mount Defiance offers beautiful views of the lower Champlain Valley, and a unique perspective of the role the landscape played in shaping our history. The mountain is accessible by foot, but be aware of cars that travel the road to the top. Fort Ticonderoga is open May 10 to October 20: 518-585-2821.



Lake Champlain Walkways is an innovative project to develop a walking trail system that will connect villages and communities on the Vermont and New York shores of Lake Champlain. Walking routes offer a wonderful and unique way for people to explore the Champlain Valley.

The Walkways project is developing and identifying:

- Off-road "inn to inn" routes
- Loops walks that radiate out from each village
- Day hikes that are a short drive away.

These walks focus on the pilot study area for Lake Champlain Walkways. Enjoy this collection of our favorite walks in the Champlain Valley!

For more walks, see:

*Lake Champlain Region Map Guide* provides a detailed map of Essex County, N.Y. and locations of most N.Y. walks included in this brochure; call Lake Champlain Visitors Center, 518-597-4646.

*Adirondack Great Walks & Day Hikes: A Guide to Exploring "The Northeast's Last Great Wilderness"* maps, trail listings, and information on lodging and services for 15 regions of the Adirondacks; available from the Adirondack Regional Tourism Council, 518-846-8016.

*Nature Walks in Northern Vermont and the Champlain Valley* by Elizabeth Bassett. Excellent maps and descriptions of 43 walks, available at bookstores for \$12.95 and from the Appalachian Mountain Club, 1-800-262-4455.

*Longstreet Highway Guide to the New York Adirondacks* By Phil Brown. Includes many Champlain Valley walks, with extensive natural history information; \$18.95 at bookstores.



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## WINOOSKI, VT

### Winooski Nature Trail

A 1.4-mile walk along the Winooski River and atop its dramatic cliffs provides a vivid history from 3000 B.C. to the industrial-era mills at the falls. The Winooski Valley Park District provides a booklet "Six Easy Walks of the Winooski Valley Park District," which features the Winooski Nature Trail. The booklet is available from the WVPD headquarters at Ethan Allen Homestead: 802-863-5744.



## BURLINGTON, VT

### Intervale

The Intervale of Burlington, located on Intervale Road in the Winooski River delta at the north end of Burlington, is a unique natural area of the city. Walking trails, farm roads and unpaved bike paths give walkers access to the Winooski River, its fertile delta and a wide array of organic agricultural projects. A map is available from the Intervale Foundation, located at Gardeners Supply, 128 Intervale Road, Burlington, VT: 802-660-3508.

## Burlington Tree Walks

Branch Out Burlington offers several tree walks—Ethan Allen Park, Oakledge Park, Lakeview Cemetery, and Downtown. These self-guided walking tours include a large variety of tree species; they are marked with metal tags visible from the path. Maps are available from Burlington Parks & Recreation: 802-865-7247.

## Ethan Allen Homestead

The historic homestead of Ethan Allen offers a 4-mile walking trail loop through a woodlot, fields and wetlands in the fertile Winooski River Delta. Wetland walks are interpreted on signs and brochures that are available from the Winooski Valley Park District: 802-863-5744.

## Burlington Bike Path

A 7.6-mile, multi-use, paved bike path stretches the length of Burlington, mostly along the Lake Champlain shoreline. Fabulous views of the lake and Adirondacks, as well as access to the South Burlington Bike Path, Red Rocks Park, Ethan Allen Park, Ethan Allen Homestead, the Intervale, the Island Line Rail-Trail and Oakledge Park. A large map is posted at the Community Boathouse, along the path, at the foot of College Street. Maps are available for \$1.00 from Burlington Parks & Recreation: 802-865-7247. Local

Motion also has maps of the Island Line (including the Burlington Bike Path) at 802-652-BIKE.

## Cycle the City

Designed as a self-guided bicycle tour of Burlington, the 10-mile loop consists of 6 distinct segments that are very walkable. The segments feature the lakeshore, Ethan Allen's homestead, the Intervale, the University of Vermont, and the waterfront. The interpretive brochure can be requested through [www.champlainbikeways.org](http://www.champlainbikeways.org).

## SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT

### East Woods

A University of Vermont Natural Area located on Swift Street in South Burlington is interpreted through a brochure that describes the natural and human history of the site. Potash Brook flows at trail-side. A map is available at an information kiosk on site or through the University of Vermont: 802-656-4055.

## Red Rocks Park

A web of walking trails cover this lakeshore park and preserved natural area, located at the end of Central Avenue. Beautiful lake and Adirondack views as well as quartzite cliffs, waterfowl, wildflowers, a beach and picnic areas. A parking fee is charged in season. A map is available on site or from the South Burlington Recreation Department: 802-846-4108.

## SHELBURNE, VT

### Allen Hill Shelburne Bay Park

Several miles of recreation trails afford magnificent lake and Adirondack views. Allen Hill hosts unusual plants and abundant waterfowl. Parking is located off Bay Road. Trail maps are available at the Shelburne Recreation office: 802-985-9551.



## Shelburne Farms

Eight miles of trails through a working landscape of field and forest, magnificent lake and mountain views. Formerly a private estate designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the 1400-acre preserve is a non-profit educational center. A map is available on site, admission fee charged mid-May to Mid-October. Shelburne Farms: 802-985-8442.

## La Platte Nature Park Walking Trail

A short 0.5 miles mowed path leading to the LaPlatte River. Park on Shelburne Ave. A map is available at Shelburne Town Hall, 802-985-9551.

## LaPlatte River Marsh

A 1.75-mile trail through marsh and woodlands, along McCabe's Brook near its confluence with Shelburne Bay. The Nature Conservancy manages the property and provides maps at a trailhead kiosk. Parking is across Bay Road at the fishing access.

## CHARLOTTE, VT

### Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge

This park offers several miles of trails through working farmland and woods, with beautiful views. A map is available at the trailhead, near the intersection of Lake and Greenbush Roads.



## Mount Philo State Park

A one mile paved road plus steep walking paths lead the walker to the top of a 968-foot hill with panoramic views of the Champlain valley. Great wildflowers and hawk-viewing opportunities. A map is provided with admission. Mount Philo State Park: 802-425-2390.

## FERRISBURGH, VT

### Button Bay State Park

Button Bay State Park is located on Button Bay Road, just south of Basin Harbor and 6 miles west of Vergennes. It offers a 1.6-mile walk which passes beneath huge old trees. Several fossils, some over 500 million years old, are visible from the nature trail. Panoramic lake and Adirondack views await the walker. A map is provided with admission: 802-475-2377.

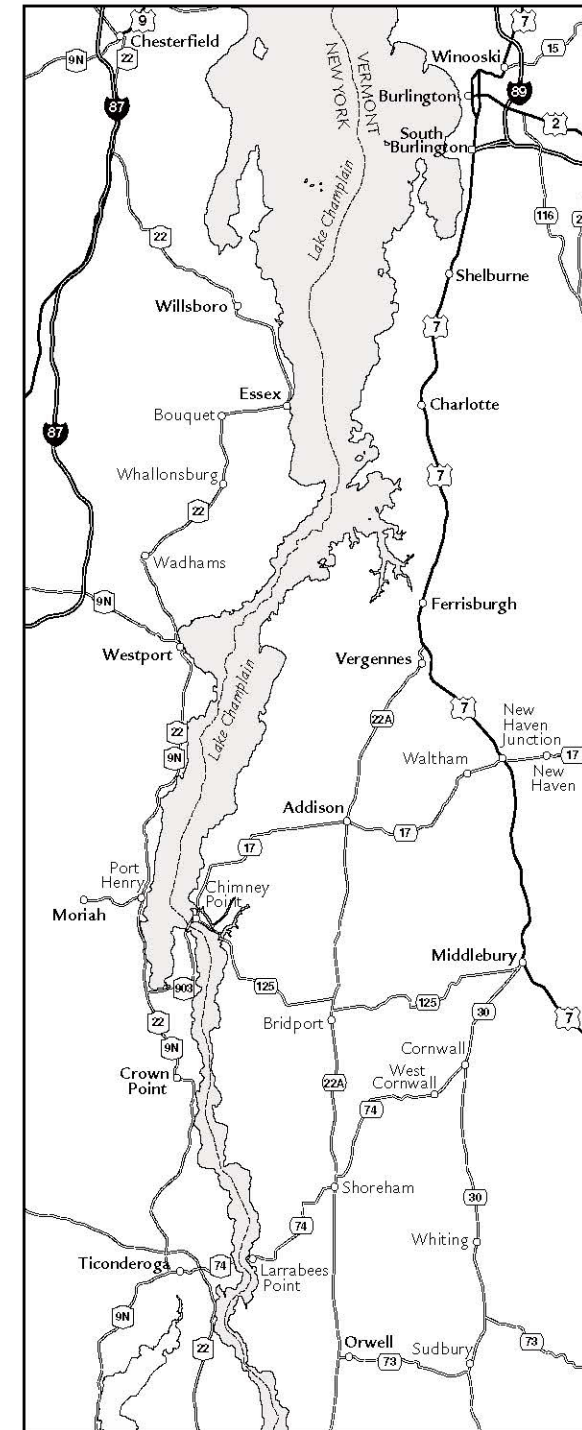
## Kingsland Bay State Park

Kingsland Bay State Park, located on Hawkins Road about 5 miles from Route 7, offers a 0.6-mile nature trail around the peninsula of MacDonough point. With panoramic views of the Lake and Adirondacks, the trail wanders amongst wildflowers and a mixed forest. Informal trails are also available throughout the park. A new interpretive center offers history about the park site and surrounding communities. A map is provided with admission: 802-877-3445.

## Little Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area

Adjacent to Kingsland Bay State Park is the Little Otter Creek Wildlife Management Area, with dirt roads that offer views of wildlife and migratory birds. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife

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