

MUSEUMS, HISTORY & NATURAL LANDMARKS

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MUSEUMS

• Rokeby Museum

rokeby.org

This historic farm and museum on 90 acres of property in Ferrisburgh include a 1780's farmstead that's one of the best-documented Underground Railroad sites in the country. Take in the renowned exhibits and enjoy the hiking trails spanning over 50 acres.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum lcmm.org

This non-profit museum in Vergennes is on a quest to preserve and share the history and archaeology of Lake Champlain. Check out their illuminating exhibits on the Revolutionary War, Prohibition, and women's suffrage.



• Burlington City Arts

burlingtoncityarts.org

The BCA, a three-level, year-round exhibition space, is a national model for centering the arts in community impact. Through their support and promotion of many Vermont artists, the BCA creates quality artistic experiences accessible to a broad audience.

ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain echovermont.org

Located squarely on Burlington's picturesque waterfront, the 34,500 square foot facility engages children and adults alike with over 100 interactive exhibits focused on the wonders of nature and the joys of scientific discovery.

• Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium

fairbanksmuseum.org

Founded in 1889, this St. Johnsbury staple inspires wonder, curiosity, and a sense of responsibility for the natural world through curated collections of ethnological items, natural specimens, and historical artifacts...as well as an opportunity to explore the cosmos at Vermont's only public planetarium.

Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum vtssm.org

Since 1988, the VTSSM in Stowe has been dedicated to collecting, preserving, and celebrating the rich history of skiing and riding in Vermont, with exhibits ranging from the origins of biathlon to the technological advancements of locally designed boards.

Shelburne Museum

shelburnemuseum.org

Spread out over 45 acres, this local treasure has 39 distinct structures - all featuring unique exhibits focused on American history, art, and design. The Shelburne Museum is a place to "envision the past and understand the present while looking to the future.^{III}

HISTORICAL SITES

• Ethan Allen Homestead

ethanallenhomestead.org

Located in a 294-acre park on the Winooski River, the Homestead celebrates one of the founders and legendary figures of Vermont - Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen. Get a distinct taste of 18th-century life while learning about the Green Mountain Boys, and explore the art and ancestral traditions of the indigenous Abenaki as well.

Fort Ticonderoga

fortticonderoga.org

Across the lake in New York (but easily accessible via the Champlain Bridge) is the historic stronghold of Ticonderoga, the scene of several critical battles during the Revolutionary War. Its history alone is worth a visit, but the 6-acre corn maze and stunning views of Lake Champlain make this landmark a must-see.

• Chimney Point

historicsites.vermont.gov/chimney-point

On the shore of Lake Champlain, this historic site has seen every period of human habitation since the first people arrived here nearly 9,000 years ago. Chimney Point explores the history of the area's three earliest cultures - Native American, French Colonial, and early American - as well as the genesis of the Lake Champlain Bridge.

Mount Independence

mountindependence.org

Arguably the most historic state site in Vermont, this rocky bluff on Lake Champlain was named by the soldiers stationed there when news came through in 1776 that the Declaration of Independence had been signed. Hike its 4 trails for stunning lake views and an unspoiled glimpse into what the terrain looked like hundreds of years ago.

Saint Anne's Shrine

saintannesshrine.org

The first Catholic Mass in Vermont was celebrated at this historical site among French settlers in 1666. Isle LaMotte, the scenic island just a few miles south of the Canadian border, is home to the shrine and its chapel, which accepts visitors and worshippers year-round.

• Centennial Field

milb.com/vermont/ballpark

Built in 1904 and nestled in the UVM campus, the legendary ballpark is home to Burlington's beloved ball club - the Vermont Lake Monsters. The park - virtually unaltered after a century - is one of the oldest still in use in professional baseball and has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

NATURAL LANDMARKS

Lone Rock Point

rockpointvt.org

Located on the shores of Lake Champlain, Lone Rock Point is a breathtaking promontory north of Burlington. This spectacular limestone crag is part of the Rock Point sanctuary, which encompasses 130 acres of publicly accessible conserved lands and is home to several miles of hiking trails.



Sandbar State Park

vtstateparks.com/sandbar

This 2000' beach, on Vermont's mainland between South Hero Island and the town of Milton, is the result of tens of thousands of years of collected sediment washed down the Lamoille River. With great swimming, shaded picnic areas, and nearby boat rentals, it's the perfect place to spend a summer day.



• Mount Philo State Park

vtstateparks.com/philo

Charlotte's charming little 968' mountain became Vermont's very first state park in 1924. Stellar views of the Adirondack Mountains and the Champlain Valley are guaranteed at the summit (weather permitting), which makes this park a favorite of tourists and locals alike.

• Chazy Fossil Reef

lakechamplaincommittee.org/learn/lake-look/chazy-reef This National Natural Landmark gracing Grand Isle County is recognized as the oldest known diverse fossil reef in the world. The reef is a stunning display of various creatures that inhabited the Earth's shallow seas nearly half a billion years ago.

• Colchester Causeway Trail

colchestervt.gov/facilities/facility/details/Causeway-Park-6 This 10-foot wide path, about 4 miles long, slices through Lake Champlain and offers an unrivaled experience of the water. Walk or bike to the center of this stretch and take in the full grandeur of Lake Champlain.

• Camel's Hump

vtstateparks.com/camelshump

This popular spot has some of the best views and hiking in the Green Mountain National Forest, as well as being the state's third-highest peak. Its signature double-humped crook can be seen from miles away and is featured on the Vermont state quarter.

• Warren Falls

outdoorproject.com/united-states/vermont/warren-falls

The dazzling, emerald green waters of Warren Falls are a local favorite, and for good reason. This Mad River spot boasts stepped waterfalls with swimming holes perfect for cliff jumping or just some lazy, lovely floating.

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