

VERMONT Colchester

Colchester Bikepaths The Colchester Causeway (State)

A four-mile long path that extends out into the middle of Lake Champlain and offers stunning views of the Green Mountains to the East, the Adirondack Mountains to the West, and the Lake Champlain Islands. The Causeway Path starts at Airport Park (500 Colchester Point Road) and connects to South Hero. Cyclists can take the bike ferry across "The Cut" of the Causeway to reach the South Hero side (see below).

The Island Line Trail runs along scenic Lake Champlain for 14 miles, starting at the Burlington waterfront and extends into the lake, connecting to the Champlain Islands. The trail takes pedestrians and cyclists through wooded natural areas, and provides scenic lookouts and public beaches to stop at along the way. Local Motion – a non-profit that supports cycling and alternative transportation – operates a seasonal bike ferry to transport cyclists across "The Cut" of the Causeway and over to South Hero. Bike ferry hours can be found on Local Motion's website: www.localmotion.org.

The Colchester Recreation Path

This Town-maintained path is frequented by residents and visitors alike as a means of recreation and transportation. Starting at the beautiful Bayside Park (2 West Lakeshore Drive), the Colchester Recreation Path travels off road and meanders through wooded areas connecting many Colchester neighborhoods and ending at the Creek Farm

Lake Champlain Byway

The Lake Champlain Byway is a collection of interconnected scenic roadways designated by the State of Vermont for their unique collection of intrinsic and scenic assets. From North to South, the formal route is 134 miles (215 km) and travels U.S. Route 2 through the Champlain Islands, U.S. Route 7 through Milton, Colchester, Winooski, Burlington, and several surrounding towns, concluding in Addison County. Learn more at www.lakechamplainbyways.com.



Agritourism

Colchester has an abundance of opportunities for visitors to enjoy the local horticultural and agribusiness environment. Farm stands run by local farmers offer freshly-picked produce, and many even allow you to pick your own. Go bird watching, pick delicious fresh berries, or enjoy an autumn hay ride; it's all here! From large greenhouses to colorful flower shops and local agribusiness, Colchester is growing in more ways than one!

Boating

If Lake Champlain is Vermont's most treasured resource, then Colchester's Malletts Bay is its most precious jewel. What better way to experience the lake in all its beauty than by boat? From avid sailors to seasoned boaters, to first-time paddle surfers or relaxed fishermen, visitors will enjoy exploring Malletts Bay and Lake Champlain thanks to Colchester's prestigious marinas, beaches, and boat accesses. Evening sailboat races are a sight to behold, with prime seating at Lower Bayside Park. Private marinas offer mooring, while Bayside Paddle Sports & Inflatable Park offers paddle-board, kayak, and pedal boat rentals to experience the beauty of Lake Champlain.

Historic Sites

Yet another treasure tucked away at Airport Park, the Colchester Historical Society's restored Log Schoolhouse serves as a visitor's information center and museum and is open on weekends throughout the summer. The original Log Schoolhouse was built c. 1815 and restored in 2004 and remains one of the oldest known structures in Colchester. Original woodwork and period furniture adorn this one-room schoolhouse, accentuated by old photographs and historical trivia.

Parks & Natural Areas

Whether active hikers, touring bikers or burgeoning explorers, visitors are drawn to our indoor and outdoor activities in the developed parks, recreation center and preserved natural areas. Colchester is home to the family-friendly amenities of Bayside Park and Airport Park, as well as beach access through Lower Bayside Beach and the Rosetti Natural Area. Cyclists can explore the Town's Recreation Path and the historic Causeway Path on Lake Champlain. For a walk indoors or out, enjoy the trail at Village Park or the track at the Colchester Rec Center. Add in Niquette Bay Park and Colchester Pond Natural Area and it becomes apparent that discovery is only the beginning!

Winter Activities

Even when the cold, snowy Vermont weather settles in, Colchester is vibrant with life and activity. The waters of Malletts Bay form a layer of ice that is ideal for ice fishing and the annual New England Pond Hockey Classic. A free ice rink and groomed trails for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing can be found at Airport Park. A Winter Carnival features many indoor and outdoor activities.

Dining

- Athens Diner, 46 Highpoint Center, 802-655-3455
- BU Emporium, 164 Porters Point Rd., 802-658-4292
- 58 Burger Bar, 831-825 Route 15, 802-489-5967, www.burgerbar.com
- 59 Chopstick House II, 127 Porters Point Rd., 802-862-3600
- 60 City Sports Grille, 215 Lower Mountain View Dr., 802-655-2720
- 61 Mamajuana, 164 Porters Point Rd.
- 62 Lighthouse Seafood & Grill, 38 Lower Mountain View Dr., 802-448-3361, www.thelighthousevt.com
- 63 Makalou Restaurant, 49 Heineberg Dr., 802-497-1902 64 McGillicuddy's on the Green, 18 Severance Rd.,
- 802-871-5480, www.mcgillicuddysonthegreen.com
- 65 Pioneer Lakeshore Cafe, 824 W. Lakeshore Dr., Suite 1
- 802-391-7579, www.pioneerfoodvt.com 66 Rozzi's Lakeshore Tavern & Restaurant, 1072 West Lakeshore Dr., 802-863-2342,
- www.rozzislakeshoretavern.com 67 Spanked Puppy, 116 Main St., 802-878-6440
- The Pickled Perch, 97 Blakely Rd., 802-479-1647,
- www.thepickledperch.com Rice Noodles & Ramen, 49 Heineberg Dr., 802-497-0745

Take-out

802-655-3000

- 70 Amato's Express, 414 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-654-8627,
- Bayside Triple M Deli, 88 Heineberg Dr., 802-651-1009
- Burger King, 33 South Park Dr., 802-655-6187 Dunkin Donuts, 807 College Parkway, 802-655-6197, 25 Macrae Rd, 802-399-2275 / 156 Roosevelt Hwy.,
- 74 Happy Mart, 3436 Roosevelt Hwy.,802-288-8232
- 75 Hoagie Hut, 164 Porters Point Rd., 802-863-6655 McDonald's, 79 Heineberg Dr. / 44 South Park Dr.,
- 802-863-9707/802-655-7747
- 577 Starbucks, 18 Lower Mountain View Dr., 802-735-8112 78 Subway, 133 Blakely Rd., 802-660-<u>8005</u>
- 59 Sunny Hollow Quick Stop, 973 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-655-2882
- 80 The Village Scoop (seasonal), 419 Main St., 802-999-6962
- 81 Vermont Bagel Co., 70 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-489-5672

Pizza

- 82 Domino's, 3424 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-231-1500 New York Pizza Oven, 794 W. Lakeshore Dr.,
- 802-658-0925, www.nypovt.com
- Three Brothers Pizza & Grill, 973 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-655-5550, www.threebrotherspizzavt.com
- 85 Zachary's Pizza, 133 Heineberg Dr., 802-862-7900, www.zacharyscolchester.com

Groceries and Quikstops

- Champlain Farms, 156 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-655-9822 3570 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-879-6388
- 87 Costco Wholesale, 218 Lower Mountain View Dr., 802-318-2000, http://www.costco.com
- 89 CVS, 69 Mountain View Dr., 802-654-0772
- on Dick Mazza's General Store, 777 West Lakeshore Dr.,
- 91 Dollar General, 63 Creek Farm Plaza, 802-878-6775 / 1032 Prim Rd., 802-660-0850
- 92 Jiffy Mart, 133 Blakely Rd., #102, 802-863-5595 93 Maplefield's, 414 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-654-8087,
- 77 US Rte 7, 802-893-6834 94 Price Chopper, 1184 Prim Rd., 802-651-9409
- Shaw's, 66 Mountain View Dr., 802-654-9120 96 Simon's, 6387 Roosevelt Hwy., 802-878-2954 / 883 College Parkway, 802-654-8700 / 16 Heineberg Dr.,

Brewery

802-862-0775

green Empire Brewing, 478 Hegeman Ave., gebrew.com

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Marinas/Supplies & Services/Boat Access

- Bay Harbor Marina, 278 West Lakeshore Dr., 802-862-4072, www.bayharbormarinavt.com
- Biben's Lakeshore ACE Hardware & Marine, 713 West Lakeshore Dr., 802-863-4910
- Champlain Marina, 982 West Lakeshore Dr., 802-658-4034, www.champlainmarina.com
- Coates Island Marina, 824 West Lakeshore Dr., 802-863-2300, www.coatesislandmarina.com
- Heineberg/Billado Fishing Access (non motorized boats only)
- Malletts Bay Boat Launch (State), West Lakeshore Dr.
- Marina at Marble Island, 1378 Marble Island Rd., 802-862-6804, www.marinamarbleisland.com
- Moorings Marina 332, West Lakeshore Dr., 802-862-1407, www.mooringsvt.com
- Saba Marine, 390 Prim Rd., 802-863-1148, www.sabamarinevt.com
- Saba North, 356 Prim Rd., 802-863-1148, www.sabamarinevt.com

- Hampton Inn, 42 Lower Mountain View Dr., 802-655-6177
- 35 Lakeshore Vermont, 76 West Lakeshore Dr., 802-448-3170, LakeshoreVermont@gmail.com
- Lone Pine Campsites, 52 Sunset View Rd., 802-878-5447, www.lonepinecampsites.com
- Residence Inn by Marriott, 71 Rathe Rd., 802-655-3100
- 40 Starlight Inn, 179 Porters Point Rd., 802-652-2000, www.starlightinnvt.com
- Claussen's Florist, Greenhouse & Perennial Farm, 87 Main St., 802-878-2361, www.claussens.com
- 46 Local Motion Ferry, end of Causeway, 802-652-2453, info@localmotion.org
- Log School House, 500 Colchester Point Rd., colchestervt.gov/422/Colchester-Historical-Society
- 48 Mudcraft, 794 West Lakeshore Dr., 802-302-9495
- 49 St. Michael's Playhouse, One Winooski Park, 802-654-2281, www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org
- 51 Sunset Drive In, 155 Porters Point Rd., 802-862-1800, www.sunsetdrivein.com
- 52 Vermont Nut Free Chocolates, 146 Brentwood Dr., 802-891-9856, www.vermontnutfree.com
- 53 Brigante & Brigante Farm Stand (seasonal), 971 Malletts Bay Ave., 802-655-0483
- Paul Mazza's Farm & Berry Picking, 135 Poor Farm Rd., 802-879-0102,www.paulmazzas.com
- 55 Sam Mazza's Farm Market, 277 Lavigne Rd., 802-655-3440, www.sammazzafarms.com