



March 1, 2016

Lane Morrison, Chair, Charlotte Town Selectboard
Dean Bloch, Town Administrator
Town of Charlotte
P.O. Box 119
Charlotte, VT 05445

Dear Lane and Dean,

On behalf of the Lake Champlain Committee, thank you for your support for the *Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail (LCPT)* in 2015! We value our partnership to provide a safe recreational corridor for human-powered craft on Lake Champlain.

This letter and the related attachments are to formalize the Lake Champlain Committee's agreement with the Town of Charlotte regarding use of the Charlotte Town Beach LCPT location for the 2016 season. Attached is another copy of this letter along with the Paddlers' Trail site description and locator chart for inclusion in the *2016 Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail Guidebook and Stewardship Manual* and other Trail-related materials. **Please review the site description for accuracy and clarity, make any necessary changes (taking particular note of highlighted sections if applicable), update your contact information, sign and date the form, complete the Trail survey and return all documents to the Lake Champlain Committee via email or mail by Friday, March 18, 2016.**

The signed Site Use Agreement form indicates your approval of the site being included in the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail for the 2016 season.

Since its opening with six sites in the summer of 1996, the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail has grown to include 43 locations providing access to more than 600 campsites. The Lake Champlain Committee's long-term goal is to have Trail locations every eight to ten miles along the lake's islands and shoreline. If you are aware of additional areas for Trail sites, or know of other people we should contact, please check the applicable box on the attached form.

The *2016 Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail Guidebook and Stewardship Manual* will be publicly available in June through an annual Lake Champlain Committee membership of \$45. It is good for one year and expires annually on May 15. Membership donations fund LCC's Trail stewardship and development as well as our advocacy for a healthy lake. We will send you a complimentary copy of the guidebook for the 2016 season. We also want to ensure that there is at least one copy of the current guidebook available at each site location that has on-site staff. If relevant, please provide us with their name(s), title(s), mailing and email address on the Trail Survey sheet (page 2, question 4 under Trail Awareness). This year we are again offering training for park staff and citizens in blue-green algae monitoring. We hope that you will help with this effort and commit staff to participate in the training program and assist with weekly online reporting so we can collectively gage water conditions and keep environmental and health agencies and the public well informed.

Thank you for the important role you continue to play in the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail. Your support will again be acknowledged in the upcoming guidebook. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, suggestions or concerns. **We look forward to hearing from you by Friday, March 18, 2016.**

Sincerely,


Lori Fisher, Executive Director

Attachments: 1. LCC Year 2016 Site Use Cover Letter
2. 2016 Individual Site Use Agreement Form and Survey

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Lake Champlain Committee Site Use Agreement Form

Charlotte Town Beach Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail Site Description and Site Locator Chart as modified based on your input in 2015. Please make any necessary corrections for use in the 2016 edition (paying special attention to fees and season of use) on the document below and on the reverse and sign and return the attached agreement form to LCC by 3/18/16.

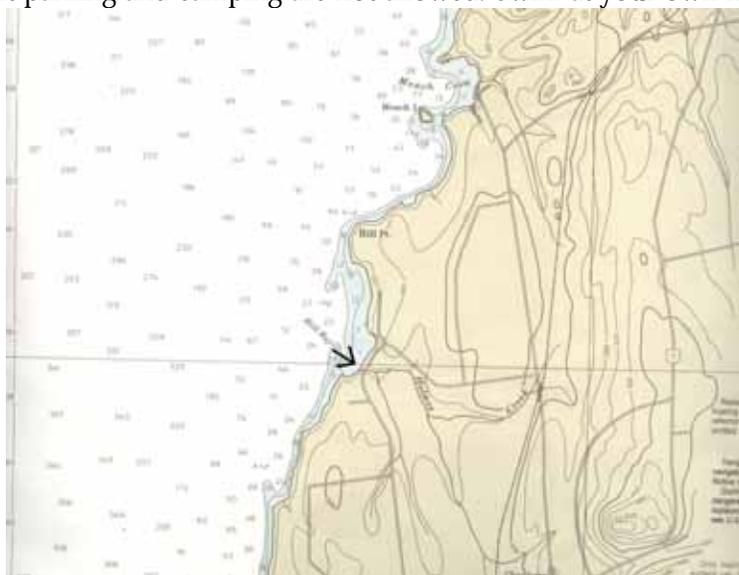
Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, VT

Owned and Managed by the Town of Charlotte | Day Use Only

The Charlotte Town Beach day-use site is a popular recreation and picnic area located at the mouth of Holmes Creek. Put in or land along the beach just south of the swimming area and north of the mouth of Holmes Brook and the covered bridge (one of three in Charlotte). The land south of the bridge is private property and should not be used to land or launch. The beach itself is a crescent of small cobbles and the lake bottom is generally rocky. Foot protection is advised, as zebra mussels are an ever-present nuisance. The beach has a west exposure, and is well-protected from south winds. There is modest protection from north winds -- this improves about a half mile to the north after rounding Hills Point.

Approaching from the south, paddlers will pass rocky shorelines with bluffs ranging 10-20 feet in height. This shoreline (and to the north beyond Hills Point) offers good examples of Limestone Bluff Cedar-Pine Forests, characterized by rock outcrops and northern white cedars. Often twisted with upswept trunks, these slow-growing trees may be more than 300 years old. This natural community is considered rare in Vermont. The approach from the north takes you past Meach Island, then past a lovely wooded shoreline that includes some interesting rock formations. Continuing south from Hills Point to the Town Beach you'll pass a number of picturesque lakefront homes. The small Charlotte Town Center is less than a three-mile walk from the Town Beach and offers two locations for prepared sandwiches, beverages and light groceries. From the beach parking lot head south on Lake Road about 1.7 miles to the intersection with Ferry Road and then turn east (left) along Ferry Road for about one mile further to get to town.

The beach is the primary swimming site for the town and offers shaded picnic tables with a lake view of the Adirondack High Peaks. This is a great place to take in the sunset. During the swimming season there is a dock and two rafts to accommodate swimmers. Park amenities also include grills, tennis and horseshoe courts, a baseball diamond and playground for those wanting a leg stretch and break from paddling. Men's and women's rest and changing rooms are a short walk from the shoreline and **open 8 a.m. through sunset during the summer season.** There are no potable water supplies or showers on site and pets are not allowed. There is ample parking for a fee of \$3 for town residents, \$6 for non-residents during the summer season but no fee for site use or arriving by boat. Overnight parking and camping are not allowed. Swim at your own risk.



Charlotte Town Beach Site Use Agreement Form 2016

Please check the appropriate box below, sign and date the return form, update the contact information we have for you if necessary, and return all pages of the Site Use Agreement Form (description and sign off pages) along with the Trail Information Survey to the Lake Champlain Committee by 3/18/16. Thank you!

My signature below affirms that I agree to allow **Charlotte Town Beach** to be used as a *Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail* site for the 2016 season and to have the site listed as presented on the attached sheet in the ***Year 2016 Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail Guidebook & Stewardship Manual*** and other materials to be produced and distributed by the Lake Champlain Committee. I also agree that the attached site locator chart indicates the general location of the *Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail* at **Charlotte Town Beach** and is appropriate for inclusion in the LCC Trail guidebook and that I have full authority to make these determinations.

My signature below affirms that I agree to allow **Charlotte Town Beach** to be used as a *Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail* site for the 2016 season and to have the site listed in the ***Year 2016 Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail Guidebook & Stewardship Manual*** to be produced and distributed by the Lake Champlain Committee. I have modified the attached site description and/or site locator chart as necessary for inclusion in the LCC Trail guidebook. I have full authority to make these determinations.

I know of shoreline that might be appropriate for a *Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail* location. Please contact me.

I would like to have Town staff trained in Blue-green Algae Monitoring and assist with filing weekly on-line reports during the summer season.

Please make any necessary corrections to the contact information we have on file for you:

Lane Morrison, Chair, Charlotte Town Selectboard & Dean Bloch, Town Administrator

Names and Titles

802-425-2495 (LM) 802-425-3071 (DB)

Phone Numbers

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Preferred Email

Mailing Address:

Town of Charlotte

P.O. Box 119

Charlotte, VT 05445

Date

Signature

Date

Signature



Lake Champlain Committee
2016 Paddlers' Trail Informational Survey
Please return to LCC with your site agreement forms by 3/18/16.
Thank You!

Name(s) of Respondent(s): Lane Morrison & Dean Bloch

Title(s): Chair, Charlotte Town Selectboard & Town Administrator, respectively

Paddlers' Trail location: Charlotte Town Beach

Mailing Address: Town of Charlotte P.O. Box 119 Charlotte, VT 05445

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Telephone #: 802-425-2495 (LM) 802-425-3071 (DB) **Email:** dean@townofcharlotte.com

Site Location Data

1. Please provide information for **each of the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail sites you oversee.**

Charlotte Town Beach

Site name

GPS Coordinates

Nearest public launch site – please note the name and town location

Maintenance Needs

1. Are there current or upcoming maintenance needs for this Trail site?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes, provide detail on the necessary maintenance work. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Interpretive Signage

LCC is interested in identifying Trail locations that are appropriate for interpretive signage.

1. Is there interpretive signage at this Trail location?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes, describe the location of the interpretive signage (i.e. at the entrance to the walking trail around the perimeter of the site).

If no, describe the interpretive signage that would be useful, if applicable.

2. Does your agency have established interpretive signage protocols?

_____ Yes (*please attach*) _____ No

Trail Awareness

1. How many seasonal and permanent staff are there at this Paddlers' Trail location?

_____ Number of seasonal staff _____ Number of permanent staff

2. Rate your park staff's familiarity with the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail.

Check the applicable response.

a. Staff are familiar with the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail:

_____ Very familiar _____ Somewhat familiar _____ Not familiar at all

b. Staff know that the park they work at provides sites for the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail:

_____ Yes _____ No

3. What tools would be useful in educating your park staff about the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail?

Check all that apply and please provide any additional ideas you have.

_____ Informational poster _____ Site Copy of Annual Trail Guidebook

_____ Other *please describe* _____

4. Provide the name(s), address, email and other relevant contact information for the on-site manager(s) at this site so that we can provide them with the 2016 guidebook and know how to contact them.

Name(s)/Title(s) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Trail Use

1. Are you a paddler?

_____ Yes _____ No

2. How often did you paddle on Lake Champlain last year?

_____ Never _____ 1 – 5 times _____ 6 – 10 times

_____ 10 – 20 times _____ 20 – 30 times _____ over 30 times

3. In which season(s) do you paddle on Lake Champlain?
