



Lake Champlain Committee Site Use Agreement Form

Charlotte Town Beach Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail Site Description and Site Locator Chart as approved for inclusion in the 2014 edition of the guidebook. Please make any necessary corrections for use in the 2015 edition on the document below and on the reverse and sign and return the attached agreement form to LCC by 3/6/15.

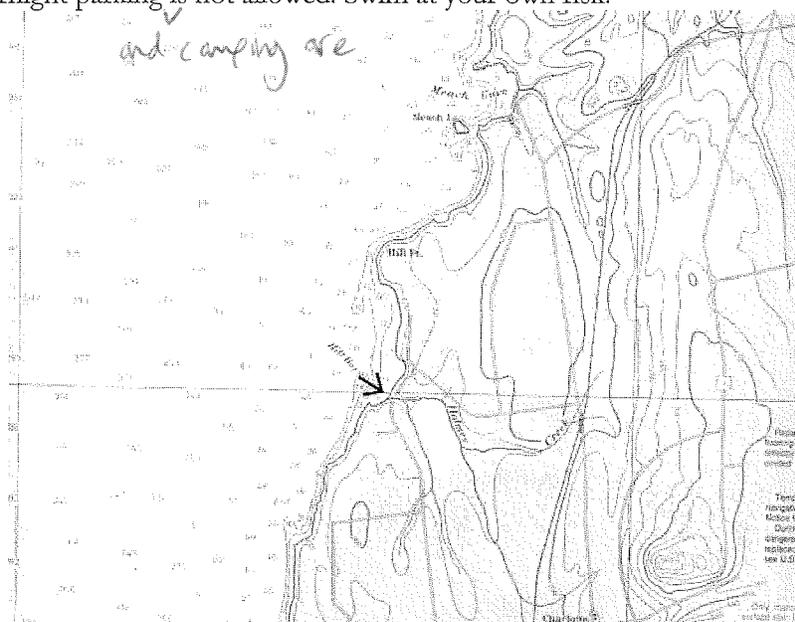
Charlotte Town Beach, Charlotte, VT

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. (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 is not allowed. Swim at your own risk.



Please note any necessary revisions to the site description or site locator chart for use in the Lake Champlain Committee's 2015 edition of the Lake Champlain Paddlers' Trail Guidebook and Stewardship Manual. In addition to any corrections you have, feel free to include cultural and natural history information for the **Charlotte Town Beach** site.

One of the town's three covered bridges is just south of the beach.

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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 3/6/15. 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 2015 season and to have the site listed as presented on the attached sheet in the **Year 2015 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 2015 season and to have the site listed in the **Year 2015 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

Name and Title

802-425-3071

Phone Number

Preferred Email

Mailing Address:

Town of Charlotte

P.O. Box 119

Charlotte, VT 05445

Date

Signature



Lake Champlain Committee
2015 Paddlers' Trail Informational Survey

*Please return to LCC with your site agreement forms by 3/6/15.
 Thank You!*

Name(s) of Respondent(s): Lane Morrison

Title: Chair, Charlotte Town Selectboard

Paddlers' Trail location: Charlotte Town Beach

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

Telephone #: 802-425-3071 **Email:**

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.

We'll discuss and get back to you.

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 ^{at one time.} Number of permanent staff
5.8 total

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 personal visit / explanation

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 2015 guidebook and know how to contact them.

Name(s)/Title(s) Kristin Hartley, Recreation Coordinator

Mailing Address: Charlotte Town office P.O. Box 119

Telephone #: 425-3071 Email: recreation@townofcharlotte.com

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?