

Midway between Manhattan and Montreal, you can explore numerous historic, natural, cultural and recreational experiences along the scenic waterway that links upstate New York to southern Quebec. By bike, foot, boat, train or car, Lakes to Locks Passage provides access to charming cities, rural landscapes and Adirondack hamlets.

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## LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGION

# Lake Champlain Bridge

*A Guide to the Public Lands  
Surrounding the Lake Champlain Bridge*



## DESTINATIONS GUIDED BY LOCALS



*A stunning new bridge now links Crown Point, New York to Chimney Point, Vermont for bicyclists and pedestrians to enjoy. Experience the historic sites, campgrounds, wildlife viewing and fishing access at locations on both sides of the lake.*

### NEW YORK

**Crown Point State Historic Site** encompasses the ruins of French Fort St. Frédéric (1734) and the British fort with outlying fortifications (1759). Trails are open for walking, biking and cross-country skiing. The Museum offers a multimedia orientation program for touring the exhibits and grounds.  
[nysparks.com/historic-sites/34/details.aspx](http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/34/details.aspx)  
518-597-4666

**Lake Champlain Visitor Center**, located in the former Champlain Bridge Toll Keeper's House, offers travel information for the region and Lakes to Locks Passage. Be sure to examine the interpretive exhibits about the 1929 Lake Champlain Bridge and the people who worked here. The Lake Champlain Bridge Commemoration Trail begins outside the Visitor Center.  
[www.lakechamplainregion.com](http://www.lakechamplainregion.com)  
518-597-4649

**Crown Point Pier**, originally built for the steamboats that once plied these waters, is now a popular spot for fishing and docking large boats. It was recently renovated for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the French explorer Samuel de Champlain's 1609 sighting of the lake that now bears his name.

**Champlain Memorial Lighthouse** commemorates the 300th anniversary of Champlain's historic voyage up the lake. It features two historic sculptures: a heroic grouping in bronze by Carl Heber and an exquisite bronze bust by Auguste Rodin entitled *La France*, presented as a gift from the French Republic in 1912.  
[www.lakechamplainregion.com/recreation/heritage/champlain-memorial-lighthouse](http://www.lakechamplainregion.com/recreation/heritage/champlain-memorial-lighthouse)

**Crown Point Reservation State Campground** occupies land originally acquired by New York State in 1910. The site now provides picnic areas, camping and boat launch facilities as well as access to the Champlain Memorial Lighthouse and Pier.  
[www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24461.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24461.html)  
518-597-3603

### VERMONT

**Chimney Point State Historic Site** preserves an early nineteenth-century tavern frequented by travelers on Lake Champlain. Exhibits tell the story of Native American and French people living in the Champlain Valley.  
[www.historicvermont.org/chimneypoint](http://www.historicvermont.org/chimneypoint)  
802-759-2412

**DAR State Park** offers both camp sites and lean-tos in an open, grassy hickory grove and picnic facilities, including a covered pavilion available for group rental.  
[www.vtstateparks.com/htm/dar.htm](http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/dar.htm)  
1-888-409-7579

**DAR John Strong Mansion Museum** The Vermont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution maintain the Mansion Museum and open it to visitors periodically in summer.  
[www.northshirecomputer.com/VTDAR/JStrongDARMuseum.html](http://www.northshirecomputer.com/VTDAR/JStrongDARMuseum.html), 802-759-2309

**Crown Point Road** was built towards the end of the French and Indian War to connect remote British outposts, and support the development of the colonies. Over the years, a series of markers have been erected in Vermont along the closely researched route between Crown Point, NY and Fort No. 4, now Charlestown, NH.  
[www.crown-point-road.org](http://www.crown-point-road.org)

**Whitney/Hospital Creek Wildlife Management Area** is open to regulated hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and wildlife viewing. The shallow creeks attract migrating birds of all kinds, making this an exciting site for bird watching.  
[www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)

**McCuen Slang Fishing Access Area** is located just south of the VT RT 125 causeway. The shallow bay and small wetland is created by an impoundment. The boat ramp provides fishing access to the Whitney/Hospital Creek Wildlife Management Area and Lake Champlain in summer. In the winter, this area of the Lake is very popular with ice fishermen.

