

Shelburne River Park

Shelburne, Vermont



Shelburne River Park is an important launch location that allows canoeists and kayakers to explore the amazing La Platte River. Located at the heart of the La Platte River Watershed, the Shelburne River Park is an important wildlife habitat buffer and community recreational resource. The forested banks of the park protect the migration corridor for wildlife such as bobcat and mink. From here, you can travel downstream on an easy one-mile paddle under the shade of towering Silver maples right to the Shelburne Bay section of Lake Champlain. Or try going upstream alongside cliffs and ledges toward Shelburne Falls - also about a mile-long trip.



Directions and Park Information:

From Burlington, follow Route 7 South. As you near Shelburne Village, the road begins to go downhill. Near the bottom of the hill, just before crossing the La Platte River, turn left onto Webster Road. About 50 feet off of Route 7, turn right onto old Route 7 and find the designated parking lot.

When you go: You will be able to launch your canoe or kayak regardless of the water level, just walk down the staircase while sliding your canoe or kayak down the adjacent chute. The La Platte River is a great place for birdwatching and for spotting wildlife. Several kayakers have noticed owls perched in the Silver Maples and Spotted Gar in the river.



Shelburne River Park is one of dozens of properties saved by the Lake Champlain Land Trust. Since 1978, the Lake Champlain Land Trust has preserved thousands of acres and miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain. To help us save more irreplaceable natural areas, please donate through our website www.LCLT.org!

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