

Eagle Mountain Natural Area

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View of Lake Champlain from Hoyt Lookout

Islands from Left: South Hero, Lower Fishbladder, Upper Fishbladder, Grand Isle, North Hero and Savage Island.

Overview

This 226-acre natural area has 2.5 miles of trails and hosts wildlife habitat of statewide significance overlooking Lake Champlain, the sixth largest freshwater lake in the United States. With an elevation of 578 feet, Eagle Mountain is a prominent feature on Milton's shoreline. Hoyt Lookout provides outstanding, year-round views of the Champlain Islands and the Adirondack Mountains beyond.

History

Over the last century, the property has been used for farming, recreation, logging and sugaring. Flat areas on the eastern side were used as orchards, hayfields and pasture, while the cliffs and ledges on the western side were predominantly used for logging and sugaring.

In 1995, the Lake Champlain Land Trust (LCLT) acquired the southern half of Eagle Mountain as a donation from long-time Milton residents John and Peggy Hoyt. Thanks to numerous funding sources, LCLT later purchased the northern portion and donated both parcels to the Town of Milton in 1998. LCLT permanently conserves the land for future generations by retaining a conservation easement on the land.

Directions to Henry Road Parking Access

Online Mapping: Type "Henry Rd., Milton, VT" as your destination and continue to the end of the road.

Directions from Village: Go north on US Rt. 7, and turn left (west) onto Lake Rd. Turn left (south) onto Everest Road. Turn right (west) at the next intersection to remain on Everest. Turn right (north) onto Beebe Hill Rd. Turn left (west) onto Henry Rd. Continue to the end.

Directions from I-89 Exit 17: Go west on US Rt. 2, exit at Bear Trap Rd. and turn right (north). Turn left (north) onto Cadreact Rd. Continue (straight) at the Everest Rd. intersection onto Beebe Hill Rd. Turn left (west) onto Henry Rd. Continue to the end.

What to Know Before Starting Out

- ✓ **No restroom facilities are available.**
 - ✓ **Respect the permitted uses.**
 - ✓ **Take out what you bring in.**
 - ✓ **Pets must remain fully under control and shall not disturb natural communities or the experience of other users.**
 - ✓ **Respect neighbors and private property.**
 - ✓ **The cliffs and ledges throughout the area have sensitive habitat. Please remain on trails.**
- ✓ ***Please speak up to ensure that future generations may also enjoy this land.***

Your Experience Matters

If you have any questions, ideas for improvement, would like to get involved or would like to report an incident of concern, please let us know. Your experience matters. Like us on Facebook.

Lake Champlain Land Trust

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802.862.4150. Learn more about the Lake Champlain Land Trust at www.lclt.org.

Town of Milton Conservation Commission

43 Bombardier Road, Milton, VT 05468.
802.893.1186. Learn more about the Milton Conservation Commission at www.miltonvt.org.

Eagle Mountain Permitted Uses

The Town and the Lake Champlain Land Trust aim to preserve the ecological values of the property and enhance the following recreational opportunities:

▶ Hiking

2.5 miles of easy to moderate trails.

▶ Bird Watching

▶ Cross Country Skiing

Unmarked terrain in hayfields by parking lot.

▶ Snowshoeing

▶ Hunting

Licensed, in-season and responsibly.



Eagle Mountain by the Seasons

Spring

Slopes and ledges flourish with spring wildflowers and many migratory birds return. Is that your phone, or a real tweet?! Can you identify a wildflower or bird call?

Summer

Enjoy the long daylight hours hiking through the shade of the forest. Do you feel a breeze from nearby Lake Champlain?

Fall

Be a leaf peeper and watch the woodland's colorful transformation. Does the forest smell like autumn?

Winter

Several trails now offer panoramic views of the surrounding terrain. Can you identify any animal tracks in the snow?

