

the champlain islands

The Champlain Islands—located between urban Montreal, Quebec and Burlington, VT—retain a quiet rural charm. The landscape sports waterside farms, orchards, a vineyard, and the largest sand beach in Vermont. Recreational opportunities include year around fishing, boating, swimming, skating and bicycling. There are also several historic Revolutionary War villages. St. Anne’s Shrine on Isle La Motte, where Samuel de Champlain landed in 1609, and Herrmann’s Lipizzan Stallions in North Hero draw thousands of visitors each summer. Modern geographers explain the Lake’s creation through the collision of the North American and European continents. Great blocks of land between the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks dropped down, forming the Champlain Valley. Over time, glaciers changed the shape of the valley as they plowed over the land. The Island’s land mass rebounded from the weight of the glaciers, and divided the glacial waters into the main Lake and the Inland Sea.



Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte/Saint Anne's Shrine

map legend

Federal Lands		State Lands	
Municipal Lands		International Crossing	
Public Recreation		Point of Interest	
Public Camping		Police	
Public Swimming		Hospital	
Public Fishing		Fish Hatchery	
Wildlife Viewing		Covered Bridge	
Underwater Park		Welcome Center	
Bicycle Loop			

Maps and legend produced by Northern Cartographic. North is up on all maps.

temp & precipitation

average temperature in degrees fahrenheit

	j	f	m	a	m	j	j	a	s	o	n	d
hi	27	30	40	54	67	76	80	78	69	57	45	33
lo	05	07	19	33	44	54	58	56	48	37	28	14

average precipitation in inches

	j	f	m	a	m	j	j	a	s	o	n	d
	2.4	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.7	4.4	3.5	3.5	2.5