

Champlain Coast Caper Bicycle Loop

An easy 35.8-mile route through St. Albans, Georgia, and Swanton, VT.



Start at Taylor Park, center of St. Albans.

mile

- 0.0 ● Taylor Park, center of St. Albans (services).
- 0.0 South on Route 7.
- 6.1 R on Georgia Plains Rd. at Georgia Center (store).
- 6.7 Bear L on Georgia Plains Rd.
- 8.7 R on Georgia Shore Rd. at church and follow Champlain Bikeway signs to Swanton.
- 16.1 St. Albans Bay (store and restaurant)
Continue around bay on Route 36 West which becomes Maquam Shore Rd.
- 16.6 L on Hathaway Point Rd. for 7-mile round-trip ride to Kill Kare State Park
- 25.2 Bear right at Swanton Town Beach onto Route 36, Lake St.
- 26.7 L on South River St.
- 26.8 R on Route 78 and cross bridge into Swanton (services).
- 27.0 Keep Village Green on your left and continue south (straight) on Route 7 to St. Albans.
- 35.8 Taylor Park – St. Albans.

When cycling, please follow these guidelines:

1. WEAR A HELMET and cycling gloves.
2. Ride with the flow of traffic.
3. When using travel lanes, follow motor vehicle laws. Obey all traffic signs and signals. Do not cut corners.
4. Use clear hand signals when making turns or stopping.
5. Ride in a straight line at least 3 feet from parked cars or curbs.
6. If you must ride at night, use lights and reflectors.
7. Ride defensively! Be aware of motorists' actions.
8. Be aware of train tracks and other road conditions.
9. Ride single file.
10. Carry items in panniers or a handle-bar pack.

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Route Description

The soils of Highgate and Swanton provide some of the best farmland in Vermont. 100 years of changing farm technology is found on modern and historic farms as cyclists pass by fields, silos, ground bunkers and plastic wrapped hay bales. Brick and clapboard farmhouses along with an architectural progression of barns tell the ever-changing story.

Wednesday, October 19, 1864 brought the Civil War to Franklin County as 20 Confederate Raiders robbed banks in St. Albans and escaped to Canada. The ensuing chase nearly dragged England into the War on the side of the Confederacy. The fiery story of the raid is told on a historic marker on a village bridge in Sheldon. Learn more about this northern most battle of the Civil War and the county's unique history at the St. Albans Historical Museum, located on the east side of Taylor Park in St. Albans.

Safety Guidelines

Motorists and bicyclists share scenic roads. Use caution on narrow, winding or unpaved roadway. Follow traffic laws and ride safely. Bicycles are vehicles by law and have the right to use public roads. You are responsible for operating your bicycle under all conditions.



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Lake Champlain Bikeways Mission

To promote bicycling throughout the Lake Champlain regions of New York, Vermont and Québec for the purposes of increasing opportunities for bicycle recreation and transportation, improving the quality of life, enhancing the economic vitality, advocating for sustainable communities, encouraging healthy lifestyles and raising public awareness and appreciation of inherent scenic, historic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources throughout the area.

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