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The best place to begin your journey is at the Bay Road trailhead, located in Shelburne Bay Park on the north side

of Bay Road between Harbor Road and US 7. Heading north, the 1-mile Shelburne Bay Park Rec Path travels through a wooded oasis for just over 0.75 mile before skirting the Lake Champlain shoreline and offering an amazing view of Shelburne Bay.

Walking, biking, and cross-country skiing are permitted on this gravel route. Note that numerous small hills make for a pleasant and fun bicycle ride; however, cyclists should be prepared for sand and a few intense uphill climbs toward the northern end.

At Shelburne Bay, trail users can pause and take in the beauty of the shallow water, which is perfect for skipping rocks. Woodsy canopies provide shade, making for a cool respite from the sun in the summer. Boat access points and picnic tables are available in the northern section of the trail, near the trail's endpoint at the Lake Champlain Yacht Club.

The Ti-Haul Trail, located just across Bay Road from Shelburne Park, is a quintessential rail-trail—a flat, easy bike ride or a perfect stroll with glimpses of farms peeking between the trees. Though this trail also has a gravel surface, it has few hills and is wheelchair accessible.

Heading south, you'll journey through mostly woodsy landscapes with a few marshy areas before ending in about a mile at Shelburne Dog Park on Harbor Road. The Ti-Haul Trail has an interesting history, having begun as a road specifically built to move the old steamboat Ticonderoga from Lake Champlain to its present home at the Shelburne



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States: Vermont Counties: Chittenden Length: 2.5miles Trail end points: Harbor Rd. (Shelburne) to Harbor Rd. (Shelburne Dog Park) Trail surfaces: Gravel Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Mountain

Biking, Walking, Cross Country Skiing

Parking & Trail Access

From I-89, take Exit 13 for I-189 toward US 7/Shelburne/ Burlington, and continue on I-189 W. In 1.4 miles, turn left onto US 7 S/Shelburne Road, and go 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Bay Road, and go 1.2 miles. Turn right into the trailhead, just after crossing the LaPlatte River. Access the Shelburne Bay Park Rec Path on the west side of the parking lot. The Ti-Haul Trail is accessible to the south, just across Bay Road.

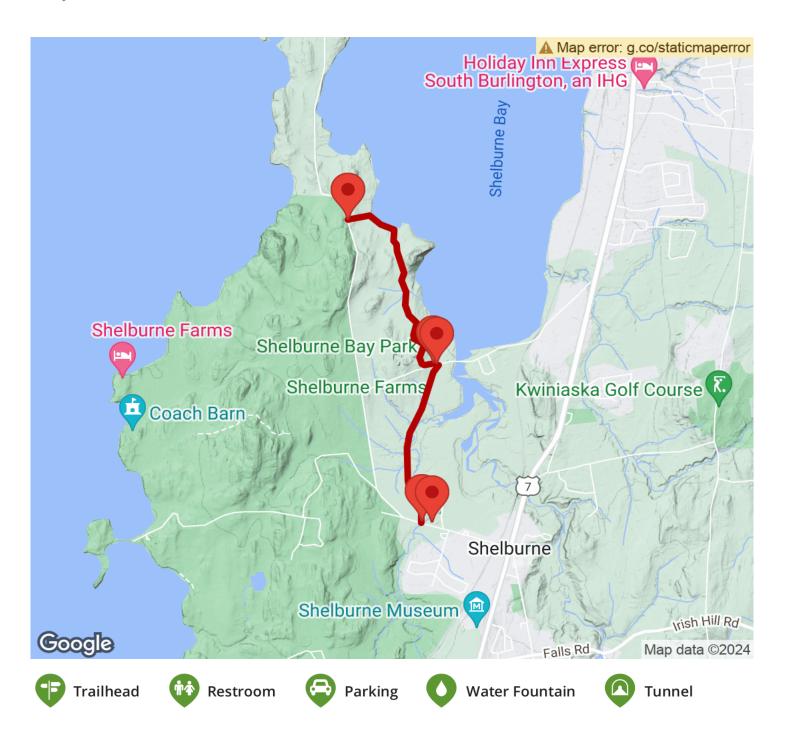






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