Welcome to 253-acre Button Bay State Park, established in 1964. Situated on a bluff along the eastern shore of Lake Champlain, the park provides a scenic overview of Vermont’s Champlain Valley and the Adirondack Mountains of New York. A broad, sweeping, sickle-shaped, shallow bay, Button Bay is named for the button-like concretions formed by clay deposits found along its shoreline. The park contains two islands; one, located just offshore from the Button Point Natural Area, is artificial. It once was the location of a large summer home, complete with stone-walled piers that remain today.

The 8-acre Button Point Natural Area is a favorite destination of visitors and contains fossils, a mature forest and several rare and endangered plants. Although this area has been disturbed by human development, it is significant botanically, ecologically, and geologically. A nature center located at the Natural Area has regularly scheduled programs presented by the park interpreter.

The area in and around the park has a rich history. The area was visited by such notables as Samuel De Champlain (1609), Ethan Allen (1776), Ben Franklin (1776), and Benedict Arnold (1777).

The nearby city of Vergennes is named for Charles Gravier, Comte de Vergennes, a Frenchman who aided the colonial effort in the Revolutionary War. In Vergennes, Thomas Macdonough built an armed fleet that later defeated the British on Lake Champlain during the War of 1812.

**Button Bay State Park Amenities**
- 57 campsites
- 4 cabins
- 13 lean-to shelters
- Fishing and boating on Lake Champlain
- Picnicking
- Hiking trail
- Swimming pool
- Nature center and interpretive programs
- Firewood for sale

**Recreating and Sightseeing in the Area**

**Vergennes and Ferrisburgh**
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
- Dead Creek Wildlife Mgmt. Area
- Kingsland Bay State Park

**Addison**
- DAR State Park
- Chimney Point State Historic Site

**Shelburne**
- Shelburne Museum
- Shelburne Farms

**Charlotte**
- Mt Philo State Park
- Rokeby Museum

For more information contact:
**Button Bay State Park**
5 Button Bay State Park Road
Vergennes, Vermont 05491
(802) 475-2377 (mid-May-mid-Oct.)
Or
VT State Parks Reservation Center
(888) 409-7579 M-F 9 AM- 4 PM
www.vtstateparks.com

Memorial Day Weekend - Indigenous Peoples’ Day
- Camping
- Swimming Pool
- Picnicking
- Group Events
- Interpretive Programs

To request this publication in Braille or alternate visual format, please contact parks@vermont.gov
VT TDD Relay Dial 7-1-1
Printed on recycled paper
03/2019-ERP