

Rossetti Beach Natural Area

Colchester, Vermont



Amid the bustle of Colchester is Rossetti Natural Area, also known to boaters as Thayer's beach. This property is an oasis of undeveloped shoreline and wetland habitat on Lake Champlain. A short walk down a wide, gravel path through mature forest and across a flooded wetland ends at a rare sandy beach on the shores of Lake Champlain. This combination of natural communities creates perfect habitat for a wide array of plant and animal species. The Lake Champlain Land Trust, together with the Town of Colchester and individual supporters, conserved Rossetti in 1997.



Directions and Park Information:

From I-89 take Exit 16 in Colchester. Take Route 2/7 North to the intersection with Rt 127. Turn left onto Blakely Road. At the stoplight near Bayside Park, continue straight (the road becomes W. Lakeshore Rd). Just past the Fish and Wildlife Access Area (on the right), continue straight on Holy Cross Road - after 1/2 mile you will see a sign for Rossetti Natural Area on your right.

Rossetti is family friendly and perfect walking, snowshoeing, swimming, boating and bird watching. The Town of Colchester manages Rossetti Natural Area. Open dawn to dusk. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the Natural Area. There are portalets during the swimming season.



Rossetti Beach Natural Area is one of dozens of properties saved by the Lake Champlain Land Trust. Since 1978, the Lake Champlain Land Trust has preserved thousands of acres and miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain. To help us save more irreplaceable natural areas, please donate through our website www.LCLT.org!

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