

Lake Shaftsbury State Park

Shaftsbury, Vermont



Private Property

VERMONT 7A
to Bennington

to Arlington

Shaftsbury State Park Rd

LAKESIDE COTTAGE

Private Property

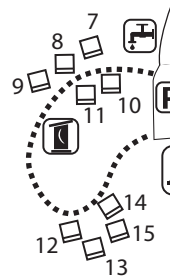
Lake Shaftsbury

Hemlock Island

Birch Island

Legend

- Park office
- Parking
- Picnic area
- Restrooms
- Picnic shelter
- Drinking water
- Swimming area
- Concession
- Cottage
- Cartop Boat Launch
- Wheelchair accessible facility
- Horseshoe pit
- Group Camping
- Lean-to
- Portable toilet
- Trail
- Railroad track
- Park boundary
- Stream



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feet

Shaftsbury State Park

Welcome to Shaftsbury State Park, and 84-acre property surrounding picturesque Lake Shaftsbury. The park offers both day and overnight recreation. A full-service day use area and a rustic group camping area are available. There is also a beautiful, fully furnished lakeside cottage available for rental on a weekly basis.

Picnicking, swimming, sunbathing, wildlife watching, boating and fishing are popular activities at Shaftsbury. Anglers can catch largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegills, pumpkinseed, sunfish, rock bass, and brook trout. Trout fishing is best in the spring months. Boats with gas motors are not allowed on the lake.

Like much of Vermont, the town of Shaftsbury has a rich history. It was chartered on August 20, 1761. The first recorded instance of the Underground Railroad in Vermont occurred in Shaftsbury in June 1843 when escaped slaves passed through and hid at a local farm.

In the 19th century the area was known as the Vermont Healing Springs. Mineral water from the wet meadows was bottled and sold for its healing properties. The meadow was later flooded and created a pond which powered a lumber mill for logs harvested from the surrounding forest.

The park property has been a recreation destination since the early 20th century. Overnight tourism to the property began with the construction of the Lake Shaftsbury Inn and Bungalows. The property then became Camp Avalon, a girls' summer camp. In the 1920's, it was developed into a summer resort and campground. The property was purchased by the State of Vermont in 1974 establishing Shaftsbury State Park.

Shaftsbury State Park Amenities

Day Use Facilities

- Swimming beach
- Snack bar and boat rental
- Picnic shelter
- Play Area

Overnight Facilities

- Group Camping Area, with

15 lean-to shelters

- Portable toilets
- Firewood sales
- Play area
- Lakeside Cottage
 - Fully furnished
 - Kitchen
 - Sleeping space for eight
 - Full bath
 - Propane Grill
 - Lake views
 - Renter provides linens

Area Attractions

Bennington

- Bennington Monument and Museum

Manchester

- Hildene, home of Robert Todd Lincoln
- Southern Vermont Art Center
- Equinox Hotel
- Equinox Mountain Drive

Arlington

- Norman Rockwell Museum

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Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day

Swimming
Picnicking
Pavilion Rental
Boat Rentals
Group Camping
Rental Cottage
