

Lake Shaftsbury State Park

Shaftsbury, Vermont

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to Bennington

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Shaftsbury State Park Rd

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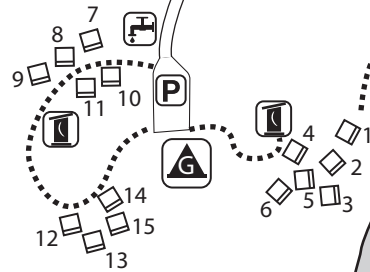
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Legend

-  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



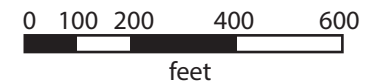
Hemlock Island

Lake
Shaftsbury

Birch
Island

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Lake Shaftsbury State Park

Welcome to Lake 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. A beautiful, fully furnished lakeside cottage is available for weekly rental.

Picnicking, swimming, sunbathing, wildlife watching, boating and fishing are popular activities at Lake 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.

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

The area was known as the Vermont Healing Springs in the 19th century. Mineral water from the wet meadows was bottled and sold for purported healing properties. A lumber mill was later constructed nearby. Mill workers flooded a meadow to create a pond to provide water power for the mill; this pond is now known as Lake Shaftsbury.

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 State of Vermont acquired the property in 1974, establishing Lake Shaftsbury State Park.

Lake 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 - Indigenous People's Day

Swimming
Picnicking
Pavilion Rental
Boat Rentals
Group Camping
Rental Cottage