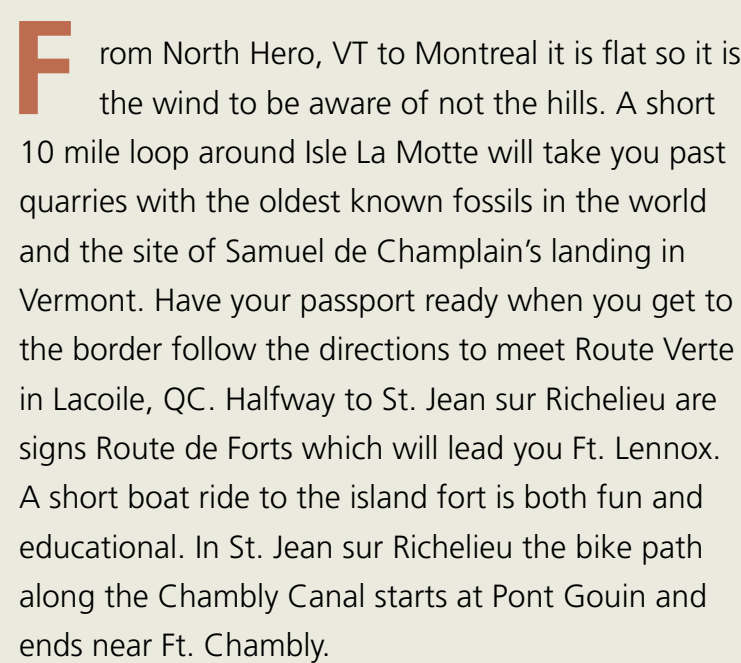


Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area & Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership
Long Island Sound to Montreal Quebec - Route Map 6 of 6: North Hero, Vermont to Montreal, Quebec
National Park Service/U.S. Department of the Interior



Chambly to Montreal becomes more urban the farther you go but it is all on bike paths or bike lanes. Once you enter the Montreal area you are in a complex with hundreds of miles of bike paths and lanes and unless it's race time you can ride the Formula One track.



Saint Anne's Shrine

Saint Anne's Shrine is the site of Fort St. Anne, built by the French in 1666 and the oldest European settlement in Vermont. It marks the landing site of Samuel de Champlain on Isle La Motte in 1609. Currently the site maintains picnic tables on the edge of the water, rest rooms and a small cafeteria in the bicycling season. Services are regularly held during the summer months.

This ridge exposes the youngest layer of the world's oldest coral reef. The oldest layers can be seen at the Fisk Quarry at the south end of the island. Interpretive displays describe the geological history and the fossils that are very visible.

Built around 1871 this is the only remaining blockhouse in Quebec was built to protect the sawmill and lighthouse that were on the Lacolle River. The two story structure with the overhanging second story and gun ports provides an interesting attraction from the exterior. Inside is a nice exhibit of the design and weapons of the era. This small facility makes a nice rest area after entering Canada if you are headed north.

This museum is housed on the grounds of the Canadian Forces Management Development School. It is located just south of the center of Saint Jean sur Richelieu on Rt. 223 and documents the 350 year history of the site which has been occupied by Amerindian warriors, French and British troops, American revolutionaries and several Canadian units. A total of three forts have existed on the site and the remains the ramparts and original British buildings of the 1839 remain.

The Chambly Canal opened in 1843 to bypass the rapids on the Richelieu River that exist between Chambly and St. Jean sur Richelieu. This opening allowed shipping between the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain and was a major factor in making Burlington, VT a lumber center of the United States. Mules pulled boats and barges through the canal using the tow path that is now the bike path. Six of the nine locks are equally spread along the 22 km. route but the northern three are right next to each other as the canal empties into the Chambly Basin at Ft. Chambly.

Built after the War of 1812 (1819 to 1829) the fort is a defensive installation on an island in the Richelieu River designed to protect from a future American invasion. The small boat ride to the island fort takes you back in time and starts a guided tour which covers its history from its origin until its use during World War II. While the fort is a 3 mile ride from the WNEG route, a visit will be most rewarding to this site adjacent to one of the largest and nicest marinas on the river.

The Western New England Greenway is a three state, two country bicycling route that connects to the New England Greenway in Norwalk, Connecticut thereby linking New York City to Montreal. The route is comprised primarily of public roads that have been selected for their ease of bicycling, scenic surroundings and interesting places to visit. The major metropolitan areas that the WNEG pass through are Burlington, Vermont and Montreal, Quebec. In each of these areas extensive bicycle path networks exist and are used.

The Connecticut portion of the WNEG follows the Housatonic River north through gently rolling terrain marked by farmland and river views. The Massachusetts section is not very long but it is filled lovely New England towns, historic sites and interesting places to visit. Southern Vermont provides more, but short, hills and mountain views and gradually levels into the flat plains of Quebec following the Champlain Bikeway and Route Verte.



VT 211.7	↗	NORTH HERO - Continue on Rt. 2.
VT 217.3	↖	Turn left on Rt. 129.
VT 220.0	↗	Bear right on West Shore Rd. to ISLE LA MOTTE .
VT 224.5	↖	Turn left on Rt. 2 into ALBURG .
VT 225.9	↗	Continue straight at Alburg Visitors Center.
VT 227.1	↗	Turn right on Rt. 225 (Border Rd.).
VT 228.7	↗	Straight at US/Canadian Border, continue on Rt. 225.
QC 1.3	↖	Turn left on Mont MacCallum.
QC 3.3	↗	Turn right on Ch. du Bord-dea-l'Eau S.
QC 5.9	↖	Turn left on Rt. 202 - NOYAN .
QC 6.5	↗	Continue straight to cross Richelieu River.
QC 7.2	↗	Turn right on Rt. 223.
QC 7.3	↗	Continue straight at Blockhouse Historic Site, NO TURN HERE, continue north on 223.
QC 9.5	↖	Turn left on 35 Ave - Watch street numbers and Route Verte signs (Hay Montee).
QC 10.0	↗	Turn right on St. Georges.
QC 12.1	↗	Turn right on 4th Ligne - SAINT VALENTINE .
QC 12.3	↖	Turn left on Guay.
QC 13.3	↗	Continue straight at 3 Ligne.
QC 14.6	↖	Turn left on St. Joseph after bridge.
QC 15.6	↗	Turn right on Blais.
QC 16.2	↖	Turn left towards St. Blaise after right road turn, no sign.
QC 17.2	↖	Turn left on 94e East Ave (De la 2e-Ligne).
QC 17.4	↗	Turn right on d'Eglise toward St. Blaise.
QC 19.5	↖	Turn left on Rue Principale (follow Route Verte).
QC 20.4	↗	Turn right on Grand-Bernier.
QC 22.3	↗	Turn right on de la Cannerie.
QC 24.0	↖	Turn left on Route 223.
QC 25.3	↗	Bear right onto street with with 2-way bike lanes.
QC 28.0	↗	Campus Fort St. Jean - former Military School.
QC 28.2	↗	Keep right.
QC 28.4	↖	Turn left on Rue Richelieu (commercial street).
QC 29.0	↗	Chambly Canal Locks, bike path in SW corner of bridge.
QC 40.5		Follow Canal Path until end in Chambly.
QC 40.7	↗	Turn right on Bourgogne.
QC 40.8	↖	Turn left into Fort Chambly Parking Area #1.
QC 40.8		FORT CHAMBLY - Park bike and enjoy fort visit.
QC 41.3	↗	Leave parking area, turn right onto Bourgogne.
QC 42.0		Go around traffic circle onto Salaberry. Follow bike lanes.
QC 42.6	↗	Turn right on Brassard.
QC 42.9	↖	Turn left onto bikepath right after railroad tracks.
QC 42.9		Follow Route Verte signs in neighborhood.
QC 48.7		Unpaved trail follows paved road, ride on road.
QC 49.0	↗	Turn right on Cornwall.
QC 49.2	↗	Cross intersection (Julien Bouthillier) and onto path.
QC 50.9		Path splits, follow signs to Longueil.
QC 52.3	↗	Path splits, follow signs to Longueil over bike/ped bridge.
QC 52.7	↗	Exit corkscrew, turn right onto gravel path GO SLOWLY.
QC 53.6	↗	Path intersection, follow Route Verte #1.
QC 53.9	↗	Walk across Rt. 116 and follow bike lanes on Vauquelin.
QC 54.7	↖	Turn left on path on Roland Therrien.
QC 56.7	↗	After Rona, cross King George, turn right and cross Roland Therrien. Path on left side of King George.
QC 56.9	↖	Cross Adoncour and turn left on path.
QC 57.3	↗	Turn right into park (take unpaved path or parallel paved road). Gazebo on right.
QC 57.3	↗	Continue straight where road and path reconnect. Take path through Regional Park for 2 miles.
QC 57.3		Note: Follow Route Verte #1 and Rene Lavesque signs (some Route Verte #1 signs missing).
QC 58.2	↖	Turn left at the shelter. Go under ONE road and then straight.
QC 58.9	↗	Go under ANOTHER road up to the right and bear left at top.
QC 58.9	↗	Continue on trail bridge over busy Highway 132.
QC 59.3	↖	Turn left and roll/carry bike downstairs.
QC 59.3		Head south on path (same direction as nearest highway lane.).
QC 60.9	↗	Continue straight and cross under bike/pedestrian bridge.
QC 60.9		Restaurant, bathrooms.
QC 61.5	↗	Turn right and enter Port de Plaisance (follow RV #1 and Navette Fluviale).
QC 61.7		Port de Plaisance ferry landing (bathrooms, drinks)
		END of Green Route #1 - Congratulations!

