



NFCT Trail Update

Map: 4

Date of Update: 3-2-15

Location: Louie's Landing Aquatic Invasive Wash Station

Waterbody: Missisquoi River

Town: Swanton, VT

Lat/Long: 44° 57' 30.14"N, 73° 09' 59.28" W

Elevation: 101 ft.

Overview: In 2014 the NFCT installed an Aquatic Invasive Wash Station at Louie's Landing in the [Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge](#). This is a strategic location for an Aquatic Invasive Wash Station. Any paddler transitioning between waterbodies at this location are requested to stop and use this station to [Clean-Drain-Dry](#) their paddle craft. It is especially important for NFCT Through Paddlers traveling up the Missisquoi River to stop at this location and use the Clean-Drain-Dry process on their paddle craft. Lake Champlain has a number of aquatic invasives, including one recently discovered, the [spiny water flea](#), which are hard to detect with the naked eye and can cling to paddles and paddle craft.

Site Information: Louie's Landing is located off of Route 78 in Swanton, VT. If you are traveling up the Missisquoi River is approximately 3.5 miles from the mouth of the Bird's Foot Delta on river left.

The Aquatic Invasive Wash Station is located in the northwest corner of the parking area.

The Aquatic Invasive Wash Station has two features:

- **A set of saw horses where you can drain your paddle craft and use provided scrub brush and water to clean and rinse your paddle craft and gear.**



- **A drying rack where you can use a quick dry towel to dry off the inside and outside of your paddle craft and gear.**



Close-up View of NFCT Map 4



The NFCT works to maintain landowner agreements and maintain the access, portage, and campsites along the 740-mile trail corridor. Please [become a member](#) or give to the [Trail Fund](#) to keep the Trail alive.

Satellite Imagery of Louie's Landing



Aquatic Invasive Wash Station Louie's Landing

