



## Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge

[Missisquoi Wildlife Wonders](#) trip description

[Louie's Landing](#) (44.958362, -73.166263)

Parking – Parking area is flat and wide, half pavement and half gravel. Two designated accessible parking spaces, at least one on both sections (Figures 1 & 2). Room for parking and turning around a trailer.



Figure 1. Boat launch ramp



Figure 2. accessible parking space

Bathroom – There is no bathroom at Louie's Landing, but there is one a short walk away at Mac's Bend (~400-500' down a trail/road that starts as grass then transitions to gravel). There's a gate at Louie's Landing that is only open from September to December. When that gate is closed, there's a 46" wide gap to get through and access the trail. Restrooms also available at visitor's center down the road.



Figure 3. Portable toilet at Mac's Bend

Trail to Water – ~85 feet from parking area to water's edge with reasonable grades. Not really a "trail", just a flat, paved parking lot. Some informal trails leading down to the water as well with steep with loose gravel and dirt (Figure 4.)

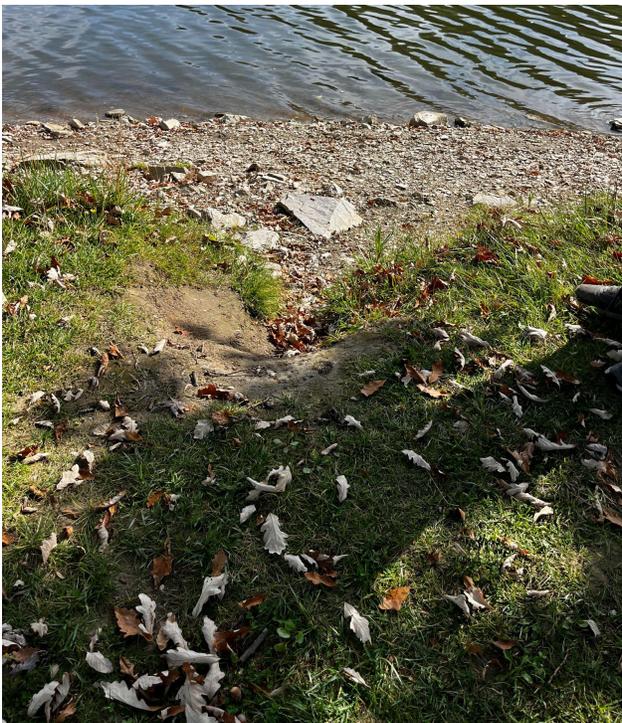


Figure 4. Informal trail to water

Water Access – A 53-foot concrete boat ramp with a slope of less than 5% provides a generally accessible entry point. There are a handful of other informal access points leading down to the water that were established by people scrambling down the bank. They are somewhat steep, with loose rock and dirt so not very safe.



Figure 5. Boat ramp

Site Conditions – Popular and often crowded. Limited shade with potential for wind exposure.

Water Conditions – Flat water with a slight current. No rapids present. Some potential for water-borne pollution (algae and runoff).

Amenities – There's a Visitors Center two miles down the road. Pretty close to Swanton, connects to Lake Champlain.

### **Site 3. Sandy Point/Larry Green Access (44.970524, -73.211101)**

Parking – Paved parking lot with one signed accessible parking spot. Tons of space in the lot, sufficient for turning around and parking trailers. There is a signed "Accessible Aisle" next to the spaces for loading and unloading.



Figure 11. Accessible parking space



Figure 12. Parking Lot

Bathrooms – Three total restrooms, one of which is accessible. They are located in the parking area, roughly ~200' from the water's edge.



Figure 13. Porta-potties

Signage – This is a Fish & Wildlife site, so they have their standard signage present. Good signage.

Trail to Water – The main water access is a concrete boat ramp leading directly from the parking lot, but there’s also another informal trail leading through the woods over to the water. Gravel trail leading to a stone-filled beach.



Figure 14. Informal Trail

Water Access – The concrete boat ramp is 30’ long and very wide, with room for launching multiple boats at once. It has a ~11% grade and the concrete is grooved. There’s a dock next to it, which is 40’ long and wobbly. There’s a large gravel beach to the left of the ramp with some scattered debris.

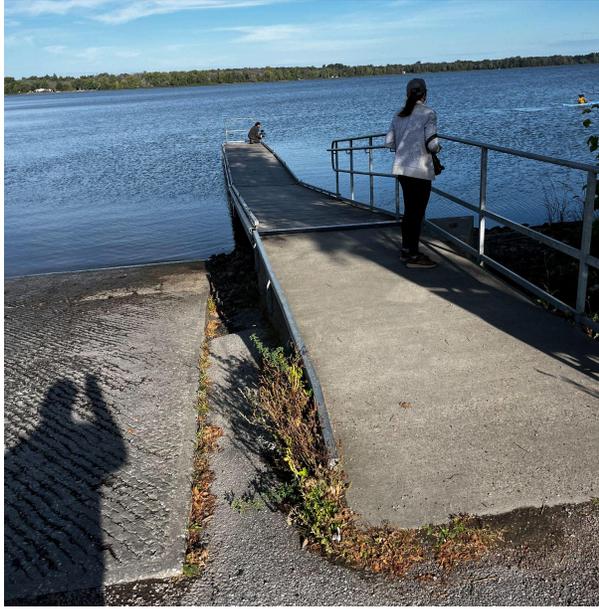


Figure 15. Dock

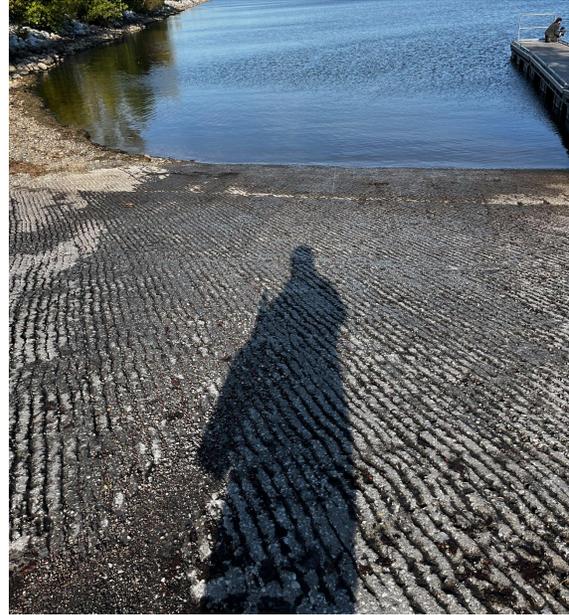


Figure 16. Boat ramp

Site Conditions – Road noise, sunny site without much access to shade. Near train tracks, so infrequent noise from passing trains, and a working dairy farm so occasionally smelly. Site is heavily used by fishermen, hunters and power boaters. Access is basically on the border, so there's a Border Patrol presence. Site maintained by Fish & Wildlife.

Water Conditions – Flat, open water. This is a lake access.

Amenities – None, really, aside from the boating facilities.