

Welcome to the Town of North Hero Natural Areas

The Town of North Hero Natural Areas, managed by the Recreation Committee, features:

Pelots Natural Area, located at 1256 Pelots Point Rd,
and

Camp Ingalls Butternut Natural Area, located at 1769
South End Rd.

(The Natural Areas are described on pages 2 and 3.)

Plan your exploration with us by visiting the Town of North Hero Recreation web site at <http://www.northherovt.com/faces/recreation.xhtml> for the

[Ingalls Butternut Hill Natural Area Trail Map](#),
[Pelots Natural Area Trail Map](#) and brochures
[Exploring Our Natural Areas with Children](#), and
[Pelots and Ingalls Natural Areas](#).

You can also visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/NorthHeroParksAndRecreation>

For more information, please call the North Hero Town Offices at 372-6926.

The Pelots Natural Area

trail network extends through varied ecological niches including fields, a sugar bush, mixed hardwoods, and a cedar stand. It borders secluded Pelots Bay, marshes, and a swamp.



Here you can see osprey and their nest, heron, hawks, and spot an occasional eagle. In the spring, ravens nest in the cliffs by the broad lake. Osprey shown on left.

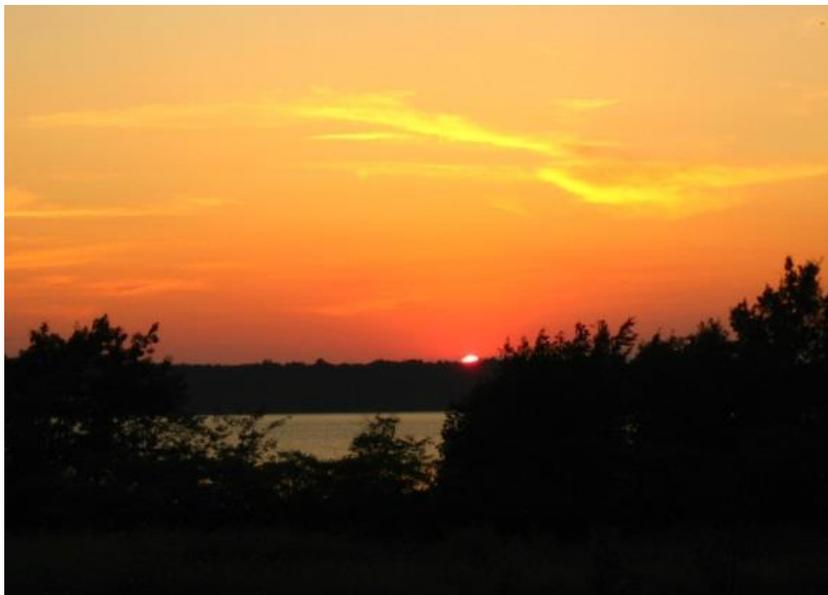
From the trails bordering the marsh you can view ducks, beaver, and several kinds of turtles.

Pelots Natural Area was recognized as the premier Grand Isle County forest at the 2015 Conservation Summit- 100 Years of Town Forests.

The parking lot is a great place for viewing the night sky. There is an almost unlimited panoramic view with only minor light pollution.

The moderate to easy trail has three loops totaling three miles and begins at the trail head parking lot at 1256 Pelots Point Rd, North Hero.

Pelots is a Geocache site. You can join us in your quest at [44.822376, -73.310629](https://www.geocaching.com/seek/44.822376,-73.310629).



Sunset over Isle La Motte

The Camp Ingalls Butternut Hill Natural Area

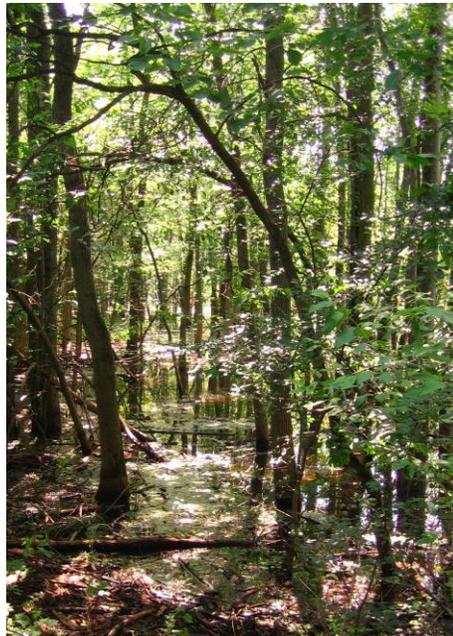
trail passes through a mature ash, hickory, oak and maple forest, a cedar woods. Several unusual butternut trees found here. The trail ends at a beach with glacial erratics and spectacular southern views of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks.



Several vernal pool are found here. They are a shallow, temporary bodies of water formed in the spring and summer. These pools are rarely more than four feet deep and are not connected to any other body of water. Vernal pools provide habitat for amphibians, including the blue-spotted salamanders, and is home to fairy shrimp. Vernal Pool. Courtesy LCLT

A floodplain forests extends south from Ingalls. They act as giant sponges, soaking up and filtering water as it drains into Lake Champlain. These forests are ideal habitat for otters. Herons and cavity-nesting wood ducks can be seen in the flood plain forest swamp.

This Nature Area is a unique partnership between the Town, the Lake Champlain Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, and the State of Vermont DNR.



The moderate to easy trail is two miles long and begins at the Camp Ingalls parking lot at 1769 South End Rd, North Hero.

Ingalls Butternut Hill is a Geocache site. You can join us in your quest at 44.775548, -73.323795.