Rock Island

Panton, Vermont



On October 13, 1776 Revolutionary War Commander Benedict Arnold defied surrender to the British navy by burning the remaining American Squadron on the shoreline facing Rock Island. In 1997 the Lake Champlain Land Trust permanently protected Rock Island from any future development and allowed the island to be reclaimed as a wildlife reserve. In addition to its spectacular views and natural beauty, Rock Island near Panton also serves as a stop-over and staging area for migratory birds. The waters surrounding the island provide excellent fishing, kayaking, and canoeing opportunities.







Directions and Park Information:

Rock Island is located near Arnold Bay in Lake Champlain in Panton, Vermont - south of Button Bay State Park.

Visitors with kayaks or canoes are encouraged to paddle out to the half-acre island, fish its rocky shoals and pull up on the rocky shore for a unique picnic location. Rock Island is managed by the State of Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Rock Island is one of dozens of properties saved by the Lake Champlain Land Trust. Since 1978, the Lake Champlain Land Trust has preserved thousands of acres and miles of shoreline on Lake Champlain. To help us save more irreplaceable natural areas, please donate through our website www.LCLT.org!