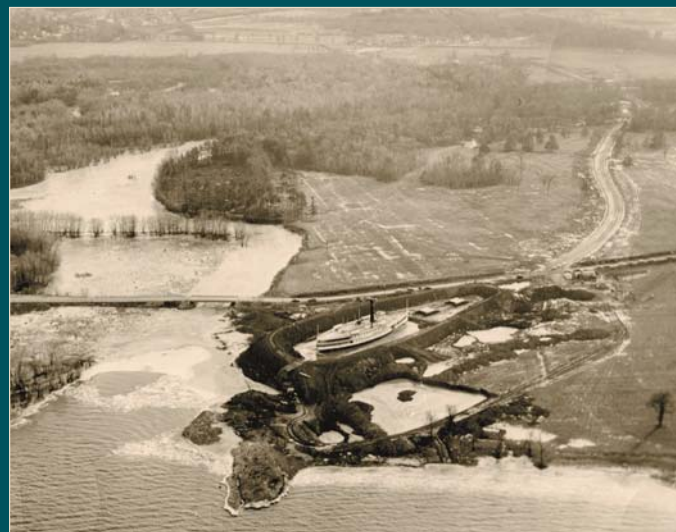


Ti Haul Road



In the winter of 1955, right where you are standing, Lake Champlain's last steamboat, the *Ticonderoga*, began her journey to the Shelburne Museum. The 2-mile trek took 65 days to complete at an average pace of 150 feet a day. Today, the Ti Haul Road is a recreation path where visitors can follow the route of her final voyage. It's a pleasant walk along the wooded 1.25-mile path, which passes by farm fields and marshes.



Shelburne Forms Collections, Shelburne, VT 05482



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A Feat of Engineering

How do you move an 892-ton, 220-foot long steamship two miles overland? Very carefully—and slowly! First, a 450'-long, 16'-deep basin was excavated at the head of Shelburne Bay in the fall of 1954. The ship was floated into the basin and positioned over a wheeled "cradle" sitting atop railroad tracks. The water was then drained and when the ground froze in the winter of 1955, the *Ticonderoga's* final journey began down the Ti Haul Road, built just for this job. As the steamship proceeded, workers pulled up the railroad tracks behind her and placed them ahead.



Shelburne Museum

The Ti Today

Visitors to the Shelburne Museum can learn about life aboard the *Ticonderoga*. Carefully restored to its 1923 condition, the steamboat's formal dining room, grand staircase, and intricate woodwork recall the elegance of lake travel 100 years ago. The museum, located on U.S. Route 7, is open from May through October.



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For the Birds

Established as a recreation path in 2003, the Ti Haul Road is also an excellent place to birdwatch. Keep an eye out for black-crowned herons, great blue herons, and several species of ducks. Barred owls are known to call after dark. Listen for their distinct "who cooks for you" hooting.