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My favorite thing about Vermont's environment is the lakes. I will show you the reasons that I like them, why I am concerned, and how we could help them in the paragraphs below.

My favorite lake is Willoughby lake. I love to go to Willoughby lake because I like to jump off of Devil's rock. Devil's Rock is a rock that you can jump off into the water. When I jump off the rock and land in the water it feels so nice and refreshing. The water is always clean and beautiful so it's really nice to relax in. Sometimes on July fourth there is a boat parade where the people dress up their boat as a certain theme and all of the boats parade around the lake. Last year my family did it and we had a very good time.

One thing I'm concerned about in Vermont's environment is all of the trash on the beaches and in the lakes. The problem is that more people are coming to the lake and there is more and more trash everywhere. Trash is bad for the lakes because the fish might think that it's food, eat it, and die. We need fish in lakes because they are very important in the food cycle and the ecosystem. Another concern about all the people is that we could spread the milfoil. When people ride their boats in water with milfoil it could get on the propeller of the boat. If they don't clean it off it could spread to other lakes when they go on boat rides in other places.

A way that we can help fix this problem is by going to the beach and spending a couple hours cleaning up the trash. That will help protect the fish and keep the lake clean. We could also put up signs to show people that you should be responsible and clean up after yourself. For the milfoil problem we could put up signs and posters telling people to clean up the propellers on peoples boats. We could also have more boat monitors to tell people whether or not they can ride their boat in the Lakes. That would help keep a clean and healthy environment.

Clearly, we can still do a lot to help Vermont's environment.