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RENDEZVOUS PLACE FOR 230 GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS

Less than one mile west of here, at Hand's Cove, during the pre-dawn hours of May 10, 1775, 83 patriots under the direction of Col. Ethan Allen crossed Lake Champlain by boat and successfully seized Fort Ticonderoga without firing a shot. This is considered the first American offensive of the Revolutionary War, securing a strategic location for defending the Champlain Valley and its waterways. The remaining Green Mountain Boys crossed the lake and marched north to capture the British-held fort at Crown Point. These victories earned widespread respect and admiration for the Green Mountain Boys at the start of the War for American Independence from Great Britain.

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