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June 20 — Rutland County Pride Festival..... Rutland
June 22-23 — Okemo Valley's Best of Vermont Summer Festival Ludlow
June 26-28 — Balloon Festival & Vendor Village.....Stowe
June 26-28 — West Windsor Music Festival.....West Windsor
July 9-12 — Basin Bluegrass Festival 31st.....Brandon
July 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 8, 13, 20 — Art on Park.....Stowe
July 10-11 — Waterbury Arts Fest.....Waterbury
July 17-19 — Lamoille Country Field Days.....Johnson
July 30-Aug. 1 — Franklin County Field Days.....Highgate
Aug. 4-8 — Addison County Fair & Field Days.....New Haven
Aug. 8 — Annual East Poultney Day.....Poultney
Aug. 8-9 — Art in the Park Summer Festival.....Rutland
Aug. 13-16 — Bennington Battle Day Weekend.....Bennington
Aug. 15 — Castleton Colonial Day.....Castleton

Aug. 18-22 — Vermont State Fair.....Rutland
Aug. 22 — Vergennes Day.....Vergennes
Aug. 22-23 — The Best of Vermont Summer Festival.....Ludlow
Aug. 26-30 — Caledonia County Fair.....Lyndonville
Aug. 28-30 — Bondville Fair.....Winhall
Aug. 28-Sept. 6 — Champlain Valley Exposition.....Essex Junction
Sept. 5 — Garlic Town.....Bennington
Sept. 5-6 — Labor Day Weekend Craft Fair.....Manchester Center
Sept. 5-6 — Guilford Fair.....Guilford
Sept. 10-14 — Orleans County Fair.....Barton
Sept. 17-20 — The Tunbridge World's Fair.....Tunbridge
Sept. 19-20 — Chester Festival on the Green.....Chester
Sept. 26 — Bristol Harvest Festival.....Bristol

Cultural Spotlights

American Fly Fishing Museum

4070 Main St., Manchester
www.amff.org

The American Museum of Fly Fishing is the steward of the history, traditions, and practices of the sport of fly fishing and promotes the conservation of its waters. The Museum collects, preserves, exhibits, studies, and interprets the artifacts, art, and literature of the sport and, through a variety of outreach platforms, uses these resources to engage, educate, and benefit all.

Billings Farm

69 Old River Rd., Woodstock
www.billingsfarm.org

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Chaffee Art Center

16 S. Main St, Rutland
www.chaffeeartcenter.org

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The Coolidge Homestead

2743 VT Route 22A, West Haven
https://coolidgefoundation.org

The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth Notch preserves the birthplace and childhood home of Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States. The site is now home to the President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center.

The historic site comprises over 200 bucolic acres including the hillside cemetery in which President Coolidge is now buried with the members of his family, the Union Christian Church (c. 1840), the Florence Cilley General Store, a one-room schoolhouse, the Aldrich House, the Wilder Barns, the Wilder House, and the cheese factory. The village is complete with the original artifacts so vital to the portrayal of its history.

Devil's Bowl Speedway

2743 VT Route 22A, West Haven
www.devilsbowl Speedwayvt.com

A half-mile auto racing dirt track running on Saturday nights in the summer. The track opened with a clay surface before being paved in 1971. Clay returned in 1975, was repaved in 2010, and was converted back to a clay dirt track in 2018.

ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain

1 College St., Burlington
www.echovermont.org

ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain is a 501(c) non-profit organization. ECHO's mission is to inspire and engage families in the joy of scientific discovery, wonder of nature, and care of Lake Champlain.

Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium

1302 Main St., St. Johnsbury
www.fairbanksmuseum.org

The only public planetarium in Vermont invites you to take a tour of the cosmos, get transported by extreme weather, or travel through time to the age of the dinosaurs. Choose from a selection of films and in-person presentations during your visit. Or reserve the planetarium for a private show.

Hall Art Foundation

544 VT-106, Reading
www.hallartfoundation.org

The Hall Art Foundation was founded in 2007 and makes available postwar and contemporary art works from its own collection and that of Andrew and Christine Hall for the enjoyment and education of the public. Open seasonally, May through November on weekends.

Haskell Free Library & Opera House

93 Caswell Ave., Derby Line
www.haskelloperahouse.org

Founded in 1901, the Haskell Free Library & Opera House supports the cultural needs of the community on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border, in both English and French, through access to information, reading material, a broad range of library services, and programming, as well as the visual and performing arts.

Hildene

1005 Hildene Road, Manchester
https://hildene.org

Founded in 1978, Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home educates and inspires all generations by bringing the legacy of the Lincoln family to life through immersive experiences, innovative educational programs, and dynamic exhibits. The 412-acre historic estate, featuring its Georgian Revival mansion, formal garden, observatory, Welcome Center, and The Museum Store in the historic carriage barn, as well as a 1903 Pullman car, Sunbeam, and Hildene Farm, is one of Vermont's leading cultural heritage sites.

Hope Cemetery

VT Route 14, Barre
www.vermonthhistory.org/hope-cemetery

Opened in 1899, Hope Cemetery in Barre, VT reflects the artistry and materials of the local granite industry with unique and beautiful stonework which represents the unique personalities and history of the people buried there.

Lord's Prayer Rock

Route 17, Bristol

In 1891, Joseph Greene paid a carver to engrave the Lord's Prayer on a big slab of rock that he would frequently stop at along Route 17 when travelling from West Starksboro to deliver logs to the Bristol sawmill.

Montshire Museum of Science

1 Montshire Road, Norwich, VT
https://montshire.org

Enjoy a truly unique experience, with over 150 exciting hands-on science exhibits, both indoors and out, a 100-acre destination located along the Connecticut River, spectacular views, and amazing opportunities for discovery.

The Museum of Everyday Life

3482 Dry Pond Rd., Glover
www.museumofeverydaylife.org

An ongoing revolutionary museum experiment. Its mission is a heroic, slow-motion cataloguing of the quotidian — a detailed, theatrical expression of gratitude and love for the minuscule and unglamorous experience of daily life in all its forms.

Newbury School of Weaving

Newbury
www.newburyschoolofweaving.org

The Newbury School of Weaving stewards a vital, millennia-old craft tradition by building connections between the knowledge of the past and creativity of the future. We foster a culture of curiosity by inviting everyone to make discoveries through our collections and experiential learning. Our purpose is to preserve skill as a living resource that is accessible, meaningful, and relevant to a diverse community.

Old Stone House Museum and Historic Village

109 Old Stone House Rd.
Brownington
www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

The museum first opened to the public in 1925 thanks to the efforts of neighbors who raised the funds necessary to save the building from demolition. For over 100 years the Orleans County Historical Society has been dedicated to caring for the museum's collections and Brownington's Historic District, and bringing the history of Orleans County to life in ways that invite exploration, spark connection, and building meaning.

Park-McCullough Historic House

1 Park Street, North Bennington
https://www.parkmccullough.org

Park-McCullough is one of New England's finest, most significant, and best-preserved Victorian mansions. It is an example of a country house in the French Second Empire Style and incorporates architectural features of the popular Romantic Revival style. To a great extent, the estate retains the integrity and impact of its original design.

Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

1683 Pond Hill Ranch Rd., Castleton
www.pondhillranch.com

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company has produced rodeos for over 50 years. Rodeo season begins on July 4 - September 5, Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. Bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls breakaway roping, and bull riding. The Rodeos are sanctioned by a professional rodeo organization.

Robert Frost Interpretive Trail

From Middlebury, travel south on Route 7 to where it intersects with Route 125. Travel east on Route 125 for 5.8 miles. The parking area is on the right.

This path loops through the forest and over the Middlebury River just off VT 125 while highlighting the works of Robert Frost along the way. Frost visited the area for over 40 years and was a staple at the Middlebury College Breadloaf campus in nearby Ripton.

Rokeby Museum

4334 US-7, Ferrisburgh
www.rokeby.org

Rokeby Museum presents a nationally significant Underground Railroad story tucked inside a quintessential Vermont experience. Visitors will explore the history of four generations of the Robinson family, who called this site home from 1793 to 1961. Explore the Museum's exhibitions, including an ongoing exhibition, Seeking Freedom: The Underground Railroad and the Legacy of an Abolitionist Family, and immerse yourself in the family's history as abolitionists, artists, and farmers. The site includes trails, nine historic buildings to explore, and rotating exhibitions.

Shelburne Farms

1611 Harbor Road Shelburne
www.shelburnefarms.org

Shelburne Farms is an education nonprofit on a mission to inspire and cultivate learning for a sustainable future. We believe that transformative learning experiences sow the seeds for a thriving and more just world. Our work seeks to create the space, spark the conversations, and share the stories to inspire educators, students, and learners of all ages to build a better future for everyone.

State House Tours

115 State St., Montpelier
www.friendsvtstatehouse.org/visitors/tours

As you tour this remarkable piece of living history, you will develop a sense of what makes this building, and the state for which it was built, unique. For walk-in visitors, free, volunteer-led guided tours are available only from early July through October. To schedule any group tour, please contact 802-461-9923 or visit@leg.state.vt.us

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130 Austine Drive, Brattleboro
www.thestonetrust.org

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29 Sugar Shack Ln., Arlington
www.sugarshackvt.com

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Thunder Road Speedbowl

80 Fisher Rd., Barre
www.thunderroadvt.com

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Vermont Mountaineers

Montpelier Recreation Field, 1 Ballfield Dr., Montpelier
www.thevermontmountaineers.com

The Vermont Mountaineers' baseball organization, a non-profit 501(c)(3), is a member of the nationally recognized New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL), which plays in all six New England states and recruits its players from the top U.S. collegiate baseball programs.

VINS Nature Center

149 Nature's Way, Quechee

Nature center offering exhibits on birds and dinosaurs, a canopy walk, nature trails, and educational programs.

Whales Tail Trails

South Burlington

Discover this 1.4-mile out-and-back trail near South Burlington, Vermont. Generally considered an easy route, it takes an average of 26 minutes to complete. This trail is great for birding, hiking, and trail running, and it's unlikely you'll encounter many other people while exploring. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime.

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum

GMP Energy Innovation Center, 66 Merchants Row, Rutland
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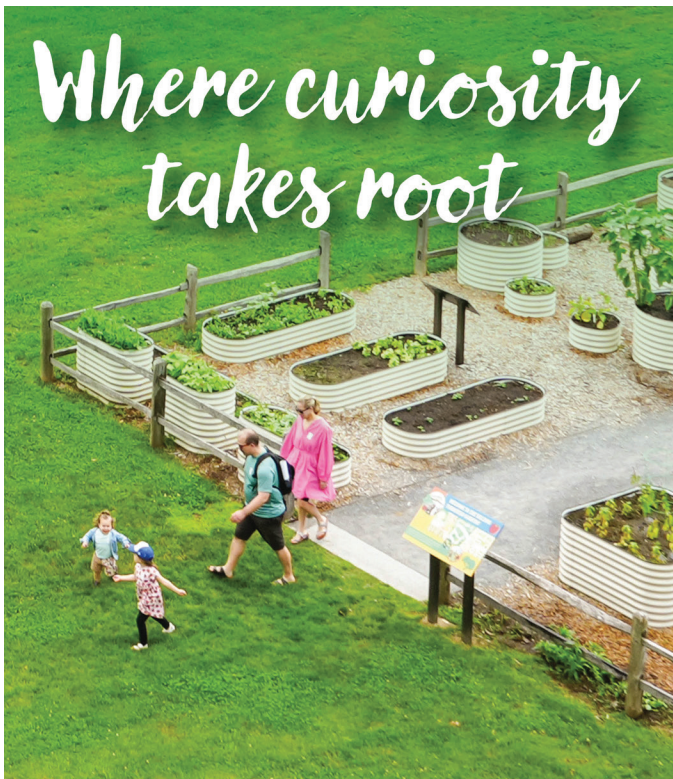
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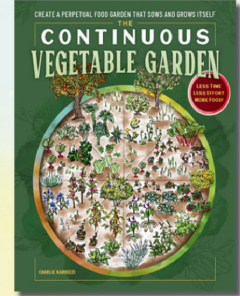
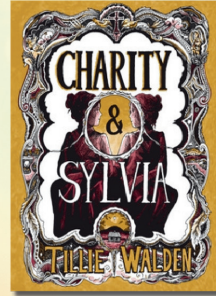
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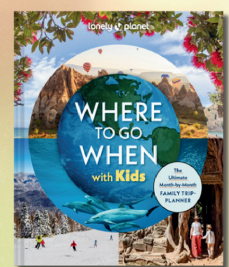
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Visual Arts

Adamant

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Frank Suhomel Memorial Arts Center: Liz Le Serviget, June 6-Sept. 12, paintings explore memory, place, imagination, and the natural world; local sculptors (outdoors), ongoing, and other works collected by the late Frank Suhomel, Meditation Garden and concert hall, 1231 Haggett Road, Adamant, www.fsmac-quarryworks.org.

Barre

Aldrich Library: 16 Washington St., 802-476-7559, www.aldrichpubliclibrary.org.

Barre Granite Museum: 7 Jones Brothers Way, Barre, 802-476-4605, www.vtgranitemuseum.org.

Espresso Bueno: Silk Screen Prints by Jodi Whalen, through June 30, hand-pulled silk screen prints inspired by the colors, movement, and liveliness of dandelions, 248 N. Main St., Barre, 802-479-0896, espressobueno.com.

ARTE at 159 North Main: 159 North Main St., Barre, www.studioplacearts.com.

Morse Block: Morse Block Deli, 260 N. Main St., Barre, www.studioplacearts.com.

Studio Place Arts: Third Floor Gallery, SPA, 201 N. Main St., Barre, 802-479-7069, www.studioplacearts.com.

Bellows Falls

Canal Street Gallery: 23 Canal St., Bellows Falls, 802-289-0104, canalstreetartgallery.com.

Bennington

Bennington Museum: "The Battle of Bennington," through Dec. 31, Lobby Gallery, 75 Main St., Bennington, 802-447-1571, www.benningtonmuseum.org.

Berlin

Central Vermont Medical Center: "Transformative Moves II," through July 18. Paintings by the late Ray Brown — perhaps the last survey retrospective of this local artist hero, curated by NNEMoCA, lobby of the hospital, 130 Fisher Road, Berlin, 802-371-4100, www.cvmc.org/cvmc-art-gallery.

First Congregational Church: Community Hall, 1808 Scott Hill Road, Berlin, 802-229-0338, <https://fccbvt.org>.

Brandon

Brandon Artists Guild: Four Newest Members, through Oct. 30, Aiden Rose Palmer, Lisa Steckler, Margaret-Desiree Mug and Susan Wacker-Donle, 7 Center St., Brandon, 802-247-4956, brandonartistsguild.org.

Brattleboro

118 Elliot: 118 Elliot Gallery, 118 Elliot St., Brattleboro, 802-380-9072, <https://118elliott.com>.

Brattleboro Museum & Art Center: "Michaela Harlow: A Certain Slant of Light," through July 5, installation of pastel

paintings, scattered sketchbook drawings, and arrangements of stones and birch branches, BMAC, Union Station, Main Street (Route 5) and Routes 119 and 142, Brattleboro, 802-257-0124, www.brattleboromuseum.org.

Mitchell-Giddings: 183 Main St., Brattleboro, 802-251-8290, www.mitchellgiddingsfinearts.com.

Gallery 34: Gallery 34, 34 Main St., Brattleboro.

Vermont Center for Photography: Amani Willett, ongoing, "The Disappearance of Joseph Plummer"; In-Sight Photography Project Student Exhibition, ongoing, 10 Green St., Brattleboro, 802-251-6051, www.vcphoto.org.

Burlington

Burlington City Arts: BCA Center, 135 Church St., Burlington, 802-865-7166, www.burlingtoncityarts.org.

UVM Fleming Museum: Closed May 17-Sept. 7 for Summer Recess, 802-656-0750, www.uvm.edu/fleming.

Glens Falls, N.Y.

The Hyde Collection: "Toshiko Takaezu: Voices of Abstraction," through July 19; "Richard Deon: Lincoln's Campaign to Defeat The Hudson River School," through July 26; "French Prints from the Tobin Sparling Collection," through July 26; Hyde House and the Permanent Collection, ongoing, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, N.Y., 518-792-1761, hydecollection.org.

Glover

Bread & Puppet Museum: through Nov. 1, fantastic collection of puppets of all sizes, from hand puppets to gigantic puppets used in parades and circuses, that fill renovated 1860s barn, 753 Heights Road, Glover, 802-525-3031, breadandpuppet.org.

Greensboro

Highland Center: Vermont's Finest Furniture Makers, through June 7, Guild of Vermont Furniture Makers, Highland Center for the Arts, 2875 Hardwick St., Greensboro, 802-533-3000, highlandartsvt.org.

Hanover, N.H.

Hood Museum of Art: "Nurturing Nationhood: Artistic Constructions of America, 1790-1940," through Aug. 29; "Nurturing Nationhood: Artistic Constructions of America, 1790-1940," through Aug. 29; "Art Histories/Art Futures," through July 25; "Inhabiting Historical Time: Slavery and Its Afterlives," through July 11; "American Pop," through Nov. 7; "Revolution Reconsidered: History, Myth, and Propaganda," through Aug. 8; "From Mastodon to Mosaic: Building an Academic Art Collection in America," through Feb. 27, 2027; "Always Already: Abstraction in the United States," through March 20, 2027, Dartmouth College, 4 E. Wheelock St., Hanover, N.H., 603-646-1110, hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu.

Huntington

Birds of Vermont Museum: 900 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington, 802-434-2167, www.birdsofvermont.org.

Jeffersonville

The Granary Gallery: 4968 Route 15, Jeffersonville.

Lebanon, N.H.

AVA Gallery: "A Shifting Field of Meaning," through July 18, juried exhibit features 62 works by 54 artists from 103 submissions; "Gathering Constellations," through June 11, exhibition in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, 11 Bank St., Lebanon, N.H., 603-448-3117, www.avagallery.org.

Manchester

Ellenbogen Gallery: 4620 Main St., Manchester Center, (802) 768-8498, <https://ellenbogengallery.art>.

Southern Vermont Arts Center: "Decades in the Making," through July 19, features SVAC Artist Members Joan Curtis, Dick Weis, Fran Bull, Mark Eliot Schwabe, Charles Lysogorski, and Susan Wilson, celebrating 40-plus years of sustained artistic practice, Yester House; "Prelude," through July 26, SVAC Emerging Artist Members Exhibition, Yester House, 930 SVAC Drive, Manchester, 802-362-1405, www.svac.org.

Marshfield

Jaquith Public Library: Old Schoolhouse Common, 122 School St., 802-426-3581, www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org.

Middlebury

Edgewater Gallery at the Falls: 1 Mill St. Middlebury, 802-458-0098, www.edgewatergallery.co.

Edgewater Gallery on the Green: 6 Merchants Row, Middlebury, 802-989-7419, www.edgewatergallery.co.

Henry Sheldon Museum: 1 Park St., Middlebury, 802-388-2117, www.henrysheldonmuseum.org.

Middlebury College Museum of Art: "With Time," through Aug. 9, photographs featuring older adults; "Frederic Church in Vermont," through Aug. 9, more than 40 graphite drawings, oil sketches and finished paintings; Permanent Collection Galleries, ongoing, Mahaney Center for the Arts, South Street (Route 30), Middlebury, 802-443-5007, www.museum.middlebury.edu.

Town Hall Theater: "Abstractions," through Aug. 8, artwork by award-winning Burlington architect Tom Cullins, Jackson Gallery, 72-76 Merchants Row, Middlebury, 802-382-9222, www.townhalltheater.org.

Montpelier

The Front Gallery: Group Show 73, through June 28, work by members in various media, 6 Barre St., Montpelier, 802-552-0877, www.thefrontvt.com.

Hexum Gallery: 16 State St. Suite 1, Montpelier, email hexumgallery@gmail.com.

Kellogg-Hubbard Library: Kitzmiller Fiction Room, 135 Main St., Montpelier, 802-223-3338, <https://kellogghubbard.org>.

Lost Nation Theater: Lost Nation Theater Lobby, 39 Main St., Montpelier, 802-229-0492, <https://lostnationtheater.org>.

North Branch Nature Center: "A Critical Balance," through June 26, artists working with biodiversity organized by Linda Mirabile and Adelaide Murphy Tyrol, including Heidi Broner,

Susan Bull Riley, Susan Parmenter, Gabriel Tempesta and Ann Young, 713 Elm St., Montpelier, 802-229-6206, northbranchnaturecenter.org.

Vermont Supreme Court: "Heart and Eye: A World of Photography," through June 26, world photography by Elliot Burg, 111 State St., Montpelier, 802-828-0749, curator.vermont.gov.

T.W. Wood Museum: "Sea Wonders," through July 24, Carolyn Shapiro and Deb Fleischmann; Art Resource Association, through July 24, members' exhibit; "Art of Thomas Waterman Wood," ongoing; "Works Progress Administration Artwork," ongoing, Center for Arts and Learning, 46 Barre St., Montpelier, 802-262-6035, www.twwoodgallery.org.

Morrisville

River Arts: Community Arts Center, 74 Pleasant St., Morrisville, 802-888-1261, www.riverartsvt.org.

Plainfield

Cutler Memorial Library: "Mortal Bloom," through Aug. 1, photographs by Hannah Carpenter Pitkin, 151 High St., Plainfield, 802-454-8504, www.cutlerlibrary.org.

Poultney

Stone Valley Arts: Stone Valley Arts at Fox Hill, 145 E. Main St., Poultney, 802-287-8197, www.stonevalleyarts.org.

Putney

NXT Gallery: "Forgotten Not Gone," through Aug. 9, new work by Brattleboro artist Joey Morgan, Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill, 802-387-0102, www.nextstagearts.org.

Quechee

B.F. Southgate & Company: Arthur Zorn, ongoing, new colorful abstract paintings by Barre artist, 163 Waterman Hill Road, Quechee, 802-478-7748, www.bfsouthgate.co.

Randolph

Chandler Gallery: "This Land is Our Land: A Nation of Artists," through July 11, 2026 open call area artist show, Chandler Center for the Arts, 73 Main St., Randolph, 802-728-9878, www.chandler-arts.org.

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Culture & Heritage Visual Arts

Rochester

The BigTown Gallery: 99 N. Main St. (Route 100), Rochester, 802-767-9670, www.bigtownvermont.com/bigtown-gallery.

Rutland

Chaffee Art Center: "Art in Motion," through July 17, Collaboration among Rutland Railway Museum, Rutland Railroad Historical Society, community train enthusiasts and Chaffee artist members; plus works of 160 seventh and eighth grade students from Mr. Van Der Kern's Design Lab at Fair Haven Union Middle School that will engage in a hands-on stone carving unit, 16 S. Main St., Rutland, 802-775-0356, www.chaffeeartcenter.org.

The Hub: "NNEMoCA at The Hub," ongoing, exhibition from the Collection of Northern New England Museum of Contemporary Art (NNEMoCA), which has the largest holdings of contemporary visual art in New England, second floor, 67 Merchants Row, Rutland.

VSTSU Castleton Bank Gallery: Charlotte Reider-Smith, through Sept. 12, "Wet Wings," three large-scale paintings by Goshen artist, 104 Merchants Row, Rutland, (802) 282-1966, cmm02180@vermontstate.edu.

St. Johnsbury

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum: 1171 Main St., 802-748-8291, www.stjathenaeum.org.

Shelburne

Shelburne Museum: Norman Rockwell, June 12-Oct. 25, at home in Vermont; "Big River," through Oct. 25, Ogden Pleissner on Wyoming; "On Point," through Oct. 25, needlework from the Garthwaite Family Collection; "Carl D'Alvia: (mono)LITHS," through Oct. 25; "Varied and Alive," through Oct. 25, from the collection, 6000 Shelburne Road (Route 7), 802-985-3346, shelburnemuseum.org.

South Newfane

Willow Vermont Retreat: 369 Dover Road, South Newfane, www.willowvt.com.

Springfield

The Vault: "On the Wild Side," through July 15, group show in Open Wall Room; "A Watery World in Wood," through June 24,

wood carvings of whales, narwhals, dolphins, puffins and loons by Springfield artist Tom Franklin, Gallery at the Vault, 68 Main St., Springfield, 802-885-7111, www.galleryvault.org. Closing reception ("Wild Side"), 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.

Stowe

Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum: 1 S. Main St., Stowe, 802-253-9911, www.vtssm.org

The Current: 90 Pond Street, Stowe, 802-253-8358, www.thecurrentnow.org.

Tunbridge

Tunbridge General Store: Janet Van Fleet, through July 13, "Curious Life Forms," 304 Vt. Route 110, 802-889-3525, www.thetunbridgegeneralstore.com.

Waitsfield

Big Red Barn: Route 100, Waitsfield, 802-496-6682, www.madrivervalleyarts.org

Mad River Valley Arts: "The Silent Type," through Aug. 27, featuring artists Tina Christensen, Leslie Fry, Michael Jager, Susan Smereka, and Elise Whittemore, The Gallery at Mad River Valley Arts, 5031 Main St., Waitsfield, 802-496-6682, www.madrivervalleyarts.org.

Waterbury

Axel's Frame Shop & Gallery: 5 Stowe St., Waterbury, 802-244-7801, www.axelsgallery.com.

West Rutland

Carving Studio & Sculpture Center: "Light & Stone," ongoing, installation by Darrell Petit and Sean Kernan, CSSC Studios, 636 Marble St., West Rutland, 802-438-2097, carving-studio.org.

White River Junction

Two Rivers Printmaking Studio: 85 N. Main St. Suite 160, White River Junction, 802-295-5901, www.tworiversprintmaking.org.

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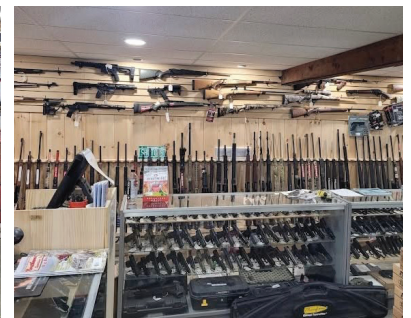
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- AVA Gallery, 11 Bank St., Lebanon, N.H.** — 603-448-3117, www.avagallery.org
- Axel's Frame Shop & Gallery, Waterbury** — 802-244-7801, www.axelsgallery.com

B

- BarnArts Center for the Arts, Barnard** — 802-234-1645, www.barnarts.org
- Barre Opera House, Barre** — 802-476-8188, www.barreoperahouse.org
- Basin Bluegrass Festival, Brandon** — 802-247-3275, www.basinbluegrassfestival.com
- BCA Center, Burlington** — 802-865-7551, www.burlingtoncityarts.com
- Bennington Center for the Arts, Bennington** — 802-442-7158, www.thebennington.com
- Bennington Museum, Bennington** — 802-447-1571, www.benningtonmuseum.org
- Big Red Barn Gallery, Waitsfield** — <http://valleyartsvt.com>
- Big Town Gallery, Rochester** — 802-767-9670, www.bigtowngallery.com
- Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock** — 802-457-2355, www.billingsfarm.org
- Brandon Artists Guild, Brandon** — 802-247-4956, www.brandonartistsguild.org

Brandon Bluegrass Festival, Brandon — 802-247-3275 / 802-236-1096, www.basinbluegrassfestival.com

Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro — 802-257-0124, www.brattleboromuseum.org

- Brattleboro Music Center, Brattleboro** — 802-257-4523, www.bmcbvt.org
- Bread & Puppet Museum, Glover** — 802-525-3031, www.breadandpuppet.org
- Bryan Memorial Gallery, Jeffersonville** — 802-644-5100, www.bryangallery.org
- Burklyn Ballet Theatre, Johnson** — 802-635-1390, www.burklynballet.com

C

- Canal Street Gallery, Bellows Falls** — 802-289-0104, www.canalstreetartgallery.com
- Carving Studio & Sculpture Center, West Rutland** — 802-438-2097, www.carvingstudio.org
- Castleton Bank Gallery, Rutland** — 802-282-2396, www.castleton.edu/arts/art-galleries
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Dorset Theatre Festival, Dorset — 802-867-2223, www.dorsettheatrefestival.org

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- The Front Gallery, Montpelier** — 802-552-0877, www.thefrontvt.com
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- Higher Ground, South Burlington** — 802-652-0777, www.highergroundmusic.com
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- Hood Museum of Art, Hanover, N.H.** — 603-646-2808, <http://hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu>
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- The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, N.Y.** — 518-792-1761, www.hydecollection.org

I

Island Arts, North Hero — 802-372-8889, www.islandarts.org

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M

- Main Street Arts, Saxtons River** — 802-869-2960, www.mainstreetarts.org
- Manchester Music Festival, Manchester** — 802-362-1956, www.mmfv.org
- Marlboro Music Festival, Marlboro** — 802-254-2394, www.marlbormusic.org
- Middlebury College Museum of Art, Middlebury** — 802-443-5007, www.middlebury.edu/museum
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- Next Stage Arts, Putney** — 802-387-0102, <https://nextstagearts.org>
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QuarryWorks Theater, Adamant — 802-229-6978, www.adamant.org

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River Arts Center, 74 Pleasant St., Morrisville — 802-888-1261, www.riverartsvt.org

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St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington — 802-864-0471, www.cathedralarts.org

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Lorie DeHimer Concert at Molly Stark State Park, 5 p.m.

July 11

Bird Walk with Sue Wetmore at Lake St. Catherine State Park, 8 a.m.

Words in the Woods: GennaRose Nethercott at Jamaica State Park, 11 a.m.

Julian Calv at Lake St. Catherine State Park, 4 p.m.

Hard Scrabble Concert at Button Bay State Park, 5 p.m.

July 18

Bird Walk with Sue Wetmore at Emerald Lake State Park, 8 a.m.

Green Mountain Radish Revival at Elmore State Park, 1 p.m.

The Cold Country Blue Grass Band at Grand Isle State Park, 3 p.m.

July 25

Bleeding Hearts Family Band at Stillwater State Park, 5 p.m.

Aug. 8

Words in the Woods: Margaret Draft at Molly Stark State Park, 11 a.m.

Words in the Woods: Mary Elder Jacobsen at Elmore State Park, 11 a.m.

Green Mountain Radish Revival at Grand Isle State Park, 3 p.m.

Fifth Business Concert at Stillwater State Park, 6 p.m.

Aug. 15

Just Duet Concert at Grand Isle State Park, 2 p.m.

Ken and Friends at Branbury State Park, 5 p.m.

We3VT Concert at Stillwater State Park, 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 22

Mariposa Concert at Branbury State Park, noon

The Smokey Newfield Project at Kill Kare State Park, 2 p.m.

Vermont State Parks

Alburgh Dunes, Alburgh

Swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals

Allis, Brookfield

Camping, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Big Deer, Groton

Camping, hiking

Bomoseen, Castleton

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Boulder Beach, Groton

Swimming, fishing, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Branbury, Brandon

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Brighton, Island Pond

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals

Burton Island, St. Albans

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals

Button Bay, Ferrisburgh

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, picnic area/pavilion

Camp Plymouth, Ludlow

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Coolidge, Plymouth

Camping, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Crystal Lake, Barton

Swimming, fishing, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

D.A.R., Addison

Camping, fishing, picnic area/pavilion

Lake St. Catherine, Poultney

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Lake Shaftsbury, Shaftsbury

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Little River, Waterbury

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals

Lowell Lake, Londonderry

Fishing, hiking

Maidstone, Guildhall

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Molly Stark, Wilmington

Camping, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Molly's Falls Pond, Marshfield

Camping, swimming, fishing

Mt. Ascutney, Windsor

Camping, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, picnic area/pavilion

Mt. Philo, Charlotte

Camping, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Muckcross, Springfield

Hiking

New Discovery, Marshfield

Camping, fishing, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Niquette Bay, Colchester

Swimming, fishing, hiking

North Hero, North Hero

Swimming, fishing

Quechee, Hartford

Camping, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, picnic area/pavilion

Elmore, Elmore

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Emerald Lake, East Dorset

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion



Non-motorized boating

There's a quiet revolution happening on the water.

As summer recreation evolves, more people are trading speed for stillness — choosing kayaks, canoes and paddleboards over motorized boats. The shift reflects a broader trend toward low-impact, experience-driven outdoor activities.

Non-motorized boating offers a different kind of connection. Without engine noise, paddlers hear the rhythm of water, the call of birds, and the subtle movement of wind. It's immersive in a way that motorized recreation rarely is.

It's also accessible. Many lakes and rivers across the region support paddling, and rental options have expanded significantly.

For local economies, this trend creates new opportunities. Outfitters offering kayak and canoe rentals are seeing increased demand, while nearby businesses, from cafes to campgrounds, benefit from the influx of visitors.

Safety, however, remains critical. Life jackets, weather awareness and basic paddling skills are essential. Beginners should start on calm waters and consider guided outings.

Environmentally, non-motorized boating has clear advantages.

It produces no emissions, minimizes shoreline erosion and reduces noise pollution — helping preserve ecosystems and wildlife habitats.

The experience is also adaptable. A solo paddle offers solitude, while group outings create shared memories. Families, couples and individuals can all find a pace that suits them.

As outdoor recreation continues to grow, activities that balance accessibility, sustainability and enjoyment are gaining traction. Non-motorized boating checks all three boxes.

In a culture that often prioritizes speed, paddling offers something different: presence.

Getting started doesn't require a major investment. Many beginners can rent equipment for a few hours and learn basic techniques quickly. Local waterways often have designated launch points, making access straightforward even for first-timers. With a bit of practice, paddlers develop rhythm, balance and efficiency, turning what first feels unfamiliar into an intuitive, rewarding activity. That low barrier to entry is a key reason more people are discovering — and sticking with — non-motorized boating.

Fort Dummer, Brattleboro

Camping, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Gifford Woods, Killington

Camping, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, picnic area/pavilion

Grand Isle, Grand Isle

Camping, swimming, fishing lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals

Green River Reservoir, Hyde Park

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking

Half Moon Pond, Hubbardton

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals

Jamaica, Jamaica

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Kamp Kill Kare, St. Albans

Swimming, fishing, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Kettle Pond, Groton

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking

Kingsland Bay, Ferrisburgh

Swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Knight Island, North Hero

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking

Knight Point, North Hero

Swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Lake Carmi, Enosburg Falls

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Ricker Pond, Groton

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals

Sand Bar, Milton

Swimming, fishing, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Seyon Lodge, Groton

Fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Silver Lake, Barnard

Camping, swimming, fishing, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Smugglers' Notch, Stowe

Camping, hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Stillwater, Groton

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals

Taconic Mountains Ramble, Hubbardton

Hiking

Thetford Hill, Thetford

Hiking, picnic area/pavilion

Townshend, Townshend

Camping, hiking

Underhill, Underhill

Camping, hiking

Waterbury Ctr, Waterbury Ctr

Swimming, fishing, hiking, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Wilgus, Weathersfield

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, lodges/cottages/cabins, boat rentals, picnic area/pavilion

Woods Island, St. Albans

Camping, swimming, fishing, hiking

Woodford, Bennington

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Rediscover local hiking trails

You don't need a national park to find a great hike.

Local trails offer accessible, affordable outdoor experiences, often just minutes from home. And while they may lack the fame of distant destinations, they deliver something equally valuable: consistency.

Local forest preserves and park systems provide miles of trails for hiking, biking and wildlife viewing. In places like regional conservation districts, visitors can explore diverse landscapes while supporting conservation efforts that protect these spaces for future generations.

The appeal is simple. Local trails remove the barriers that often prevent people from getting outdoors: travel time, cost and planning. A spontaneous evening hike becomes possible. A quick morning walk turns into a weekly habit.

For beginners, these trails are ideal training grounds. You can experiment with gear, build endurance and develop confidence without committing to a full-day excursion.

They also play a significant role in local tourism. Visitors increasingly seek "micro-adventures" — short, meaningful outdoor experiences that don't require extensive travel. Communities that invest in trail systems benefit from increased foot traffic to nearby businesses, from coffee shops to outdoor retailers.

Environmental impact is another advantage. Staying local reduces travel emissions while encouraging stewardship of nearby natural spaces.

Still, even familiar trails require preparation. Check conditions, bring water and respect posted guidelines.

Many parks are balancing increased usage with conservation needs, making responsible recreation more important than ever.

If you're looking to expand beyond your usual route, start by exploring regional park directories or state resources.

The trail you've driven past a hundred times might be the one that changes your routine —and your perspective.

Even without traveling far, local trails can feel different each time you visit. Light shifts throughout the day, wildlife appears unexpectedly and small changes in the landscape reveal new details. By returning regularly, you can experience something new each time. By noticing patterns and nuances you might miss on a one-time trip, you can build a deeper connection to familiar places. You might even be willing to get outdoors more often with a variety of new experiences available nearby.

Camping

Capital Region

Groton Forest Road Campground
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Lazy Lions Campground — 281 Middle Road, Graniteville, 802-479-2823, lazylions.com

Limehurst Lake Campground — 4104 VT Route 14 Williamstown, 802-433-6662, www.limehurstlake.com

New Discovery State Park — 4239 VT Route 232, Marshfield, 802-426-3042, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/new-discovery

Champlain Islands

Alburg RV Resort — Bluerock Rd, Off Highway 78, Alburg, 802-796-3733, alburgrvresort.com

Apple Island Resort — 71 US-2, South Hero, 802-372-3800, appleislandresort.com

Champlain Adult Campground — Champlain Landing, Grand Isle, 802-355-6808, www.champlainresort.com

Camp Skyland on Lake Champlain
— 398 South St, South Hero, 802-372-4200, campskylandvt.com

Goose Point Campground — 5066 US-2, Alburgh, 802-796-3711, www.goosepointcamp.com

Grand Isle State Park — 36 E. Shore S, Grand Isle, 802-372-4300, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/grand-isle

Knight Island State Park, Knight Island
— North Hero, 802-524-6353, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/knight-island

Sunset Rock RV Park — 755 Quarry Rd, Isle La Motte, 802-393-2576, www.sunsetrockrvpark.com

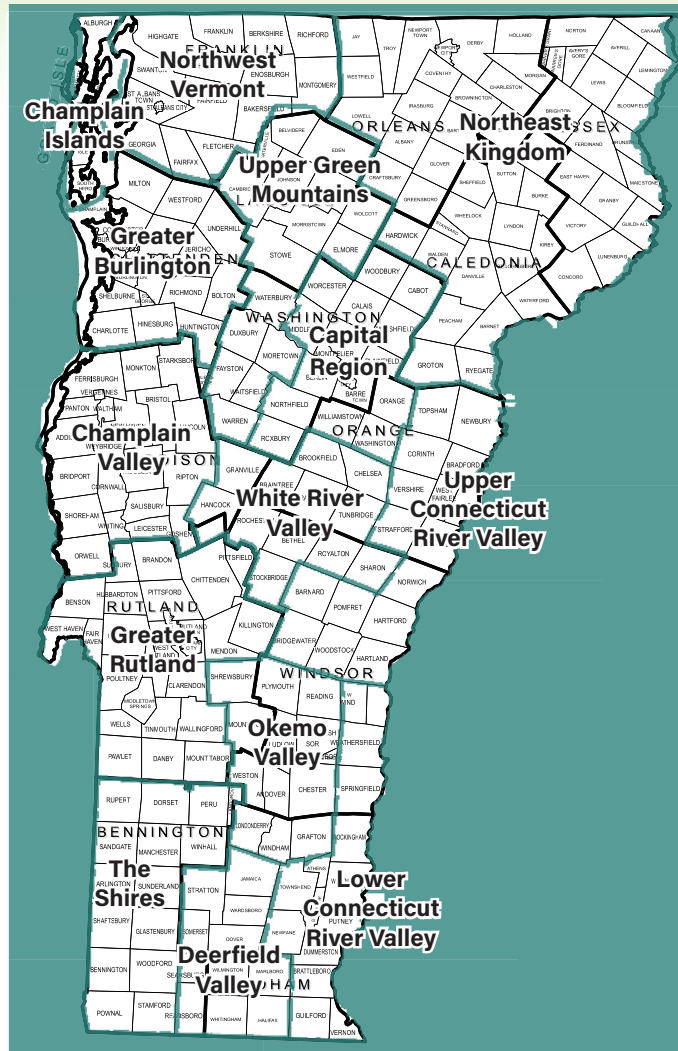
Champlain Valley

10 Acres Campground & RV Park
— 9 10 Acre Dr, Addison, 802-759-2662, 10acrescampground.com

Button Bay State Park — 5 Button Bay State Park Rd, Vergennes, 802-475-2377, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/button-bay

Country Village Campground — 40 US-7, Leicester, 802-247-3333, countryvillagecampground.com

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Maple Hill Campsites — 3825 Quaker St, Lincoln, 802-453-3687 | RV and tent sites., maplehillcamp.com/

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Rivers Bend Campground — 722 Rivers Bend Rd, New Haven, 802-388-9092, www.riversbendcamping.com/

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Sportsman Campground and Cottages
— 6640 Vermont Rte 125, Addison, 802-759-2348, www.sportsmanccs.com

Deerfield Valley

Grout Pond Recreation Area — 802-

362-2307, www.fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl/recreation/grout-pond-recreation-area

Jamaica State Park — 48 Salmon Hole Ln, Jamaica, 802-874-4600, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/jamaica

Molly Stark State Park — 705 VT-9 East, Wilmington, 802-464-5460, www.fpr.vermont.gov/molly-stark-state-park

Greater Burlington

Lone Pine Campsites — 52 Sunset View Rd, Colchester, 802-878-5447, www.lonepinecampsites.com

Malletts Bay Campground — 88 Malletts Bay Campground, Colchester, 802-863-6980, www.mallettsbaycampground.com

Mt. Philo State Park — 5425 Mt Philo Rd, Charlotte, 802-425-2390, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/mount-phil

North Beach Campground — 60 Institute Rd, Burlington, 802-862-0942, www.burlingtonvt.gov/964/North-Beach-Campground

Shelburne Camping Area — 4385 Shelburne Rd, Shelburne, 802-985-2540, shelburnecamping.com

Underhill State Park — 352 Mountain Road, Underhill, 802-899-3022, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/underhill

Lower Connecticut River Valley

Bald Mountain Campground — 1760 State Forest Rd, Townshend, 802-365-7510, www.baldmountaincampground.com

Brattleboro North KOA — 1238 US-5, East Dummerston, 800-562-5909, www.koa.com/campgrounds/brattleboro/

Crown Point Camping Area — 131 Bishop Camp Rd, Springfield, 802-263-5555, crownpointcampingarea.com

Dorset RV Park — 1567 VT-30, Dorset, 802-867-5754, www.dorsetrvpark.com

Emerald Lake State Park — 65 Emerald Lake Ln, East Dorset, 802-362-1655, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/emerald-lake

Fort Dummer State Park — 517 Old Guilford Rd, Brattleboro, 802-254-2610, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/fort-dummer

Getaway Mountain Campground — 3628 US-5, Ascutney, 802-674-2812, www.getawaymountaincampground.com

Kampfires Campground Inn — 792 US-5, Dummerston, 802-254-2098, www.kampfires.com

Mt. Ascutney State Park — 1826 Back Mountain Rd, 802-674-2060, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/mount-ascutney

Running Bear Camping Area — 113 Running Bear Trail, Windsor, 802-674-6417, www.runningbearvt.com

Townshend State Park — 2755 State Forest Rd, Townshend, 802-365-7500, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/townshend

Tree Farm Campground — 53 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, www.treefarmcampground.com, 802-885-2889

West River Camperama — 192 Depot Rd, Townshend, 802-365-4315, <https://westrivercamperama.com>

Wilgus State Park — 3985 Connecticut River Rd, Springfield, 802-674-5422, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/wilgus



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The great tent debate

Walk into any outdoor store and you'll face a wall of tents — lightweight, family-sized, ultralight, budget-friendly. Choosing the right one can feel overwhelming, especially for first-time campers.

The good news: most summer campers don't need anything extreme. The key is matching your tent to how and where you plan to camp.

The best tent isn't the most expensive or the lightest. It's the one that fits your style of adventure.

For casual campers heading to established campgrounds, comfort matters more than weight. A larger tent with room to stand, store gear and move around can make the experience far more enjoyable. Many public campgrounds are easily accessible by car, meaning you don't need to worry about carrying your gear long distances.

For hikers or backpackers, weight becomes critical. Lightweight tents are designed to pack small and carry easily, but they often sacrifice interior space and durability. If you're hiking into remote areas, that tradeoff is worth it.

Weather resistance is another factor. Even in summer, storms can roll in quickly. Look for tents with a full rainfly and

solid ventilation to handle both rain and humidity.

Don't overlook setup. After a long day outdoors, wrestling with complicated poles can be frustrating. Many newer tents are designed for quick assembly, making them ideal for beginners.

Budget matters, too. While premium tents offer durability and lighter materials, many affordable options perform well for occasional campers. Renting gear from local outfitters can be a smart way to test before committing.

Finally, think about capacity realistically. A "four-person" tent typically fits four people tightly, with little room for gear. Many campers size up for comfort.

It's also worth considering the little details that make a big difference over a weekend. Interior pockets help keep essentials organized, while vestibules provide a dry place for muddy shoes and gear.

Good airflow reduces condensation on warm nights, improving overall comfort.

Before heading out, practice setting up your tent at home. A quick trial run can prevent frustration at the campsite and help ensure your trip starts — and ends — on the right note.

Northeast Kingdom

Alpine Valley RV Park & Campground — 1111 Main St, Concord, VT, 802-695-9933, www.alpinevalleycampground.com

Barrewood Campground — 3102 Vermont Rte 100, Westfield, 802-744-6340, www.barrewoodcampground.us

Belview Campground — 620 Eastern Ave, Barton, 802-525-3242, www.belviewcampgroundvt.com

Big Deer State Park — 1467 Boulder Beach Rd, Groton, 802-584-3822, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/big-deer

Branbury State Park — 3570 Lake Dunmore Rd, Salisbury, 802-247-5925, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/branbury

Breezy Meadows Campground — 23 Wendell Rd, Concord, VT, 802-695-9949, www.breezymeadowscampground.com

Brighton State Park — 102 State Park Rd, Island Pond, 802-723-4360, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/brighton

Char-Bo Campground — 371 Hayward Hollow Rd, Derby, 802-766-8807, char-bo.com

Kettle Pond State Park — 4239 VT-232, Groton, 802-426-3042, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/kettle-pond

Kingdom Campground — 972 Lyn-burke Rd, Lyndonville, 802-626-1151, www.kingdomcampground.com

Lakeside Camping — 1348 Route 105, East Brighton Road, 802-723-6649, www.lakesidecamping.com

Moose River Campground — 2870 Portland St, St Johnsbury, 802-748-4334, www.moosericampground.com

Millbrook Campground — 1184 VT RT 100, Westfield, 802-744-8085, www.millbrookcampgroundvt.com

Ricker Pond State Park — 18 Ricker Pond Campground Rd, Groton, 802-584-3821, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/ricker-pond

Seyon Lodge State Park — 2967 Seyon Pond Rd, Groton, 802-584-3829, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/seyon-lodge

Stillwater State Park — 44 Stillwater Rd, Groton, 802-584-3822, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/stillwater

Sugar Ridge RV Village Campground — 24 Old Stagecoach Rd, Danville, 802-684-2550, www.sugarridgevillage.com

Tree Corners Family Campground — 95 VT-58, Irasburg, 802-754-6042, www.treecorners.com

Vermont Freedom Campground (Adult Only) — 218 Tousant Hill Rd, Greensboro Bend, 802-274-3091, www.vermontfreedomcampground.com

vermontfreedomcampground.com

Will-O-Wood Campground — 227 Will-O-Wood Ln, Brownington, 802-525-3575, www.will-o-woodcampground.com

White Caps Campground — 5659 VT-5A, Orleans, 802-467-3345, www.whitecapscampground.com

Northwest Vermont

Burton Island State Park — 2714 Hathaway Point Rd, St Albans City, 802-524-6353, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/burton-island

Campbell's Bay — 205 Campbell Bay Rd, Swanton, 802-868-7258, www.campbellsbayvermont.com

Hazen's Notch Campground — 185 Green Hill Rd, Lowell, 802-744-6612, hazens-notch-campground.com

Lake Carmi State Park — 460 Marsh Farm Rd, Franklin, 802-933-8383, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/lake-carmi

Lake Dunmore Kampersville — 1457 Lake Dunmore Rd, Salisbury, 802-352-4501, www.kampersville.com

Maidstone State Park — 5956 Maidstone Lake Rd, Guildhall, 802-676-3930, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/maidstone

Maple Grove Campground — 1627 Main St, Fairfax, 802-849-6439, www.maplegrovevt.com

Mill Pond Campground — 75 Mill Pond Rd, Franklin, 802-285-2240, www.millpondcampground.com

Waterhouses — 937 W Shore Rd, Salisbury, 802-352-4433, www.waterhouses.com

Woods Island State Park — 1 Woods Island, Swanton, 802-524-6353, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/woods-island

Okemo Valley

Camp Plymouth State Park — 2008 Scout Camp Rd, Ludlow, 802-228-2025, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/camp-plymouth

Caton Place Campground — 2419 E Rd, Cavendish, 802-226-7767, catonplacecampground.com

Coolidge State Park — 855 Coolidge State Park Rd, Plymouth, 802-672-3612, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/coolidge

Horseshoe Acres Campground — 1978 Weston, Weston-Andover Rd, Andover, 802-875-2960, www.horseshoeacrescampground.com

Greendale Campground — 698 Greendale Rd, Weston, 802-362-2307

Greater Rutland

Bomoseen State Park — 22 Cedar Mountain Rd, Castleton, 802-265-4242, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/bomoseen

Chittenden Brook Campground — Chittenden, VT, 802-767-4261, www.fs.usda.gov/r09/gmfl/recreation/chittenden-brook-campground

Gifford Woods State Park — 34 Gifford Woods Acc, Killington, 802-775-5354, <https://www.vtstateparks.com/parks/gifford-woods>

Greenwood Lodge & Campsites — 311 Greenwood Dr, Woodford, 802-442-2547, www.campgreenwoodvt.com

Half Moon Pond State Park — 1621 Black Pond Rd, Benson, 802-273-2848, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/half-moon-pond

Hapgood Pond Recreation Area — Hapgood Pond Recreation Area and Campground is 13 miles east of Manchester, 802-362-2307, www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232393

KOA Lake Bomoseen Campground — 18 Campground Dr, Bomoseen, 800-562-5025, www.koa.com/campgrounds/lake-bomoseen

Lake St. Catherine State Park — 3034 VT-30, Poultney, 802-287-9158, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/lake-st-catherine

Lake Shaftsbury State Park — 262 Lake Shaftsbury Rd, Shaftsbury, 802-375-9978, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/lake-shaftsbury

Merck Forest & Farmland Center — 3270 VT-315, Rupert, 802-394-7836, www.merckforest.org

Pine Hollow Campground — 342 Pine Hollow Rd, Pownal, 802-823-5569, www.pinehollowcamping.com

Smoke Rise Campground — 2145 Grove St, Brandon, 802-247-6984, www.smokerisecg.com

The Shires Camping on The Battenkill — 48 Camping on the Battenkill, Arlington, 802-375-6663, www.modernamericacampgrounds.com/vermont/camping-on-the-battenkill

Woodford State Park — 142 State Park Rd, Woodford, 802-447-7169, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/woodford

Upper Connecticut Valley

Kenolie Village Campground — 16 Kenolie Campground Rd, Newfane, 802-365-7671, www.kenolievillagecampground.com

Pleasant Valley Campground — 421 Ticklenaked Pond Rd., East Ryegate, 802-584-3884, www.pleasantvalleycampground.com

Quechee Pine Valley Campground — 3700 Woodstock Road, White River Junction, 802-296-6711, quecheepinevalley.com

Quechee State Park — 1 Quechee State Park, White River Junction, 802-295-2990, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/quechee

Rest N' Nest Campground — 300 Latham Rd, East Thetford, 802-785-2997, www.restnnest.com

Silver Lake State Park — 20 State Park Beach Rd, Barnard, 802-234-9451, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/silver-lake

Upper Green Mountains

Brewster River Campground — 802-391-0564

Elmore State Park — 856 VT-12, Elmore, 802-888-2982, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/elmore

Gold Brook Campground — 1900 Waterbury Rd, Stowe, 802-253-7683, www.gold-brook-campground-llc.square.site

Green River Reservoir State Park — 1394 Green River Dam Rd, Hyde Park, 802-888-1349, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/green-river-reservoir

Little River State Park — Water Reservoir, 3444 Little River Rd, Waterbury, 802-244-7103, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/little-river

Maplewoods Campground — 260 Maplewoods Dr, Johnson, 802-635-9181, www.maplewoodscampground.net

Mountain View Campground & Cottages — 802-888-2178

Smugglers Notch RV Village — 37 Rv Wy, Jeffersonville, 802-335-2118, www.smugglersnotchrvvillage.com

White River Valley

Abel Mountain Campground — 354 Mobile Acres Rd, Braintree, 802-728-5548, www.abelmountain.com

Allis State Park — 284 Allis State Park Rd, Randolph, 802-276-3175, www.vtstateparks.com/parks/allis

Four Springs Farm Campground — 776 Gee Hill Rd, South Royalton, 802-763-7296, www.fourspringsfarm.com



Recreating close to home

You don't have to travel far to feel better.

More people are discovering that nearby parks, trails and open spaces offer something increasingly valuable: a direct, reliable way to improve both personal health and environmental well-being.

The physical benefits are straightforward. Regular time outdoors — whether it's walking, biking, or paddling — supports cardiovascular health, improves sleep and boosts overall fitness. But what's often overlooked is how much easier it is to maintain those habits when nature is close by. A 20-minute walk after dinner or a quick morning loop on a local trail is far more sustainable than occasional, large-scale outings.

Mental health gains are just as significant. Studies consistently show that time in green space reduces stress, lowers anxiety and improves mood. Even brief exposure to natural environments can help reset attention and reduce mental fatigue. In a world where many people feel constantly overstimulated, nearby nature provides a rare opportunity to slow down without requiring major time or financial investment.

There's also a social dimension. Local parks and trails create shared spaces where people connect, informally but meaningfully. Everyone can benefit from environments that encourage movement and interaction without pressure or cost.

Choosing to recreate locally also has a measurable environmental

impact. Shorter travel distances mean fewer emissions. A quick bike ride to a trailhead or a walk to a neighborhood park reduces reliance on cars, cutting down on fuel use and air pollution. Multiply that behavior across a community and the effect becomes substantial.

Local recreation also builds environmental awareness. When people spend time in nearby natural spaces, they're more likely to notice changes, such as erosion on a trail, litter in a creek or shifts in plant and animal life. That awareness often leads to stewardship. People protect what they regularly experience.

Communities benefit, too. Increased use of local green spaces can support funding, maintenance and conservation efforts. When residents value these areas, they're more likely to advocate for their protection and improvement.

Increased use, however, must come with responsibility. Staying on marked trails, properly disposing of waste and respecting wildlife are essential practices. The goal is not just to enjoy these spaces but to ensure they remain healthy and accessible.

Health—both personal and environmental—is built through consistency, not intensity. And the easiest way to be consistent is to start where you are.

The most powerful connection to nature isn't the one you plan months in advance. It's the one you return to, again and again, just a few minutes from your front door.

Paths and Rail Trails

Triangle Bike Loop - 40 miles

Vergennes to Bristol to Middlebury to Vergennes
www.walkbikeaddison.org/triangle_bike_loop

Island Line Trail - 14 miles

Follows the waterfront via the Burlington Greenway and takes user all the way to South Hero, crossing Lake Champlain on the Colchester Causeway
www.localmotion.org/island_line_trail_map

Stowe Recreation Path - 5 miles

Easy and convenient way to explore Stowe on foot or wheels.

Montpelier Recreation Path - 2 miles

Paved path stretching through downtown Montpelier.

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail - 95 miles

New England's longest rail trail connecting 18 communities.

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail - 27 miles

Wanders through the villages, farms, forests, fields and wetlands of Franklin County.

Beebe Spur Rail Trail - 6 miles

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Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail - 20 miles

Tour the villages of Castleton, Poultney, West Pawlet and part of New York State.

Mountain Biking

Milestone Trails

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Cady Hill Forest

stowetrails.org/cady-hill-forest
Stow Trails Partnership's flagship trail network; its diverse terrain, great views, easy access from Town and the Stowe Rec Path, and trails that cater to just about any level of rider make it one of the most ridden trail networks in the northeast.

Perry Hill

www.waterburytrails.com/trails
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Pine Hill Park

www.pinehillpartnership.org
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Slate Valley Trails

www.slatevalleytrails.org
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The Driving Range

www.richmondmountaintrails.org/the-driving-range
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www.boltonvalley.com/summer/mountain-biking
27 downhill trails, including a green trail from top to bottom. Lessons and rentals available. E-bikes welcome.

Killington Bike Park

www.killington.com/bike-park-tickets
New England's longest running and most progressive lift-served mountain biking. Over 40 miles of trail designed for all skill levels — from flow trails to technical freeride. Trail access must be purchased at the Snowshed Lodge guest services windows.

Burke Mountain Bike Park

www.skiburke.com/bike-park
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Miniature Golf

Around the World Miniature Golf — 58 Beach Rd, Lake George, NY, 518-668-2531, www.aroundtheworldgolf.com

Blackbeard's Cove Adventure Golf — 101 Mulberry St Suite H, Claremont, NH, www.pirateminigolfnh.com

Champ's Trading Post Extreme Mini Golf — 6449 Vt. Route 17 W. Addison, VT 05491, (802) 759-2566, www.facebook.com/champstradingpost

Fore-U Golf Center — 298 N. Plainfield, Rd., West Lebanon, NH, 603-298-9702, www.foreugolf.com

Goony Golf — 2059 US-9, Lake George, NY, 518-668-2700, <https://goonygolf.com>

Hillbilly Fun Park — 10375 NY-149, Fort Ann, NY, 518-792-5239, www.hillbillyfunpark.com

Lumberjack Pass Miniature Golf — 1511 US-9, Lake George, NY, 518-793-7141, www.lumberjackminigolf.com

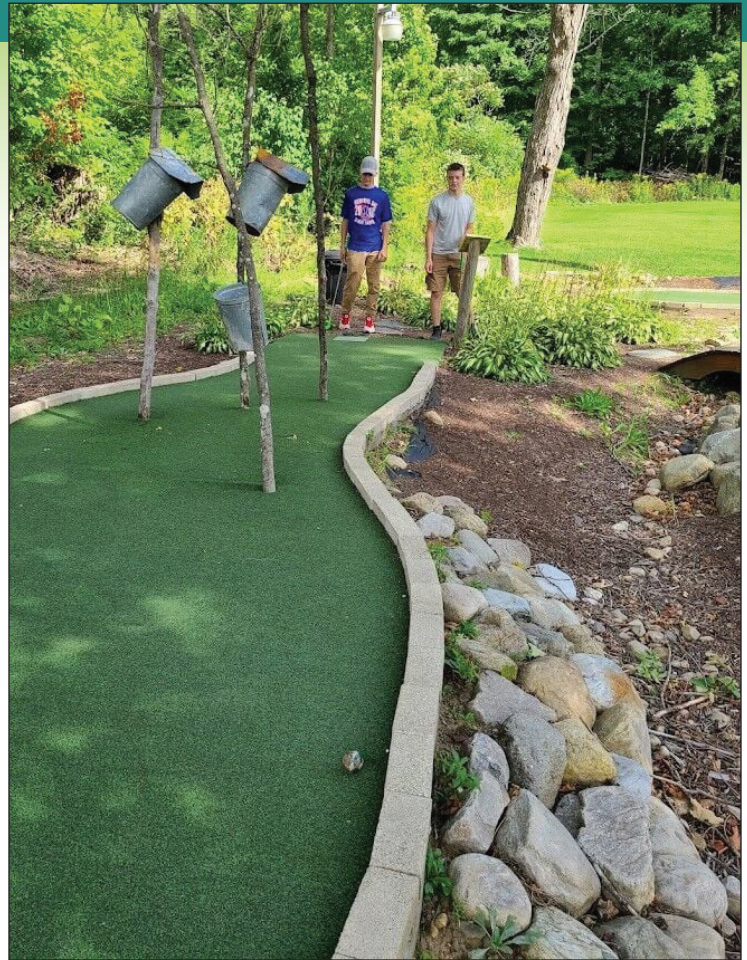
Mendon Mini Golf & Snack Bar — 2556 US Route 4 Across from Sugar and Spice Restaurant, Mendon, VT 05701-6615, 802-712-4297, www.mendonminigolf.com

Okemo's Adventure Zone: Lumberin' Cal Miniature Golf — 11 Jackson Gore Rd., Ludlow, 802-228-1600, www.okemo.com/explore-the-resort/activities-and-events/summer-activities/miniature-golf.aspx

Otter Creek Fun Center — 1800 US Route 7, Danby, 802-293-9200, www.ottercreekfuncenter.com

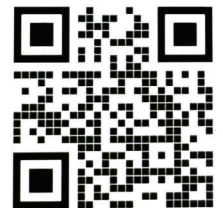
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Putney Farmers Market — 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Royalton Farmers Market — 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Stowe Farmers Market — 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Westford Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Winooski Farmers Market — 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monday

Bristol Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-7 p.m.
Westmore Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Tuesday

Milton Farmers Market — 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Northfield Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Old North End Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
West Hartford Library Farmers Market — 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Addison County Farmers Market — 2 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Barre Farmers Market — 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Champlain Islands Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Danville Farmers Market — 3:30-7 p.m.
Essex Parks & Rec Farmers Market — 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.
Jeffersonville Farmers Market — 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Market on the Green-Woodstock — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Newport Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
St. Johnsbury Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

Thursday

Jericho Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Manchester Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Vergennes Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday

Arlington Village Farmers Market — 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Brandon Farmers Market — 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Chelsea Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
East Dover Farmers Market — 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Hardwick Farmers Market — 3-6 p.m.
Hartland Farmers Market — 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Lyndon Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
Plainfield Farmers Market — 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
Richmond Farmers Market — 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
South Burlington Farmers Market — 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Townshend Farmers Market — 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Bellows Falls Farmers Market — 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday

Bennington Community Farmers Market — 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Brattleboro Area Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Burlington Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Capital City Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Champlain Islands Farmers Market — 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Craftsbury Farmers Market — 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Marshfield Farmers Market — 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Middlebury Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Montgomery Farmers Market — 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Morrisville Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Mount Tom Farmers Market — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Newport Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Northwest Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Norwich Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Peacham Farmers Market — irregular
Randolph Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Rutland County Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Shelburne Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-200 p.m.
St. Johnsbury Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Vermont Farmers Market: Rutland — 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Waitsfield Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
West River Farmers Market — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Vermont Craft Beverages

1st Republic Brewing Co. — 39 River Rd., Suite 6, Essex Junction, 802-857-5318, www.1strepUBLICbrewingco.com

14th Star Brewery — 133 North Main St., St. Albans, 802-528-5988, www.14thstarbrewing.com

The Alchemist - Stowe Brewery and Visitors Center — 100 Cottage Club Rd., Stowe, 802-244-7744, alchemistbeer.com

American Flatbread Burlington Hearth & Mothership Brewery — 115 Saint Paul Street, Burlington, 802-861-2999, www.burlington.americanflatbread.com

Barr Hill by Caledonia Spirits — 116 Gin Ln., Montpelier, 802-472-8000, www.barrhill.com

Bent Hill Brewery — 1972 Bent Hill Rd., Braintree, 802-565-5103, www.benthillbrewery.com

Beer Naked Brewery — 7678 VT-Rte 9, Marlboro, 802-464-7702, www.beernakedbrewery.com

Black Flannel Brewing Company — 21 Essex Way # 201, Essex Junction, 802-857-5629, www.blackflannel.com

Boyden Valley Winery and Spirits — 64 VT Route 104, Cambridge, 802-644-8151, www.boydenvalley.com

Brocklebank Craft Brewing — 357 Dickerman Hill Rd., Tunbridge, 802-685-4838, www.brocklebankvt.com

Burlington Beer Company — 180 Flynn Ave., Burlington, 802-863-2337, www.burlingtonbeercompany.com

Champlain Orchards — 3597 Rte. 74W, Shoreham, 802-897-2777, www.champlainorchards.com

Copper At Dorset — 100 Dorset St., South Burlington, www.copperatdorset.com

Devil Takes a Holiday — 111 Saint Paul Street, Burlington, 802-555-5555, www.deviltakesaholiday.com

Drop-In Brewing Company — 610 Route 7, Middlebury, 802-989-7414, dropinbrewing.com

Eden Specialty Ciders — 150 Main St., Newport, 802-334-4231, www.edenciders.com

Ellison Estate Vineyard — 69 East Shore N., Grand Isle, 802-760-9111, www.ellisonestatevineyard.com

EO Randall General Store — 161 County Rd., West Glover, 508-596-4209, www.echodalefarm.com

Fable Farm and Fermentory — 1525 Royalton Tpk., Barnard, 802-234-5288, www.fablefarmfermentory.com

Fiddlehead Brewing Company — 6305 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, 802-399-2994, www.fiddleheadbrewing.com

Foam Brewers — 112 Lake Street, Burlington, 802-399-2511, www.foambrewers.com

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Make the most of a visit to a fair or carnival

It is fair and carnival season again. Fairs pop up across the country promising food, fun and fellowship. From big-name musical events to carnival rides to food on a stick, there is truly something for everyone in the family.

Attending a fair likely will be on the agendas of individuals and families who are looking to maximize summer. Here are some tips to make the most of these excursions.

Check for deals

Fairs start advertising their dates weeks in advance. Participants should check websites or other avenues to see if there are any discounts for buying admission tickets ahead of time. Also, certain days or times may feature a lower price of admission, or there may be wristbands of family fun packs, so it helps to see if there are such offerings.

Know before you go

Check the event's website to find a schedule of activities, which vendors are available and any other pertinent information. This helps people plan their trips, particularly for multiday fairs or carnivals that may feature different events on different days.

Budget accordingly for fun

A day at the fair for the family is likely to be expensive. From admission to parking to ride tickets to food, there are expenses at every turn. Bringing along extra cash is wise, as some vendors may not accept credit cards.

Check the weather

An overcast or drizzly day may keep the crowds at bay and won't make for a complete fair wash-out. However,

fair-goers should always have an eye on the weather to plan their trips. Pouring rain may shut down many rides. Strong sun can beat down and make the day uncomfortable, so it may be best to arrive in the evening.

Consider carpooling

Parking can be tricky at fairs, which tend to pop up in large, open fields on the outskirts of town. There may be extra fees to park, or the lot may be a significant distance from the entry. By carpooling, expenses can be reduced, and someone can drop off the passengers and then go park the car.

The odds are against you

Playing a few fair games for fun is par for the course. But people should keep in mind that the odds of walking away with the grand prize are low. Set a budget cut-off for spending on carnival games; otherwise, a person may empty their wallets quickly.

Check out the animals

Many fairs feature livestock exhibits or have petting zoos. These animals may be with farmers or agricultural students who can share some information.

Try a new food

Food is one of the main attractions of these seasonal events. People should not be afraid to go out of their comfort zones and try something new or different. You also can keep food costs down by bringing snacks. Some events may have restrictions on which foods and beverages can be brought in. After all, food is a big moneymaker for fair organizers and vendors.

Fairs and carnivals are staples of summertime fun.



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Calendar of Events

JUNE 20

Rutland County Pride Festival — A full day of community, joy, creativity, and connection in downtown Rutland. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Rutland County Pride, www.rcpride.org.

Vermont Farmers Market — Outdoor market with local vendors with a variety of goodies to offer on Saturdays. Depot Park, Downtown Rutland. vtfarmersmarket.org.

Dorset Theatre Festival "Deceived" — June 19-July 4. An adaptation of the classic "Gaslight" by Patrick Hamilton. 2 p.m. Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd, Dorset, www.dorsettheatrefestival.org.

Thrive Center Sponsors The Best of Summer: Community Acupuncture Garden Tours — summer garden tours with self-care: community acupuncture and meditation 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 25 Witness Oak Way, Town of Rockingham. 802-779-5632.

"Dancing at Lughnasa" — BarnArts presents "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel, June 20, 25-27 at 6:30 p.m. and June 21 and 28 at 4 p.m. Outdoors at King Farm. Tickets \$15-20 and more info: barnarts.org, King Farm Road, Woodstock. 802-234-1645.

Longest Day 5K June 20, 2026 — All are welcome to join us for our second fundraiser 5K. Meeting at JK Adams and then using the Hike Dorset trail network for a trail run to remember. Walkers are welcome, too. Help fund our crew. 9 a.m.-noon. JK Adams, 1430 VT 30, Dorset. 802-681-5567.

Star Gazing at the Coolidge State Historic Site — Join the staff of the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site for a free night of star gazing and learn about the history of astronomy enthusiasts in Vermont. 7:30-10 p.m. Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Vermont 100A, Plymouth. 802-672-1195.

18th Century Technology talk & demo at Chittenden Public Library — Re-enactor Dan Schmitz will discuss the changing technology of the 18th century. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Chittenden Public Library, 223 Chittenden Road, Chittenden. 802-773-3531.

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JUNE 22

Okemo Valley's Best of Vermont Summer Festival — June 22-23. Fun, food, beer, wine, music, artisans, kids' activities, and crafts. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Okemo Field in Ludlow. 802-228-5830.

JUNE 23

Tuesday Concert: Phil Henry & the Newsfeed — A free outdoor concert on the knoll. Bring a chair or a blanket to hang out on the lawn. No need to plan or pack dinner, there will be a food truck on site. 6 p.m. Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St., Pittsford.

JUNE 24

Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival — 25th annual festival, presented by Jenny Brook Productions LLC. The festival is from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. June 24-28, 1 Fairgrounds Lane, Tunbridge. 802-518-2126.

Music On The Hill Concert Series — Last Train to Zinkov, 6:30 p.m. Artistree's, South Pomfret. 802-457-3500.

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VFW Post 648 Rutland Luncheon — noon-2 p.m., 15 Wales St., Rutland. 802-353-5081.

Catamount Cornhole — Come play, have fun, sign up. Bags fly 6:30 p.m., 6-9:30 p.m. Rutland Elks Lodge, 44 Pleasant Street, Rutland. 802-345-7183.

JUNE 25

Mojo Birds — Mojo Birds form their funky flock in Durango, CO, with musicians from across the country and around the world. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Fair Haven Concerts in the Park — Whisper Band, Variety Cover 7 p.m. North Park Place Fork, Fair Haven.

Teddy Bear Picnic — Please bring your favorite bear and join us on the Town Green for stories, songs, and fun. Teddy bear stories will be read by Ted's best friend, Ali. Noon-1 p.m. Bristol Recreation Department. Bristol Town Green, Bristol. The rain location is at Howden Hall.

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American Legion Post 31 Bingo — Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Bingo runs from 7-9 p.m. American Legion Post 31, 33 Washington St., Rutland. 802-345-9370.

Volunteer Day at Smokey House Center — Join for monthly volunteer days on the last Thursday of each month throughout the summer. 3-6 p.m. Smokey House Center, 426 Danby Mountain Road, Danby. 802-293-2300.

JUNE 26

5th Annual West Windsor Music Festival — Sakiko Ohashi, artistic director, announces the return of the West Windsor, Vermont Music Festival June 26-28. 7 p.m. 22 Brownsville-Hartland Road, West Windsor.

Food & Art Friday: The Pandora Consort — An original Folk Opera, comes to Sable's Food & Art Friday, performing on the ground and in the air. Plus, wood-fired pizza from Fat Dragon Farm and works from Sable's Resident Artists. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sable Arts Projects Inc., 588 North Taggart Hill Road, Stockbridge.

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Burger Night, Queen of Hearts Drawing — Open to the public, 2nd and 4th Fridays. Drawing at 6 p.m.; 5-7 p.m. VFW Post 648 Rutland, 15 Wales St., Rutland. 802-353-5081.

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JUNE 27

5th annual West Windsor Music Festival — Sakiko Ohashi, artistic director, announces the return of the West Windsor, Vermont Music Festival June 26-28. 7 p.m. 22 Brownsville-Hartland Road, West Windsor.

Town Wide Yard Sale — The opportunity for sellers to do some spring cleaning and yard sale-seeking enthusiasts the chance to find treasures. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration ends June 24. Bristol Recreation Department. Bristol Town Green, Bristol. The rain location is at Howden Hall.

Stars Among Us — A Variety Show hosted by Grace Church and The Paramount Theatre in support of Rutland Neighbors. Proceeds from the event directly support

Rutland Neighbors' ongoing work assisting individuals and families throughout the Rutland area. 7 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Center Street, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

Vermont Farmers Market — Outdoor market with local vendors with a variety of goodies to offer on Saturdays. Depot Park, Downtown Rutland. vtfarmersmarket.org.

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History Happy Hour on Lake Champlain — Cap off your day with a relaxing narrated cruise, surrounded by scenic beauty and Ticonderoga's rich maritime history aboard the Carillon, Fort Ticonderoga's classic 1920s tour boat. On select Fridays June-August. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Boarding begins at 5:15 p.m. \$35/ticket. Space is limited. To learn more, https://fortticonderoga.org/ft_events

JUNE 28

5th annual West Windsor Music Festival — Sakiko Ohashi, artistic director, announces the return of the West Windsor, Vermont Music Festival June 26-28. 7 p.m. 22 Brownsville-Hartland Road, West Windsor.

Slate Valley Rotary's Annual 5K — Fast and flat 5k run/walk. 8:30-11 a.m. West Park Place, Fair Haven. 802-558-0229.

Flagship Romance and The Rough & Tumble — part of the free Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series, which continues every other Sunday through Aug. 24. Indoors at Next Stage if it rains. 6-8 p.m. Putney Tavern Lawn, 133 Main St., Putney. 802-387-5772.

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Bill Cole and Sonny Saul — Cole is an American jazz musician, composer, educator, and author. An admired innovator, Cole successfully combines the sounds of untempered instruments with an American art form: jazz. 4-6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, Pomfret. 802-457-3500.



Get started with rock climbing

Rock climbing might look intimidating, but getting started is more accessible than most people think.

Across the country, climbing has grown rapidly, fueled by indoor gyms and outdoor destinations that welcome beginners. While iconic locations draw experienced climbers, many regional areas offer approachable routes for newcomers.

These accessible environments allow beginners to learn fundamentals without extreme exposure.

The first step is education. Most new climbers begin at indoor gyms, where they can learn techniques, safety protocols and equipment use in a controlled setting. From there, guided outdoor experiences help bridge the gap.

Gear can be a barrier — but doesn't have to be. Many outfitters and climbing gyms offer rentals, making it possible to try the sport before investing.

Safety is non-negotiable. Proper instruction, reliable equipment and understanding basic systems, such as belaying, are essential. Beginners should always climb

with experienced partners or certified guides.

Climbing is as much mental as physical. It requires problem-solving, focus and trust.

From lodging to dining, climbing benefits surrounding communities. Destinations attract visitors who often stay longer and spend more locally.

For those hesitant to try, start small. Indoor gyms, beginner classes and guided outings provide a low-risk entry point.

Progress in climbing comes quickly with consistency. Even a few sessions can improve strength, technique and confidence on the wall. Many gyms offer routes of varying difficulty, allowing beginners to advance at their own pace without pressure. As skills develop, climbers often find a strong sense of community, with experienced participants offering tips and encouragement. That supportive environment helps newcomers stay motivated and makes climbing not just a sport, but a social and personal challenge.

Calendar of Events Continued

JUNE 29

French Heritage Day — Learn more about French Heritage, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Winooski Farmers Market.

American Legion Post 31 Bingo — Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Bingo runs from 7-9 p.m., 33 Washington St., Rutland. 802-345-9370.

JUNE 30

Tuesday Concert: Logan Riesterer — A free outdoor concert on the knoll. Bring a chair or a blanket to hang out on the lawn. No need to plan or pack dinner, there will be a food truck on site. 6 p.m. Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St., Pittsford.


JULY 1

Music On The Hill Concert Series — Evan Panzer, 6:30 p.m. Artistree's, South Pomfret. 802-457-3500

Tri-Branch Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence — Day-long events and activities include:

a Library of Congress "Declaration of Independence Traveling Exhibit" on display in the Vermont Supreme Court Gallery at 111 State Street; a Naturalization Ceremony in the Supreme Court Courtroom with a candidate from each county taking the naturalization oath; an Overview of the Declaration of Independence presented by the Vermont Supreme Court Justices at 1 p.m. in the Supreme Court courtroom, with livestream component; Kids' games and activities on the Supreme Court and the State House lawn areas from 12 - 3 p.m., featuring a dunking booth for King George, potato sack and egg on spoon races, cornhole and other games, Vermont figure costume/look-alike contest, face painting, theme arts and crafts, patriotic popsicles and Kids' Vote opportunity; a Panel Program about the three branches of government in the State House Chamber at 3 p.m.; a preview of the Vermont History Museum's "50 for 250" artifacts exhibition on display throughout the day at the Vermont History Museum at 109 State Street; showings of the "1776" musical at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 111 State Street; Tours of the State House and the Vermont History Museum throughout the day; an American and Vermont History Trivia Contest organized by the Vermont Bar Association at 5 p.m. at the Barr Hill Distillery. All events are free and open to the public. Additional details about this event and other 250th celebrations at different courthouses around the state available at <https://www.vtcourts.gov/about-vermont-judiciary/250th-anniversary-declaration-independence>.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra "Summer AMERICA Festival Tour: America 250"

 — To celebrate the United States' 250th birthday, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra hits the road with Summer Festival Tour: America 250, bringing music to communities across the Green Mountain State. Bring a picnic blanket and relax under sunny skies. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Saskaadena Six Ski Area, South Pomfret, Rain site Woodstock High School. Event details at www.vso.org.

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Catamount Cornhole — Come play, have fun, sign up. Bags fly 6:30 p.m., 6-9:30 p.m. Rutland Elks Lodge, 44 Pleasant Street, Rutland. 802-345-7183.

JULY 2


Sabouyouma — Sabouyouma is a high-energy Afro-funk, Afro-beat, and Reggae band led by master balafo musician, Ousmane Camara, from Guinea, Conakry, West Africa. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Great Brandon Auction — Indoors from July 2-11, the location will be open for 10 days. Format is silent auction bidding and eBay-style "Buy It Now" format. Walk out the door with your treasures if you can't wait. 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Brandon Town Hall, 1 Conant Square, Brandon. brandon.org/great-brandon-auction, 802-247-6401.

America 250 Celebration in Plymouth Notch AMERICA — Join the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site and Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation for a three-day national celebration commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. July 2-4 Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Vermont 100A, Plymouth. coolidgefoundation.org/events/america-250, 802-636-7824.

Fair Haven Concerts in the Park — 40th Army: Center Mass Brass. 7 p.m. North Park Place Fork, Fair Haven.

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JULY 3


Summer Jam 250 — presented by City of AMERICA Rutland and Town of Rutland.

 Two communities. One celebration. One country. Live music by Nikki Adams, DJ Bret Myhre, free pool access, outdoor games, food vendors, disc golf, bounce houses. 4-8 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Rowe, Rutland Town Recreation, recreation@rutlandtown.com, 802-779-2518.


Castleton Independence Day Parade and AMERICA Fireworks 250 Celebration

 — Parade will commence on Main Street at 10 a.m. The after-party with activities, face painting, live music, and food will be on the Castleton Library's grounds upon completion of the parade. Satin & Steel will perform a free concert from 7-9 p.m. Fireworks at dusk. For more information, visit www.castleton-vermont.org.

Brandon Independence Day Celebration — AMERICA

 Brandon's favorite day of the year. To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Visit www.brandon.org, for more information. Brandon Central Park, Union Street, Brandon. 802-247-6401.

Poultney Independence Day Celebration — AMERICA

 Food trucks, DJ, No Strings Marionette Show at 5 p.m. and fireworks at Poultney Elementary School at dusk. For more information email poultneyvtchamber@gmail.com. Rain date, July 11.

America 250 Celebration in Plymouth Notch AMERICA


 — Join the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site and Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation for a three-day

national celebration commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. July 2-4 Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Vermont 100A, Plymouth. coolidgefoundation.org/events/america-250, 802-636-7824.

Vermont Symphony Orchestra "Summer AMERICA Festival Tour: America 250"

 — To celebrate the United States' 250th birthday, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra hits the road with Summer Festival Tour: America 250, bringing music to communities across the Green Mountain State. Bring a picnic blanket and relax under sunny skies. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Grafton Trails and Outdoor Center, Grafton. Event details at www.vso.org.

John Masko's Orchestra — Bring a picnic and lawn chair and listen to


 patriotic tunes presented by the 26-piece John Masko's Orchestra, presented at no charge. The Civil War Hemlocks will be there with their canon to accompany the 1812 Overture. Living historians from the group will be available for conversation before the concert. 6 p.m. President Collidge State Historic Site. For more information visit <https://historicsites.vermont.gov/calendar>.

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JULY 4

Happening at the Vermont State Fair — Join AMERICA us for a day full of fun for the

 whole family. Gates open at 1 p.m. Free entry for exhibits, old-time games, memorial wall, fair museum, vendors, Moose's pub beer hall, food, and treats. Demo Derby at 6 p.m. on the Diamonds and More Grandstand, tickets available at <https://paramountvt.org/event/summer-smash-2026>. Fireworks at 9:45 p.m. Vermont State Fair, 175 S Main St, Rutland.

Mendon 250th Celebration — Join us for the unveiling of a new plaque

 honoring all Mendon veterans, a poetry contest winner, and music by Mendon kids.

Pittsford Celebrates Our Nation's 250th AMERICA Birthday — Pittsford Historical Society will host an open house at its Eaton Hall Museum from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. View the newest exhibit on Pittsford's families in the Revolutionary Era and artifacts over 250 years old from early families and Forts Mott & Vengeance. Refreshments typical of the time, like switchel and cracknels, and cake and punch will be served.

Poultney Independence Day Celebration AMERICA — Music, food, games, and more. Start the day with a pancake breakfast followed by the parade at 10 a.m. from East Poultney Green to Poultney Elementary School. For more information email Poultney Area Chamber poultneyvtchamber@gmail.com. Rain date July 12.

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Readings of the Declaration of Independence AMERICA — At the President Chester A. Arthur, President Calvin Coolidge, Chimney Point, Hubbardton Battlefield, and Mount Independence State Historic Sites, readings will commence at 11:30am. Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site will host a reading at noon. For more information visit <https://historicsites.vermont.gov/calendar>.

July 4th at President Coolidge State Historic AMERICA Site — free admission for the day to celebrate the birthday of America's 30th president and the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A U.S. Air Force Aerial F-35 Flyover honoring the events of the day is scheduled for the morning as well as a Naturalization Ceremony. For more information visit <https://historicsites.vermont.gov/calendar>.

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JULY 7

Tuesday Concert: Red Hot Juba — A free outdoor concert on the knoll. Bring a chair or a blanket to hang out on the lawn. No need to plan or pack dinner, there will be a food truck on site. 6 p.m. Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St., Pittsford.

JULY 8

Old Constitution House State Historic AMERICA Site — A reading of the Declaration of Independence on the porch at 6 p.m. This reading commemorates the first public reading of America's founding document by Colonel John Nixon on the State House Yard in Philadelphia. The occasion also marks the 249th anniversary of Vermont adopting its own constitution — formalizing a government for the independent republic. For more information visit <https://historicsites.vermont.gov/calendar>.

Bennington Battle Monument — A reading of the Declaration of Independence at Bennington Battle Monument at 6 p.m., following a concert by the Army's Marching Band at 4 p.m. For more informa-

tion visit <https://historicsites.vermont.gov/calendar>.

Music On The Hill Concert Series — Boma Bango, 6:30 p.m. Artistree's, South Pomfret. 802-457-3500.

Yonder Mountain String Band — a new way forward in acoustic music, carrying bluegrass into rooms and conversations it had never reached before. 7:30 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Center Street, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

Catamount Cornhole — Come play, have fun, sign up. Bags fly 6:30 p.m., 6-9:30 p.m. Rutland Elks Lodge, 44 Pleasant Street, Rutland. 802-345-7183.

JULY 9

Etienne Charles — a performer, composer, and storyteller from Trinidad. Special events will accompany his visit, including a panel discussion before the music. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Fair Haven Concerts in the Park — The Hitmen, classic rock. 7 p.m. North Park Place Fork, Fair Haven.

Manchester Music Festival: "Appalachian Spring: Music From The Mountains" — Explore a continuum of American concert music composers who've borrowed from traditional folk music styles as inspiration and raw material, from Charles Ives to Aaron Copland and Edgar Meyer. 7:30 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfvt.org.

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Food & Art Friday: Kiribumba — Dance theatre, comes to Sable's Food & Art

Friday. Plus, wood-fired pizza from Fat Dragon Farm and works from Sable's Resident Artists. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sable Arts Projects Inc., 588 North Taggart Hill Road, Stockbridge.

Rutland Free Library July Book Sales — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rutland Free Library, 10 Court St., Rutland. 802-779-3936.

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The 11th Annual Jeezum Crow Festival — July 10 & 11. Hot live music, food, and craft vendors. Non-stop music, live from the Stateside Amphitheater. Jay Peak Resort. jaypeakresort.com

Dorset Theatre Festival "The Under Study" — July 10-19. A funny, fast-paced comedy. 7:30 p.m. Dorset Playhouse, 104 Cheney Rd, Dorset. www.dorsettheatrefestival.org

Grief & Aging: Sharing Loss Together — The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) and River's Edge Transitions are offering a six-week grief support group for older adults in Rutland County. 2:15-3:45 p.m. Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, 143 Maple Street, Rutland. 802-369-9440.

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Blueberry Basket Workshop — Join Smokey House Center for an afternoon of basket weaving with instructor Kimberly Behrendt. In this workshop, participants will create a Cape Cod Blueberry Basket. 10-1 p.m. Smokey House Center, 426 Danby Mountain Road, Danby. 802-293-2300.

Calendar of Events Continued

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JULY 12

Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site AMERICA — will transport visitors back to July 1777, when colonial forces faced off against the British in one of the most successful rearguard actions in American military history. Reenactors will demonstrate military tactics, including a large demonstration of the battle on Sunday, July 12 at 8 a.m. or more information visit <https://historicsites.vermont.gov/calendar>.

Twilight On The Tavern Lawn: The Emily Margaret Band — part of the free Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series, which continues every other Sunday through Aug 24. Indoors at Next Stage if it rains. 6-8 p.m. Putney Tavern Lawn, 133 Main St., Putney. 802-387-5772.

Orwell Food & Farm Fest — Celebrate our community of growers and makers at the Orwell Food & Farm Fest. Live music, kids' crafts and activities, and a big farmers' market. Noon-4 p.m., 473 Main St., Orwell. 802-948-2041.

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JULY 16

Wormdogs — Going on their 9th year, this Burlington-based band is a roots/American band at the core; their high-energy sound ranges from bluegrass rock-n-roll to country & freak folk with a fiddle, upright bass, two guitars, and drums. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Manchester Music Festival: "Setzer and the Sound of Dreams" — Artistic Director Philip Setzer is our guide through a vivid, varied dreamscape in sound, slipping from a musical curio by Benjamin Franklin (yes, that Benjamin Franklin!) to Samuel Barber's elegiac Adagio for Strings. 7:30 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfv.org.

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JULY 18

Town-wide Yard Sale Day — 100+ sales, vendors, and demonstrations 8-3 p.m. Charlestown. 603-439-1896.

Slate Valley Epic — Slate Valley Trail to hold the sixth annual Slate Valley Epic mountain bike race. This event features some of the region's finest singletrack, rewarding climbs, and stunning views of southwestern Vermont. For more information, visit <https://slatevalleytrails.org>

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Farm to Table Community Dinner — Come join us for dinner on the East Poultney Green, sourced by local farmers and prepared by local Chefs. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Cost is \$30 per person, \$10 for under 10. Musical entertainment is included. Please contact Carol Stierle for reservations and questions, cstierle60@gmail.com or 203-727-3951.

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Forest and Field Festival — A free celebration of Vermont farms, forests, food, and community at Smokey House Center. 11-3 p.m. Smokey House Center, 426 Danby Mountain Road, Danby. 802-293-2300.

Wallingford Day — A celebration of the community of Wallingford. For more information, visit facebook.com/wallingfordday

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JULY 19

Manchester Music Festival: "Unbound: Rising Stars" — Experience our Festival Young Artists pushing boundaries in solo performances that bring their individual voices to the forefront. Be part of their journey from conservatory to the concert stage. 4 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfv.org.

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Silver Towers Camp Benefit — 20th Annual Ride In to benefit Silver Towers Camp. Open to everyone. Join VT Elks on your motorcycle, in your classic car, Jeep, or your everyday vehicle. \$10 per person to benefit Silver Towers, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Silver Towers, 56 Silver Towers Road, Ripton. 802-733-6266.

JULY 21

Manchester Music Festival: "American Original: Spotighting Walker" — Barrier-breaking composer George Walker comes alive as violist Dillon Scott and our Festival Young Artists weave Walker's music and story into a celebration of artistry. 7 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfvt.org.

Tuesday Concert: Electrostatic Cats — A free outdoor concert on the knoll. Bring a chair or a blanket to hang out on the lawn. No need to plan or pack dinner — there will be a food truck on site. 6 p.m. Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St., Pittsford.

JULY 22

Music On The Hill Concert Series — Grey Cats Quartet, 6:30 p.m. Artistree's, South Pomfret. 802-457-3500.

Chanticleer: Our American Journey — We celebrate America's 250th year of independence by showcasing the diverse voices, songs, harmonies, and rhythms of our shared musical heritage. 7 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Center Street, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

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JULY 23

Kotoko Brass — A celebratory and energetic synthesis of music, people, and cultures. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Fair Haven Concerts in the Park — Tribute to the Kings of Real Country with Wailon. 7 p.m. North Park Place Fork, Fair Haven.

Manchester Music Festival: "Dvořák in America" — A founding father of nationalism in classical music, Bohemian composer Antonin Dvořák urged American composers to draw inspiration from indigenous and Black musical styles. 7:30 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfvt.org.

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JULY 25

19th annual Mount Holly Garden Tour — of our local high altitude gardens and a garden-themed raffle 9:30-4 p.m. Mount Holly Library and Community Center, 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont. 802-259-4137.

Pawlet Public Library: 58th annual Book Sale — A beloved local tradition featuring thousands of gently used books, all to benefit your local library. Mettawee Community School, 5788 Vermont 153, Pawlet. 802-325-3123.

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Silent Movie Night at Coolidge State Historic Site — Enjoy an after-hours showing of Charlie Chaplin's only dramatic film, "A Woman of Paris," starring Edna Purviance on the grounds of the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. 7-9 p.m. Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Vermont 100A, Plymouth. 802-672-1195.

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Shady Rill — Patti Casey and Tom MacKenzie are two of central Vermont's musical gems. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Fair Haven Concerts in the Park — Enerjazz, a local 18-piece big band. 7 p.m. North Park Place Fork, Fair Haven.

Manchester Music Festival: "West Side Story: Goes Hollywood" — The siren call of Hollywood studios gave composers like Bernard Hermann, Elmer Bernstein, and John Williams free rein to create classic works, and augmented the extraordinary success of Leonard Bernstein's beloved musical West Side Story. 7:30 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfvt.org.

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JULY 31

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73rd Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl — The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl Football Game is played between two all-star teams of graduated high school seniors from Vermont & New Hampshire. It is one of 30 Shrine Football Games played every year across the country. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 62 Alumni Dr., Castleton. For tickets visit <https://shrine-maplesugarbowl.com>

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AUG. 2

102nd Inauguration Reenactment — Anniversary of President Calvin Coolidge's Homestead Inauguration 2:47-3:15 p.m. Calvin Coolidge Homestead, 56 Messer Hill Road, Plymouth. 802-672-3389.

Manchester Music Festival: "Her Story: In Harmony" — From pioneering women to today's innovators, this program shines a light on women's contributions in music and is dedicated to violinist Marie Setzer — one of the first female musicians in The Cleveland Orchestra and mother of our Artistic Director, Philip Setzer. 4 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfv.org.

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AUG. 4

National Night Out — A free event that brings together residents, local law enforcement, community organizations, and businesses to promote safety, unity, and collaboration. 4-7 p.m. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S Main St, Rutland. Contact Rutland Recreation for more information at 802-773-1822.

Tuesday Concert: Almendros — A free outdoor concert on the knoll. Bring a chair or a blanket to hang out on the lawn. No need to plan or pack dinner, there will be a food truck on site. 6 p.m. Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St., Pittsford.

AUG. 5

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AUG. 6

MINC — A dynamic seven-piece soul/pop group of young students, brought together and nurtured at the Vermont Governors Institute for the Arts. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Fair Haven Concerts in the Park — Blue Jay Way, dance: 60s-now. 7 p.m. North Park Place Fork, Fair Haven.

Manchester Music Festival: "Rhapsody in Blue: Music from the City" — George Gershwin invented a new American idiom by fusing classical music's disciplined elegance with the swinging spontaneity of jazz in Rhapsody in Blue, inspiring bold work from successors like Aaron Copland, William Bolcom, and John Adams. 7:30 p.m. Arkell Pavilion, Southern Vermont Arts Center Dr., Manchester Center. www.mmfv.org.

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AUG. 8

Come Celebrate East Poultney Day — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Poultney Historical Society, 1499 East Main St., Poultney. 802-287-5252.

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AUG. 12

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Shakespeare in the Woods "Chaos and Folly" — Aug. 12-30. Featuring adaptations of Lear and Merry Wives on the Taconic Lawn at The Equinox Golf Resort & Spa, 3567 Main St. in Manchester. 7:30 p.m.

AUG. 13

Bowmen — The latest evolution of Bow Thayer, joined by guitar maverick Krishna Guthrie and anchored by a dynamic rhythm section: honky-tonk heavyweight Eric George on bass and River Thayer on drums and percussion. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

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Pure Prairie League — The propulsive team of drummer Scott Thompson and bassist Jared Camic, keyboard master Randy Harper, guitar ace/vocalist Jeff Zona, and pedal steel/saxophonist John Heinrich, continues to embellish the rich 50-plus year history of one of Country-Rock's pioneering forces. 7:30 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Center Street, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

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AUG. 15

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Castleton Colonial Day House Tour — The annual Castleton Colonial Day House Tour. Tour features exhibits, antique tools, a carriage collection, and period-fashion display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Castleton Village, Main Street, Castleton. 802-468-5691.

Carly Pearce — Fiercely rooted in the classics, the girl who left her Kentucky

home and high school at 16 to take a job at Dollywood has grown into a woman who embraces the genre's forward progression. 7 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Center Street, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

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AUG. 18

Vermont State Fair — Aug 18-22. Vermont State Fairgrounds, 175 S Main St, Rutland, 802-775-5200, vermontstatefair.org.

The Wallflowers — The band will perform their classic album "Bringing Down the Horse" in its entirety, in sequence, marking its 30th anniversary. 7:30 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Center Street, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

AUG. 19

Music On The Hill Concert Series — The Sidewinders, 6:30 p.m. Artistree's, South Pomfret. 802-457-3500.

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AUG. 20

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AUG. 21

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Aaron Lewis and the Staliners: 2026 American Tour — Aaron Lewis, the Vermont-born powerhouse, first found success with Staind – the 2000s-era hard rockers who injected meditative muscle into an era better known for mindless aggression. 7 p.m. Vermont State Fairgrounds at the Diamonds and More Grandstand, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

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AUG. 27

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AUG. 29

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Build Better Friendships Pickleball Learning Clinic — We are excited to introduce pickleball into the lives of everyone willing and able. The clinic will be staffed by accomplished pickleball facilitators. Please register for a spot. 9-11 a.m. Rutland Racquet Club, Forest St., Rutland. Rotary Club of Rutland, rutlandcityrotary.org, 802-236-1951.

Build Better Friendships Pickleball Tournament — Sept. 12 and 13. A non-sanctioned competitive play tournament in the round-robin format that aims to support all levels of play. Proceeds will aid food insecurity in the Rutland region. \$30 registration open through Sept. 9 or until full. Vermont Sport & Fitness Club, 40 Curtis Ave., Rutland. Rotary Club of Rutland, rutlandcityrotary.org, 802-236-1951.

Vermont Farmers Market — Outdoor market with local vendors with a variety of goodies to offer on Saturdays. Depot Park, Downtown Rutland. vtfarmers-market.org.

SEPT. 13

Orwell Food & Farm Fest — Celebrate our community of growers and makers at the Orwell Food & Farm Fest. Live music, kids' crafts and activities, and a

big farmers' market. Noon-4 p.m., 473 Main St., Orwell. 802-948-2041.

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SEPT. 16

Music On The Hill Concert Series — Ben Kogan, 6:30 p.m. Artistree's, South Pomfret. 802-457-3500.

American Legion Post 31 Bingo — Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Bingo runs from 7-9 p.m. American Legion Post 31, 33 Washington St., Rutland. 802-345-9370.

SEPT 17

Pride Night — Will open with a singer-songwriter and then segue into a Queer Dance Party for an extended night of dancing under the stars. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

Hinder — Multi-Platinum American rockers. 7:30 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Center Street, Rutland. paramountvt.org.

SEPT. 19

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SEPT 24

Equinox Closing Festival with Sonido Mal Maiz — Celebrate the great season of Feast & Field with a closing festival featuring Sonido Mal Maiz and including special family activities and a spirited bonfire. BarnArts, 128 King Farm Road, Woodstock, barnarts.org, 802-234-1645.

SEPT. 26

Bristol Harvest Festival — Bristol Harvest Festival 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bristol Town Green, Bristol. 802-388-7951.

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SEPT. 25-27

Vermont Climbing Festival — Vermont's annual Rock Climbing Festival presented by CRAG-VT, Basecamp at Farr Field, 1901 U.S. 2, Waterbury.

Responsible recreation

As more people head outdoors, one principle is becoming increasingly important: responsibility.

Public lands are seeing record use, and with that comes increased pressure on ecosystems, infrastructure and wildlife. Managing that impact requires a collective effort from visitors.

The concept is simple: enjoy nature without damaging it.

That starts with preparation. Planning trips in advance helps visitors understand site conditions, regulations and limits, reducing overcrowding and environmental strain.

Basic practices make a big difference. Stay on marked trails. Pack out trash. Respect wildlife. Avoid disturbing natural features.

A trend emerging out of Sweden lets hikers prioritize both personal health and environmental cleanliness. "Plogging" combines jogging or walking with picking up litter. Combining "jogging" and plocka upp (Swedish for "pick up"), plogging offers an environmentally responsible workout. Participants typically carry bags and wear gloves to collect trash while exercising.

Campers should use designated sites and follow fire guidelines. Even small actions, such as properly extinguishing a campfire, can prevent significant damage.

Local park systems are investing in improvements to handle increased visitation, from upgraded facilities to expanded staffing. But infrastructure alone isn't enough.

Visitors play a direct role in preserving these spaces.

Responsible recreation also supports tourism sustainability. Destinations that maintain their natural appeal are more likely to attract repeat visitors and long-term economic benefits.

For newcomers, the learning curve is real, but manageable. Many organizations offer guidelines and educational resources to help people get started.

The goal isn't perfection. It's awareness.

The future of outdoor recreation depends not just on access, but on how we use it.

Small choices add up over time. Choosing reusable water bottles, minimizing single-use packaging and cleaning gear between trips can all reduce environmental impact. Even sharing knowledge with friends or family helps reinforce responsible habits. When more people adopt these practices, the cumulative effect can be significant. Protecting outdoor spaces isn't limited to large initiatives — it's built on everyday decisions that, collectively, help ensure these places remain accessible, healthy and enjoyable for future visitors.



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