

Hardwick-Area Resource Guide



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Get to know Northern Vermont!



Vermont is such a unique place! We have seasonal activities like maple syrup sugaring and pressing apples for cider. We have beautiful scenery like Caspian Lake and Nichols Ledge. We also have relatively extreme weather that tire chains can help with in the winter, and staying on top of the muddy ruts in the spring.

There's so much to do around here, and it's super helpful to have the inside scoop! Hardwick has a rich history in granite and agriculture and has been the focus as a leader in the agricultural revolution!

Local Books



Hardwick and the Hardwick area are the focus of these books! Both of these books can be found in the Treehouse, but grab a book and enjoy yourself at one of our little parks or near a hidden mural.

[The Town That Food Saved](#) by Ben Hewitt – “In The Town That Food Saved, Ben explores the contradictions inherent to producing high-end “artisanal” food products in a working class community. To better understand how a local food system might work, he spends time not only with the agripreneurs, but also with the region’s numerous small-scale food producers, many of which have been quietly operating in the area for decades. The result is a delightfully inquisitive peek behind the curtain of the town that has been dubbed the “Silicon Valley of local food.”

[Kingdom’s Bounty](#) by Bethany Dunbar – “This guide to the wildest and woolliest parts of Vermont introduces the energetic, committed, ideas-a-popping people that are bringing the Kingdom into a new era of glory, with a starting philosophy of preserving a community’s rural identity and lifestyle, green spaces, and rich food culture, with delicious dairy, fine cheeses, gourmet beers, syrups, honeys, and much more.”

Local Nature

Vermont is dominantly forest, and there are so many beautiful surprises in our forests. You are likely to come across various critters during your stay - anything from fairly large spiders (most likely - they love the water) to bears and moose (less likely). You may come across our resident chipmunk, and will often hear owls and loons at night. Nature and spiders and insects are part of the package here!



When you go for a hike, please make sure to stay on the trail (especially at the treehouse – there are very delicate woodland plants.) Woodland plants are protected – please avoid walking on them and definitely don't pick any flowers or dig up any plants.

Also, please always make sure to bring any trash out that you've brought in when you're hiking or boating or biking. We all need to work together!

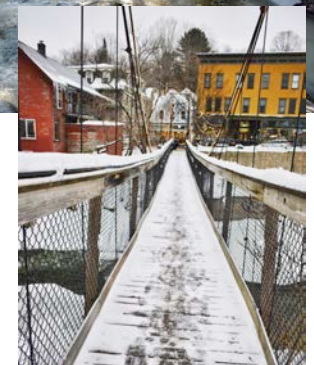
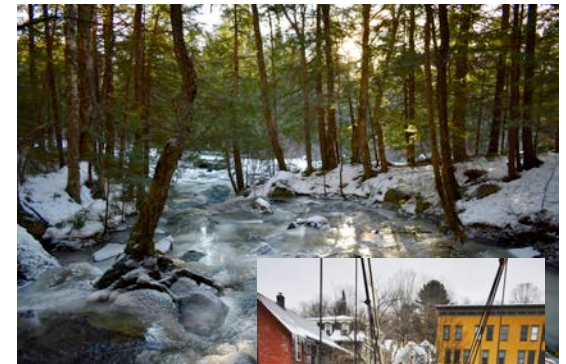


There's a new book called [Wetland, Woodland, Wildland](#) that is a guide to the natural communities of Vermont you could pick up at the Galaxy Bookstore in town. There are also multiple wildlife guides in the book selection in the treehouse.



Practical Area Information - We have just about everything you need in our little town of Hardwick!

- [Stone City Google Map](#) You can find just about everything listed below on my Google Map of Favorites!
- [Weather Underground](#) - My favorite weather app – the weather here is probably much different than your neighborhood and things change quickly. Follow the local weather here!
- [Only in Your State: Vermont](#) – You'll find lots of great Vermont tips and tours, as well as obscure oddities, on this website.
- [Vermont Vacation](#) - The official website for Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing. Statewide travel information, lodging deals, events, attractions and more.
- [Atlas Obscura: Vermont](#) - 58 Cool, Hidden, and Unusual Things to Do in Vermont
- [Travel Like a Local](#) – Recommendations for traveling like a local in Vermont.
- [Experience Vermont](#) – Local tips about things to do and local events.
- [Jeudevine Library, Hardwick, VT](#) – a beautiful building in Hardwick, the library has your typical library resources and workshops. They're looking to expand in a few years, which is very exciting!
- [Hardwick Police, Hardwick, VT](#) – hopefully you don't need them, but just in case... 802-472-5475. This is also a 911 address.
- [Hay's Service Station, Hardwick, VT](#) – where I get my car repaired. Buddy is great!



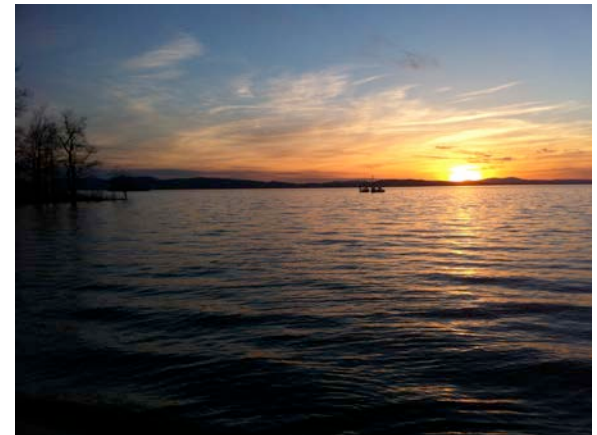
- [Hardwick Town Clerk](#), Hardwick, VT – thinking about getting married? Get your marriage license here!
- [ST Towing](#), Hardwick, VT – Steve & Terri are located just down the road and are probably one of your best options for towing and fastest response, also accepting AAA – 802-472-5717 or cell is 802-917-4056 [Here are some others](#), too.
- [The Clip Joint](#), Hardwick, VT – This is where I go for my hair, and try to get Arielle if you can!
- [Art's Barber Shop](#), Morrisville, VT – This is my son's favorite barber – old school barber shop.
- [Rite Way Sports](#), Hardwick, VT – Get your Vermont fishing license and fishing supplies here! Or, get your license, [online here](#).
- [Hardwick Fitness](#), Hardwick, VT – local gym, day passes \$6!
- [Hardwick Post Office](#), Hardwick, VT – 52 Mill St, Hardwick, VT. You know what goes on here. ☺



- [Little Office Supply Store](#), Hardwick, VT – Office supplies and UPS shipping
- [Walgreens](#), Hardwick, VT – Hardwick's only drug store, if you need one.
- [Mac Nurse](#), Hardwick, VT – Having trouble with your Mac computer while on vacation? Perry, the Mac Nurse, will set you up!
- [Flipped Vermont Technology Solutions](#), Hardwick, VT – Or, if you have a PC, get your local help here!
- [Hardwick Historical Society](#), Hardwick, VT – Interested in history? This is a sweet local history museum, focusing on the granite history in the area, located in an old train station.

Sunsets and Stargazing

- [Sentinel Rock State Park](#), Westmore, VT – nice to combine with a trip to Lake Willoughby, one of the most beautiful lakes in Vermont!
- [Foster Covered Bridge](#), Cabot, VT – not too far from the treehouse, about 15 minutes or so.
- [Lake Champlain](#) – anywhere along the shore (on the Vermont side) you can catch an incredible sunset over the Adirondack Mountains. We like to get a drink at Splash and enjoy the sunset.
- [Barr Hill](#), Greensboro, VT – You can get a view of the sunset and Caspian Lake, but it's also pretty open for stargazing.



Justices of the Peace! Thinking about getting married while you're here? Here are some folks that can help you!

- Ruby Leslie: 802-472-6375 – she's just down the road and loves to marry people!
- Linda & Roger Fox: 802-563-2321, gahnehfox@gmail.com - dear friends of mine!
- Ellyn Forester: 802-274-3330 – Ellyn is a bit further out, but is just lovely! She was the midwife for the birth of my son! <3

Breweries & Distilleries



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- [Hill Farmstead Brewery](#), Greensboro, VT - voted the best beer in the world for multiple years, this is a Mecca for beer-lovers! Only 20 minutes away, it is definitely worth the trip!
- [Hooker Mountain Farm & Distillery](#), Marshfield, VT

A Bit South...

- [Caledonia Spirits](#), Montpelier, VT - I'm a bit bias toward this crew - I've worked for them part-time for years. But, hands-down, the best gin in the world - and right in our back yard in Montpelier. If you like gin, or if you don't like gin, check it out! There's also a lovely vodka made from honey, and a unique barrel-aged gin, called Tom Cat. They've also been working hard on a whiskey that I know will be a big hit!

They had been located in Hardwick, but are now in Montpelier and the new distillery is A-MAZING! Incredible cocktails, great food-truck food, a tasting/retail room, views and tours of the facility, and ping pong ☺ A must-do if you're in Montpelier.

- [Lawson's Finest Liquids](#), Waitsfield, VT - Sip of Sunshine is the most famous beer here
- [Fresh Tracks Farm](#), Berlin, VT - I'm not a wine drinker, so I can't give you any opinions, but you can bet that anything local and from Vermont is bound to be great ☺

A Bit Further North...

- [Eden Specialty Ciders](#), Newport, VT
- [Kingdom Brewing](#), Newport, VT

Burlington-Area

- [Fiddlehead Brewery](#), Shelburne, VT
- [Magic Hat Brewery & Artifactory](#), South Burlington, VT
- [Simple Roots Brewing](#), Burlington, VT
- [Zero Gravity Craft Brewery](#), Burlington, VT
- [Switchback Brewing Co](#), Burlington, VT
- [Foam Brewers](#), Burlington, VT - nice spot down by the waterfront, with great beer!

Head West...

- [Alchemist Brewery](#), Stowe, VT - Home of the world-famous Heady Topper!
- [Lost Nation Brewery](#), Morrisville, VT
- [Rock Art Brewery](#), Morrisville, VT
- [Ten Bends Brewery](#), Hyde Park, VT



- [Idletyme Brewing Co.](#), Stowe, VT
- [Smuggler's Notch Distillery](#), Jeffersonville, VT
- [Boyden Valley Winery & Spirits](#), Cambridge, VT
 - [Green Mountain Distillers](#), Morrisville, VT
 - [Von Trapp Brewery](#), Stove, VT



And East...

- [Saint J Brewery](#), St. Johnsbury, VT
- [Kingdom Taproom](#), St. Johnsbury, VT
- [Schilling Beer Co.](#), Littleton, NH
- [Rek-Lis Brewing Company](#), Bethlehem, NH
- [St. Johnsbury Distillery](#), St. Johnsbury, VT
- [Red Barn Brewing](#), Danville, VT

Restaurants/Bakeries/Coffee Shops

Hardwick-Area

- [Positive Pie](#), Hardwick, VT - great pizza and beer selection. The slices are a good deal and my kids love the garlic knots. Say "Hi" to Butch, the bartender - he's an old friend!
- [The Scale House](#), Hardwick, VT - an amazing new restaurant in town, focusing on fresh seafood from Mass, but also lots of local goodness!
- [Perennial Pleasures](#), East Hardwick, VT - Beautiful hidden gem during the summer. Perennial plants for sale, but also a sweet gift shop, and - the real treat - an English tea house! Large selection of tea, scones, and cucumber sandwiches to enjoy in the garden!
- [Highland Lodge](#), Greensboro, VT - local music, food and libations
- [Hardwick Street Café](#), Greensboro, VT - inside the new Highland Center for the Arts
- [Hardwick House of Pizza](#), Hardwick, VT - great pizza at a great price! This is where I always get my takeout pizza, but they do have more than just pizza.



- [Village Restaurant](#), Hardwick, VT - great food - especially for breakfast and lunch, lots of local stuff, try the Jasper Hill Cheese Eggs Benedict! My favorite lunch item is the BLT w/ avocado <3
- [Black Bird Bistro](#), Craftsbury, VT - a new restaurant in Craftsbury! If you go to the bar, make sure to say hi to my friend Lee!
- [Front Seat Coffee](#), Hardwick, VT - Great new coffee shop in downtown Hardwick!
- [Buffalo Mountain Co-op Café](#), Hardwick, VT - the co-op has a sweet little café upstairs with new items every day!

- [Craftsbury General Store, Craftsbury, VT](#) – great prepared food and lots of local options. Every Wednesday evening they offer prepared meals from around the world! – Globetrotting Dinners on Wednesdays from 4-8pm, call ahead 802-586-2440.

A Bit Further North...

- [Parker Pie Co, West Glover, VT](#) – THE BEST PIZZA EVER!!! Local vibes, Hill Farmstead Brewery beer on tap (among others), live music here-and-there, and make sure to try the Green Mountain Special pizza!
- [Busy Bee Diner, Glover, VT](#) – sweet, classic micro-diner in Glover!
- [242 Texas BBQ, Montgomery Center, VT](#) – great BBQ on the side of the road.
- [Red Sky Trading, Glover, VT](#) – yum, donuts.



A Bit South...

- [Three Penny Taproom, Montpelier, VT](#) – great beer selection, sweet taproom in our Capital City!
- [Skinny Pancake, Montpelier, VT](#) – Yummy, yummy crepes! Sweet and savory, with other locations in Burlington, the Burlington Airport, Queechee, Hanover NH, Stowe Mtn Resort, and Sugarbush Resort.
- [Kismet, Montpelier, VT](#)
- [Mad Taco, Montpelier, VT](#)



Head West...

- [Siam Valley Thai Restaurant, Morrisville, VT](#) – In a past lifetime, I worked in an earlier manifestation of this restaurant. Great, affordable Thai food. Say hi to Peter in the kitchen for me!
- [Moog's, Morrisville, VT](#)
- [Pizza on Main, Morrisville, VT](#)
- [El Toro, Morrisville, VT](#) - Good Mexican food in Morrisville, only 20 minutes or so away.
- [Hen of the Wood, Waterbury, VT](#) – Fancy restaurant (yummy, but expensive!) restaurant – some of the best food in the state!
- [The Bench, Stowe, VT](#) – pizza and good beer selection in Stowe.
- [Thompsons Flour Shop, Morrisville, VT](#) – Bakery and sandwiches
- [Nepalese Himalayan Food, Morrisville, VT](#) – unexpected amazing Nepali food in a gas station/convenience store, Riverbend Market.
- [Doc Ponds, Stowe, VT](#) – the best burger I've had!
- [Prohibition Pig, Waterbury, VT](#) – nice stop after skiing at Sugarbush! Good food and beer!
- [Burger Barn, Jeffersonville, VT](#) – amazing grass-fed gourmet burgers and so many options! Open seasonally.

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- [Splash, Burlington, VT](#) – Okay food, good beer options, but you cannot beat sitting out on the water of Lake Champlain at sunset! Amazing!

- [The Spot](#), Burlington, VT - a Hawaiian-themed breakfast joint. Make sure to check out the Eggs Benedict selection on Sunday mornings! I love the crab cakes <3 I haven't had lunch and dinner there. Apparently they're on the waterfront now, too, but I haven't been there yet!
- [The Farmhouse Tap & Grill](#), Burlington, VT - good burgers and beer. You can also catch some good music on the patio from time to time!
- [Honey Road](#), Burlington, VT - I haven't eaten here, but I've heard it's amazing! Mediterranean food.
- [Penny Cluse](#), Burlington, VT - I haven't eaten here in a long time, but it's one of the most popular breakfast places!
- [A Single Pebble](#), Burlington, VT - top-notch Chinese food
- [Asiana House](#), Burlington, VT - great Asian Fusion
- [Radio Bean](#), Burlington, VT - I love the soft tacos here, and always lots of good live music! I recommend the "Five Dollar Shake" which is made from Guinness beer, espresso, and maple syrup and is only \$5! I don't think you'll see it on the menu, but you'll look like a local ☺ Yum!
- [Pho Dang](#), Winooski, VT - great, authentic, and relatively cheap Vietnamese food in an informal atmosphere.
- [Our House Bistro](#), Winooski, VT - I haven't been here yet, but as soon as I heard about it, it went straight to the top of my list! All types of comfort food, but especially Mac & Cheese!
 - [Eastern Dragon](#), St. Albans, VT - also haven't been here, but I've heard the sushi is amazing!



And East...

- [Mosaic](#), Lyndonville, VT - a locally-owned "fast-food" restaurant, reminiscent of Chipotle. I love this place! Burritos, bowls, and specialty tater tots.
- [Bentley's Bakery & Café](#), Danville, VT - sweet bakery in Danville
- [Three Ponds](#), West Danville, VT - Nice, little restaurant in West Danville. I love the Poké salad!!
- [The Creamery Restaurant](#), Danville, VT - I haven't personally been here, but it was my boyfriends' mom's favorite place!
- [Peacham Café](#), Peacham, VT - A nice stop for after hiking Devil's Hill in Peacham!
- [King Arthur Flour Café](#), Norwich, VT - I haven't been here yet, but it's on my list and I've heard it's great! They also have a retail space and cooking classes.

Food and Farms

Hardwick Area

- [Buffalo Mountain Co-op](#), Hardwick, VT - Your best option for groceries in Hardwick, IMHO ☺ Lots of great choices for breakfast and lunch in the café! Focusing on local foods, and the store downstairs has everything you need. Lots of great people to meet here, too :)

- [Willey's Store](#), Greensboro, VT - Located in Greensboro, you will find literally anything you need here! They have local food and beverages, regular groceries, hardware, housewares, clothing and shoes. This is a sight in itself and seems to go on forever!
- [Hardwick Farmers' Market](#), Hardwick, VT – Fridays from 3-6pm, June-September and sometimes into October. Located at Atkins Field on Granite St. in Hardwick in a beautiful new pavilion, it's a great local market to stock up on local veggies and meats, as well as crafts, baked goods, and other good stuff!
- [Pete's Greens Farmstand](#), Craftsbury, VT - open seasonally, this is the site of the farm of one of, if not the, biggest vegetable farm in Vermont! Found in Craftsbury, also worth the 20 or so minute drive.
- [Riverside Farm Farmstand](#), East Hardwick, VT – another nice farmstand only 3 or 4 miles from the treehouse.
- [Craftsbury General Store](#), Craftsbury, VT – great prepared food and lots of local options. Every Wednesday evening they offer prepared meals from around the world! – Globetrotting Dinners on Wednesdays from 4-8pm, call ahead 802-586-2440.
- [Tops Market](#), Hardwick, VT – more like your typical grocery store. Not much else to say ☺
- [Hardwick Village Market](#), Hardwick, VT – a more typical grocery store, but locally(ish) owned.
- [Jasper Hill Cheese](#), Greensboro, VT - they don't have a visitor's area yet, but that's in the works at the [Yellow Barn Project](#) in Hardwick. You can't visit the site, but you drive by them on your way to Hill Farmstead and can see the beautiful, painted barn. Amazing, internationally acclaimed cheeses - you can find at Willey's Store in Greensboro or the Buffalo Mountain Co-op in Hardwick.



- [Dolly Grey Orchard](#), Hardwick, VT – my neighbors, just around the corner! Apples and raspberries, when they're in season.
- [Burt's Apple Orchard](#), Cabot, VT – Many varieties of apples, plus pears and tart cherries, and a nice farm stand. You can also launch rotten apples from the slingshot!
- [Cabot Smith Farm](#), Cabot, VT – Pick-your-own strawberries!
- [Double D Farm Stand](#), Hardwick, VT – Small farm stand located right near Hardwick House of Pizza where you can also pick up local firewood!

A Bit Further North...

- [Curriers Market](#), Glover, VT – Great general store that is almost like a museum with a ton of taxidermy animals. Make sure to swing by on your way to Parker Pie!

A Bit South...

- [Capital City Farmers' Market](#), Montpelier, VT – Pretty large farmers' market with lots of great vendors! Downtown in the summer - every Saturday 9am – 2pm from May through October in our NEW location at 2 Taylor Street, downtown Montpelier. At

the new Caledonia Spirits Distillery during the winter - the first three Saturdays in December, and then every other Saturday starting January 4th, 2020 through April 25th. Market hours are 10am – 2pm

- [Hunger Mountain Co-op](#), Montpelier, VT – One of Vermont’s larger food co-ops.

Head West...

- [Tomlinson’s Store & Liquors](#), Morrisville, VT – good beer selection and liquor store
- [Craft Beer Cellars](#), Waterbury, VT – huge beer selection, from Vermont and beyond!
- [Morrisville Food Co-op](#), Morrisville, VT – newer food co-op
- [Edelweiss Mountain Deli, Stowe, VT](#) – there’s a Caledonia Spirits tasting space here, as well as an amazing beer selection and a great deli, as well as a lot of great Vermont products.
- [The Cupboard Deli & Bakery](#), Jeffersonville, VT – great breakfast sandwiches, deli options and bakery. The donuts are amazing!
- [Laughing Moon Chocolates](#), Stowe, VT – Yum!



And East...

- [Marty’s 1st Stop](#), Danville, VT – convenience store/grocery store with a good deli. My boyfriend loves the chili!

Burlington-Area

- [Cheese and Wine Traders](#), South Burlington, VT – one of my long-time favorite stores, you can find discounted natural foods, a large variety of cheeses, as well as a large selection of wine and beer downstairs.
- [Burlington Farmers’ Market](#), Burlington, VT – The largest farmers’ market in the state, running year round!
- [City Market](#), Burlington, VT – the largest food co-op in the state with two locations.



Live Music & Arts

Hardwick-Area

- [Vermont Vaudeville](#), Hardwick, VT – Based at the [Hardwick Town House](#), but also traveling around the area, this group is hysterical. Lots of local “inside jokes” but great entertainment for anyone. Highly recommended if you’re lucky enough to be in town when they’re performing!
- [Highland Center for the Arts](#), Greensboro, VT – a new, beautiful theater, only 15 minutes away, with an art gallery and café. They get a lot of interesting things, so check out their schedule!
- [Circus Smirkus](#), Greensboro, VT – some more home-grown entertainment that’s

world-class! In the summertime they offer a summer camp for circus arts and do a big-top tour, starting and ending in Greensboro. Not to miss if you’re in town, but buy tickets early!

- [Craftsbury Chamber Players](#), Craftsbury & Hardwick, VT – Another world-class act in our backyard, the Craftsbury Chamber Players hold multiple performances at the Hardwick Town House throughout the summer.
- [Grass Roots Art and Community Effort \(GRACE\)](#), Hardwick, VT – art classes and gallery in a beautiful old firehouse.

A Bit Further North...

- [Bread & Puppet Theater & Museum](#), Glover, VT – around since the 1960's and famous for progressive political and social commentary, the art and puppets have a very folk-art feel to it. Another amazing gem hidden in the mountains with most of their performances over the summer, but the museum is open year-round (unheated) ☺



A Bit South...

I don't have as much personal experience with the arts down this way, but here are some I've heard about ☺

- [The Whammy Bar](#), Calais, VT – I haven't been here yet, and it's not that far away, but it's definitely been on my list! It's a community store and bar with some great local food and beer. All music is free (but tipping is appreciated).
- [Lost Nation Theater](#), Montpelier, VT
- [Barre Opera House](#), Barre, VT
- [The Valley Players](#), Waitsfield, VT
- [Savoy Theater](#), Montpelier, VT – Actually, I have been here. Art House movies in a beautiful theater!
- [Capital Theater](#), Montpelier & Barre, VT – your typical movie theater with mainstream movies.



Head West...

- [Bijou Cineplex 4](#), Morrisville, VT – Probably the closest traditional movie theater.
- [Moog's Place](#), Morrisville, VT – A comfort food-type restaurant with regular live music
- [Zen Barn](#), Waterbury, VT – live music and food
- [Helen Day Art Center](#), Stowe, VT
- [River Arts, Morrisville, VT](#)

And East...

- [Harry's Hardware](#), Cabot, VT – now here's something out-of-the-ordinary and off-the-beaten-path: a Hardware store with a bar and live music! One-stop shopping just around the corner! (Well, a Vermont corner ☺)
- [Catamount Arts](#), St. Johnsbury, VT – lots of options for music, film, and theater throughout the area.

Burlington-Area

- [Radio Bean](#), Burlington, VT – lots of local, live music in an intimate, upbeat atmosphere.
- [Flynn Theater](#), Burlington, VT – 1930's Art Deco theater
- [Higher Ground](#), South Burlington, VT – live music venue with some larger names
- [South End Arts District](#), Burlington, VT



Shopping

Hardwick-area

- [Whistle Emporium](#), Hardwick, VT – Sweet little gift shop with a lot of fun and creative items, right here in Hardwick!
- [Galaxy Bookstore](#), Hardwick, VT – great local, independent bookstore!
- [Miller's Thumb Gallery](#), Greensboro, VT – A great source for local art and crafts for sale right across from Willey's store.
- [Perennial Pleasures Nursery & Tea Garden](#), East Hardwick, VT – Beautiful hidden gem during the summer. Perennial plants for sale, but also a sweet gift shop, and – the real treat – an English tea house! Large selection of tea, scones, and cucumber sandwiches to enjoy in the garden!
- [The Flower Basket](#), Hardwick, VT – a local flower shop with lots of local touches!
- [Ruby Charuby Weavings](#), Hardwick, VT – Just down the road from us, she makes beautiful woven scarves. Contact her directly if you'd like to check out her work! (802)472-6375

Further West...

- [Power Play Sports](#), Morrisville, VT – sports equipment and gear
- [Chuck's Bikes](#), Morrisville, VT – bike sales and equipment.
- [Red House](#), Johnson, VT – Great selection of outdoor clothing and equipment. Make sure to check out the sales on the second floor where you can find some great deals!
- [Resource](#), Hyde Park, VT – My favorite resale shop and I've found many items for the treehouse here. There are multiple stores – Hyde Park, Barre, Burlington, Willison – and you can find almost anything! (But no clothes)

Skiing & Snowboarding

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- [Craftsbury Outdoor Center](#), Craftsbury, VT – Cross Country Skiing, groomed trails and rentals
- [Highland Lodge](#), Greensboro, VT – Cross Country Skiing, groomed trails and rentals, but also sculling, running, biathlon, cycling, and fitness.



- [Hardwick Trails](#), Hardwick, VT – no rentals here – you need to bring your own – but groomed and local!



A Bit Further North...

- [Jay Peak Resort](#), Jay, VT - Some of the best skiing in Vermont if the conditions are right. There's also a water park and other activities. About an hour away.

A Bit South...

- [Sugarbush Resort](#), Waitsfield, VT – Also some great skiing about an hour and a half away.

Head West...

- [Stowe Mountain Resort](#), Stowe, VT – We're in the epicenter of some great skiing, also an hour away.
- [Smuggler's Notch Resort](#), Jeffersonville, VT - More low key, a local's favorite!

And East...

- [Burke Mountain](#), Burke, VT – More reasonably priced and a sweet local spot.

Other Outdoor Adventure – Biking, Snowmobiling, Dog Sledding, Etc.

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- [Atkins Field](#), Hardwick, VT – ice skating under the new pavilion, day or night! There are a few pairs of ice skates to borrow, but you're better off bringing your own. This is also the location of multiple community events, the farmers' market, community gardens, hiking trails, and a bicycle pump track.
- [VAST Snowmobile Trails](#), Vermont – there's a trail that goes right by the treehouse and you may hear snowmobiles go by here and there.
- [Mountain View Country Club](#), Greensboro, VT – Mountain View Country Club is a hidden gem in the Northeast Kingdom (NEK) of Vermont. With its the picturesque golf course (the oldest in its original location in Vermont) and 7 red clay tennis courts, Mountain View offers a welcoming, family-friendly golf, tennis and social activities in beautiful Greensboro, Vermont on the shores of Caspian Lake.

A Bit Further North...

- [Newport City Dock](#), Newport, VT – Nice spot to be on the water and there's a walking path right there. Also, some good food right there on the docks!
- [Eden Ethical Dog Sledding Experience](#), Eden, VT – local dog sledding tours!

A Bit South...

- [Woodbury Golf](#), Woodbury, VT - This 9-hole par 3 course is no ordinary



executive course. Members certainly consider it the best short course in Vermont.



Head West...

- Gentle Giants Sleigh Rides & Carriage Rides, Stowe, VT
- [Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, Morrisville to Cambridge, VT](#) – a great rail trail along the Lamoille River, crossing the state from East to West. It's still being developed, but the parts that are ready are a real treat.
- [Morrisville Bike Share, Morrisville, VT](#) – borrow a bike for free and hop on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail!
- [Cricket Hill Trails, Hyde Park, VT](#) – a nice, - and free - network of trails for biking, cross country skiing, walking, and snowshoeing.
- [Stowe Bike Path, Stowe, VT](#) – a very popular bike path in Stowe. Nice and gentle, following the river.
- [Bootlegger Bikes, Jeffersonville, VT](#) – Bike rentals for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

- [Peace Pups Dog Sledding, Elmore, VT](#) – local dog sledding tours!
- [Pleasant Valley Horse-Drawn wagon and Sleigh Rides, Cambridge, VT](#) – Have never been here, but looks like a fun activity!

And East...

- [NEK Adventures ATV & Snowmobile Tours, St. Johnsbury, VT](#) – I've never been here, but another fun activity!
- [Kingdom Trails, Burke, VT](#) – world-class mountain biking, people travel from all over to use these trails!
- [Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, West Danville to St. Johnsbury, VT](#) – a great rail trail along the Lamoille River, crossing the state from East to West. It's still being developed, but the parts that are ready are a real treat.
- [The Kingdom's Horse Drawn Wagon and Sleigh Rides, Brownington Center, VT](#) – Have never been here, but looks like a fun activity!

Burlington-Area

- [The Causeway Bike Path, Colchester, VT](#) – a bit out of the neighborhood in Colchester, but a very cool bike path that juts out into Lake Champlain. There's a bike ferry that can bring you through the gap in the causeway to Grand Isle, VT
- [Petracliffs, Burlington, VT](#) – Indoor rock climbing wall.

Hiking, Swimming, & Kayaking

Hardwick-Area





- [Nichols Pond](#), **Woodbury, VT** – Just up the road about a mile, even within hiking distance, Nichols Pond is a beautiful gem. There are no motorized boats allowed so take the kayaks down. Launch the kayak from the dam parking area for a relaxing float and great fishing, or cross over the dam and follow the path along the edge of the lake to find a quiet private place to swim. Keep an eye open for loons! To get there, take a right out of the driveway, in about 1/8 mile, go right where the road splits. Then continue for about a half mile and go right onto Nichols Dam road. This road looks like a private road, but it's not. Go down to the end and there's parking. Be aware, sometimes the road can be very rough and sometimes it's hard to find parking and the dam area can be a bit of a party spot.

Nichols Dam road and go all the way to the top of the hill. There's a small parking area on your right at the top and the trail is right there. It's a relatively short, but steep hike – if you're in decent shape it will take you about 15 minutes. BUT, be aware that this trail is open only from August on because there are Peregrine Falcons nesting on the cliffs! The pictures you see in the link are mostly from the ledge. A truly beautiful spot!

- [Barr Hill](#), **Greensboro, VT** – a Nature Conservancy property about 20 minutes away, and the namesake of Barr Hill Gin, there are easy, short hikes with beautiful views.
- [Caspian Lake](#), **Greensboro, VT** – there's a public beach right across from Willey's – a very popular place during the summer! There's also a boat launch right there. Also a big ice fishing spot in the winter!
- [Hardwick Trails](#), **Hardwick, VT** – Access is behind Hazen Union High School, there are trails of varying lengths for hiking and biking, periodic guided hikes, and the trails are groomed for cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter.
- [Hardwick Lake](#), **Hardwick, VT** – you can access the lake through Hardwick Trails, or park at the boat launch on Rt. 14. Beautiful paddle that's close-by.
- [Cheever's Falls](#), **Walden, VT** – beautiful, local waterfall you reach with a short hike.

A Bit Further North...

- [Crystal Lake State Park](#), **Barton, VT** – public beach, beautiful spot!
- [Lake Willoughby](#), **Westmore, VT** – Amazing lake with cliffs coming down from the surrounding mountains. The public beach is on the north end of the lake, and the nude beach is at the south end. There are also [hiking trails](#) in the area too.

A Bit South...

- [Mad River](#), **Bristol/Warren, VT** – lots of really beautiful swimming spots on this river.



- [Moss Glen Falls, Granville, VT](#) – If you decide to come or go via Route 100 (which I highly recommend for its beauty – not the quick route, but the scenic route) you drive right by the second Moss Glen Falls in Vermont (the other one is in Stowe). A quick pull off and very short walk brings you to a beautiful waterfall.

Head West...

- [Elmore State Park, Elmore, VT](#) – enjoy some time on the beach, or hike up Mount Elmore – a challenging hike with a 360 degree view on the top from the fire tower.



- [Moss Glen Falls, Stowe, VT](#) – a short hike off the road to a beautiful, big waterfall
- [Bingham Falls, Stowe, VT](#) – on your way up the mountain road to Stowe Mountain Resort or Smuggler’s Notch. Beautiful falls with an easyish/intermediate hike.
- [Smuggler’s Notch, Stowe & Jeffersonville, VT](#) – an absolutely beautiful drive through the Notch and some great hiking trails, including the Long Trail.
- [Sterling Gorge Falls, Stowe, VT](#) – this may be closed because of a landslide, but if not, check it out!
- [Green River Reservoir State Park, Hyde Park, VT](#) – beautiful lake with no motorized boats. There are loons and beautiful water.
- [Prospect Rock, Johnson, VT](#) – one of the first places I went hiking in Vermont, it’s a short hike from the parking area, following the Long Trail. Or you can hike from below, for a more challenging hike. Beautiful view from the cliffs. There’s also rock

climbing for those who are inclined.

- [Journey’s End, Johnson, VT](#) – another of my first hikes in Vermont, short hike to a beautiful waterfall/swimming hole!
- [Huntington Gorge, Richmond, VT](#) – Beautiful natural gorge, but be super careful if you decide to go in. It can be quite dangerous!

And East...

- [Devil’s Hill, Peacham, VT](#) - another great relatively easy hike with a great view.

Burlington-Area

- [Burlington Bike Path, Burlington, VT](#) – lovely bike/walking path going along the Burlington waterfront.

Health and Wellness

Hardwick-Area

- [Strong Wellness, East Hardwick, VT](#) – Nutrition counseling and bodywork.
- [Janah Pellerin, Hardwick, VT](#) – massage therapist, just lovely!
- [Whetstone Wellness, Craftsbury, VT](#) – classes, massage, facials/waxing/pedicures, energy work/sound therapy, counseling/intuitive work





- [The Open Space](#), **Hardwick, VT** – Yoga studio in Hardwick. My boyfriend's daughter, Sophia, teaches here!
- [Blue Heron Acupuncture](#), **Marshfield, VT** – My friend Christina does Acupuncture, Chinese Herbal Medicine, and Energy Healing.
- [Indigenous Roots](#), **Woodbury, VT** - My friend Sierra provides Reiki, Lightwork, Energy Integration Therapy, Soul Retrieval, Extraction Healing, Power Animal Retrieval, and more!

North of the Border

- [Bolton Spas](#), **East Bolton, Quebec** – bring your passport and head to Canada!

About an hour away. I haven't been here (yet) but several of my friends have been and it sounds amazing!

Museums and other misc. things to do

Hardwick-Area

- [Agape Hill Farm](#), **Hardwick, VT** – Llama farm just down the road with gift shop, workshops, and llama walks, open from June 1 – October 1.
- [Fisher Covered Railroad Bridge](#), **Hardwick/Wolcott, VT** – Historic railroad bridge, right on the side of the road on Rt. 15!
- [Crossroads Maple](#), **Greensboro/Hardwick, VT** – right on your way to Greensboro from Hardwick, swing by during sugaring season and you see steam coming from the cupola in the spring!
- [Hardwick Spring Festival & Parade](#), **Hardwick, VT** – annual event with lots of local flair. If you're here on Memorial Day weekend check it out! Or, at least be aware it may be difficult to get through town for a period that Saturday.

A Bit Further North...

- [Old Stone House Museum](#), **Brownington, VT** – History museum
- [Museum of Everyday Life](#), **Glover, VT** – Here's a place you could just drive by and not realize what you're missing out on! A fascinating little museum about everyday items, with a Bread & Puppet flair.
- [Lavender Essentials of Vermont](#), **Derby, VT** – I haven't been here yet, but it's high on my list! A beautiful lavender farm offering products and experiences.

A Bit South...

- [Bragg Farm Sugar House and Gift Shop](#), **East Montpelier, VT** – Try the Vermont classic, Sugar-on-Snow! The store is open year-round, but sugaring is only in the late winter/early spring.
- [Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks](#), **Montpelier, VT** – another great local sugar house
- [Vermont State House](#), **Montpelier, VT** – our beautiful state capital building!



- [Vermont History Museum](#), Montpelier, VT – if you’re interested in history, this museum is worth the visit.
- [Vermont Institute of Natural Science \(VINS\)](#), Queechee, VT – Quite a bit further south, but if you’re on your way in or out of the area, well worth the stop if you’re interested in birds, but especially if you like treehouses, which I know you do! They have this new, amazing canopy walk that you need to check out! If you do go here, also check out Queechee Gorge, which you drive over to get to VINS from the highway.



Head West...

- [Ben & Jerry’s Factory](#), Waterbury, VT – a Vermont staple! The tours are fun and there are samples at the end ☺
- [Cold Hollow Cider Mill](#), Waterbury Center, VT - you can’t beat cider and cider donuts!
- [Vermont Ski & Snowboard Museum](#), Stowe, VT – an interesting history of skiing and snowboarding and many artifacts.
- [Birds of Vermont Museum](#), Huntington, VT – Sweet bird museum where all of the birds on display are carved from wood.
- [Old Round Church](#), Richmond, VT – Beautiful old round church built in the early 1800’s.

And East...

- [Rowell Sugarhouse](#), Walden, VT – Gallery and shop not too far away
- [Cabot Creamery Visitor’s Center](#), Cabot, VT – world famous cheese, just “around the corner”.
- [Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium](#), St. Johnsbury, VT – many various artifacts, many stuffed animals from around the world, a rotating exhibit, and a planetarium. Also, a very beautiful building!
- [Maple Grove Farms](#), St. Johnsbury, VT – a rustic little maple museum and nice gift shop.
- [Dog Mountain and Stephen Huneck Gallery](#), St. Johnsbury, VT – very sweet little dog chapel that will get you teary for a loved dog that has passed. Also, a great gallery of iconic art from Stephen Huneck.
- [Great Vermont Corn Maze](#), Danville, VT – a fun, and challenging, seasonal opportunity – the largest corn maze in New England!
- [Montshire Museum of Science](#), Norwich, VT – Nice science museum with lots of hands-on activities and options.

Burlington-Area

- [ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain Aquarium](#), Burlington, VT – I took my kids here regularly when they were little. A freshwater aquarium focusing on the local ecosystem, and a rotating exhibit.
- [Shelburne Farms](#), Shelburne, VT – great working and educational farm with a beautiful barn.
- [Shelburne Museum](#), Shelburne, VT – this was my kids’ favorite place to go when they were young, but also lots of great things for adults – great art and architecture and history.



- [Hotel Vermont Ice Bar](#), **Burlington, VT** – fun event, usually in February – the depth of winter! Lots of local beverages, food and music. Make sure to dress warmly!
- [Burlington Discover Jazz Festival](#), **Burlington, VT** – Held for about two weeks in the beginning of June, well worth the trip to Burlington. If you do go, look for my friends from NYC who could be performing as Left Ear Trio, MLS Trio, Brawlick, or Brooklyn Circle.