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# FROM THE Editor

Summer is a time for exploration! To swim (in a river, lake and quarry!), bike, run, kayak, canoe, stand-up-paddle, sail, waterski, fish, hike, climb, garden, eat fresh foods, enjoy outdoor concerts, have friends and family over for barbecues, go camping, roast marshmallows over an open fire, travel ... the list goes on and on – all while spending quality time with friends and family. Oh yeah, and most of us have to find time to work, too...



*Disclaimer:* This guide will not make an ambitious “to do” list for the summer any shorter. In fact, its goal is the opposite: to tempt you to add a handful of events or activities to that list – ones you didn’t know you wanted to do!

However, because there are so many great options and only a few short months to accomplish them, this guide aims to increase the quality and, therefore, the enjoyment of the activities and events you choose by pointing out some of the best places to pursue them.

Here’s a sneak peek:

First, summer can be hot – even in the mountains! Luckily the area is home to a vast array of rivers, ponds, lakes and reservoirs. We’ve highlighted a few on and off the beaten path to explore, see page 8. But also check out the region’s state parks, which offer easy access for swimming and boating (including rentals) as well as amenities such as bathrooms, barbecue grills, picnic tables and sometimes food vendors.

Rutland County is home to 9 area golf courses some of which have been ranked top in the northeast. Enjoy the stunning vistas while you tee up, page 12.

Central Vermont has also become an increasingly popular destination for inn-to-inn hiking and biking trips – European style! Let others transport your overnight belongings while you enjoy the countryside, page 14.

For those looking for a higher vantage point, choose one of 21 hikes we’ve featured, page 16.

When hungry, local farms provide an excellent selection of veggies, fruit, meats, and dairy products at farmers markets, page 19. Then, make your own pizza with your stockpile of fresh foods, page 23. Or taste farm-to-table food while dining in a park-let in downtown Rutland, page 22. For dessert, don’t miss out on tasting the richness of Vermont creamees – there are over 400 to choose from, page 50.

While that creamie will likely satisfy your kids for a few minutes, we know you’ll need many more options to keep the kids entertained. On page 24, we’ve outline 11 things that are sure to put a smile on any kids’ face – rain or shine. Don’t miss the Adventure Center at Killington Resort – a kid favorite, just take it from 5-year-old Esmé who explains what and why each activity and ride are cool, page 47. Also check out the events calendar with over 100 events listed for all ages and interests. Find food festivals, dance performances, historical tours, children’s activities, parades, carnivals, car races, athletic events, races and challenges, and plenty more page 35.

Music is also a big deal across the state with summer music series, festivals and big name bands playing at (mostly) outdoor venues across the state. Popular local deejay Dave Hoffenberg is hip to the scenes and outlines his personal Top 10 music events this summer on page 30.

For a more casual scene, check out the free weekly summer concerts nearby, page 33.

For those families looking for an overnight experience, camping is a great option! But don’t sacrifice more comfort than necessary. See page 25 for tips to make your overnight experience the best it can be.

Get out there and enjoy summer while it lasts, try something new and discover the joys awaiting in central Vermont’s backyard.



Editor & Co-Publisher  
**Polly Lynn Mikula**

## 2023 - Summer Guide - TEAM

Meet the team behind this guide: We’re all locals (residing in Chittenden, Chester, Killington and Rutland) and we love to enjoy the summer season.

While this guide covers a plethora of activities, sports and destinations, sometimes its nice to hear a quick tip from someone who lives it. So we took the time to share what personally interests us. Take our advice or that from a different expert in the magazine and enjoy!



Reporter

**Katy Savage**

I’m outside constantly – horseback riding, running and hiking. I’m never bored.



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The kids love to be on the water, usually with a rod in hand. Chittenden Reservoir is our go-to local watering hole and it offers enough adventures to last all summer, every summer!



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It’s easy for me to let go of all of life’s worries here. Strolling local towns, checking out the coffee shops, and soaking in the scenery. You just have to come check us out!



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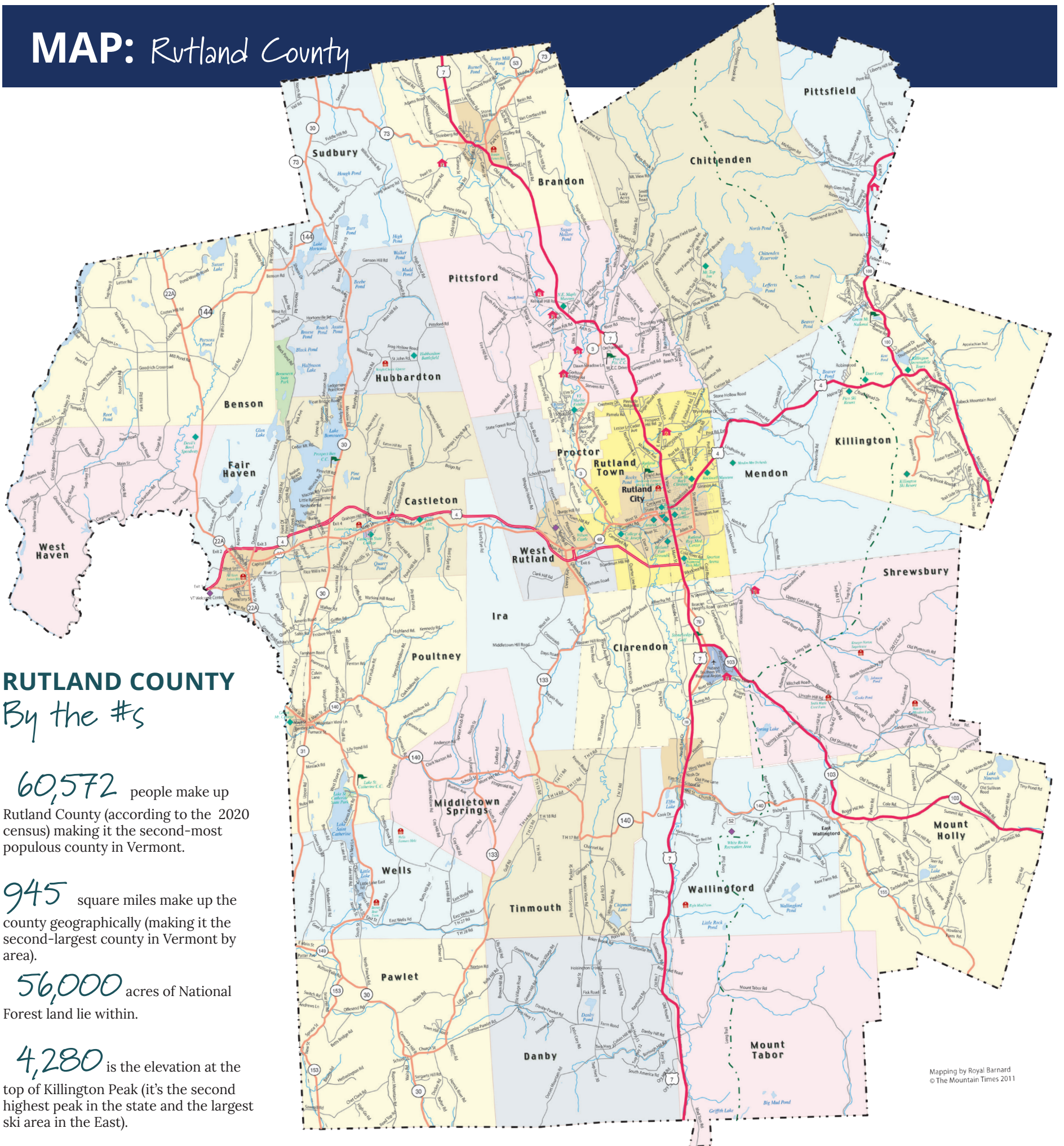
I enjoy the summer best on two wheels! The options for mountain biking – both downhill and cross county on singletrack trails are plentiful and expanding! (Tip: pick up a GRIP mountain bike magazine and discover the 14 local areas! It’s also online at: [mountaintimes.info/GRIP2023](http://mountaintimes.info/GRIP2023))

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# MOUNTAIN TIMES

# MAP: Rutland County



## RUTLAND COUNTY By the #s

**60,572** people make up Rutland County (according to the 2020 census) making it the second-most populous county in Vermont.

**945** square miles make up the county geographically (making it the second-largest county in Vermont by area).

**56,000** acres of National Forest land lie within.

**4,280** is the elevation at the top of Killington Peak (it's the second highest peak in the state and the largest ski area in the East).

**273** miles is the length of the Long Trail (the oldest long-distance trail in the East.) It runs along the spine of the Green Mountains. The Appalachian Trail travels along it for the southern portion splitting off and heading east just north or Sherburne Pass in Killington.

**365** days open for the Rutland Farmer's Market (year round. It is one of the largest and most diverse farmers' markets in the state.

**3** flights daily from the Rutland - Southern Vermont Regional Airport to Boston.

**2** train stations at Castleton and Rutland link passenger service south to Albany and New York City, north to Burlington via Middlebury and Vergennes on Amtrak's Ethan Allen Express, and into the continental U.S. via Schenectady on the Lakeshore Limited.

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# When it's hot,

# DIVE IN

Refreshing is perhaps the best way to describe the experience of cooling off on a hot summer day in one of Vermont's pristine lakes or rivers. Jump off a cliff into a deep pool and resurface completely cleansed of the grime of sweat and daily stresses. Even if it's temporary, the reprieve is well worth the minimal effort it takes to find cool waters. Rutland County has rivers in almost every one of its valleys and nearly all boast swimming holes to discover. **Here are 8 great choices:**

## Bomoseen

**CASTLETON**—Lake Bomoseen is the most prominent lake in Vermont's Lake Region, located in the west-central part of the state. Stretching almost nine miles long and one mile wide and covering an expansive 2,370 acres, Lake Bomoseen is the largest lake contained entirely within Vermont's state borders. The lake has a maximum depth of 65 feet. There are three public beaches here. Bomoseen State Park also offers many other water activities, rentals and camping.

**DIRECTIONS:** Located at 22 Cedar Mountain Road in Castleton. Take Route 4 west from Rutland, then take exit 3 toward Fair Haven. Take a right on Scotch Hill Road, which turns into West Castleton Road and leads right to the park.

## Cold River

**SHREWSBURY**—If you just want a cool sitz-bath or to let the kids and the dog wade, the Cold River at the Brown Covered Bridge is a good choice. The Cold River is shallow at this point and tumbles over boulders and small basins with an energizing, bubbling sound. If you love river stones, this is the place! Add the song of forest birds and your peace is complete.

**DIRECTIONS:** Drive out Cold River Road about 4 miles from the intersection with Rte. 7, south of Rutland. After many curves, look for the sign for Upper Cold River Road to the left. This will be a new gravel road that takes you down to the bridge. An interpretive sign and a close-up look at the dramatic damage done by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 add to the experience.

## Elfin Lake

**WALLINGFORD**—A town-owned little gem of clear water surrounded by fragrant wooded shores. The beach features a sandy beach, staffed concession shed with restrooms, a roped-off area, float, kayak-canoe launch and covered picnic tables. The beach is open daily until 6 p.m., with a lifeguard on duty from noon-5 p.m. Gates close at 7 p.m. There is a modest day use fee that supports maintenance and staffing. The surrounding Stone Meadow Park and Conservation Area offers easy walking trails with map and brochure.

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Rutland drive south on Rte. 7 approx. 10 miles into Wallingford center. Turn right at the full stoplight onto West Route 140 and continue ½ mile to the marked access road on the left.

## Buttermilk Falls

**LUDLOW**— This swimming hole features three waterfalls, with chutes and pools to explore and cool off in. It's an easy walk from the parking area also between the falls. Warning: there is some nude swimming in the area. Stick to the pools if that's not your thing.

**DIRECTIONS:** Just west of the intersection of Route 100 and Route 103 in Ludlow take a right on Buttermilk Falls Road. Go to the end of the road and park. Take paths on the right to access all three falls and pools.





## Half Moon Pond

**HUBBARDTON**—A small, secluded pond within the Half Moon State Park. One or two seasonal cabins, no motorboats, deep green water shimmering under a wooded hillside. Several spots to get into the water; kayak put-in spot.

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Rutland drive south on Route 7 to the full stoplight that marks US-4, a divided highway. Continue west on US-4 to exit 4, then north on Route 30N, continue 7 miles to Hortonia Road in Hubbardton, then left 1.6 miles onto Black Pond Road, a narrow gravel road. Half Moon Pond is at 1.2 miles; parking on the shoulder at 1.4 miles.

## Horses Heaven

**POULTNEY**—The Poultney River is spring-fed and people used to bathe in it for healing purposes. Horses Heaven offers large rocks to walk/picnic along, plus some to jump off into deep crystal clear waters. There are small cascades above the pool, too. A gorgeous find!

**DIRECTIONS:** From Rutland, take Route 4 west to Route 30 south to Poultney. From Poultney take Route 140 east. Horses Heaven can be accessed from Route 140. Pass the East Poultney Green, then look for the Eagle Tavern on your right. About 500 feet farther up the road is a small dirt pull-off just before a little house that hangs over the river. A gap in the guardrail allows access to the river.

## Silver Lake

**BRANDON**—High above Lake Dunmore in the Green Mountain National Forest, spring-fed Silver Lake was once the site of a grand hotel, which burned. A small gravel beach remains, with a picnic area, kiosk and vault toilet. An interpretive trail goes around the lake. This hidden gem is deep green and peaceful, surrounded by forest and a good spot to watch for wildlife. The nearby primitive campground is hosted and charges \$10/night. Use of the lake is free.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Rutland, travel north on Rte. 7, then east on Route 73 in Brandon to Town Hill Road in Goshen. Turn left, then left again across the small bridge by the town hall onto FR 32. Follow FR 32 to Silver Lake Road (FR 27) on the left. Follow Silver Lake Road 2.2 miles to the parking lot at the locked gate. Paths lead to the campground. Silver Lake is only accessible on foot by hiking 0.6 miles down the trail from the campground or via the service road, which is barred to unauthorized vehicles.

## Swinging Bridge

**CLARENDON**—The 30-foot long bridge above the Mill River is an impressive feature that makes this spot truly unique. This gorge is a popular swimming hole with 8-foot cascades and deep yellow/green pools. There are large rocks to sit on, bask in the sun and/or picnic.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Rutland, take Route 7 south then a left onto Route 103 and follow for approximately 2.5 miles. You will come to a large parking area on the right just before you cross the railroad tracks. This is used as an access point to the Long Trail. Follow the well-worn path to the suspension bridge. After crossing the bridge, take the path to the right, leading down to the river. Follow the river under the bridge to the swimming areas downstream.



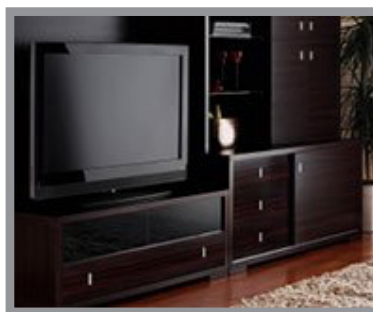
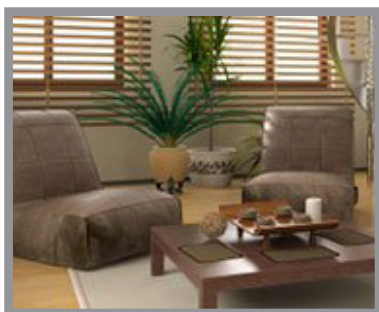
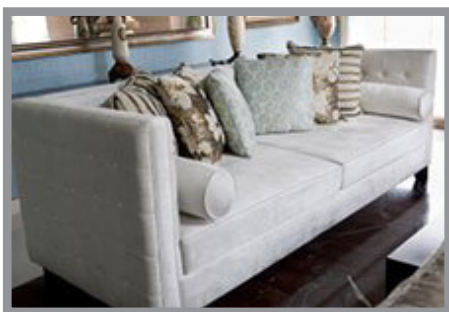
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## Sucker Brook Cascade

Castleton

## Otter Creek Falls

Center Rutland

## Saint Mary's Falls

Clarendon

## Fall Brook Falls

Danby

## The Falls

Fair Haven

## Pico Falls

Alpine Dr. at Pico Mountain, Killington

## Thundering Brook Falls

River Road, Killington

## Flower Brook Cascade

Pawlet

## Furnace Brook Falls

Pittsford

## Patch Pond Falls

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holes

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## Killington Golf Course

227 East Mountain Rd., Killington  
802-422-6700

18  
holes

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## Prospect Bay Country Club

111 Prospect Point Rd., Bomoseen  
802-468-5581

9  
holes

This scenic nine-hole course overlooks beautiful Lake Bomoseen. Prospect's short layout will reward good shots and provide a fun golf outing for everyone.

## Lake St. Catherine Country Club

2395 Vt Route 30 S, Poultney  
802-287-9341

18  
holes

A short ride out to the Lakes Region, you'll discover a pretty little golf course that will please your senses but challenge your abilities to post a low score. Shot selection is crucial at Lake St. Catherine — you should recognize this fact from the first hole onward. Don't automatically pull out the driver, and be very careful selecting the right club for several radical uphill and downhill approach shots.

## Neshobe Golf Club

227 Town Farm Rd., Brandon  
802-247-3611

18  
holes

As a test of golf, Neshobe requires patience and attention to surroundings in order to score well. You may note the original nine hole layout merged together with nine newer holes. Be careful: They don't necessarily play the same, particularly on the greens.

18  
holes

## Proctor-Pittsford Country Club

311 Corn Hill Road, Pittsford  
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Proctor-Pittsford Golf Course is no "piece of cake," despite its innocent look. Perched on the crest of Corn Hill in Pittsford, the course offers many pretty vistas that can fool you into ignoring the challenges that you'll face in trying to make a decent score. The spectacular setting, friendly staff, and affordable rates make it a necessary and regular place to go. The course is semi-private, but tee times are generally available to the public.

## Rutland Country Club

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18  
holes

Ranked among the best golf courses in the state, Rutland Country Club is a stop that no serious golfer should miss. Rutland has one of the older layouts in the region, and superior care and attention to the course has brought it to a mature and stately condition. To score well at Rutland, you'd better bring patience and your full "bag of tricks."

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# INN-TO-INN WALKING, HIKING, BIKING TOURS GAIN POPULARITY IN VERMONT

By Katy Savage

For those looking to experience Vermont up close and stay in historical country buildings, inn-to-inn walking, hiking and biking tours have soared in popularity in Southern and Central Vermont.

Guests hike the best parts of the best trails in the area, travel backroads, past old farmland, and historic cemeteries and villages. They walk through woods with meandering brooks and take in historical sights along the way.

Guests can also stay at the area's most unique inns, some of which were once homes to key Vermont figures, with original clawfoot bathtubs and original woodwork. All meals, in addition to snacks for the road, are included.

In Southern Vermont, a four-day, 40-mile walking tour offered from May to October takes guests in a loop from Chester, to Cavendish, to Ludlow, to Weston.

Guests walk up to 13 miles a day from inn to inn, spending one night at each along the way before departing the next day, right after a full country breakfast.

Inn owners carry their overnight belongings to their next location so the walkers can just walk.

"It's better than a cruise ship because you don't have to think about anything. All you have to do is relax and enjoy the road," said Dan Cote, the innkeeper at the Inn Victoria in Chester. "It's as special as you and I going to Scotland and walking the highlands of Scotland. It's a beautiful thing."

On the first day, guests walk the original stagecoach route from Chester to Cavendish.

"We try to make it as educational and fun as we possibly can," Cote said. "It's an enjoyable thing but it's not a pressure type of thing. It's very carefully orchestrated. There's a lot that goes into it."

Inn Victoria is one of the original inns in the walking tour, which has been around since the 1980s. Cote and his wife Penny bought the Inn Victoria 15 years ago. They year that they took ownership, only about 10 people participated in the walking tour. Last year, they had 850 people.

Cote attributed the success to the quality of the inns.

"We've upgraded the inns," Cote said, explaining the area's most unique inns and experienced innkeepers are now part of the tour. "After we initially started the inn, we realized the walking tours were a potential niche add-on to the business. We started to market it."

Most of the people range from 40-80 years old and they come from all around the world, including New Zealand, Germany, England and France.

"Vermont is like the playground of the rich and famous," Cote said. "It's contemplative. It's a pleasure to walk in the environment we have here."

The walking tour is modeled after walking tours in England and Scotland. It was made popular in the state by Mike Shonstrom and his wife Marion, who were formerly the innkeepers at Churchill House Inn near Brandon. The Shonstroms trav-



Submitted

A walker takes a break to enjoy her packed lunch near a brook along the trail on a past summer day hike going inn-to-inn.

**"IT'S A COOL WAY TO SEE VERMONT," SAID SETH HOPKINS.**

eled Europe on foot and were looking for a place to bring the European idea to the United States. Vermont, with its plethora of country inns side-by-side, became the ideal place.

"Fortunately in this area our inns are close enough so we can pull this off," Cote said.

About two-thirds of the route is on dirt roads and it's not unusual for guests to walk for miles without seeing a single car.

"It's more about the decompressing when they get out there," said Golden Stage Inn owner Julie Wood of Cavendish. "There's a need to decompress... People are more plugged in than ever before."

Most of the roads have little to no cell phone service.

"Their phone doesn't come out of their pocket until they take a picture," Wood said.

Part of the increase in popularity comes with the help of local residents.

Wood often hears from residents who pull over and check on the walkers, offering them water or apples from their apple trees.

Gloria Leven's house on Densmore Road in Cavendish, has inadvertently become one of the most popular stops.

Leven, who turns 100 in July, has a house at the top of a hill with a large shady lawn where many

walkers stop to rest. Leven invites them to her porch for a chat.

"It's sweet, I kind of like it," Leven said. "It's become a thing I look forward to. Some come from as far away as Missouri and Montana."

Most of the walkers are interested in her life, though they talk about "Whatever they want to talk about," Leven said.

Leven is originally from Huntington, West Virginia. She and her late husband, a doctor, bought her 1792 Vermont house in 1964. Her two sons, who are carpenters, renovated it.

"It's been a wonderful life, a happy life, a tough life," Leven said. "Outside my family, I could not be here."

A similar concept in Central Vermont starts in Brandon. Unlike the Southern Vermont tour, which offers a detailed walk, the Central Vermont tour allows guests to take self-guided hiking and biking tours. They stay three to five nights at the area's best inns in Chittenden, Brandon, Middlebury, Goshen.

Innkeepers give detailed guides to the area and offer a wide variety of trails and options through an app called Vamoos.

"They are doing the best parts of the best trails," said Seth Hopkins, the tour director in Brandon.

About 400 participate in the tour year. Most hikers go 6-9 miles a day, while most bike riders travel 25-40 miles.

The biking option comes with a bike and helmet rental from Green Mountain Bikes in Rochester. If biking, innkeepers transport luggage to the next inn so guests can just ride.

"Vermont has a great reputation for being a place for outdoor recreation," Hopkins said. "It's a cool way to see Vermont."



*An inn-to-inn trekker walks up a dirt road of canopy-like fall trees. Most routes are very remote and see very few cars passing.*

Submitted

## THE SOUTHERN VT TOUR

Walkers start at the Inn Victoria in Chester. The romantic 1851 inn was originally the family residence of Dr. Abram Lowel. The popular doctor used a small building on the side of the house as his medical office.

They walk 13 miles through the historic Chester Village, with a 250-year-old cemetery, train station and the historic Stone Village, which has the largest concentration of stone buildings in Vermont.

They enter Chester forest, where old rock walls are prominent and an old gravel road is shaded by trees, meandering over a brook. They go through the Proctor Piper Forest, approaching the Black River to the Proctorsville village in Cavendish.

Guests stop for the night at the Golden Stage Inn in Cavendish, which was originally built in 1788 as a stagecoach stop. It now has sheep and free-range hens year round, and offers tours of honeybee hives in warm weather.

They depart the next day and walk 11 miles through Proctorsville, passing the town's post office, church, library and elementary school and then onto a dirt road with mountain landscapes. They walk through the village of Ludlow, with the option to browse shops, galleries and pubs.

Guests then stay a night at the Governor's Inn, built in 1890 by former Gov. William Wallace Stickney. The inn was Stickney's primary residence during his time as speaker of the Vermont House and during his tenure as the governor of Vermont. The building was owned by the Stickney family until 1977, when it was turned into a bed and breakfast.

The next walk is 7 miles along dirt roads, passing rural homes and the quintessential Vermont village of Weston. The Weston Priory (a scenic Benedictine Monastery), a cemetery from the 1800s, and the Weston village are popular stops as is the Weston Country Store and the Vermont Country Store.



*Farm animals in pristine pastures, like these holstein cows, are common sights along the way on inn-to-inn tours.*

Submitted

The Colonial House in Weston is the next stop. The inn is an original Cape Cod house that was built between 1790 and 1810.

Guests then depart back to Inn Victoria, an 11-mile route on a dirt road that travels through the original farms. The road, "Popple Dungeon" gets its name from the Poplar trees that once grew densely along the road, blocking out much of the light and giving a dungeon-like feel.

Rates start at \$1,898 per person. For more information, visit: [vermontinntoinnwalking.com](http://vermontinntoinnwalking.com).

## THE CENTRAL VT TOUR

On the first day, guests stay at Fox Creek Inn in Chittenden and experience the Appalachian Trail, where they have the option to hike a 3-mile loop or 9-12 miles.

Guests check in at Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden next, which has a 40-mile network of woodland and meadow trails.

The Lilac Inn in Brandon, a romantic 1909 inn built by renowned Chicago architect George Perkins, is next, which has a nearby trailhead with a figure-eight loop viewing Falls of Lana, a waterfall rated among the best in New England.

The 1814 Swift House Inn in Middlebury, is next. The inn was built by Samuel Swift, a writer, a historian, a judge, and a newspaperman. Former Vermont Gov. John W. Stewart bought the house in the mid-1800s and it was the home of his daughter Jessica Stewart Swift, a philanthropist who is famous for living to be 110 years old. The Swift House Inn sits at the bottom of Chipman Hill and on the in-town portion of the 18-mile Trail Around Middlebury, which goes through the village as well as woodland, riverside, meadows and the Middlebury College campus.

Blueberry Hill Inn in Goshen is next, with an onsite trail system offering 3-9 mile loops with scenic vistas.

Three night summer tours start at \$995 per person. For more information, visit: [inntoinn.com](http://inntoinn.com).

# Take a Hike

**Leave no trace!**

*Please remember to pack out what you pack in leaving no trace behind on or off the trails. Please do stay on the trails as they've been designed to handle traffic and runoff — keep nature wild!*



## BRANDON

### Mt. Horrid and the Great Cliff

**Location:** Brandon

**Level:** Moderate-Difficult

**Trailhead:** From Route 7 in Brandon, head east on Route 73 to the top of Brandon Gap. Parking area is on the right before the top. Enter the Long Trail across the highway, follow it north for 0.7 miles to a spur trail (blue blazed) that leads out to the Great Cliff, a group of towering rocks that overlooks an active beaver area and moose habitat. A national forest signboard marks the start of the trail.

**Distance:** 0.7 miles

**Elevation change:** 620 feet

### Moosalamoo Trails

Minnie Baker Trail, Leicester Hollow Trail, Chandler Ridge Trail, Silver Lake Trail

**Location:** Brandon

**Level:** Moderate

**Trailheads:** Take Route 73 east from Brandon, then turn left onto Route 53. Minnie Baker trailhead is 1.6 miles on the right.

**Distance:** 8.8 miles on all trails

**Elevation change:** 720 feet maximum



## CASTLETON/POULTNEY

### Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail

**Location:** Castleton/Poultney

**Level:** Easy, wheelchair accessible

**Trailheads:** To start in Castleton: take Route 4 west to exit 5, 0.5 miles West on Route 4A, then turn left into Castleton State College entrance on Seminary Street. Visitor parking area is to the right, designated trail parking spaces are at the end of the lot. To start in Poultney take Route 7 south towards Wallingford, then turn west onto Route 140 in Poultney. Then turn left onto Grove Street, then right onto Bentley Street. Trailhead is on the left.

**Distance:** 7 miles between Castleton and Poultney

**Elevation change:** 50 feet

## CHITTENDEN

### Leffert's Pond Loop

**Location:** Chittenden

**Level:** Easy

**Trailhead:** From Route 7 north of Rutland bear right onto the East Pittsford Road at the old water tower. Continue straight through the village onto Dam Road and continue onto Wildcat Road on the right (marked). Access is via FR 412 at 1 mile on the left. Trail begins at the parking area, crosses two small dams, then bears to the right on a clockwise loop around Leffert's Pond, connecting back with Wildcat Road.

**Distance:** 2.3 miles

**Elevation change:** 200 feet

### New Boston Trail

**Location:** Chittenden

**Level:** Moderate

**Trailheads:** From Route 4 West after the sharp bend in Mendon, turn onto Meadowlake Drive. Turn right onto Chittenden Road, then slight left onto Mountain Top Road at the monument. Circular trail starts at the end of Mountain Top Road.

**Distance:** 2.4 miles

**Elevation change:** 740 feet

## KILLINGTON

### Appalachian/Long Trail loop

**Location:** Sherburne Pass (Killington)

**Level:** Moderate-difficult

**Trailhead:** Find the AT/LT parking area on Route 4 just west of Pico ski area. The loop runs counterclockwise. Follow the AT/LT 3.8 miles south to Sherburne Pass Trail. The Pico Link Trail (0.4 mi.) reaches the summit of Pico. Cross Route 4 with extreme caution. Pick up the trail at the east side of the Inn at Long Trail. (Side excursion to the Deer Leap is possible). Complete the loop back to Route 4 opposite the parking area.

**Distance:** 9.1-mile loop

**Elevation change:** 1,700 feet

### Deer Leap

**Location:** Killington

**Level:** Moderate-Difficult

**Trailhead:** Take Route 4 to the top of Sherburne Pass in Killington. Park across from The Inn at Long Trail and exercise extreme caution crossing Route 4. The trail is to the right of the Inn. Trail is well marked with blue blazes.

**Distance:** 3.1 miles

**Elevation change:** 600 feet

### Kent Brook

**Location:** Killington

**Level:** Easy

**Trailheads:** Take Route 100 North from Route 4 in Killington, the Gifford Woods State Park parking area is on the left. The Kent Brook Trail is marked. (Or hike south on the Appalachian Trail up to Deer Leap.) Yellow blazes.

**Distance:** 1.1 miles

**Elevation change:** None

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## HUBBARDTON

### Taconic Ramble State Park

**Location:** Hubbardton

**Level:** Moderate-Difficult

**Trailheads:** From Route 4 west of Rutland, take Exit 5 toward Hubbardton Battlefield. Travel about 6 miles to St. John Road, on your left. If you come to the Hubbardton Battlefield, you've gone too far! Turn left on St. John Road. The park access driveway will be 0.2 miles farther on your left. Continue down the driveway to the parking area just above the house. Maps are available.

**Distance:** 1.8 miles, network

**Elevation change:** 450 feet





# Take a Hike

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## Kent Pond

**Location:** Killington

**Level:** Easy

**Trailheads:** From Route 100 North from Route 4 in Killington, the parking area is on the right. The trailhead is on the right side of the parking area near the road. White blazes. State boat launch.

**Distance:** 1.3 miles

**Elevation change:** None

## Killington Peak

**Location:** Killington

**Level:** Easy-Difficult

**Trailheads:** From Route 4 in Killington take Killington Road toward the resort to the end. Park at the K-1 Base area at Killington Resort. Hiking trails are marked by letters A-K.

**Distance:** 0.2-2.2 miles

**Elevation change:** 20-1,640 feet

## Pico Peak

**Location:** Killington

**Level:** Difficult

**Trailheads:** Take Route 4 west from Sherburne Pass, just past Pico Mountain Resort. Long/Appalachian Trail crossing parking area is on the south side of Route 4. The trailhead is at the southwest corner of the lot. White and blue blazes.

**Distance:** 8.5 miles

**Elevation change:** 2,000 feet

## Thundering Falls Trail

**Location:** Killington

**Level:** Easy, wheelchair accessible to the foot of the cascade

**Trailheads:** From Killington take Route 4 east, then turn left onto River Road for 1.5 miles, past Town of Killington offices, parking area is on the left. Follow the boardwalk and USFS signpost.

**Distance:** 1 mile, 1,000 feet to the falls

**Elevation change:** 30 feet

## MENDON

### Bald Mountain

**Location:** Mendon

**Level:** Moderate-Difficult

**Trailhead:** Take Route 4 east from Rutland to Town Line Road, continue to a 'Y' with Notch Road and Killington Avenue. Bear left onto Notch Road and continue to a large sign, "Road Closed 1000 feet." Drive straight ahead to the parking area and kiosk. The trail begins at the kiosk and heads gently downhill to a fork, marked "Bald Mountain." From there it climbs uphill to an exposed cliff with a panoramic view of the Otter Creek valley and the Taconic Ridge.

A second trail leads in the opposite direction through the old Tamarack Notch Girl Scout camp, where the remains of firepits are still visible. The area is all part of Aitken State Forest.

**Distance:** 3.1 miles loop (Bald Mountain trail)

**Elevation change:** 1,130 feet

### Blue Ridge via the Canty Trail

**Location:** Mendon

**Level:** Difficult

**Trailhead:** Take Route 4 east from Rutland to the Wheelerville Road, then continue on Route 4 2.3 miles to the Y with Old Turnpike Road on the left. The trailhead is 1 mile from Route 4 on the left, marked by blue blazes and a U.S. Forest Service signpost. Parking for 2-3 cars is available on a narrow gravel strip. The trail climbs steeply in places 2.4 miles to the summit, passing a cascade. 180-degree views from the 3,278-foot summit of the major mountain ranges.

**Distance:** 6 miles

**Elevation change:** 1,700 feet

### Bucklin Trail to Killington Peak

**Location:** Killington/Mendon

**Level:** Difficult

**Trailhead:** Take Route 4 east from Rutland to Wheelerville Road on the right, follow for 4.1 miles to sharp bend ("Brewers Corner"), parking area on left with large kiosk. (90 degree right turn) with parking area and trailhead on the left. Blue, white, then blue blazes. Very popular trail, trailhead parking fills up early in the day.

**Distance:** 7.2 miles



Courtesy of Killington Valley

## WALLINGFORD

### White Rocks Cliffs & TRAIL

**Location:** Wallingford

**Level:** Moderate-Difficult

**Trailheads:** From Route 7 in Wallingford follow Route 140 east 2.1 miles to Sugar Hill Road on the right. Follow Sugar Hill Road for about 200 feet to the sign for the Green Mountain National Forest-White Rocks Picnic Area and turn right onto Forest Road 52. Follow FR 52 for 0.5 miles to the end. To the cliffs: follow the blue Keewaydin Trail, which leaves from the southeast corner of the parking area and connects with the Appalachian Trail in 0.4 miles. Turn right after 1 mile onto a white trail to a stone cairn that marks the spur trail on the right leading to the cliffs. For the trail route, follow the blue blazes to the right from the southwest corner of the parking area. Trail climbs to the top of a knoll at 0.2 miles where a spur trail to the left leads 0.1 miles to vista points, then descends to an old woods road and stream. The ice beds are at the base of a slope of tumbled boulders, named because winter ice lingers into the summer. The rocks here are Cheshire quartz, used by indigenous craftsmen for making tools.

**Distance:** 1.6 miles

**Elevation change:** 180- 1,250 feet

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# Take a Hike

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Elevation change: 2,500 feet

## PITTSFORD

### Cantwell Trail, west section

**Location:** Pittsford

**Level:** Easy-moderate, wheelchair accessible along a creek.

**Trailhead:** Turn onto Elm St. from Route 7 at Kamuda's market in Pittsford village and park at the Cooley Covered Bridge. The trail traverses a small floodplain and cornfields on Furnace Brook to the confluence with Otter Creek, then north along the tree-lined creek, then into old upland meadows. Active habitat for birds, otter, raccoon, beaver, turtles, waterfowl, amphibians.

**Distance:** 1.5 mile-loop

Elevation change: 0-200 ft.

## RUTLAND

### Carriage Road

**Location:** Rutland, Pine Hill Park

**Level:** Easy-moderate

**Trailheads:** The Carriage Road is accessed directly from Evergreen Avenue and connects with the Crusher Road that leads to an abandoned quarry. The Carriage Road continues up to Rocky Pond, once a popular picnic spot and swimming beach operated by the city. Watkins Avenue accesses an old woods road that connects with the Carriage Road farther up. Roads are open but unpaved with uneven surfaces and loose rocks. Several old roadbeds offer moderately strenuous hiking on steady inclines.

**Distance:** 0.85 miles (Carriage Road to Rocky Pond)

**Elevation change:** 273 feet

### Carriage Trail

**Location:** Proctor/Rutland

**Level:** Moderate/Difficult

**Trailheads:** Park at Pine Hill Park at Giorgetti Arena. From Rutland, take Preville Ave. off Crescent Street. From Proctor, park on Olympus road by the high school and hike up the old road through the woods towards Rutland.

**Distance:** 5.1-miles one way

Elevation change: 702 feet

## WEST RUTLAND

### West Rutland Marsh Trail

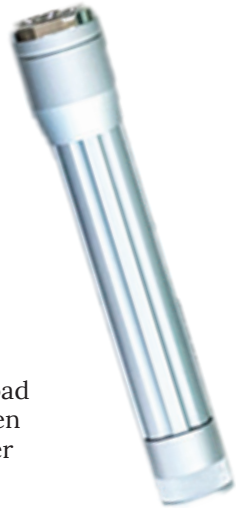
**Location:** West Rutland

**Level:** Easy, wheelchair accessible

**Trailheads:** From Business Route 4 in West Rutland, bear right onto Marble Street at flashing light intersection. Look for small parking area on the left. Signage for West Rutland Marsh Boardwalk. It's a great birding area!

**Distance:** 200 yards

**Elevation change:** None



# LOCAL PICK-YOUR-OWN

## Sunshine Valley Berry Farm

PYO organic raspberries and blueberries in season. Located on Rte. 100 north of Rochester at Ranger Road. 802-767-3989. Open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sales shed offers pre-picked berries as well.

## Sugar Hill Berry Farm

PYO blueberries, raspberries still in season. 3237 Sugar Hill Road, East Wallingford. 802-259-2155. Open: beginning mid-July. Days, hours are subject to crop availability and weather conditions, so call ahead. Directions: Turn off Rte. 103 onto Rte. 140 in East Wallingford, cross the RR tracks in the village, then make a quick left onto Sugar Hill Road. Cash or check, please.



## Wellwood Orchards

PYO strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, cherries, plums, peaches, apples, nectarines, squash, and pumpkins while in season. 529 Wellwood Orchards Road, Springfield. 802-263-5200. Open daily 9 a.m.-6p.m.

## Winslow Farms

PYO Pumpkins. Located on Route 7 south of Pittsford village. 802-773-1003. The farm offers locally grown apples, cider, maple syrup, autumn decorations, and Christmas trees, in season.

## Wood's Market Garden

Strawberries. Located at Rte. 7 and Wood Road south of Brandon. 802-247-6630. Farm stand hours: 10-5 Monday- Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Fresh PYO fruits, veggies, cider, baked goods, sweet corn, and a vast array of potted perennials. Cash or check, please.



## PYO, fresh tastes better

A sure sign of summer is the sudden proliferation of pick-your-own (PYO) signs at farms and orchards and along roadsides. And PYO means fresh – that highly sought after fresh-off-the-vine strawberry, or blueberries or raspberries or blackberries or apples straight off the tree. Here's a guide to places in Rutland County to PYO produce. See the calendar of when to expect what to be ripe for harvesting.

Whether you're after some fresh fruit filler for a summer pie, looking to stock your freezer for the long winter ahead, or simply out for a fun excursion with the family,

these farms are a great place to start.



**Herbs:**  
10 weeks,  
June-October



**Greens:**  
10 weeks,  
June-October



**Sweet Corn:**  
5 weeks,  
July-September



**Tomatoes:**  
5 weeks,  
July-September



**Apples:**  
5 weeks,  
September-October



**Raspberries:**  
2.5 weeks,  
August-September



**Pumpkins:**  
4 weeks,  
September-October



Dates are approximate time periods. Moisture levels, temperature and weather can affect growing seasons year-to-year.

# LOCAL FARMERS' MARKETS

Farmers' markets run weekly throughout the summer.

## Brandon

**Brandon Farmers Market**  
Central Park, Brandon  
Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Castleton

**Castleton Village Farmers Market**  
Main Street, Castleton  
Thursday, 3:30-6 p.m.

## Fair Haven

**Fair Haven Farmers Market**  
On the Park, Fair Haven  
Friday, 3-6 p.m.

## Killington

**Killington Farmers Market**  
Killington Sports on Rte 4, Killington  
Fridays, 3-6 p.m.

## Poultney

**Lakes Region Farmers' Market**  
Main Street, Poultney  
Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Rutland

**Rutland Farmers' Market**  
Depot Park, Rutland  
Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Wednesday, 3-6 p.m.



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## DISC GOLF

### BASE CAMP OUTFITTERS

2363 Rte. 4, Killington • 802-775-0166

Established in 2010 this course is arguably the hardest par 3 course in the state. Retail shop, beer, refreshments, and bathrooms on premises. There's a mix of tight and open holes at this course through the woods. The course is now free and open anytime. Rentals: \$6 for two discs.

### NORTHWOOD PARK DISC GOLF

195 Northwood Park Rd, Rutland • 802-558-7558

Established in 2020, this 9 hole course is part of a mixed use, public park maintained by Rutland Rec. It is open from dawn to dusk all year round. It's also dog friendly.

### PITTSFORD DISC GOLF

223 Recreation Area Rd, Pittsford • 802-483-6688

Established in 2009, this course at the Pittsford Recreation Area offers technical shots in the wooded course.

### CASTLETON DISC GOLF COURSE

190 University Dr, Castleton

Established in 2018, this heavily wooded course is good for beginners and intermediate disc golfers. 14-18 holes available to play. Maintained by the Castleton University Student Union.

### LAKE ST. CATHERINE STATE PARK

3034 VT Rte. 30, Poultney

Grand opening July 4, 2021. This course has three distinct areas: Section 1 (holes 1-6) are in an old apple orchard. They are fun, short holes with significant obstacles and ace opportunities. Section 2 (holes 7-12) requires a stronger arm. They go through the woods and a field that is full of great Vermont views and holes that ask you to rip long drives. Sections 3 (holes 13-18) are woods holes. They include a 645' par 5. Accurate drives are needed in this section to make par. In summer, when the park is open, the course starts and ends in the day use parking lot. The course is free to use but there is a park fee.



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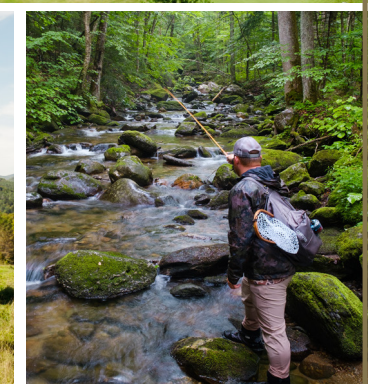
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**2023 River Road Concert Series**  
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- Aug. 17: Shananagans
- Aug. 24: Curragh's Fancy



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**Killington Chili Cook-Off 2023**  
Thursday, Aug. 10  
At Sherburne Memorial Library,  
2998 River Road, Killington



For more info on Killington Rec programs and events visit: [KillingtonRec.com](http://KillingtonRec.com)



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# AL FRESCO DINING

## CENTER STREET PARKLETS

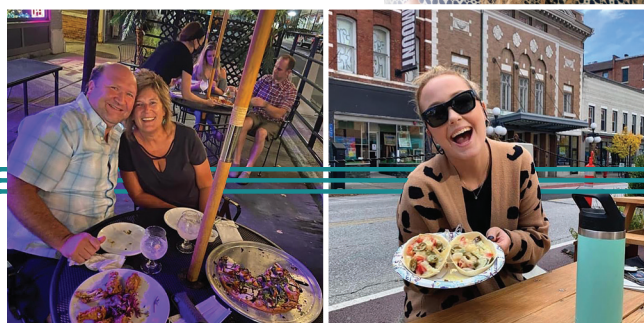
- Hop'n Moose
- The Vermont Truffle Company
- TASO On Center
- The Yellow Deli
- Hand Carved by Ernie

## VENTURE OFF CENTER STREET TO PATIOS:

- Roots the Restaurant
- Strangefellows Pub
- Brix Bistro in Rutland
- Two Shea's (no dogs)



Dogs are welcome when dining in downtown parklets!





Submitted

Homemade pizza can be fun to make and healthier than other pizzas if you do it from scratch with local veggies. Get the family involved and let everyone choose their favorite toppings.

## Homemade pizza tastes best with local veggies

Pizza is beloved by people from all cultures and backgrounds. It's certainly easy to call a favorite pizzeria and order a pie with all your favorite toppings. But homemade pizza is easier than one might imagine. Invest some time into making your own – including the dough! Here's one recipe we like, called "The Artisan."

### Basic Grilled Pizza Dough

Makes two 12-inch crusts

Pour the warm water into a small bowl or measuring cup.

Add the yeast and sugar and stir until the yeast dissolves into a smooth beige color. Let it stand on your counter for about 5 minutes to prove that the yeasted water is active. A thin layer of foam will appear at the top, indicating the batch is good.

Measure the flours, salt and cornmeal into a large bowl.

Add the yeasted water and the 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Mix well, stirring with a strong spoon.

Lightly flour a clean, dry countertop.

Form a ball of dough, place it on the counter, and press down with the palm of your hand. Fold the dough over itself and press again. Continue to roll and press the dough for about 8 minutes until the dough is smooth. Add only enough flour to prevent it from sticking. Put the remaining 1/4 teaspoon of olive oil in a medium bowl. The dough will be sticky, so flour your hands before picking it up, and place it in the bowl. Turn over several times until it is coated in oil.

Cover with plastic wrap, and place in a draft-free, warm place, for 2 hours, until it rises to almost double in appearance.

Chill the dough in the refrigerator overnight, or for 1 hour to firm up. (Chilling the dough makes it easier to roll out.) Roll half of the dough out to about 12 x 12 inches.

Grill the dough on an inside or outside grill that has reached around 400 F. The dough should take about 3 minutes to cook. Watch for bubbles. Your crust is done when there is an even light brown with brown grill marks. (A charred crust adds to the flavor.) Pick up the crust from the middle, using tongs, and place it on a cookie sheet. Flip it over so the grilled side is face up. This browned side becomes the top of your pizza.

### The Artisan

Roasted vegetables with creamy garlic cheese

Makes one 12 x 12 inch pizza

Preheat the oven to 400F.

To make the roasted vegetables, toss all of the ingredients with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil in a shallow baking dish. Roast until the vegetables are tender and lightly browned, about 25 minutes.

Brush the grilled side of the pizza crust with the remaining olive oil. Dust with the parmesan and sprinkle with the mozzarella.

Spoon the boursin on top, without spreading it. Pile the roasted vegetables over the pizza. The grill should still be hot from grilling the crust. Cook the pizza over medium heat or indirect heat for around 5 to 8 minutes. Check it after 1 minute by gently lifting up an edge of the crust with tongs or a spatula. If it is turning dark quickly, your fire is too hot. Move the pizza around the grill to get away from the heat.

When the pizza is done, the crust will be crispy. Before serving, garnish with the fennel tops.

3/4 cup warm water

1 packet active dry yeast

1/2 teaspoon sugar

1/2 cups unbleached flour

1/4 cup whole wheat flour

1 teaspoon kosher salt

2 tablespoons cornmeal, preferably white (additional for the pan)

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus 1/4 teaspoon for the bowl



1/4 fennel bulb, trimmed and thinly sliced, lengthwise

1/2 red bell pepper, sliced into thin strips

1 carrot, peeled and sliced 1/4 inch thick on the diagonal

1/2 cup sliced red onions

1/2 cup broccoli florets

1 portobello mushroom cap, sliced 1/2 thick

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 grilled pizza crust

1 tablespoon grated parmesan

1 cup shredded mozzarella

1 package boursin cheese

1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, roughly chopped, or 1 tea spoon dried

# A kids guide to fun Summer activities

## Play MINI GOLF

18 holes at Mendon Mini Golf on Route 4 will take up a nice afternoon, and it's fun for all ages — toddler to adult.

## SWIM, SLIDE OR splash

White's Pool in Rutland opened a brand new facility in 2018, offering a competition pool with a diving board for older kids, and a family pool for all ages that has a slide and an area for splashing and spraying.

## Try MOUNTAIN BIKING

For the adventure-seeking family, mountain biking is becoming increasingly popular! Killington offers lift-serviced trails or ride Pine Hill Park in Rutland, the Slate Valley Trails in Poultney, or the Pittsford-Town Trails to power your own trip.



## Visit A LIBRARY

A reprieve with a book can be a much welcomed break from the sun — or a great rainy day option. And libraries are so much more than books! Check out their programs, rentals, seed catalogs, DVD collection and internet access.

## Take A HIKE

Kids of all ages can enjoy this free, multi-level activity, with trails for any family, whether you're looking for a "sidewalk in the woods" or a full day hike.

## Go CAMPING

Whether it's primitive camping in the Green Mountain National Forest, or in an RV at a Vermont State Park, the s'mores around the campfire will taste just as good.



## Taste test VERMONT CREEMEEES

Whether you fancy a twist with rainbow sprinkles on a sugar cone, a hard-served bubble gum in a dish, or a good ol' maple creemee, ice cream is not hard to find in Vermont. Find your favorite family spot!

## Visit A SUGAR SHACK

Maple Open House weekend is a great time for kids to try sugar on snow, plus they get to engage in a family tradition for lots of Vermont folks.



## Visit THE RESORT ADVENTURE CENTERS

Killington Adventure Center and Okemo Adventure Zone both have features for all ages, from roller coasters to bungee trampolines to scenic chairlift rides. It's a bit pricey but worth it for the fun.

## Go HORSEBACK RIDING

Is your child into "everything horses?" Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden is one of few places around to take a guided trail ride. Plus, the scenery is pristine.

## Visit A STATE PARK

Vermont's State Parks are a day full of fun in the sun, with many featuring lake access with beaches, playgrounds, barbecue pits, water vessel rentals, and ample space for outdoor games.





# Tips for comfortable camping

The beauty of the great outdoors beckons millions of nature-loving individuals each year to places like Vermont and camping is a great way to fully immerse oneself. However, there's often a learning curve with camping, especially in regard to sleeping comfortably in a tent.

A tent is designed to keep campers out of the elements and to prevent bugs from bothering campers while they sleep. Tents come in a variety of shapes and sizes — with some larger tents even capable of sleeping six or more people.

One of the most important components to consider when planning a camping trip is sleeping and bedding. A good night's sleep is worth its weight in gold, and can mean the difference between an enjoyable experience and cranky, out-of-sorts campers.

The following are some guidelines to maximize tent comfort while camping.

## Tent size and location

First it is important to determine how many people will be on the camping trip and how much space they will need to rest comfortably. Multiple tents also can be used — this works well if separating family members is more comfortable or if some people are night owls and others are early risers (it's not easy to get in and out without a considerable amount of movement and noise.)

The next consideration is where to set up camp. Look for a level area that is relatively free from debris. Clear away any rocks and twigs, as debris under the tent can damage it and make it harder to fall asleep.

Consider making camp a short distance from a suitable place to use the bathroom (scope out the restroom facilities if they are available). Midnight bathroom breaks are inevitable.

## Invest in quality gear

In addition to the tent, campers will need a tarp/ground cover to place under the tent. This helps prevent moisture seeping up from the soil.

Consider a cots if you are car camping as they can be the most comfortable options, but they take up a lot of space and can be heavy to transport — which is less than ideal when backpacking to a campsite. Inflatable mattresses or sleeping pads can also provide a soft, cushioned surface.



## Pack for varied temps

Temperature will go a long way toward improving or compromising comfort. Choose sleeping bags rated for the correct temperature. Sleeping bags designed for winter camping could be much too hot for summer nights — but maybe not. Temps often drop (especially in the mountains) far below daytime temperatures, especially in early or later summer months.

Prepare to add or remove layers as needed. A portable, battery-operated fan also can be a game-changer if it is hot and stuffy in the tent.

## Adjust for sounds

Some people love drifting off to sleep to the sound of crickets, while others are kept awake by the nighttime sounds. Foam earplugs can mute some of those sounds — or the snoring of a tent partner. Campers also can set up a charged smartphone with a white noise app.

## Additional tips

When traveling with kids, bring a few creature comforts along, such as a favorite pair of pajamas or stuffed animals. This can make the unfamiliar sounds and sights of sleeping outdoors a little less scary. Also, if possible, do a trial run camping in the yard to gauge how kids react in advance and plan accordingly to make improvements.



## Plan for S'mores

Camping and roasting marshmallows go hand-in-hand, and those that do it best bring graham crackers and chocolate too for s'mores!

S'mores appeared in a Campfire Marshmallows cookbook in the early 1920s. The text indicates that the treat was already popular with both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. So the tradition is over a century old! Keep it alive this summer and enjoy the treat!



## 7 TIPS FOR PICNIC PERFECTION

1. Make sure you have a cold beverage ready. May we suggest pre-making margaritas? Serve water, too!
2. There's no need to rush to the main meal, but it's good form to offer appetizers immediately – especially if drinking margaritas! Simple chips and a dip, or shrimp cocktail (if you're feeling fancy) will please most.
3. Bring a blanket to keep your guests more comfortable (grass can be itchy) and picnic tables can be rough or even splintery, if old.
4. Don't forget water, bug spray, sunscreen, flotation devices and a leash for a dog.
5. Lawn games can add an element of competition and entertainment to your outing. Corn hole is a local summertime favorite (there are even competitions in the area, see calendar), but even a simple frisbee will do.
6. Burgers, bratwurst, hotdogs, chicken or anything else you can grill are always great choices for a picnic barbecue. Corn or other summer veggies are also delicious roasted! Premake pasta salad and add a watermelon to round out the meal.
7. Don't forget dessert! Summer fresh fruit pies are ideal, but don't forget the marshmallows, too! A campfire is always enhanced with toasting a 'mallow!



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# Dave's Top 10 Summer Music Events



By DJ Dave Hoffenberg

Vermont in the summer has a lot of great music. While doing research for this article, I discovered that pretty much every town in the area has a free summer concert series.

You will have to check out the weekly entertainment listings in the Mountain Times newspaper to see what's happening and where but there is music in Barnard, Brandon, Castleton, Cavendish Chester, Shrewsbury, Killington, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Pittsford, Plymouth, Rutland and Woodstock.

In this article I'm going to highlight my favorite concerts in the state, most have a cost so please check that before going. There's plenty more, of course, but for what it's worth here are my Top 10, listed by date.

## June 28 at 7 p.m.

**Livingston Taylor at the Mountain Top Inn in Chittenden with special guest and Vermont native, Tod Pronto**

The beauty that surrounds this place will make for a magical evening. 100% of the net proceeds will be donated to the Rutland Community Cupboard, BROCC, the Pittsford Food Shelf, and other worthwhile causes. Livingston's 50-year career has encompassed performance, songwriting, and teaching. He has two top-40 hits, "I Will Be in Love with You" and "I'll Come Running". He's also written some hits for his brother James Taylor. Livingston plays a wide range of musical genres; folk, pop, gospel, and jazz with upbeat storytelling and touching ballads. Tod Pronto's music combines folk, roots, country, and blues to create a unique blend of Americana music.

## July 6-9

**The 28th Basin Bluegrass Festival, Brandon**

This is the best and most affordable festival around. I've attended two of these and was blown away by all it had to offer. The music is exceptional. It doesn't matter if you know the bands or not because they are all awesome. It's a family atmosphere with down-home bluegrass music.

## July 7-8

**Dead of Summer Music Festival at Hunter Park in Manchester**

There are 13 bands over the 2 days with Pink Talking Fish headlining Friday and Melvin Seals with JGB headlining Saturday. This is a family friendly event with activities for children.

## July 21

**Friday Night Live on Center Street in Rutland with the Uprooted Band featuring Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root**

I've seen Glabicki twice at the Pickle Barrel, once with Rusted Root and once as a duo. My favorite tune he did with the band was covering Elvis's "Suspicious Minds." It was amazing and one of the best covers I've ever heard of that song. While Rusted Root is on hiatus, Glabicki has been devoting his time to creating an entirely new soundscape. This band promises to bring back parts of the Rusted Root of old, but also include more percussion and female vocals.

## July 22-23

**Billy Strings on the Midway Lawn at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex**

He is one of my favorite performers to see live. I first saw him at WinterWonderGrass in 2018 at Stratton Mountain and then last summer in Essex. He is, in my opinion, the best guitar picker out there. He's lightning fast and fun to watch. In the past two years, he's sold-out shows all over the world. He won Best Bluegrass Album at the 63rd Grammy Awards in 2021 plus numerous other awards.

## Aug. 5 at 12 p.m.

**Taps and Taste Festival at Okemo's Jackson Gore Courtyard in Ludlow**

From 12-noon to 6 p.m. DJ Dave kicks off the music followed by the Chris P Trio and then headliner Beau Sasser's Escape Plan, featuring members of Deep Banana Blackout, Kung Fu, West End Blend and Max Creek. Beau is an amazing organ player and the band describes their sound as "organ driven, hard hittin', boogaloo rooted funk with a rock 'n' roll spirit". Besides enjoying the awesome music, you can find fantastic offerings from local artisans & food vendors, and over 50 craft beers from the region.

# Livingston Taylor



*Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m.*

*Mt. Joy at Shelburne Museum in Shelburne*

The concerts on the green at the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne have too many great ones to list, so I've just picked two. This first one, Mr. Joy, is a five-piece indie rock band. This is the one I really want to go to. I just discovered them last November when someone requested them at one of my gigs. Atwood Magazine said, "Mt. Joy melt passion and pain, pleasure and sorrow into an emphatically expressive outpouring of colorful, catchy and thoughtful indie rock."

*Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.*

*Dispatch at Shelburne Museum in Shelburne*

A huge favorite band of mine, Dispatch will be playing. I've been seeing them since 1998 and every show is amazing. They just released their 8th studio album. On it, they don't ever abandon the signature sound that's made them one of independent rock's most indelible acts over the last two-and-a-half decades. The songs on Break Our Fall blend infectious roots rock with hints of reggae, folk, and blues.

*Aug. 19 at 3 p.m.*

*Marcus Rezak at the Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series in Killington*

I've seen Marcus once before and I can't wait to see him again. Jonathan Levi Shanes, Composer and Producer, said "Marcus Rezak's virtuosic musicality, provident and soulful interpretation and accession, indomitable professional ethic, and immutable positive energy catapults Marcus into a truly inimitable artistic and humanistic stratum". Arthur Barrow (Frank Zappa's Band) said, "Marcus kills it, shred it, and has it for breakfast with a side of nails."

*Oct. 4*

*Andy Frasco & the U.N. Higher Ground Ballroom in South Burlington*

This last one isn't in the summer, more like fall but I had to include it because Andy is my favorite performer on the planet and the U.N. never disappoints. I've been fortunate to see them at least twice a year since 2019. High energy is an understatement, they blow the roof off every place they play. You can't help but move and dance throughout the show. Last time at HG, Andy led the entire crowd in the "Hora". The band just got a record deal and I see a Grammy in their future. My favorite song is, "Dancin' Around My Grave". The only bad part of their show is when it ends.



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# Music Events

# FREE SUMMER MUSIC



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## CASTLETON SUMMER CONCERTS AT THE PAVILION

Tuesdays, 5 p.m. State University Castleton

June 27-TS Ensemble, High Energy premiere event band.

July 11-Cold Chocolate, Folk, Funk & Bluegrass

July 18-JLT Jamie Lee Thurston, Country Music

\*July 23-Chamber Music Institute Presents Jessi Tai & Maxim Pakhomov @ the Casella Theater. 6:30 pm. Meet the artists reception following the performance.

July 25-Satin & Steel, Soul and R & B

August 1-Studio Two, Beatles Tribute Band

August 8-Snake Mountain Bluegrass, Bluegrass

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Thursdays (and one Tuesday), 7 p.m. at the Fair Haven Town Park, Fair Haven.

June 22 - Wailon Waylon Jennings Tribute

June 29 - Studio Two Beatles Tribute Band

July 6 - Twangbusters

July 13 - Blue Jay Way

July 20 - The Spirit of Johnny Cash with Harold Ford

July 27 - Atlantic Crossing

August 3 - Whiskey River Band

August 10 - Mellow Yellow

August 17 - Aaron Audet

August 24 - Shake, Rattle & Roll

## COOLER IN THE MOUNTAINS

Saturdays 3 p.m. at the Snowshed Base Lodge, Killington Resort, Killington

July 1st - Soulshine Revival

July 8th - Hans Williams

July 15th - Chalk Dinosaur

July 22nd - Kendall Street Company

July 29th - Dizgo

August 5th - Bob Wagner & Friends

August 12th - The Dirty Water Dance Band

August 19th - Marcus Rezak

August 26th - Elise Testone

September 2nd - Cousin Curtiss

## TUESDAYS ON THE FARM

Tuesdays, 6 p.m. at Pittsford Village Farm, 42 Elm St., Pittsford.

June 27 - Pluckett

July 11 - Gypsy Reel

July 18 - Michele Fay Band

July 25 - Mean Waltons

Aug. 1 - Aaron Audet Band

Aug. 8 - The Plumb Bobs

Aug. 15 - Moose Crossing

## MUSIC AT THE RIVERBEND

Wednesday, 7 p.m., behind the Brandon Inn, Brandon.

July 5 - BloodRoot Gap Locally Sourced Free-Range Bluegrass

July 12 - Blues Without Borders July 19 Enerjazz Vermont's

High Energy Big-Band

July 26 - Patrick Fitzsimmons

Aug. 2 - Jenni Johnson

Aug. 9 - Sky Blue Boys

Aug. 16 - Deb Brisson & The Hayburners Rootsy,

Aug. 23 - The Jazz Collective

Aug. 30 - Java Sparrowz

## SEVEN TO SUNSET CONCERT IN THE PARK

Sundays, 7 p.m. at Main Street Park, Rutland.

June 28th - Phil Henry & The Newsfeed

July 5th - Satin & Steele

July 12th - Enerjazz Big Band

July 19th - Green Brothers Band

July 26th - Aaron Audet Band

August 3rd - George's Back Pocket

August 9th - Rick Redington & The Luv

August 17th - (Possible Rain Date Reschedule)

August 24th - (Possible Rain Date Reschedule)

## SHREWSBURY MEETING HOUSE CONCERT SERIES

Saturdays, 5 p.m. at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, Shrewsbury unless noted otherwise

June 30 - Satyrdagg

July 14 - Luminous Crush

July 28 - Moose Crossing

Aug. 18 - Panhandlers

Sept. 1 - Spintuition

## CAVENDISH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Svec Memorial Green, Proctorsville.

July 5 - Gypsy Reel

July 12 - Bill Brink

July 19 - The Gully Boys

July 26 - Mark Huntley and Friends

Aug. 2 - Sammy Blanchette

Aug. 9 - Yankee Chank

Aug. 16 - The Silverbacks

## COUNTRY GIRL DINER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

6 p.m. at the Country Girl Diner in Chester.

June 30 - Milo Z

July 15 - AC/VT

July 29 - George's Back Pocket

Aug. 26 - New Rising Sun

## MUSIC BY THE RIVER

Fridays, 6 p.m. at East End Park, Woodstock.

July 7 - Prydein

July 14 - Empty Pockets

July 21 - The Tricksters

July 28 - Bombajazzeando

Aug. 4 - Wesli

Aug. 11 - The Freese Brothers Big Band w/ Sabrina Brown

Aug. 18 - Jay Nash & Friends

Aug. 25 - Houston Bernard

## ARTISTREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays, 6 p.m. June 28-Michele Fay Band

July 5-Scott Forrest

July 12-Beecharmer

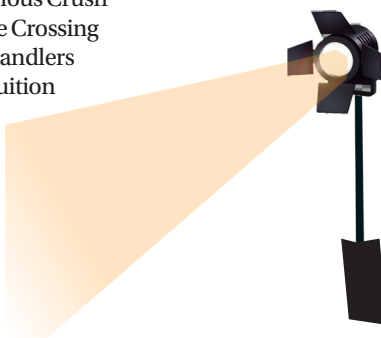
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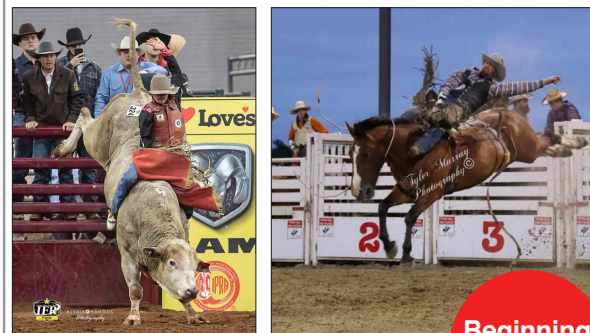
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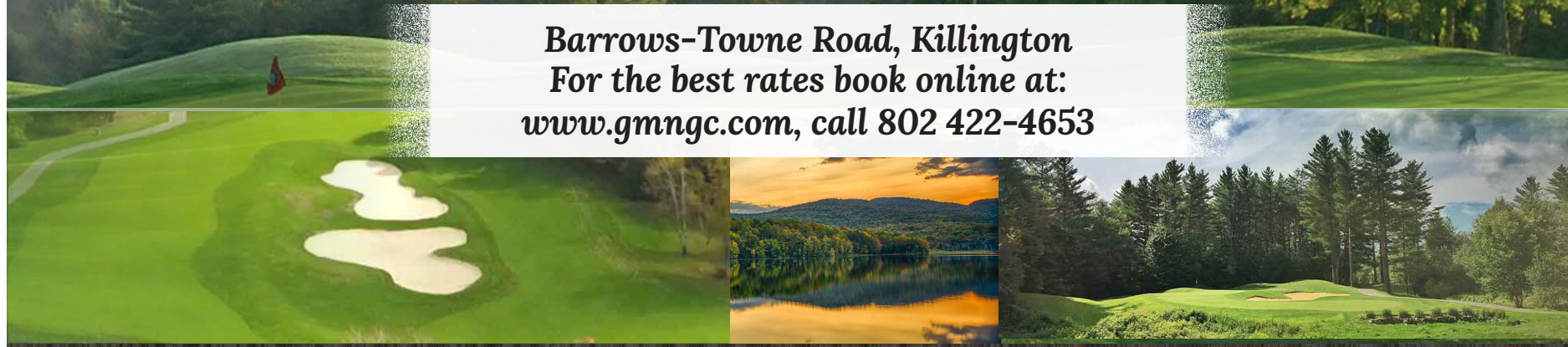


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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June 24

### Music in the Mountains Series — Season Opener

7 p.m. Pico Mountain Lodge in Killington. Free.

Killington Music Festival opens its 40th Music in the Mountain Concert season with immense enthusiasm! Featuring festival favorite Simon Ghraichy and Daniel Andai in Beethoven's timeless Spring Sonata. For more information visit [killingtonmusicfestival.com](http://killingtonmusicfestival.com)

## June 25

### Artistree Summer Concert Series: Bloom-Funkhouser Duo

4 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.

Bring a chair and pack a picnic and enjoy live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome. For more info visit [artistreevt.org](http://artistreevt.org).

## June 26

### Monday Junior Riders

5:30 p.m. Mt. Peg Trails

Monday Junior Riders at the Mt Peg Trails. This ride is targeted for young riders entering grades 5-12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more information visit: [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

## June 27

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead, Poultney.

Join Slate Valley each Tuesdays night for our weekly Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides. Ride with an amazing group of women on our beautiful SVT trail network. We will incorporate skills and optional bike wrenching as well. This is a no drop ride and all are welcome. We will honor an inclusive and supportive environment for any person who identifies as a woman. For more information visit: [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com)

### Summer Concerts at the Pavillion: TS Ensemble, High Energy premiere event band.

7 p.m. . Castleton Pavilion.

Concerts run from June 27 to August 8, every Tuesday evening. These concerts are free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. Dugout Dogs will provide concessions, while Vermont State University Castleton will collect non-perishable food items at each concert to support the Castleton food shelf. Let's make a difference together! Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on the concert night. For more info contact Castleton

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## June 28

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

2 p.m. Killington Resort. Costs vary.

Get ready for a local race series that's all about fun and friendly competition! The 10-week race series is held Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. Sign up to ride solo, or form a team of up to five people. Teams may be made up of any combination of age categories. Teams require a minimum of three people in order to score points. For more information visit: [killingtonmountainbikeclub.org](http://killingtonmountainbikeclub.org)

### Summer Concert Series: Michele Fay Band

6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.

Bring a chair and pack a picnic and enjoy live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

### Seven to Sunset Concert Series: Phil Henry & The Newsfeed

7 p.m. Main Street Park in Rutland. Free.

Join us for The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department 2023 Summer Concert Series, Rutland City's summertime tradition. A new band will play from the Gazebo at Main Street Park every Wednesday throughout the Summer. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Main Street Park for our summer concert series on Wednesday evenings. For more info visit [rutlandrec.com/7tosunset](http://rutlandrec.com/7tosunset).

## June 29

### Killington Golf Course

League Nights

4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.

Michelob ULTRA and the Killington golf course are teeing it up on League Night every Thursday, with exciting contests and great prizes for top team gross scores and flag event winners. The format is a 9-hole scramble tournament, rotating between the front and back nine each week. Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday to sign-up as an individual or team and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more info visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call: 802-422-6700.

### Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

6 p.m. Poultney.

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### Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Studio Two

7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.

Concerts in the Park presents: Studio Two, a Beatles tribute band. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com)



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## June 30

### Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series: Satyrdag

5 p.m. Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88 Lottery Road in Shrewsbury. Free.

There is lots of room to spread out, dance, and enjoy the company of others. This week's performer is Satyrdag. For more info visit Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series on Facebook.

## June 30-July 8

### The Great Brandon Auction

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## July 1

### Brandon Independence Day Celebration

All Day. Downtown Brandon. Free.

With its newly revitalized streetscape, multiple downtown pocket parks and waterfalls, gorgeous historic architecture, quaint shops, and multiple lodging options and restaurants, Brandon is a top choice for visitors from all over and for all ages.

This year, besides the procession there will be bands in the parks, the Heritage train giving rides up Park Street and two auction sites. Additionally, there will be a beer garden, our world-famous Little Debbie Swiss Cake Roll Eating Contest, an evening street dance and fireworks at dusk that can be seen from up to a mile away. For info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

### Independence Day Sprint Car Spectacular & Fireworks

6 p.m. Devil's Bowl Speedway in West Haven.

Devil's Bowl presents its Independence Day sprint car spectacular. The event will be jam-packed with racing as the SCoNE Sprint Cars return, all six weekly division will complete, and the wild-and-wacky Enduro Series will crank up the excitement. For more info visit [devilsbowl Speedwayvt.com](http://devilsbowl Speedwayvt.com).

### Music in the Mountains Series — An Enchanted Evening

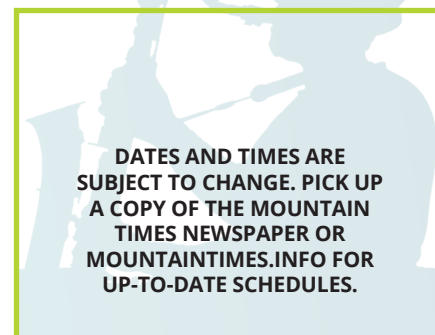
7 p.m. Pico Mountain Lodge in Killington. Free.

Killington Music Festival opens its 40th Music in the Mountain Concert season with immense enthusiasm! Featuring Brings to life York Bowen's riveting Phantasy Quintet with Bass Clarinet and Strings featuring Simon Ghraichy. For more info visit [killingtonmusicfestival.com](http://killingtonmusicfestival.com)

### Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

7:30 p.m. Pond Hill Road, Castleton.

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls break away roping, and bull riding. For outstanding family fun plan to join Pond Hill Ranch Saturday nights at 7:30 pm rain or shine. For more info visit [pondhillranch.com](http://pondhillranch.com).



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## Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

**3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base of Killington Resort. Free.**

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 – 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2–Sept. 3. This week Soulshine Revival is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

## July 3

### Summer Smash & Fireworks

**3 p.m. State Fairgrounds, Rutland.**

The Vermont State Fair will host the Summer Smash & Fireworks on Sunday July 3. Gates open at 3 p.m. Summer Smash will kick off at 5 p.m. and fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m.

### Monday Junior Riders

**5:30 p.m. Gifford Woods State Park in Killington**

Meet at parking area at Kent Pond. This ride is targeted for young riders entering grades 5–12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more info visit [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

### Circus Smirkus : A Midsummer Night's Circus.

**6 p.m. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Rutland. Tickets \$10 and up.**

Circus Smirkus brings magic and mayhem, love and chaos to the big top with an acrobatic adaptation of Shakespeare's beloved comedy. A cast of thirty talented youth get entangled in the dream-like woods where sprites contort in the trees and fairies fly through the air. For more info visit [smirkus.org](http://smirkus.org).

## July 4

### Killington Fourth of July Celebration

**All day. River Road in Killington. Free.**

Calling all Killington residents, visitors, and businesses. Our Independence Day celebration is back! There will be a parade, fireman's BBQ, games, fireworks and more. This event is sponsored by the Killington Fire Department, Killington Parks and Recreation, and the Killington Transfer Station. Please check the Killington Rec Website for any updates regarding this event. For more info visit [killingtonrec.com](http://killingtonrec.com).

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

**5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead, Poultnery.**

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## July 5

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

**2 p.m. Killington Resort. Costs vary.**

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### Artistree Summer Concert Series: Scott Forrest

**6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.**

Bring a chair and pack a picnic and enjoy live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome. [artistreevt.org.v](http://artistreevt.org.v)

### Slate Valley Trail MountainBike Group Rides

**6 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultnery.**

Join SVT for our weekly summer group MTB rides which will take place every other Wednesday through September. Held from 6–8 p.m. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.org](http://slatevalleytrails.org).

### Seven to Sunset Concert Series: Satin & Steele

**7 p.m. Main Street Park in Rutland. Free.**

Join us for The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department 2023 Summer Concert Series, Rutland City's summertime tradition. A new band will play from the Gazebo at Main Street Park every Wednesday throughout the Summer Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Main Street Park for our summer concert series on Wednesday evenings. For more info visit [rutlandrec.com/7tosunset](http://rutlandrec.com/7tosunset).

### Music at the Riverbend: Blood-Root Gap

**7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.**

Music at the Riverbend presents BloodRoot Gap. Enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

## July 6

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

**4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.**

Michelob ULTRA and the Killington golf course are teeing it up on League Night every Thursday, with exciting contests and great prizes for top team gross scores and flag event winners. The format is a 9-hole scramble tournament, rotating between the front and back nine each week. Sign-up as a team or as an individual. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

### River Road Concert Series: John Lackyard Blues Band

**6 p.m. Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.**

The concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm behind the library. Bands set up near the building and patrons can bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. The concerts are scheduled rain or shine. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).

### Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

**6 p.m. Poultnery.**

Join Slate Valley Trails and Analog Cycles for weekly summer gravel rides each Thursday through September. The ride may include a mix of road, dirt road, double track and single track. Gravel bike approved. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

### Cavendish Summer Concert Series: Gypsy Reel

**6 p.m. The Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. Free.**

The Town of Cavendish will present the annual summer music series Wednesday evenings on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This week will feature a performance by local favorite Gypsy Reel who play high energy, stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered worldwide. For more info visit [bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries](http://bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries).

### Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Twangbusters

**7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.**

Concerts in the Park presents: Twangbusters. Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultnyareachamber.com](http://poultnyareachamber.com).

## July 6-9

### Basin Bluegrass Festival

**All Day. End of Basin Road in Brandon. \$15-\$65/person.**

The 28th Basin Bluegrass festival is held at the end of Basin Road and will be well signed. Gates open July 2 at 8 a.m. for early bird camping. For advance tickets (prices vary), and more info visit [basinbluegrassfestival.com](http://basinbluegrassfestival.com).

## July 8

### Caitlin Canty + Noam Pikelnny & Special Guests

**7 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Rutland. \$40 + tax/fees General Admission**

Caitlin Canty is an American singer/songwriter whose music carves a line through folk, blues, and country ballads. Her voice was called "casually devastating" by the San Francisco Chronicle and NPR Music describes her songs as having a "haunting urgency." For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

### Incredible Insect Festival

**All Day. VINS Nature Center in Quechee. Included in Admission.**

Welcome to the fascinating world of insects at VINS' Incredible Insect Festival. Renowned insect expert Sam Jaffe will showcase a multitude of live caterpillars at The Caterpillar Lab. Through demonstrations, exhibits, games and crafts, visitors to the VINS Nature Center will have a fun day discovering the insects we share our planet with. For more info visit [vinsweb.org](http://vinsweb.org).

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

**3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.**

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 – 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2–Sept. 3. This week Hans Williams is performing. For more information visit: [killington.com](http://killington.com).



## Killington Wine Festival

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## Music in the Mountains Series — A Passport Around the World

7 p.m. Pico Mountain Lodge in Killington. Free.

Reed performs works from his latest album and joins the faculty in chamber works. For more info visit: [killingtonmusicfestival.com](http://killingtonmusicfestival.com)

## Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

7:30 p.m. Pond Hill Road, Castleton.

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls break away roping, and bull riding. For outstanding family fun plan to join Pond Hill Ranch Saturday nights at 7:30 pm rain or shine. For more info visit [pondhillranch.com](http://pondhillranch.com).

## July 8-9

### 43rd Annual Rave Car Show

All Day. Vermont State Fair Grounds in Rutland. \$5/spectator and \$15-\$20 to register a car.

Car show open to all makes and models, large trucks, motorcycles, vintage campers/boats welcome as well. Gates open at 7 a.m. both days for exhibitors, 9 a.m. for spectators. 5 awards given out on Saturday, top 30 and specialty awards on Sunday. Large handcrafter area, auto related flea market vendors, and more. Music, food, door prizes, silent auction. For more info visit [ravecclub.com/rutland-car-show](http://ravecclub.com/rutland-car-show).

## July 10

### Monday Junior Riders

5:30 p.m. Mt. Ascutney Outdoor Center

This ride is targeted for young riders entering grades 5-12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more info visit [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

## July 11

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultnery.

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### Summer Concerts at the Pavillion: Cold Chocolate, Folk, Funk & Bluegrass

7 p.m. . Castleton Pavillion.

Concerts run from June 27 to August 8, every Tuesday evening. These concerts are free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. Dugout Dogs will provide concessions, while Vermont State University Castleton will collect non-perishable food items at each concert to support the Castleton food shelf. Let's make a difference together! Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on the concert night. For more info contact Castleton Conferences & Events @ 802-468-6039.

## July 12

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

2 p.m. Killington Resort. Costs vary.

Get ready for a local race series that's all about fun and friendly competition! The 10-week race series is held Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. Sign up to ride solo, or form a team of up to five people. Teams may be made up of any combination of age categories. Teams require a minimum of three people in order to score points. For more info visit [killingtonmountainbikeclub.org](http://killingtonmountainbikeclub.org).

### Artistree Summer Concert Series:

#### Beecharmer

6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.

Bring a chair and pack a picnic and enjoy live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome. [artistreevt.org](http://artistreevt.org).

### Seven to Sunset Concert Series: Enerjazz Big Band

7 p.m. Main Street Park in Rutland. Free.

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### Music at the Riverbend: Blues Without Borders

7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.

Music at the Riverbend presents Blues Without Borders. Come out and enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

## July 13

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.

Michelob ULTRA and the Killington golf course are teeing it up on League Night every Thursday, with exciting contests and great prizes for top team gross scores and flag event winners. The format is a 9-hole scramble tournament, rotating between the front and back nine each week. Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday to sign-up as an individual or team and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

### Cavendish Summer Concert Series: Morning Dudes

6 p.m. The Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. Free.

The Town of Cavendish will present the annual summer music series Wednesday evenings on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This week will feature a performance by Morning Dudes. For more info visit [bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries](http://bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries).



## Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

SATURDAYS, POND HILL RANCH, CASTLETON

### River Road Concert Series: Rhys Chalmers

6 p.m. Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.

The concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm behind the library. Bands set up near the building and patrons can bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. The concerts are scheduled rain or shine. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).

### Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

6 p.m. Poultnery.

Join Slate Valley Trails and Analog Cycles for weekly summer gravel rides each Thursday through September. The ride may include a mix of road, dirt road, double track and single track. Gravel bike approved. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

### Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Blue Jay Way

7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.

Concerts in the Park presents: Blue Jay Way. Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com)

## July 14

### Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series: Luminous Crush

5 p.m. Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88 Lottery Road in Shrewsbury. Free.

This week's performer is Luminous Crush. For more info visit Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series on Facebook.

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## July 14-16

### Paramount Players Present: The Wizard Of Oz

7 p.m. Paramount Theatre in Rutland. \$20-\$35.

We're off to see the wizard! This beloved tale, in which a Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home, has entertained audiences for generations and now The Paramount Players and Grace Congregational Church are bringing it to life in downtown Rutland! For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

## July 15

### Circus Smirkus : A Midsummer Night's Circus.

1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Rutland. Tickets \$10 and up.

Circus Smirkus brings magic and mayhem, love and chaos to the big top with an acrobatic adaptation of Shakespeare's beloved comedy. A cast of thirty talented youth get entangled in the dream-like woods where sprites contort in the trees and fairies fly through the air.

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series: Chalk Dinosaur

3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base area. Free. Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 - 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2-Sept. 3. This week Chalk Dinosaur is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

### Music in the Mountains: KMFDS Deliciously Flavorful Melodies

7 p.m. Pico Mountain Lodge in Killington. Free.

In this special performance, Enjoy luscious melodious by beloved composers. For more info visit [killingtonmusicfestival.com](http://killingtonmusicfestival.com)

### Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

7:30 p.m. Pond Hill Road, Castleton.

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls break away roping, and bull riding. For outstanding family fun plan to join Pond Hill Ranch Saturday nights at 7:30 pm rain or shine. For more info visit [pondhillranch.com](http://pondhillranch.com).

### 45th Annual Goshen Gallop

4 p.m. start time. Blueberry Hill Inn at Goshen. Fees Vary.

Hosted by the iconic Blueberry Hill Inn, in the heart of the spectacular Green Mountain National Forest. Participants can tackle either the famous 10.2K— or the equally awesome, but more merciful 5K run. Since 1978 the Goshen Gallop has invited runners from across Vermont and around the world, seeking to take the road less traveled. Hosted by the iconic Blueberry Hill Inn, in the heart of the spectacular Green Mountain National Forest... participants can tackle either the famous For more info and to register visit [goshengallop.com](http://goshengallop.com).

## July 15-16

### Slate Valley Epic

7:30 a.m. Slate Valley Trails' Fairgrounds trailhead in Poultney.

Join Slate Valley Trails (SVT) on July 15th & 16th, 2023 for our third annual Slate Valley Epic mountain bike race on Saturday and our Sunday Group Ride along with a Bike Vendor Expo! Riders can expect some of the best singletrack riding with plenty of climbing and extraordinary views of southwestern Vermont and the Slate Valley. For more info visit [vmba.org](http://vmba.org).

## July 16

### Circus Smirkus : A Midsummer Night's Circus.

11 a.m. & 4 p.m. Vermont State Fairgrounds, Rutland. Tickets \$10 and up.

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### Artistree Summer Concert Series: The Panhandlers

6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.

Live music on the hillside. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

## July 18

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.

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## Summer Concerts at the Pavillion: JLT Jamie Lee Thurston, Country Music

7 p.m. . *Castleton Pavillion.*

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## July 19

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

2 p.m. *Killington Resort. Costs vary.*

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### Slate Valley Trail MountainBike Group Rides

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### Seven to Sunset Concert Series: Green Brothers Band

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### Music at the Riverbend: Enerjazz

7 p.m. *Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.*

Music at the Riverbend presents Enerjazz. Come out and enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

## July 20

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

4:30 p.m. *Killington Golf Course.*

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### River Road Concert Series: Rick Reddington and The Luv

6 p.m. *Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.*

Thursday evenings behind the library. Bands set up near the building. Bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).

### Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

6 p.m. *Poultney.*

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### Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: "Spirit of Johnny Cash" with Harold Ford

7 p.m. *Fair Haven Town Park. Free.*

Concerts in the Park presents: The Spirit of Johnny Cash with Harold Ford. Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com).

### Friday Night Live: The Uprooted Center Street in Downtown Rutland. Free.

Rutland's favorite concert series returns this summer with free performances in downtown! Folks can enjoy activities, giveaways, shopping, visiting vendors, food trucks, and more. This Friday The Uprooted will perform.

## July 21-22

### Killington Wine Festival

All Day. *Various locations in Killington. \$10-\$225.*

Sip, Sip, Hooray — The Killington Wine Fest returns for its 23rd year July 21-22. Hosted by the Killington Pico Area Association, wine lovers and aficionados are invited to enjoy new wines amidst stunning views of the Green Mountains of Vermont. For more information and to register visit [killingtonpico.org/winefest](http://killingtonpico.org/winefest).

## July 22

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

3 p.m. *Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.*

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 – 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2-Sept. 3. This week Kendall Street Company is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).



Courtesy KPAA

## Cooler in the mountains

SATURDAYS AT 3 PM, KILLINGTON RESORT

### Music in the Mountains Series— KMF's Season Finale, Celebrating 41 Years Together

7 p.m. *Pico Mountain Lodge. Free.*

Killington Music Festival Season Finale, bringing the faculty and community together to celebrate KMF today and beyond. For more info visit [killingtonmusicfestival.com](http://killingtonmusicfestival.com)

### Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

7:30 p.m. *Pond Hill Road, Castleton.*

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### Summer Concerts at the Pavillion: Chamber Music Institute Presents Jessi Tai & Maxim Pakhomov @ the Casella Theater.

7 p.m. . *Castleton Pavillion.*

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## July 24

### Monday Junior Riders

5:30 p.m. *Mt. Peg*

This ride is targeted for young riders grades 5-12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more info visit [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

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## July 25

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

5:30 p.m. *Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.*

Join Slate Valley each Tuesdays night for our weekly Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides. Ride with an amazing group of women on our beautiful SVT trail network. We will incorporate skills and optional bike wrenching as well. This is a no drop ride and All are welcome. We will honor an inclusive and supportive environment for any person who identifies as woman. For more information visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

### Summer Concerts at the Pavillion: Satin & Steel, Soul and R & B

7 p.m. . *Castleton Pavillion.*

Concerts run from June 27 to August 8, every Tuesday evening. These concerts are free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. Dugout Dogs will provide concessions, while Vermont State University Castleton will collect non-perishable food items at each concert to support the Castleton food shelf. Let's make a difference together! Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on the concert night. For more info contact Castleton Conferences & Events @ 802-468-6039.

## July 26

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

2 p.m. *Killington Resort. Costs vary.*

Get ready for a local race series that's all about fun and friendly competition! Sign up to ride solo, or form a team of up to five people. Teams may be made up of any combination of age categories. Teams require a minimum of three people in order to score points. For more info visit [killingtonmountainbikeclub.org](http://killingtonmountainbikeclub.org)

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### Artistree Summer Concert Series: Artistrio

**6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.** Bring a chair and pack a picnic and enjoy live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

### Music at the Riverbend: Patrick Fitzsimmons Trio

**7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.** Music at the Riverbend presents Patrick Fitzsimmons Trio. Come out and enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

### Seven to Sunset Concert Series: Auron Audet Band

**7 p.m. Main Street Park in Rutland. Free.** Join us for The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department 2023 Summer Concert Series, Rutland City's summertime tradition. A new band will play from the Gazebo at Main Street Park every Wednesday throughout the Summer. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Main Street Park for our summer concert series on Wednesday evenings. For more info visit [rutlandrec.com/7tosunset](http://rutlandrec.com/7tosunset).

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## July 27

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

**4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.** Michelob ULTRA and the Killington golf course are teeing it up on League Night every Thursday, with exciting contests and great prizes for top team gross scores and flag event winners. The format is a 9-hole scramble tournament, rotating between the front and back nine each week. Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday to sign-up as an individual or team and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

### Cavendish Summer Concert Series: Sammy Blanchette

**6 p.m. The Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. Free.** This week will feature a performance by Sammy Blanchette. For more info visit [bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries](http://bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries).

### Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

**6 p.m. Poultney.** Join Slate Valley Trails and Analog Cycles for weekly summer gravel rides each Thursday through September. The ride may include a mix of road, dirt road, double track and single track. Gravel bike approved. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

### River Road Concert Series: Twangtown Paramours

**6 p.m. Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.**

The concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm behind the library. Bands set up near the building and patrons can bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. The concerts are scheduled rain or shine. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).

### Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Atlantic Crossing

**7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.**

Concerts in the Park presents: Atlantic Crossing. Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com)

## July 28

### Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series: Moose Crossing

**5 p.m. Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88 Lottery Road in Shrewsbury. Free.**

There is lots of room to spread out, dance, and enjoy the company of others. This week's performer is Moose Crossing. For more info visit Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series on Facebook.

## July 29

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

**3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.**

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 – 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2-Sept. 3. This week Dizgo is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

### Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

**7:30 p.m. Pond Hill Road, Castleton.**

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls break away roping, and bull riding. For outstanding family fun plan to join Pond Hill Ranch Saturday nights at 7:30 pm rain or shine. For more info visit [pondhillranch.com](http://pondhillranch.com).

### Moosalamoo Ultra

**8 a.m. start time. Blueberry Hill Outdoor-Center in Goshen. \$75 - \$120.**

Starting and ending at the picturesque Blueberry Hill Inn, the Moosalamoo Ultra and Heavy Half has become a favorite among VT trail runners. Long challenging climbs, black bear sightings, stinging nettles are (for better or worse) hallmarks of this race. Each race is loaded with tough, yet beautiful mountain single track taking you to the top of Mount Moosalamoo with a spectacular view of Lake Dunmore. With most trails in the Green Mountain National Forest the 14 miler has about 2,400 feet of elevation gain and the 36 miler has more than 5,000 feet of gain. Family friendly and dog friendly, this race brings together a great community and great mountain trails. Visit [moosalamooultra.com](http://moosalamooultra.com).

## Aug. 1

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

**5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.**

Join Slate Valley each Tuesdays night for our weekly Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides. Ride with an amazing group of women on our beautiful SVT trail network. We will incorporate skills and optional bike wrenching as well. This is a no drop ride and All are welcome. We will honor an inclusive and supportive environment for any person who identifies as woman. For more information visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

### Summer Concerts at the Pavillion: Studio Two, Beatles Tribute Band

**7 pm. . Castleton Pavillion.**

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## Aug. 2

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

**2 p.m. Killington Resort. Costs vary.**

Get ready for a local race series that's all about fun and friendly competition! Sign up to ride solo, or form a team of up to five people. Teams may be made up of any combination of age categories. Teams require a minimum of three people in order to score points. For more info visit [killingtonmountainbikeclub.org](http://killingtonmountainbikeclub.org)

### Slate Valley Trail MountainBike Group Rides

**6 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.**

Join SVT for our weekly summer group MTB rides which will take place every other Wednesday through September. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.org](http://slatevalleytrails.org).

### Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.

**6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.** Bring a chair and pack a picnic and enjoy live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

### Music at the Riverbend: Jenni Johnson

**7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.**

Music at the Riverbend presents Jenni Johnson. Come out and enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).



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## Aug. 3

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

**4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.** Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

### River Road Concert Series: Moose Crossing

**6 p.m. Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.**

The concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm behind the library. Bands set up near the building and patrons can bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. The concerts are scheduled rain or shine. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).

### Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

**6 p.m. Poultney.**

Join Slate Valley Trails and Analog Cycles for weekly summer gravel rides each Thursday through September. The ride may include a mix of road, dirt road, double track and single track. Gravel bike approved. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

### Cavendish Summer Concert Series: Beecharmer

**6 p.m. The Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. Free.**

The Town of Cavendish will present the annual summer music series Wednesday evenings on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This week will feature a performance by Beecharmer. For more info visit [bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries](http://bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries).

### Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Whiskey River Band

**7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.**

Concerts in the Park presents: Whiskey River Band Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com)

### Seven to Sunset Concert Series: George's Back Pocket

**7 p.m. Main Street Park in Rutland. Free.**

Join us for The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department 2023 Summer Concert Series, Rutland City's summertime tradition. A new band will play from the Gazebo at Main Street Park every Wednesday throughout the Summer Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Main Street Park for our summer concert series on Wednesday evenings. For more info visit [rutlandrec.com/7tosunset](http://rutlandrec.com/7tosunset).

## Aug. 5

### Brandon's annual yard sale day

**All day. Visitor Center in Brandon. Free.** Every year, the first Saturday in Aug., Brandon is packed with scores of yard sales all around town. Although most sales will not start until 9:00 am, some start earlier and the official listings will be available starting at 7 a.m. at the Visitor Center at the historic Stephen A. Douglas Birthplace & Brandon Museum, located next to the Baptist Church at the corner of Routes 7 and 73 West. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

### Tour de Slate

**All day, start times vary. Middletown Springs \$65-\$100.**

The Tour de Slate is made up of five different routes designed to provide an enjoyable ride no matter what your level of experience. The most challenging rides, for avid road cyclists, are the 100 mile and the metric century (100km, 63.4 mi) rides. The additional choices of a 36 mile route, a 25 mile route or a family ride (off road on a trail) will ensure that there is a ride suitable for everyone. The "Tour de Slate" is aptly named as it tours the world renowned slate valley of western Vermont and bordering NY state. The beneficiary of the ride is Teen Challenge, VT For more info and to register visit [tourdeslate.org](http://tourdeslate.org).

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

**3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.**

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 - 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2-Sept. 3. This week Bob Wagner & Friends will be performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

### Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

**7:30 p.m. Pond Hill Road, Castleton.**

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls break away roping, and bull riding. For outstanding family fun plan to join Pond Hill Ranch Saturday nights at 7:30 pm rain or shine. For more info visit [pondhillranch.com](http://pondhillranch.com).

## Aug. 5-6

### Devil's Bowl's Battle at the Bowl

**6 p.m. Devil's Bowl Speedway \$15-\$20**

Come enjoy a big race night at Devil's Bowl with the Local Division Qualifiers, "Battle at the Bowl" big block/small block. "CJ Richard Classic" 67 laps + Paid Qualifying Races, Sportman 40 Laps. For more info visit [devilsbowl-speedwayvt.com](http://devilsbowl-speedwayvt.com).

## Aug. 6

### Melissa Etheridge Summer Tour '23

**7 p.m. Paramount Theatre, Rutland.**

Known for her confessional lyrics and raspy, smoky vocals, Etheridge has remained one of America's favorite female singer-songwriters for more than two decades. Now touring with a 9-track collection of songs Etheridge wrote in the late '80s and early '90s that never made the cut that can now be heard. Fans will get a deeper glimpse to who Melissa was then. See Etheridge perform them live at the Paramount. For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

## Aug. 7

### Monday Junior Riders

**5:30 p.m. Mt. Ascutney Outdoor Center**

This ride is targeted for young riders entering grades 5-12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more info visit [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

## Aug. 8

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

**5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.**

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### Summer Concerts at the Pavillion: Snake Mountain Bluegrass, Bluegrass

**7 pm. . Castleton Pavillion.**

Concerts run from June 27 to August 8, every Tuesday evening. These concerts are free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine. Dugout Dogs will provide concessions, while Vermont State University Castleton will collect non-perishable food items at each concert to support the Castleton food shelf. Let's make a difference together! Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on the concert night. For more info contact Castleton Conferences & Events @ 802-468-6039.

## Aug. 9

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

**2 p.m. Killington Resort. Costs vary.**

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### Artistree Summer Concert Series: Rose Hip Jam

**6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.**

Live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

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## Music at the Riverbend: Sky Blue Boys

7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.  
Music at the Riverbend presents Sky Blue Boys. Come out and enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

## Seven to Sunset Concert Series: Rick Reddington & The Luv

7 p.m. Main Street Park in Rutland. Free.  
Join us for The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department 2023 Summer Concert Series, Rutland City's summertime tradition. A new band will play from the Gazebo at Main Street Park every Wednesday throughout the Summer. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic dinner to Main Street Park for our summer concert series on Wednesday evenings. For more info visit [rutlandrec.com/7tosunset](http://rutlandrec.com/7tosunset).

## Aug. 10

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.  
League Night every Thursday. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday to sign-up as an individual or team and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

### River Road Concert Series: Chili

## Cookoff with Chad Hollister

5 p.m. Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.

The concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm behind the library. Bands set up near the building and patrons can bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. The concerts are scheduled rain or shine. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).

## Cavendish Summer Concert Series: Gully Boys

6 p.m. The Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. Free.  
The Town of Cavendish will present the annual summer music series Wednesday evenings on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This week will feature a performance by Gully Boys. For more info visit [bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries](http://bit.ly/CavendishSummerSeries).

## Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

6 p.m. Poultney.  
A weekly summer gravel rides each Thursday through September. The ride may include a mix of road, dirt road, double track and single track. Gravel bike approved. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).



## Car racing

SATURDAYS, DEVIL'S BOWL SPEEDWAY WEST HAVEN

## Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Mellow Yellow

7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.  
Concerts in the Park presents: Mellow Yellow. Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com)

## Aug. 11

**Friday Night Live: Dirty Deeds**  
Center Street in Downtown Rutland. Free.  
Rutland's favorite concert series returns this summer with free performances in downtown! Folks can enjoy activities, giveaways, shopping, visiting vendors, food trucks, and more. This Friday Dirty Deeds, a high-voltage AC/DC cover band will perform.

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## Aug. 12

### Slate Valley Scramble

8:30 a.m. Slate Valley Trails' Fairgrounds in Poultney. Prices vary based on event.

The Slate Valley Scramble is a trail running race that features an 8K, half marathon, and kid's fun run. The race takes place on some of VT's newest and best single & double-track trails on Slate Valley Trails' network in Poultney, Vermont. For more info and to register visit [slatevalleytrails.org](http://slatevalleytrails.org).

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 – 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. This week The Dirty Water Dance Band is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

### Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

7:30 p.m. Pond Hill Road, Castleton.

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls break away roping, and bull riding. For outstanding family fun plan to join Pond Hill Ranch Saturday nights at 7:30 pm rain or shine. For more info visit [pondhillranch.com](http://pondhillranch.com).

## Aug. 12-13

### 62nd Annual Art in the Park Summer Festival

All day. Main Street Park in Rutland. Free.

The Chaffee Art Center invites you to the 62nd Annual Summer Art in the Park Festival featuring fine art and crafts, specialty foods, kids' activities, food concession, and musical entertainment. For more info visit [chaffeeartcenter.org](http://chaffeeartcenter.org).

## Aug. 14

### Monday Junior Riders

5:30 p.m. Aqueduct Trails Ride

Meet in the parking area of Grassy Lane. This ride is targeted for young riders entering grades 5-12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more info visit [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

## Aug. 15

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.

Join Slate Valley each Tuesdays night for our weekly Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides. Ride with an amazing group of women on our beautiful SVT trail network. We will incorporate skills and optional bike wrenching as well. This is a no drop ride and All are welcome. We will honor an inclusive and supportive environment for any person who identifies as woman. For more information visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

## Aug. 15-19

### 177th Vermont State Fair

All Day. Vermont State Fairgrounds. Prices to vary.

One of the oldest state fairs in the United States, the Vermont State Fair features amusement rides, performances, a demolition derby, races, fireworks, and more every Aug. For more info visit [vermontstatefair.org](http://vermontstatefair.org).

## Aug. 16

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

2 p.m. Killington Resort. Costs vary.

Get ready for a local race series that's all about fun and friendly competition! The 10-week race series is held Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. Sign up to ride solo, or form a team of up to five people. Teams may be made up of any combination of age categories. Teams require a minimum of three people in order to score points. For more info visit [killington-mountainbikeclub.org](http://killington-mountainbikeclub.org)

### Artistree Summer Concert Series: George Nostrand

6 p.m. Artistree Community Arts Center, 2095 Pomfret Road, South Pomfret. Free.

Bring a chair and pack a picnic and enjoy live music on the hillside. This concert is weather dependent. No pets allowed. Service animals specifically trained to aid a person with a disability are welcome.

### Music at the Riverbend: Deb Brisson & The Hayburners

7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.

Music at the Riverbend presents Deb Brisson & The Hayburners. Come out and enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

## Aug. 17

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.

Michelob ULTRA and the Killington golf course are teeing it up on League Night every Thursday, with exciting contests and great prizes for top team gross scores and flag event winners. The format is a 9-hole scramble tournament, rotating between the front and back nine each week. Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday to sign-up as an individual or team and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

### River Road Concert Series: Shenanigans

6 p.m. Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.

The concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm behind the library. Bands set up near the building and patrons can bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. The concerts are scheduled rain or shine. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).



Spartan race

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## Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

6 p.m. Poultney.

Join Slate Valley Trails and Analog Cycles for weekly summer gravel rides each Thursday through September. The ride may include a mix of road, dirt road, double track and single track. Gravel bike approved. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

## Gabby Barrett at The Vermont State Fair

7 p.m. Rutland Fairgrounds. \$40-\$375

Warner Music Nashville's multi-platinum star Gabby Barrett is setting the trend in country music. Surpassing 2.5 billion global career streams, Barrett's expanded version of her acclaimed debut, *Goldmine* the wildly praised collection launched her meteoric rise. For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

## Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Aaron Audet

7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.

Concerts in the Park presents: Aaron Audet. Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com).

## Aug. 18

### Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series: Panhandlers

5 p.m. Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88

Lottery Road in Shrewsbury. Free.

There is lots of room to spread out, dance, and enjoy the company of others. This week's performer is Panhandlers. For more info visit Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series on Facebook.

### 8084 at the Vermont State Fair

7 p.m. Rutland Fairgrounds. \$15-\$20.

For the past 40 years, the band has built a following of die-hard fans throughout North America and Europe through both their original music and high-energy performances. For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

## Aug. 19

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 – 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2-Sept. 3. This week Marcus Rezak is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

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## Jake Owen at the Vermont State Fair

7 p.m. Rutland Fairgrounds. \$45-\$55.

Multiple chart-topping singer/songwriter Jake Owen's new single "Made For You" is rapidly climbing the Billboard Country Airplay charts. With eight #1 songs to his name, "Made For You" follows Owen's fastest-rising career #1 single, "I Was Jack (You Were Diane)" and most recent #1 single, "Homemade." For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org)

## Pond Hill Ranch Rodeo

7:30 p.m. Pond Hill Road, Castleton.

Pond Hill Pro Rodeo Company events include bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, girls break away roping, and bull riding. For outstanding family fun plan to join Pond Hill Ranch Saturday nights at 7:30 pm rain or shine. For more info visit [pondhillranch.com](http://pondhillranch.com).

## Aug. 21

### Monday Junior Riders

5:30 p.m. Aqueduct Trails ride

Meet in the parking area of Grassy Lane. This ride is targeted for young riders entering grades 5-12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more info visit [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

## Aug. 22

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.

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## Aug. 23

### Killington Bike Bum Race Series

2 p.m. Killington Resort. Costs vary.

Get ready for a local race series that's all about fun and friendly competition! The 10-week race series is held Wednesday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. Sign up to ride solo, or form a team of up to five people. Teams may be made up of any combination of age categories. Teams require a minimum of three people in order to score points. For more info visit [killingtonmountainbikeclub.org](http://killingtonmountainbikeclub.org)

### Music at the Riverbend: The Jazz Collective

7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.

Music at the Riverbend presents The Jazz Collective. Come out and enjoy some quality music and free popcorn. For more info visit [brandon.org](http://brandon.org).

## Aug. 24

### Killington Golf Course League-Nights

4:30 p.m. Killington Golf Course.

Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday to sign-up as an individual or team and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

### River Road Concert Series: Curragh's Fancy

6 p.m. Sherburne Memorial Library in Killington. Free.

The concerts are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm behind the library. Bands set up near the building and patrons can bring picnic suppers, lawn chairs, blankets, etc to enjoy the show. The concerts are scheduled rain or shine. For more info visit: [sherburnelibrary.org](http://sherburnelibrary.org).

### Slate Valley Trail x Analog Cycles Gravel Rides

6 p.m. Poultney.

Join Slate Valley Trails and Analog Cycles for weekly summer gravel rides each Thursday through September. The ride may include a mix of road, dirt road, double track and single track. Gravel bike approved. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.com](http://slatevalleytrails.com).

### Fair Haven Concerts in the Park: Shake, Rattle and Roll

7 p.m. Fair Haven Town Park. Free.

Concerts in the Park presents: Shake, Rattle and Roll. Bring your chairs by anytime after 5:00 pm on concert night. Hot dogs, chips, and soda each night, plus a 50/50 drawing each night. Picnic tables in the park for your family to enjoy supper before the concert. For more info visit: [poultneyareachamber.com](http://poultneyareachamber.com).

### The Randy Travis: More Life Tour

7:30 p.m. Paramount Theatre. \$65-\$85.

The Randy Travis: More Life Tour features the legendary country singer and his co-star in The Price, James Dupré. The Country Music Hall of Fame member's long-time touring band, consisting of Steve Hinson, David Johnson, Lance Dary, Bill Cook, Joe Van Dyke and Herb Shucher along with longtime tour manager Jeff Davis will reunite "Hoss," as they affectionately call Travis, on the road for the first time since right before his stroke in 2013. For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

3 p.m. Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 – 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2-Sept. 3. This week Elise Testone is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

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## Aug. 27

### Eurobuilt Car Show & Charity Auction

All day. Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland. \$5/spectator and \$25/car registration.

Eurobuilt Car Show and Charity Auction will be held on Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vermont State Fairgrounds in Rutland. Euro built's title sponsor is Sam's Euro Shop. The show has brought international attention to the Rutland Region and has been featured in Performance VW magazine annually and brings enthusiasts from all over New England, New York and Canada. The show is open to all Volkswagen, Audi and Euros. There will be an enthusiast area for non-Euro cars as well. The show will feature multiple classes and awards including promoter's choice, Best of Show and more! There will be food and vendors as well. For more information and to register visit [bit.ly/EurobuiltCars](http://bit.ly/EurobuiltCars).

## Aug. 28

### Monday Junior Riders

5:30 p.m. Aqueduct Trails

Meet in the parking area of Grassy Lane. This ride is targeted for young riders entering grades 5-12. Parents are encouraged to attend and ride! For more info visit [mtbwoodstock.com](http://mtbwoodstock.com).

### Daughtry: Bare Bones Tour

7 p.m. Paramount Theatre. \$80-\$100.

Daughtry, one of the most visible and consistent Rock & Roll torchbearers of the 21st Century, has sold over 9 million albums and 16 million singles worldwide as well as selling out concerts across the globe. For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

## Aug. 29

### Slate Valley Trail Women's Mountain Bike Group Rides

5:30 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.

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## Aug. 30

### Slate Valley Trail mountain bike group rides

6 p.m. Fairgrounds Trailhead in Poultney.

Join SVT for our weekly summer group MTB rides which will take place every other Wednesday through September. Held from 6-8 p.m. For more info visit [slatevalleytrails.org](http://slatevalleytrails.org).

### Music at the Riverbend: Java Sparrow

7 p.m. Behind the Brandon Inn in Brandon. Free.

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## Aug. 31

### Killington Golf Course League Nights

4:30 p.m. *Killington Golf Course.*

Michelob ULTRA and the Killington golf course are teeing it up on League Night every Thursday, with exciting contests and great prizes for top team gross scores and flag event winners. The format is a 9-hole scramble tournament, rotating between the front and back nine each week. Sign-up as a team or as an individual. Call the golf pro shop any day before 3 p.m. Wednesday to sign-up as an individual or team and find out what's on the menu. If you try to sign-up on Thursday, you could be turned away. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com). To register call the Golf Pro Shop at: 802-422-6700.

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### Steve Earle: Alone Again Tour

7:30 p.m. *Paramount Theatre. \$45-\$65.*

Steve Earle is one of the most acclaimed singer-songwriters of his generation. A protege of legendary songwriters Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, he quickly became a master storyteller in his own right, with his songs being recorded by Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris, The Pretenders, and countless others. Mr. Earle was recently inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

## Sept. 1

### Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series: Spintuition

5 p.m. *Shrewsbury Meeting House at 88 Lottery Road in Shrewsbury. Free.*

There is lots of room to spread out, dance, and enjoy the company of others. This week's performer is Spintuition. For more info visit Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series on Facebook.

### Friday Night Live: The Dave Mathews Tribute Band

Center Street in Downtown Rutland. Free.

Rutland's favorite concert series returns this summer with free performances in downtown! Folks can enjoy activities, giveaways, shopping, visiting vendors, food trucks, and more. This Friday The Dave Mathews Tribute Band will perform.

## Sept. 2

### Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series

3 p.m. *Snowshed Lodge base area. Free.*

Join Killington Resort at the Snowshed Lodge base area on Saturdays this summer from 3 - 5:30 p.m. for a free outdoor concert series. Grab a lawn chair, a beach blanket, and the whole family and head to snowshed for this all-ages event. The concert series will take place every Saturday from July 2-Sept. 3. This week Cousin Curtiss is performing. For more information visit [killington.com](http://killington.com).

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## Sept. 5

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### George Thorogood & The Destroyers

7:30 p.m. *Paramount Theatre. \$79-\$99.*

Five decades, 15 million albums and more than 8,000 performances later, few bands can still rock the house like George Thorogood & Destroyers. And for Thorogood, Simon, and long-time Destroyers Bill Blough, Jim Suhler and Buddy Leach, their Bad All Over The World - 50 Years of Rock Tour will be a celebration like no other. For more info visit [paramount.org](http://paramount.org).

## Sept. 7

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# Killington Adventure Center

Killington's summer energy epicenter is the Snowshed Adventure Center, featuring over a dozen attractions for all ages, a full service retail and mountain bike shop, and easy access to the Killington Golf Course, Snowshed Express Quad chairlift and adjacent mountain bike trails, plus the Cooler in the Mountains Concert Series venue.

- **BEAST MOUNTAIN COASTER**
- **SKYE ROPES COURSE**
- **SOARING EAGLE**
- **ZIP LINE RACER**
- **WOODWARD WRECKTANGLE**
- **TRAMPOLINE JUMP**
- **AMAZE'N MAZE**



Courtesy Killington Resort

The 950-foot-long dual Zipline Racer reaches fast speeds as it swoops down across Snowshed pond toward the Grand Hotel.



By Robin Alberti

The trampolines have bungees for more air-time.



Courtesy Killington Resort

The Soaring Eagle brings participants up backward then lets 'em fly!



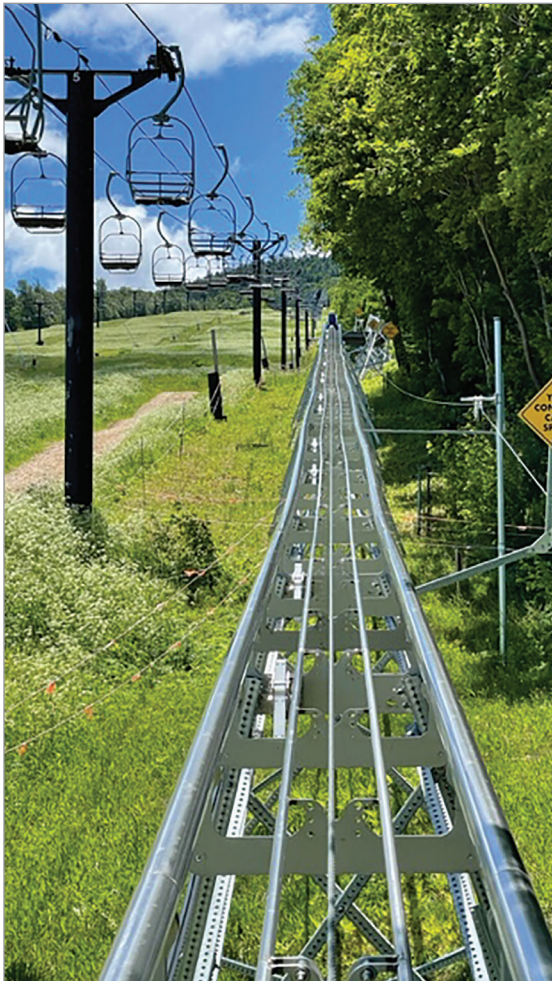
By Polly Mikula

Above: The high ropes course gets more psychologically challenging the higher you climb.

By Robin Alberti

Below: The Woodward WreckTangle is a ninja-styled course on the banks of Snowshed pond. It ends with a zipline jump onto a large mat—a photo-worthy finish!

# Killington Adventure Center



By Polly Mikula

Left: The view from the Beast Coaster as it travels uphill.  
Above center: Elsie and Ida (4) Parini begin their ride.



By Robin Alberti

The Beast Mountain Coaster is 4,800 feet-long with 360-degree turns.



By Polly Mikula

Top: two race down the zipline high above Snowshed.  
Above: An adventurer cautiously navigates the high ropes course.

## Q&A with Esmé Mikula, age 5

**What is your favorite ride/activity at the Killington Adventure Center? Why?**

Esmé Mikula: The Maze and the roller coaster. I like to drive the roller coaster and go fast. I tell Mommy 'hands off the roller coaster' 'cause I like to drive it. Mama doesn't punch it all the way forward and I do; I like to go fast.

I like the maze because it's really hard and I like hard things. I like to do it with my friends and I like to find the letters that are up high so I can see out better.

**What else do you like about the Adventure Center?**

The trampoline I like to do flips on. Sometimes I get stuck upside down and it's really funny. Haha! I also really like the pump track by the playground; I used to like the playground when I was a baby but now I really don't like how the little things on the bottom get all over me and make me itchy and tangle my hair.

**Is there anything you don't like?**

The Soaring Eagle. It goes too high, I can't control it and I don't like how it jerks at the end.

**What's your favorite thing to eat while there?**

I love getting lemonade and a cheeseburger. I get so hungry when I play.



By Polly Mikula

Esmé Mikula, 5, rides the Beast Mountain Coaster (above) and a scooter bike (right).





# TOWN OF KILLINGTON VERMONT

## Do I need a zoning permit?

**“Yes,”** the zoning administrator says:  
“If you’re asking this question, you most likely do.”

### Here’s more details:

#### A Zoning Permit is only not required for:

- Fences and walls under 6 feet high and which do not interfere with corner visibility and are outside the town road right-of-way
- A free standing residential accessory structure such as a shed, tree house, doghouse, child’s playhouse or similar structure that does not exceed 144 square feet in size and is 12 feet or less in height and does not have plumbing.  
But It **MUST** meet setback requirements.
- Interior renovations that do not increase the overall floor area **or result in additional bedrooms**  
Increasing bedrooms **ALWAYS** requires a permit.
- Patios at grade level
- General maintenance such as painting, roofing and siding

#### Now that that’s cleared up, here’s more detail on filing for permits:

The Town of Killington requires various permits and approvals for development. A Zoning Permit is required for any project that involves:

- New buildings or building additions
- Porches, decks and similar structures
- Swimming pools
- Accessory apartments (in house or over garage)
- Projects that increase the footprint or floor area of a building
- Change of use (**yes, this includes adding additional bedrooms!**)
- Subdivision, parcel merger, and boundary line adjustments

An application for a zoning permit is here: [bit.ly/KillingtonPermitApp](https://bit.ly/KillingtonPermitApp)

**Note:** If your project was approved by Act 250 you must also contact [Rick.Overkirch@vermont.gov](mailto:Rick.Overkirch@vermont.gov)

#### Let’s not forget about short-term rentals:

Yes, the town requires short-term rentals registration to safely bring as many guests as legally possible. The advertised capacity of a short-term rental is limited to its approved septic or sewer capacity. All short-term rentals are subject to inspection by the state Division of Fire Safety, although self-certification is an option for rental properties with an occupancy of 8 or less.

To register your short term rental, visit: [bit.ly/KillingtonSTR](https://bit.ly/KillingtonSTR)  
Contact asst. state fire marshal Joshua Maxham at 802-786-0071 or [Joshua.Maxham@vermont.gov](mailto:Joshua.Maxham@vermont.gov) for an inspection.

For a short-term rental checklist go to [firesafety.vermont.gov](https://firesafety.vermont.gov).

#### Little info for you condo owners, too:

Condominiums are regulated by the state Division of Fire Safety and the state Act 250 Program. Changes beyond painting or decorating may require Division of Fire Safety approval. Increases to the floor area or creation of an additional bedroom would require Act 250 approval. Contact your condominium association before making any changes beyond painting or decorating.

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[killingtontown.com](https://killingtontown.com)

#### When do I need a driveway permit?

The Zoning Administrator says “yes, this should be the first thing you do!” A Driveway Access Permit is required from the town Selectboard for a new or modified driveway off a town road. Contact the Town Manager to start this process. A State Highway Access and Work Permit is required from the state Agency of Transportation (VTrans) for a new or modified driveway off U.S. Route 4 or VT Route 100. For a Frequently Asked Questions sheet on state highway access and work permits visit: [vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/permitting/faqs](https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/permitting/faqs).

#### How about commercial business?

You always need a permit for business signs.

Visit: [bit.ly/KillingtonSign](https://bit.ly/KillingtonSign). Most commercial development will need to be reviewed by the Development Review Board and Division of Fire Safety. Killington is a 1-acre town. Anything over could be subject to Act 250 review and approval. Questions? Request a Project Review Sheet from state permit specialist Rick Overkirch at 802-282-6488 or [Rick.Overkirch@vermont.gov](mailto:Rick.Overkirch@vermont.gov).



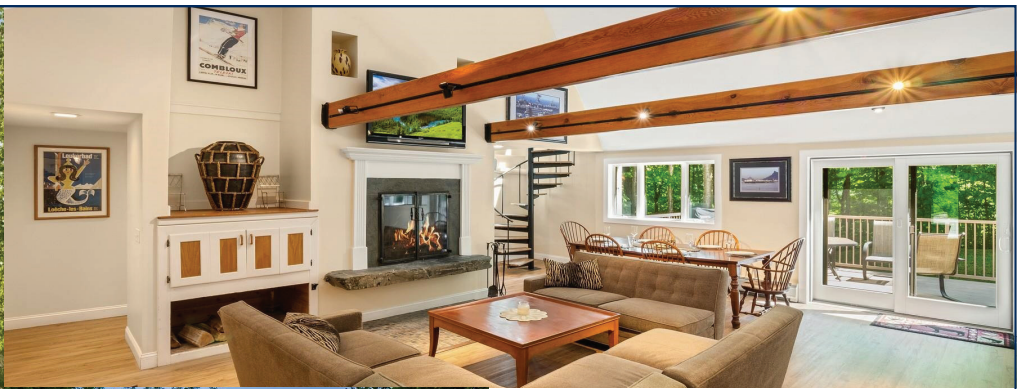
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**Please don’t live by: “build it and they will come...  
It’s **NOT** better to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission.”**





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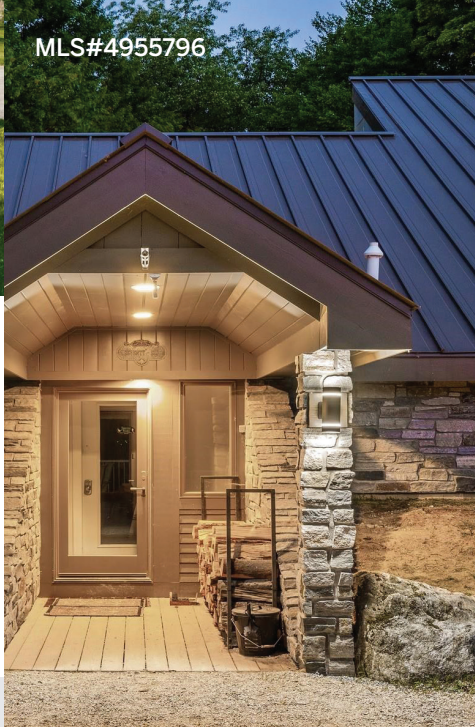


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# ENJOY A CLASSIC VT CREEMEE

*Choose from about 400 offerings this summer, or try to taste them all?*

## Staff report

Nothing goes better with a hot Vermont summer day than a cold, sweet, creamy cone of soft serve ice cream.

Wait, soft serve? What are you talking about? There's only one type of ice cream that reigns supreme in the Green Mountain State: the creemee.

A creemee is not quite synonymous with soft serve, but they share some similarities. Both take prepared ice cream “bases” that vendors can mix flavor into and serve from the same machine, according to E.B. Flory, dairy chief of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

Creemees, however, are supposed to contain a higher percentage of butterfat — a minimum of 14%, versus 10%-14% for soft serve, Flory said. Creemees are often sold in maple, black raspberry, vanilla and

chocolate flavors, or as a twist of two flavors. They can come with toppings or be dipped into chocolate or other sauces to create a hard outer coating.



How many creemee stands are there in Vermont?

Until recently, this seemed an unanswerable question. But then Secretary of Agriculture Anson Tebbetts revealed on Twitter that his agency maintains a licensing system that tracks this sort of thing. So VTDigger filed a public records request.

That data showed that roughly 400 Vermont establishments have active licenses to operate “frozen dessert” machines. That count, however, includes vendors who sling creemees, as well as those who dish out soft serve.

About a quarter of the licensees were chains such as McDonald's, Cumberland Farms and Walmart. There were also some oddball spots (some not open to the public) such as universities and hospital cafeterias as well as movie theaters.



Submitted

*Get a creemee with your friends. It doesn't matter what age you are, you're never too old (or young) for a creemee.*

But most of the licensees were the classic picture of a place to scarf down a maple creemee: general stores, snack stands, sugar shacks and creameries.

Shortly after the public information request, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets announced that it was “pleased to share our new Creemee Locator Map.”

“The map is made up of businesses with licenses from our Agency who have confirmed they are selling creemees and opted to participate in the Agency’s map. This ensures you find a creemee spot near you that is open and ready for your business!” the Agency of Agriculture announced in June.

“The map will be a living space that grows and is updated as new creemee locations open or some close their offerings for the season... We hope you can use this tool to find a delicious creemee this summer and support a local business all at once!” the agency continued.

## Recipes

Most creemee vendors serve a prepared base mix from a vendor, such as Hood. Only six establishments have “milk handler” licenses to make the ice cream from scratch, according to the Agency of Agriculture. Those six are: Sticky Fingers Bakery in West Dover; Scout & Co. in Burlington; Olsen’s Ice Cream in Vergennes; Mountain Creamery in Woodstock; Blueberry Haus in Guilford; and Big Cones LLC in Wells River.

What about the Agency of Agriculture’s favorite creemees? Flory said she didn’t think she was “allowed” to pick favorites but that she loved a maple creemee twisted with black raspberry or peanut butter.

“I have a small Jack Russell that is quite a fan of dairy products, and she really liked that one,” Flory added.

For Secretary of Agriculture Anson Tebbetts, “nothing is better than just a standalone maple creemee.”

He said he has not tried the roughly 400 locations yet. “But I think it’s a goal that we all should achieve, just like the 251 Club,” he said, referring to the organization that encourages people to visit every Vermont municipality.

VTDigger contributed to this reporting.



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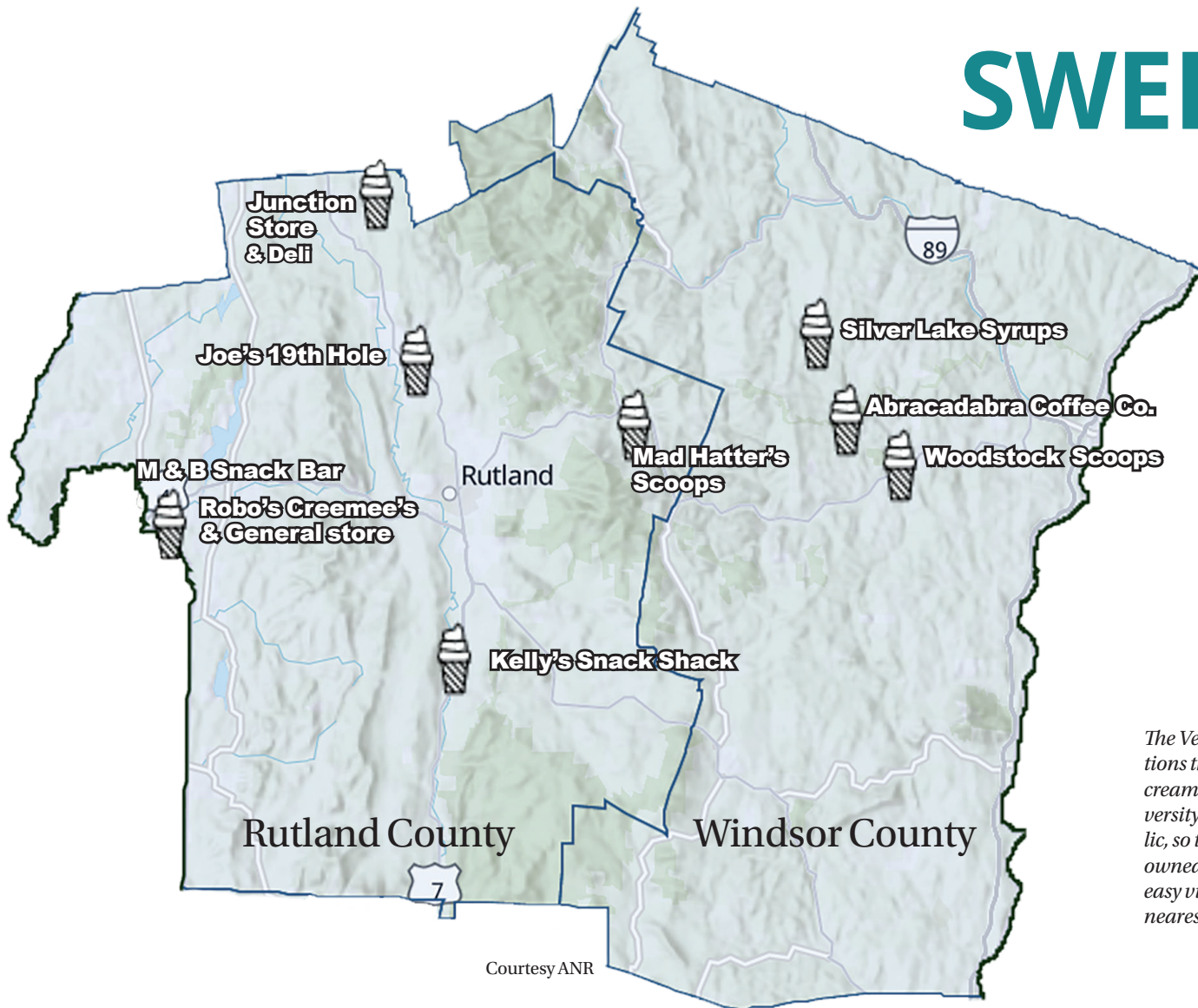
*There’s very few foods that define summer in Vermont quite like a creemee! Traditional flavors are vanilla, chocolate, mixed, black raspberry and pure Vermont maple. Options will vary by venue — and some have specialties they’re known for. There are literally hundreds of places in the Green Mountain State to get a creemee, check out the Vt. Dept. of Agriculture’s map to find the ones closest to you!*



See map of creemee venues in Rutland and Windsor County, page 54

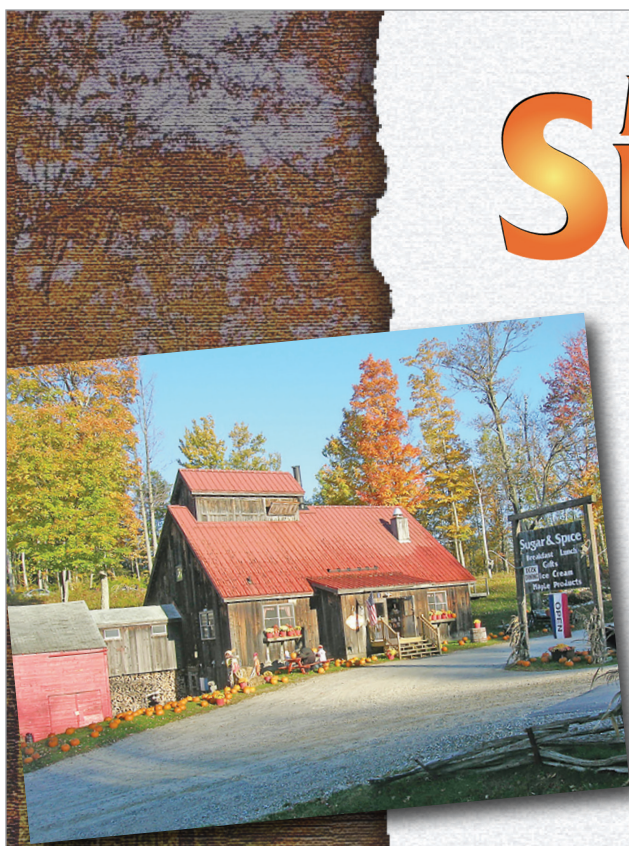
# SWEET, COLD

# Summer Treats Map



Courtesy ANR

Courtesy the Vt Dept of Natural Resources  
 The Vermont Dept. of Resources (ANR) has over 400 locations throughout the state licenced to sell soft-serve ice cream. However, some are fast-food chains, others university or hospital cafeterias that are not open to the public, so the department is working to verify independently owned creemee stands and map them on their website for easy visiting. Check out the varified stands and locate one nearest you at: [ANRmaps.vermont.gov/websites/creemee](http://ANRmaps.vermont.gov/websites/creemee)



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# Mountain biking continues to grow

By Polly Mikula

Vermont has seen exponential growth in mountain biking over the past few years. Killington Resort, which provides the largest network of trails in the area, reached 50,000 riders last summer, which is double what it was five years ago (prior to the build out about a decade ago, the resort only had about 2,000 riders a year.) In fact, mountain biking in Vermont is now the state's fastest-growing form of outdoor recreation, according to the Vermont Mountain Bike Association (VMBA).

Last summer, TrailForks counted over 580,000 ride logs, more than double their pre-pandemic number. (It is difficult to get at the true number of rides or riders in Vermont as there are no tickets, fees or trail counters on most trail systems, but there is data from those who log their rides.)

Doubling ridership in a few short years was not expected or planned for, but VMBA and its local chapters have responded to the new interest with vigor. And the state has pitched in with more funding for new and improved trails, signage and strategic planning.

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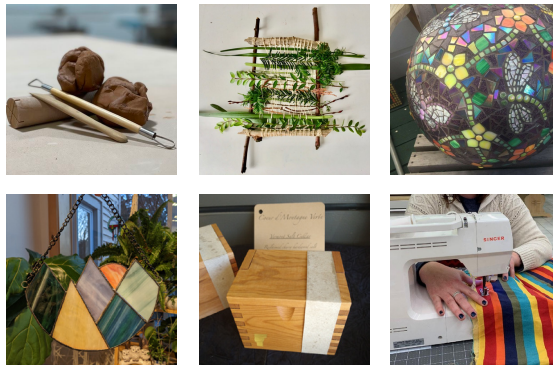
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For more information, visit: [downtownrutland.com/sculptures](http://downtownrutland.com/sculptures).

1. “Ann Story,” 117 West St. — A sculpture of Revolutionary War hero Ann Story and her son Solomon, which stands at the corner of West and Cottage streets.
2. “The Jungle Books,” 2 Center St. — A tribute to Rudyard Kipling’s “Jungle Book,” which stands outside Phoenix Books.
3. “Andrea Mead Lawrence,” 104 Merchants Row — A piece honoring Olympic skier and environmentalist Andrea Mead Lawrence, Castleton Downtown Gallery, Merchants Row.
4. “Stone Legacy,” courtyard behind 51 Washington St. — A tribute to the region’s stone industry.
5. “54th Massachusetts Black Regiment,” Center Street near Merchants Row — A piece honoring 20 African Americans enlisted or drafted in Rutland to fight in the 54th Regiment in the Civil War, the first black regiment in the north, mounted on the Center Street wall of the Castleton Downtown Gallery.
6. “Bill W,” Center Street Marketplace Park — A sculpture honoring Alcoholics Anonymous founder William G. Wilson, who was born in Dorset and lived in Rutland for many years.
7. “Paul Harris,” Merchants Row — UVM graduate, co-founder of Rotary.
8. “Martin Freeman,” Center Street Marketplace Park — Rutland resident and first Black college president.
9. “Julia Dorr,” 10 Court St. — Julia Dorr was a recognized poet and lifelong Rutland resident who was instrumental in founding the Rutland Free Library. Her bust looks down Center Street from the corner of the library.
10. “Ernie Royal,” West Rutland — A marble memorial to be located in West Rutland will honor Ernie Royal, Vermont’s first African American restaurant owner. (Coming soon)
11. “Batman and Tom Fagan,” 107 West St — A tribute to Tom Fagan who was involved in Rutland’s Halloween parade from its start in 1959.



Courtesy of the Downtown Rutland Partnership

“Bill W.,” designed and created by Alessandro Lombardo, Kellie Pereira, and Stephen Shaheen, was installed in 2019 in the Center Street Marketplace Park. The sculpture honors Alcoholics Anonymous founder William G. Wilson, who was born in Dorset and lived in Rutland for many years.



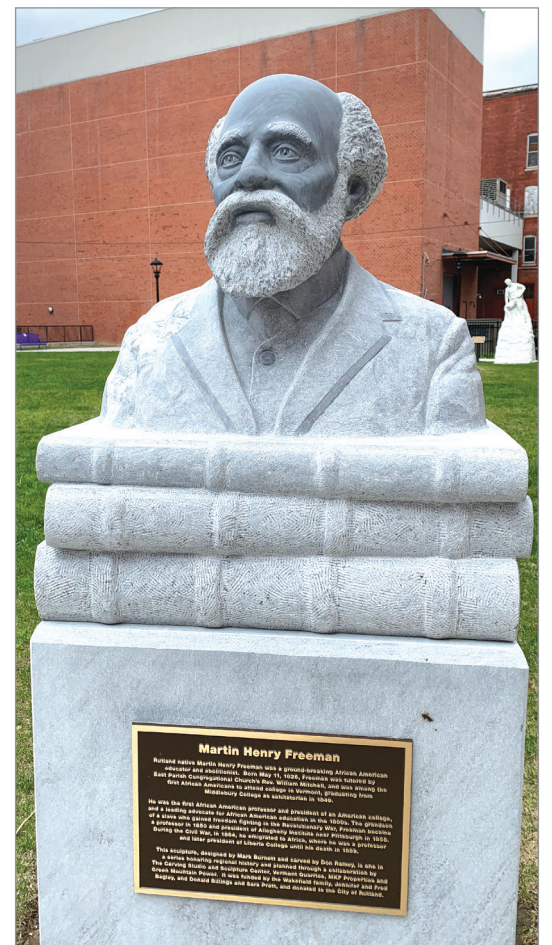
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“Andrea Mead Lawrence,” was sculpted by Stephen Shaheen in 2018 and now stands outside the Chittenden Building downtown.



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“Paul Harris,” designed by Amanda Sisk and carved by Evan Morse, 2020, Merchants Row.



By Victoria Gaither

The bust of Martin Henry Freeman by books sits in Center Street Marketplace in downtown Rutland.



Courtesy of the Downtown Rutland Partnership

## MURALS OFFER INSPIRATION

Downtown Rutland is also home to dozens of murals adorning the walls of downtown buildings high and low, large and small. Above: “We Who Believe In Freedom Cannot Rest Until It Comes,” a huge sculpture on about Roots the Restaurant in Center Street Marketplace Park was painted by muralist Lmnopi in 2020.

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Rte. 140 east of Poultney village.  
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### Brandon Museum

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By Polly Mikula

The entrance to the Vermont Marble Museum showcases the beautiful native white stone.

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### Sanderson Bridge

Brandon. Built in 1838, it spans Otter Creek on Pearl Street.

### Hammond Bridge

Pittsford. Built in 1843, it spans Otter Creek on Kendall Hill Road, (also known as Florence truck route) west of Route 7.

### Depot Bridge

Pittsford. Built in 1840, it spans Otter Creek on Depot Hill Road west of Route 7.

### Cooley Bridge

Pittsford. Built in 1849, it spans Furnace Brook on Elm Street.

### Gorham or Goodnough Bridge

Pittsford. Built in 1841, it spans Otter Creek on Old Pittsford-Proctor Road.

### Twin Bridge Covered Bridge

Rutland Town. Built in 1850, only one portion remains and it no longer spans any body of water. At one time it spanned the East Creek until dislodged by a catastrophic flood in 1947.

### Kingsley Bridge

Clarendon. Built in 1838, it spans the Mill gorge where East Street meets Gorge Road, accessed from Route 7B in Clarendon.

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<b>Mendon Mountain View Lodge**</b>	7:32 AM	8:32 AM	9:32 AM	10:32 AM	11:32 AM	12:32 PM	1:32 PM	2:32 PM	3:32 PM	4:32 PM	5:32 PM	8:32 PM	10:32 PM
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<b>Snowshed Base Lodge</b>	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	11:00 PM

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<b>Staples Plaza</b>	8:55 AM	9:55 AM	10:55 AM	11:55 AM	12:55 PM	1:55 PM	2:55 PM	3:55 PM	4:55 PM	5:55 PM	6:55 PM	9:55 PM	-
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