

# summer in VERMONT

River Hills Ski Club



## Summer Happenings in Vermont

*Vermont, the Green Mountain state, is just as beautiful in the summer and fall as it is in the winter. Our lodge is ideally located with an abundance of activities for all ages, interests and intensity levels nearby or just a short drive away. Whether you are looking to chill out with a good book or favorite beverage, educate or entertain yourself or kids, explore museums, antique shops or downtown areas, or try something hard-core like climbing a 4000 footer or mountain biking, Vermont has it all. So make a reservation with your friendly monthly coordinator and plan to spend time at the lodge this summer. For your reference, an Activities Book will be kept at the lodge. Here are a few ideas to whet your appetite:*



*Visit our Lodge this summer!*



#### TOWNS:

Explore one of Vermont's downtowns to experience what makes Vermont so unique. They have retained their historic charm and are quite vibrant with town greens, art galleries, museums, antique and locally owned shops and delicious dining. The state has given special recognition to Barre, Bellows Falls, Bennington, Brattleboro, Burlington, Middlebury, Montpelier, Morrisville, Poultney, Randolph, Rutland, Springfield, St. Johnsbury, Vergennes, Windsor and Winooski.

#### ACTIVE SPORTS:

Hiking is plentiful whether you prefer short and easy or long and challenging. On the easy side are Texas Falls (Hancock), Quechee Gorge (Quechee) and Deer Leap (Sherburne). On the challenging side are Killington Peak, Camels Hump (North Duxbury), Mount Abraham (Lincoln Gap) and Mount Mansfield (Stowe). Details of these hikes and others can be found in the Activities Book at the lodge.

Of special note is the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail (Ripton). It offers walkers an opportunity to read a number of his poems and contemplate them along the way.

#### ▶ Golfing

The greater Killington area boasts over 20 uncrowded golf courses with spectacular Green Mountain views and challenging terrain. Two nearby are:

- Green Mountain National Golf Course, Killington, VT. Rated 4 stars in Golf Digest's 'Places to Play' issue. 802-422-4653
- Killington Golf Course, Killington, VT. 802-422-6700.

#### ▶ Mountain Biking at Killington

Start at the Mountain Bike Center at the Killington Base Lodge. Ride the K1 Gondola up. Trails extend across five mountain areas and consist of work roads, challenging single-track runs, existing ski terrain and slopes down to KBL. 802-422-6232.

#### ▶ Bicycling

Plot your own route or select one from the Activities Book at the lodge. Beware of long hills!

#### ▶ Tennis or Swimming

Sherburne Recreation Center. Free with resident passes that may be borrowed from the lodge bulletin board. 802-422-3932.



### ▶ Boating

For a variety of small boat, canoe, kayak and other water rentals visit the Hawk Inn & Mountain Resort Marina on Route 100 in Plymouth, VT. You can also rent a kayak on Kent Pond near Mountain Meadows in Killington. Canoeing is terrific on Grafton Pond in Lebanon, NH.

### Horseback Riding

Mountain Top Inn, Chittenden. Half day and hour long trail rides over hundreds of acres. Instruction. 800-445-2100 or [www.mountaintopinn.com](http://www.mountaintopinn.com).

### ▶ Waterslide

Skateboard and In-line skate park and climbing wall at Killington Adventure Center. 877-4KT-IMES.

Alpine slide, Bungee Thing and mini-golf at Pico. 877-4KT-IMES.

### TOURS/MUSEUMS:

Vermont Teddy Bear Company, Shelburne, VT. Fun-filled tour watching teddy bears being brought to life. Make your own teddy bear. 802-985-3001 or [www.vermontteddybear.com](http://www.vermontteddybear.com).

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory Tours, Waterbury. Learn about the ice cream production process and try some delicious samples. 866-BJT-OURS or [www.benjerry.com](http://www.benjerry.com).

Cabot Creamery Visitor's Center, Cabot. Tour the factory and see how cheddar is made. 802-837-4261 or [www.cabotcheese.com](http://www.cabotcheese.com).

New England Maple Museum & Maple Market, Pittsford. Complete story of maple sugaring from sap to syrup. 802-483-9414 or [www.maplemuseum.com](http://www.maplemuseum.com).

Long Trail Brewing Company, Bridgewater Corners. Take a close up look at the brewing process, sample fresh brews, browse the gift shop and have lunch. 802-672-5011 or [www.longtrail.com](http://www.longtrail.com).

North River Winery, Jacksonville. Tours and free tastings of award-winning wines at VT's oldest Winery. 802-368-7557.

Simon Pearce Glass and Pottery Factory, Windsor. Watch glassblowers and potters from a special catwalk. 802-674-6280 or [www.simonpearce.com](http://www.simonpearce.com).



- ▶ Vermont Fish Culture Stations, Bennington, Salisbury and Roxbury. Vermont's fish hatcheries produce 10 million fish a year to release into lakes and streams. Go watch, feed and learn about the fish. 802-241-3700 or [www.vfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vfishandwildlife.com).
- ▶ Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock. The farm is part of the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, the only national park to focus on conservation history and the evolving nature of land stewardship in America. Visit the working dairy farm that includes a calf nursery and milk room and a museum of agricultural and rural life. 802-457-2355 or [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).
- ▶ Vermont Raptor Center, Woodstock. 25 species of birds of prey, indoor exhibits and nature trails. 802-457-2779.
- ▶ Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Vergennes and Burlington. Experience the lake's rich maritime history by boarding a replica of a revolutionary war gunboat, viewing other historic vessels, shipwreck exhibits and a working blacksmith shop. 802-475-2022 or [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org).
- ▶ ECHO at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington. Science Center and Aquarium with 2,200 live fish, amphibians, reptiles and hands-on interactive exhibits for kids. Watch 400 million years of earthquakes and glaciers in a multimedia theater experience. 802-864-1848 or [www.echovermont.org](http://www.echovermont.org).
- ▶ Butterfly Heaven, Bird Aviary and Petting Farm at D & K's Garden Center, Jamaica. Walk through the butterfly pavilion. See fish and turtles in a tropical paradise. Stroll through a petting farm with chickens, llamas, bunnies, sheep, cows, goats and more to feed and pet. 802-874-4160 or [www.butterfliesandbirdsinvmont.com](http://www.butterfliesandbirdsinvmont.com).

#### SHOPPING:

Manchester Factory Outlets, Manchester. Everything from Dansk to J. Crew, Liz Claiborne, Natori, Nine West, Coach, and more. [www.manchestervermont.com](http://www.manchestervermont.com) or [outletfind.com](http://outletfind.com).

Basketville, Putney and Manchester. Large collection of well made handcrafted baskets and wicker furniture. 802-362-1609 or [www.basketville.com](http://www.basketville.com).

Frog Hollow Vermont State Craft Center, Burlington, Manchester and Middlebury. A dazzling selection of the juried work of hundreds of Vermont artisans. 802-388-3177 or [www.froghollow.org](http://www.froghollow.org).

Woody Jackson's Holly Cow gallery and store, Middlebury, VT. Woody's cows have become famous throughout the world since being featured on Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream cartons. His cow art is on display along with his other fine paintings.

#### FAVORITE EATERIES:

- Blackie's Deli & Gas, West Bridgewater. Good deli sandwiches. Owned by Blackie from Northern Ski Works.
- The Castle, Cavendish. Fine dining away from the Ludlow crowds. 802-226-7222.
- Countryman's Pleasure, Mendon. Austrian food. 802-773-7141.
- The Garlic, Killington. 802-422-5055.
- Glazes Bakery Café, 2822 Killington Road, Killington. Real coffee-espresso bar serving breakfast and lunch.
- Hemingway's, Killington. Expensive but well worth it. 802-422-3886 or [www.hemingwaysrestaurant.com](http://www.hemingwaysrestaurant.com).
- Huntington House Inn, Rochester. Moderately priced fine dining or traditional pub fare. 802-767-9140 or [huntingtonhouseinn.com](http://huntingtonhouseinn.com).
- Pitcher Inn, Warren. A bit of a drive, expensive, but well worth it. 802-496-6350.
- Sal's Italian Restaurant, 148 West Street, Rutland. Great Italian food without the 'Hill' prices.
- Simon Pearce Restaurant, Quechee. Great lunch overlooking the falls.

For even more ideas check out the Killington Chamber of Commerce at [www.killingtonchamber.com](http://www.killingtonchamber.com), the Mountain Times at [www.vermontcrossroads.com](http://www.vermontcrossroads.com), Vermont Attractions Associations at [www.vtattractions.org](http://www.vtattractions.org) or Vermont Outdoor Guide Association at [www.voga.org](http://www.voga.org).

ENJOY!

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