Explore VERMONT BYWAYS

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Welcome to Vermont’s Byways

Travel along Vermont’s scenic byways and discover the people and places that make Vermont such a special place.

The best way to experience Vermont is touring the roads that wind through the mountains and meet in the valleys. These routes take travelers through forests and farmland to historic villages and towns that are vibrant hubs of culture, commerce and recreation.

Vermont’s 10 designated byways range in length from 14 miles to more than 400 miles and the length of exploration can range from an afternoon to an entire summer.

Tour the byways by car, motorcycle, bicycle or train. All modes of transportation lead visitors to museums, galleries, antique auctions and curio shops. Trailheads, swimming holes, waterfalls and valley views await travelers at every bend. Side excursions unearth the sublime, such as world-class music festivals and outdoor events. Delicious occasions to break bread with locals include farm stands and tasting centers. Each stop along the way creates memories that linger long after the vacation ends.

Themed itineraries are available to jumpstart byway adventures.

Look for the following icons in the description of each byway for points of interest by theme.

- Visitors inspired by the artistic will enjoy Arts & Culture itineraries which reveal all things creative at local galleries, museums, studios and performance venues.
- Vermont is a pioneer in farm-to-table dining and is home to the most craft breweries per capita. Foodies enjoy Chews & Brews recommendations for farmers markets, artisanal cheese makers, maple sugar houses and tasting tours.
- Vermont’s rich historic resources are diverse and engaging. History & Heritage attractions may include an ancient Native American site or an antique farm museum, as well as explorations of unique stories told through villages and towns.
- Physical pursuits and leisurely outdoor activities abound across the Green Mountain State. Outdoor Recreation on peaks, trails or waterways highlight four seasons of al fresco fun in the sun or snow.

More points of interest are along each byway than could possibly fit into this brochure. For additional attractions along any of Vermont’s 10 byways, visit VermontVacation.com/Byways, where you’ll find extended itineraries for each theme.

Vermont Byways are managed by local residents who celebrate their region’s unique attributes. Let them welcome you to the place they call home.
Connecticut River Byway
ctriverbyway.org

The Connecticut River Byway is a nationally recognized byway, uniting the shores of the historic Connecticut River in Vermont and New Hampshire.

The story of New England’s longest and most powerful river begins with the clashing continental plates and glaciers and the first peoples, the Abenaki. Colonial settlement in villages and steam locomotives that traveled in the valley established architectural traditions that still dominate the valley today.

The river has shaped local commerce for centuries. The powerful waters that turned mill wheels and propelled the production of intricate precision machinery still provide power to the region. Soils enriched by the river established a strong agricultural heritage that still flourishes.

Historic sites are located throughout the byway that range in time from the Revolutionary War to the Industrial Revolution. Cultural sites include a variety of museums, galleries and performance venues.

Connecticut River vistas take in rivers, villages, farmlands and forests. Along the route, 10 river towns offer visitor information at Waypoint Centers, including local history and cultural, dining, lodging and recreational opportunities.

POINTS OF INTEREST (North to South)

- Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, St. Johnsbury
- St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, St. Johnsbury
- Hurricane Forest Nature Walks, White River Junction
- Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich
- Wilder Dam, Wilder
- Main Street Museum, White River Junction
- North Hartland Dam, Hartland
- Sumner Falls, Hartland
- Path of Life, Windsor
- Old Constitution House State Historic Site, Windsor
- American Precision Museum, Windsor
- Windsor/Cornish Covered Bridge, Windsor
- Mt. Ascutney State Park, Windsor
- Gallery at the Vault State Craft Center Gallery, Springfield
- Rockingham Meeting House, Rockingham
- Herrick’s Cove, Rockingham
- Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro
The Crossroad of Vermont Byway

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The Crossroad of Vermont Byway along U.S. Route 4 is an east to west roadway that provides a microcosm of Vermont in one 50-mile excursion. Travelers experience historic villages and towns, a broad variety of year-round outdoor recreation and many scenic vistas.

Visitors discover Vermont’s historic relationship to the land at places like Billings Farm and Museum, a working dairy farm for guests of all ages, and the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, the only national park to tell the story of conservation history. Visits to maple sugar makers, breweries, distilleries, and marble, art and woodworking galleries provide a first-hand look at how the land continues to inspire and support Vermonters.

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the biking, hiking, kayaking and winter activities offered along the byway, including roadside access to the long distance Appalachian and Long Trail hiking routes. At the nearby Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences, self-guided tours and interactive shows feature Vermont and North American birds of prey.

There’s also year round entertainment on the Crossroad of Vermont Byway, whether it’s an outdoor concert or a show at a restored downtown theater.
Green Mountain Byway
gostowe.com/greenmountainbyway

The Green Mountain Byway runs along Vermont Route 100 through the towns of Waterbury and Stowe, with the peaks of the northern Green Mountains to the west and the spine of the Worcester Range to the east. It’s a stunning, broad valley long known for its recreational and vacation appeal.

Forests, meadows and villages populated with historic homes, farms and mill sites line the byway, while Vermont’s highest peak, Mount Mansfield, dominates the many views. Visitors can explore the mountain by foot, gondola or vehicle in summer or with dogsled, skiis, snowboard or snowshoes in winter.

A variety of outdoor recreation activities appeal to all interests and abilities in every season—from alpine and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling to hiking, paddling, fishing and mountain or road biking. There’s also adrenaline-drenched national sports competitions and the fun of a corn maze in season.

Cultural and historic sites are plentiful, as are art and craft galleries, antique shops and flea markets. Specialty food shops, culinary events, and farmers markets delight even the pickiest eaters. More than 100 special events, including bike and brew festivals, live theater and outdoor shows take place year round.

POINTS OF INTEREST (North to South)

- Barnes Camp Visitor Center, Stowe
- Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, Stowe
- Smugglers’ Notch State Park, Stowe
- Moss Glen and Bingham Falls, Stowe
- Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum, Stowe
- Stowe History Museum, Stowe
- Helen Day Arts Center, Stowe
- Hunger Mountain and Stowe Pinnacle Trailheads, Stowe
- Green Mountain Club Visitors Center, Waterbury Center
- Waterbury Reservoir, Waterbury Center
- Janes House/Waterbury History Museum, Waterbury
- Farmers Market, Waterbury
- Green Mountain Café and Visitor Center, Waterbury
- Waterbury Railroad Station, Waterbury
Lake Champlain Byway
lakechamplainbyway.com

The Lake Champlain Byway in northwest Vermont provides stunning views and easy access to the lake from its path on U.S. Routes 2 and 7 and adjacent scenic roads.

Lake Champlain is at the heart of the region’s history. Beginning with a 450 million-year-old coral reef, this is where Native Americans and Europeans—led by French explorer Samuel de Champlain—first met. Two centuries later, Burlington became a bustling port of trade and operating mills were plentiful along the byway’s rivers. Today, these buildings reflect 200 years of architectural history and host an array of shops, restaurants, cafés, performing arts venues and an eclectic mix of local festivals and events.

Visitors can hike or stroll a variety of trails or bike its many quiet roads. Multiple waterfront sites provide access for swimming and boating. Numerous historic sites and museums, galleries and performing arts venues—along with orchards, farms, wineries and breweries—are strong components of this vibrant region’s appeal.
Mad River Byway
madrivervalley.com

Nestled between the Green and Northfield Mountain Ranges on Vermont Routes 100 and 17, the Mad River Byway sits at the confluence of outdoor adventures and dynamic communities. History, culture and a hyper-local live music and food scene collide for every taste.

Scenic drives offer different perspectives and colors in every season. Against a backdrop of working farms, waterfalls and covered bridges, the palette changes with the seasons from springtime’s light greens to the vibrant hues of fall foliage.

The villages are key destinations along the corridor. Community rituals include weekly farmers markets, community suppers, local town theatre productions and a month-long arts festival.

The Mad River Valley is a region famous for some of the best alpine skiing and snowboarding in the east, along with dog sledding, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing in winter. In summer, there’s challenging golf, mountain biking, zipline adventures, glider planes, Long Trail hikes and swimming holes. The preserved lands of the Green Mountain National Forest welcome year round exploration through your favorite outdoor activities.
Molly Stark Byway
mollystarkbyway.org

The Molly Stark Byway runs along Vermont Route 9 and honors the wife of General John Stark and his army’s 1777 victory in the Battle of Bennington. First commemorated in 1936, the byway follows the same route as the path taken by the troops on their victorious march home.

Winding its way through lowland valleys, historic villages, busy downtowns and the beautiful Green Mountains, the byway is anchored by the bustling historic and cultural centers of Bennington, Wilmington and Brattleboro. Scenic views include the three-state-overlook at Hogback Mountain and multiple covered bridges.

Bennington, the western anchor town, offers historic district walking tours, a panoramic view from atop the Bennington Battle Monument and several fine museums and galleries. Wilmington, the mid-byway anchor, provides access to boating, skiing, hiking, fishing, the Molly Stark monument and locally-owned small shops and eateries. Brattleboro, located at the eastern end, offers a vibrant cultural scene in a thriving downtown that intersperses traditional stores and restaurants with artists’ studios, owner-operated bookstores and boutiques.

POINTS OF INTEREST (West to East)

- Bennington Center for the Arts and Covered Bridge Museum, Bennington
- Old First Church and Historic Graveyard, Bennington
- Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site, Bennington
- Bennington Museum, Bennington
- Historic Downtown, Main Street, Bennington
- Woodford State Park, Bennington
- Harriman Reservoir, Wilmington
- Molly Stark State Park, Wilmington
- Vermont Distillers, West Marlboro
- Hogback Observation Area, Marlboro
- Marlboro Music Festival, Marlboro
- Harris Hill Ski Jump, Brattleboro
- Waypoint Center, River Garden, Brattleboro
- Strolling of the Heifers, Brattleboro
- Latchis Theatre, Brattleboro

MOLLY STARK BYWAY
(Complete map in center)
Northeast Kingdom Byway
northeastkingdombyway.com

It has taken nearly a million years to form the definitive region known as Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom. Over the eons, the region has been sculpted by the collision of continents, glacial activity and natural erosion to form a distinctive landscape of rolling hills, rising mountains and pristine lakes. Time and human habitation have softened the edges, leaving thick forests, lush pastures and meandering streams, as well as picturesque villages, enduring farmsteads and impressive historic edifices. The byway threads this singular countryside on Vermont Routes 114, 5A and 111.

Today, the Northeast Kingdom is regarded to be among the most beautiful landscapes in the country. National Geographic ranks the area as the #1 geotourism destination in the United States and among the top 10 in the world.

The Northeast Kingdom Byway and its collection of side trip itineraries introduce visitors to a region where simplicity overshadows technology. The tapestry of hills, trees, lakes and villages provides inspiration for artists, craftspeople, outdoor enthusiasts, historians, writers and musicians.

Throughout the seasons, the Northeast Kingdom Byway offers endless recreational opportunities, notable dining and lodging establishments, quintessential Vermont villages resplendent with classic New England architecture, and a rich diversity of galleries, museums, studios, unique shops, entertainment, event venues and trail networks.
Running along the eastern edge of the Green Mountains, the Scenic Route 100 Byway is located in south-central Vermont. This 146 mile section has a wide range of historic, cultural, scenic, natural and recreational resources.

Vermont Route 100 is recognized by Yankee Magazine as one of “the most scenic drives in New England.” It is part of Vermont’s ‘Skiers Highway’ which connects, in the winter, some of the best skiing and snowboarding opportunities in the northeast and—in the spring, summer and fall—three of the region’s best golf courses. The byway also provides access to extraordinary lakes for fishing, boating and swimming; impressive mountains for hiking and biking; and an exceptional network of roads popular with cyclists.

Rich in history and culture, the Scenic Route 100 Byway is home to the oldest arts and crafts school in the country, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts. Plymouth Notch, a pristine early 20th century hill town and home to the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, is considered to be one of the best preserved presidential sites in the nation.
The Shires of Vermont Byway
theshiresofvermont.com

The Shires of Vermont Byway runs from Vermont’s southern border in Pownal along U.S. Route 7 and Vermont Route 7A to Manchester.

Nestled between the Taconic and Green Mountain ranges and the famous Battenkill River, the region includes historic New England towns and villages. Covered bridges spanning clear streams, canopies of mature trees, and townscapes featuring early New England architecture and marble sidewalks make this region a popular four-season destination.

Already united by a common sense of place, history and culture, the region offers abundant recreational opportunities, a rich agricultural heritage and vibrant arts and culture.

A wide range of culinary, lodging and shopping experiences await curious travelers. The same region that served as home and inspiration for the likes of Green Mountain Boys leader Ethan Allen, presidential son Robert Todd Lincoln, writer Dorothy Canfield Fisher, illustrator Norman Rockwell, poet Robert Frost, and Olympic Nordic sprinter Andy Newell, now beckons byway travelers to discover the region for themselves.

POINTS OF INTEREST (North to South)

- Farmers Markets in Bennington and Manchester Center
- The American Museum of Fly Fishing, Manchester
- Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester
- Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home, Manchester
- Equinox Skyline Drive, Manchester
- Covered bridges, East and West Arlington
- Village Peddler and Chocolatorium, East Arlington
- Lake Shaftsbury State Park, Shaftsbury
- Robert Frost House, Shaftsbury
- Covered bridges, North Bennington
- Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site, Bennington
- Old First Church and Historic Graveyard, Bennington
- Bennington Museum, Bennington
Stone Valley Byway
stonevalleybyway.com

Located in west-central Vermont, the verdant Stone Valley derives its name from the marble and slate quarries and mills located along Vermont Route 30. The stone industry shaped much of the development in the area and remains important today.

Winding through the valley pasture-lands, flanked by mountain silhouettes and the shores of beautiful lakes, the Stone Valley Byway links outdoor recreation and historic village centers. Travelers enjoy picnicking, swimming, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, Nordic skiing, golfing and wildlife-viewing, among many other recreational opportunities. Vermont Route 30 invites bicycle touring and state parks provide year-round outdoor adventure. Rivers tempt anglers of all skill levels and the marshes, conservation areas, forests and wildlife management areas provide an outdoor playground for nature enthusiasts.

Artisans abound in this region and their work can be seen at outdoor events, open studios and sometimes at farmers markets where artistic creations are displayed prominently alongside fresh and local Vermont-grown produce.

The villages that dot the Stone Valley Byway embody the character of the thoroughfare—lively, friendly and inviting.
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