

# Vermont State Historic Sites



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# Visit History— Where it Happened!



The State of Vermont has a rich cultural, historical, architectural, and archaeological legacy extending as far back as 13,000 years ago.

Vermont's rich past can be found all around us - in Native American encampments, agricultural farmsteads with timber-frame barns and rising silos, white-spired churches and town halls marking the valley bottoms and maple-strewn hillsides, downtowns and villages centered at railroad depots and on the sites of early industrial centers, summer camps framing lakes and ponds, and ski resorts nestled within the slopes of green mountains.



For more details about each site, visit:  
[HistoricSites.Vermont.gov](https://HistoricSites.Vermont.gov).



The story of Vermont is captured in historic buildings, landscapes, economy, communities, and its people. The State Historic Sites highlight these stories and many more.

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation encourages the discovery and appreciation of the state's history through the stewardship and interpretation of historic sites throughout the state. Vermont's historic sites evoke an authentic sense of time and place, providing young and old with the opportunity to step back in time to learn how a state and nation were formed and how the victories and challenges experienced by Vermonters of past generations relate to those we face today.





## Bennington Battle Monument State Historic Site

The 306-foot monument of dolomite limestone is the second tallest unreinforced masonry building in the U.S.

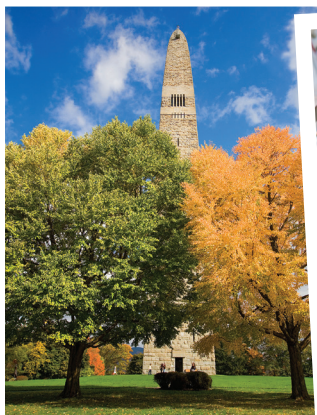
### Site Features

- ▶ Explore exhibits illustrating the history of the 1777 Battle of Bennington in New York and 1887 construction of the monument.
- ▶ Stand with Revolutionary War heroes Colonel Seth Warner and General John Stark, whose statues adorn Monument Circle.
- ▶ Ride the elevator to the Grand Observation Level 177.7 feet up and enjoy views of Vermont, New York, and Massachusetts.
- ▶ Visit the Museum Gift Shop filled with military collectibles, toy soldiers, souvenir apparel, maple syrup, Vermont products, and more.

### At the site, find...

Two time capsules.

Three mountain ranges.





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15 Monument Circle, Bennington  
802-447-0550

### Did You Know?

- ▶ The tallest man-made building in Vermont commemorates the 1777 Battle of Bennington, a pivotal victory for American forces on the New England front of the American Revolution.
- ▶ The Monument marks the site of the Bennington military supply depot.
- ▶ Design began in 1876 with J. Phillip Rinn serving as the architect.
- ▶ Ground was broken in 1887, the 110th anniversary of the battle.
- ▶ The two-tone capstone was set in 1889, followed in 1891 by a dedication that attracted tens of thousands of onlookers.



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## President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site

This National Historic Landmark village transports you back in time to the formative days of a future United States president's youth in rural Vermont.

### Site Features

- ▶ Explore the Museum & Education Center with exhibits recounting Calvin Coolidge's private and public life.
- ▶ Shop the Cilley Country Store and watch cheese be made at Plymouth Cheese Factory.
- ▶ Explore the 216 acre property, its agricultural buildings, barns, farm equipment, carriages and sleighs.
- ▶ Enjoy the restored flower garden established by Coolidge's stepmother, Carrie Brown Coolidge, the first woman postmaster for Plymouth Notch.

### At the site, find...

The hidden Rebeccas.

Something made by  
10-year-old Calvin Coolidge.





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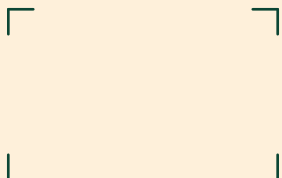
3780 Route 100A, Plymouth Notch  
802-672-1195

### Did You Know?

- ▶ Calvin Coolidge took the presidential oath in the sitting room of his family home on August 3, 1923. The historic village of Plymouth Notch appears much as it was during his lifetime.
- ▶ The village includes homes of Coolidge's family and friends, 1840 church, 1890 schoolhouse and cheese factory, mid-19th century store with post office and dance hall, and historic agricultural structures.
- ▶ The Summer White House office was built in 1924 and tourists' cabins were added three years later.
- ▶ A journey to the Notch ends at the steep hillside cemetery where Calvin Coolidge rests amongst seven generations of his family.



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## President Chester A. Arthur State Historic Site

Site of Chester A. Arthur's family home was the first historic site owned by the State of Vermont.

### Site Features

- ▶ Re-examine history that incorrectly said Chester Arthur was born in Canada and that, in fact, this was the place of his birth.
- ▶ Explore the exhibit recounting Vermont's first president's life and career.
- ▶ Hike the Arthur Nature Trail, maintained by the students of Fairfield Elementary School.
- ▶ Learn more about Arthur's life in Vermont and his rise to the presidency at the Fairfield Town Hall Museum.

### Fun Fact

President Arthur, also known as "elegant Arthur," is said to have changed clothes several times a day and to have owned more than 80 pairs of pants.





## Visit us in Fairfield!

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4588 Chester Arthur Road, Fairfield  
802-933-8362

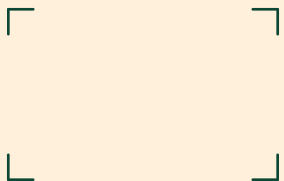


### Did You Know?

- ▶ In 1903, a granite monument marking what was believed to have been the site of Chester A. Arthur's birth was dedicated by President Lincoln's son Robert Todd Lincoln.
- ▶ Arthur's boyhood home was reconstructed from family photography in 1953.
- ▶ Vice President Arthur ascended to the presidency with the assassination of James Garfield in 1881.
- ▶ The legacy of our 21st president, albeit short, included elaborate alterations to the White House, civil service reform, lower tariff rates, and the first general federal immigration law.



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## Chimney Point State Historic Site

Chimney Point explores the history of the area's three earliest cultures – the Native American, French Colonial, and early American.

### Site Features

- ▶ Examine archaeological artifacts telling the history of Native Americans, French Colonial, British, and early American occupations.
- ▶ Examine an archaeology cabinet with artifacts dating from 6,000 years ago to 1,600 A.D.
- ▶ Tour the c.1783 tavern's tap room and relax on the porches added in the 1890s when this was a summer resort.
- ▶ Walk over the Lake Champlain Bridge to enjoy the scenic views of Lake Champlain, the Adirondack Mountain range, Crown Point, and Chimney Point.

### At the site, find...

A piece of the 1929 Lake Champlain Bridge.

The Chimney Point post office.





## Visit us in Addison!

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8149 VT Route 17W, Addison  
802-759-2412

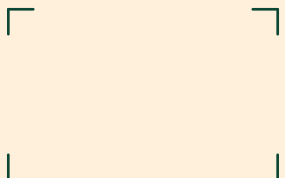


### Did You Know?

- ▶ Chimney Point has long been one of the most strategic and historically significant locations on Lake Champlain.
- ▶ Beginning 9,000 years ago, Native Americans encamped here, using the adjacent narrow strait for trade and exchange journeys.
- ▶ After the first Europeans arrived in 1609, this site was important for interactions between the Native peoples and Europeans.
- ▶ The French took a stand here in 1731, to keep the English off the lake and block access to Canada. This was the frontier of New France and start of the long-term French settlement.
- ▶ This was the site of military activity during the French and Indian War and American Revolution.



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## Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site

The Battle of Hubbardton, occurring on July 7, 1777, was the most significant Revolutionary War battle fought entirely on what would become Vermont soil.

### Site Features

- ▶ Explore the 413-acre site and retrace the soldiers' footsteps along the mowed path that circles the battlefield, dotted with interpretative signage.
- ▶ Visit the museum and learn about the battle in the exhibit and from the narrated fiber optic map.
- ▶ Visit the Hubbardton Battle Monument and reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought here.

### At the site, find...

The names of the three colonels who led the Americans in battle.





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5696 Monument Hill Road, Hubbardton  
802-273-2282

### Did You Know?

- ▶ Hubbardton Battlefield, one of the most evocative battlegrounds of the period, presents a setting much as it was in 1777, with meadows and views of the Green, Taconic, and Adirondack mountains.
- ▶ Here British Lieutenant General John Burgoyne's Regulars met the resistance of brave colonists in combat for the first time.
- ▶ Although a British tactical victory, the battle is considered to be an American strategic victory in the larger Northern Campaign of 1777.
- ▶ Preservation of the battlefield was one of the earliest efforts to mark the hallowed ground of a Revolutionary War site, commencing with the placement of the 1859 marble battle monument.



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## Senator Justin S. Morrill State Historic Site

The Senator Justin S. Morrill Homestead was recognized in 1960 as a National Historic Landmark, the first such honorary designation in Vermont.



### Site Features

- ▶ Tour the mansion with furnishings from Morrill's 1871 home that once stood at One Thomas Circle in Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Walk the gardens and apple orchard, with plants cultivated originally by the Senator.
- ▶ Explore the exhibit in the Homestead Galley on the origins and influence of the Gothic Revival style.
- ▶ Hike Colburn Trail or explore vintage Vermont walking through the Strafford Village Historic District highlighted by the 1799 Strafford Town House.



### At the site, find...

A secret safe.

An image of the  
Founding Fathers.





## Visit us in Strafford!

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214 Justin Morrill Highway, Strafford  
802-765-4484

### Did You Know?

- ▶ The self-taught Justin Morrill amassed an impressive library, studied architecture on his own, and designed this home.
- ▶ Constructed in 1851 and enlarged seven years later, the house is an outstanding example of Gothic Revival architecture.
- ▶ The bucolic site includes a horse barn, carriage barn, blacksmith shop, icehouse, and ice pond with a system of underground channels that fed the buildings and gardens.
- ▶ The Senator was the longest-serving member of Congress in its first 160 years, and sponsored legislation establishing public universities, equal protection and rights to freed slaves, and the nation's first income tax.



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## Mount Independence State Historic Site

Mount Independence is one of the largest and best preserved Revolutionary War archaeological sites in the United States.

### Site Features

- ▶ Explore the interactive museum about the fight for independence on Lake Champlain.
- ▶ Hike six miles of trails over 300 acres, with interpretive signage and archaeological sites of the hospital, batteries, and star fort.
- ▶ Explore the outdoor wheelchair accessible 1.6 mile Baldwin Trail, with three spurs.
- ▶ Enjoy views of Lake Champlain, Mount Defiance, and Fort Ticonderoga.
- ▶ Visit the Museum Gift Shop, offering Revolutionary War and Vermont merchandise.

### At the site, find...

The horseshoe battery.  
What do you think it was  
used for?





## Visit us in Orwell!

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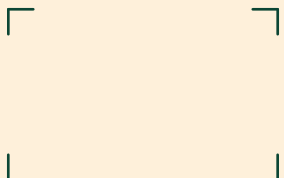
497 Mount Independence Road, Orwell  
802-948-2000

### Did You Know?

- ▶ Mount Independence is a National Historic Landmark documenting critical efforts to defend northern New York, New England, and the cause for American liberty from July 1776 to November 1777.
- ▶ The three-tier defensive system was designed by Lt. Col. Jeduthan Baldwin, chief engineer of the American Northern Army, with assistance from Thaddaeus Kosciusko.
- ▶ This strong defensive position was first called East Point or Rattlesnake Hill and was renamed after the Declaration of Independence was read here.
- ▶ By late 1776, the sight of four brigades combined at Mount Independence and Ticonderoga caused the British to retreat.



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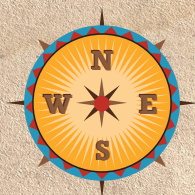


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Visit one of the Historic Sites located throughout the State.

- 1** **President Chester A. Arthur,**  
Fairfield
- 2** **Kents Corner,**  
Calais
- 3** **Chimney Point,**  
Addison
- 4** **Senator Justin S. Morrill,**  
Strafford
- 5** **Forest Dale Ironworks,**  
Brandon
- 6** **Mount Independence,**  
Orwell
- 7** **Hubbardton Battlefield,**  
Hubbardton
- 8** **President Calvin Coolidge,**  
Plymouth Notch
- 9** **Old Constitution House,**  
Windsor
- 10** **Eureka Schoolhouse/Baltimore  
Covered Bridge,** Springfield
- 11** **Bennington Battle Monument,**  
Bennington



# Additional Sites— To Explore!

## **Old Constitution House, Windsor**

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The birthplace of Vermont, where the first Constitution of the “Free and Independent State of Vermont” was adopted on July 8, 1777. Closed temporarily for restoration.

## **Kents Corner, Calais**

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A high-style Greek Revival hotel and country store constructed in the 1830s that served travelers along the stage road between Canada and Montpelier.

## **Eureka Schoolhouse and Baltimore Covered Bridge, Springfield**

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The oldest one-room schoolhouse in Vermont, and one of the few surviving 18th-century public buildings. The Baltimore Covered Bridge, a Town lattice truss bridge built in 1870, was relocated to North Springfield in 1970.

## **Forest Dale Ironworks, Brandon**

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An early-19th-century iron smelting facility constructed in 1824 to replace the furnace erected in 1810 by John Smith to process iron ore that came from nearby ore beds.



Explore the grounds of these other significant State Historic Sites not generally open for tours.

## Roadside Historic Site Markers

Unveiled in 1947, the Roadside Historic Site Marker Program commemorates Vermont's people, events, places, and stories, including birthplaces and homes of U.S. presidents and legislators; Red Sox players; founders of world-family organizations like Cadillac, Lincoln, Rotary International, and Alcoholics Anonymous; and homes of authors and artists like Rudyard Kipling, Robert Frost, and Norman Rockwell. Vermont's contribution to one campaign of the Civil War is memorialized by a marker at Cedar Creek in Virginia. The oldest markers record Native American villages, Revolutionary War battlefields, the meeting places of the Green Mountain Boys, and America's first ski tow. Newer markers recognize a distinctive floating bridge, woman suffragists, the first African American graduate of the University of Vermont, the largest marble company in the world, and Vermont's place as the first state to legalize same-sex marriage.

Visit the Roadside Historic Site Marker website for an interactive map and thematic trails.

[accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/roadside-markers](https://accd.vermont.gov/historic-preservation/roadside-markers)



# Annual Events— To Enjoy!

## Bennington Battle Monument

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**June 14:** Flag Day.

Celebrate with flag-making activities.

**July 4:** Declaration of Independence Reading.  
Children's activities and flag demonstration.

**Mid-August:** Battle Weekend.

Revolutionary War reenactors with military drills.

## President Calvin Coolidge

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**July 4:** Birthday Celebration.

Celebrate the President's birthday. Includes a wreath laying at the cemetery.

**Summer:** Silent Movie Night.

**Labor Day:** Plymouth Folk & Blues Concerts.

**During the Season:** Live Musicales Programs.

**Early October:** Fall Festival.

Apple tastings and wagon rides.

## Chimney Point

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**Late September:** Northeastern Open  
Atlatl Championship.

Participate in or watch the ancient spear-throwing hunting technique. Workshops on atlatl and dart construction, flint knapping.

## Vermont Days

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Second Weekend in June.

Free Admission to State-owned Historic Sites and day use at State Parks.

[VermontDays.com](http://VermontDays.com)



For complete event details, visit:  
[HistoricSites.Vermont.gov](http://HistoricSites.Vermont.gov).

## Hubbardton Battlefield

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**Late May:** Memorial Day Remembrance. Battle flags raise at noon to pay tribute to soldiers who fought here.

**Early July:** Revolutionary War Encampment. Living history event commemorating the July 7, 1777 battle. Reenactors, tactical military demonstrations, drilling lessons, guided camp, and battlefield tours and maneuvers.

**September 11:** Free Admission for Patriots Day to contemplate and honor past heroes.

## Senator Justin S. Morrill

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**July:** Gallery in the Garden. Art Exhibit Opening Reception and viewing of Mini Paintings to be auctioned.

**October:** 19th-century Apple and Cheese Harvest Festival.

Make cider in an antique press and taste heirloom apples, artisan cheeses, Vermont ice cream, and homemade apple pie.

## Mount Independence

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**Early September:** Soldiers Atop the Mount. Step back to 1776 and 1777 with reenactors demonstrating Revolutionary War camp life, military tactics, colonial crafts, and interactive walkabout on trails.



## Bennington Battle Day

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Free Admission to the Bennington Battle Monument on August 16.





# Save on Admission

Visit during these Free Admission Days:

**Second Weekend in June: Vermont Days.**

**August 16: Bennington Battle Day.**

Additional ways for eligible Vermonters to explore at free or reduced rates:

- ▶ **Any Vermonter** can check out a Free Pass from their local library. Each pass provides access for up to eight people.
- ▶ **Seniors and Veterans** can obtain a Green Mountain Passport from their town clerk's office, for a one-time fee of \$2. The Passport allows free access to State Historic Sites, State Parks, and Burlington City Parks, if you are a legal resident of Vermont, and 62 years of age or older OR a Veteran of the uniformed services.
- ▶ **All Veterans and active military personnel** (and immediate families) without a Green Mountain Passport are admitted free. Thank you for your service!



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