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BYWAYS



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Welcome to Vermont's Byways

The best way to experience Vermont is to travel the roadways that hug the mountains and meet in the valleys. These are the roads that take travelers through Vermont's forests and farmland to centuries-old villages and towns that today are vibrant hubs of culture, community, commerce and recreation.

Vermont's 10 designated byways range in length from 14 miles to more than 500 miles. An exploration can range from an afternoon or a week, to an entire summer.

Whatever the mode of transportation—car, motorcycle, vintage automobile or bicycle—touring byways provides visitors with front-row access to experiencing the intersection of the land, history and community. Museums, art galleries, antique auctions and curio shops seem to pop up everywhere. Trailheads, swimming holes, waterfalls, hikes and valley views are around every bend. Side excursions unearth the sublime—top notch music festivals and outdoor events—to delightfully down-to-earth country diners, farm stands, church suppers, bake sales and vibrant library programs.





Themed itineraries jumpstart byway adventures. Look for these icons on each byway description for points of interest by theme.



For foodies seeking local flavors, **Chews & Brews** puts the palate on the road to culinary delight.



For those inspired by the artistic and extraordinary, **Arts & Culture** reveals galleries, museums, studios, and performing arts venues that celebrate the creative spirit.



Vermont's rich legacy of historic resources is as diverse as it is engaging. **History & Heritage** recommends everything from a 12,000-year-old Native American site to walking tours of historic villages and towns.



For physical pursuits from mild to wild, **Outdoor Recreation** highlights year round activities, whether they be in snow or air, or on mountain, land or water.



Vermont Byways are managed by local residents who celebrate their region's uniqueness. Let them welcome you to the place they enthusiastically call home.



Connecticut River Byway

www.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 and range from Revolutionary War to industrial history. Cultural sites include a variety of museums, galleries and performance venues.

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





POINTS OF INTEREST (South to North)

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



CONNECTICUT RIVER BYWAY
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 804 km

 500 miles





The Crossroad of Vermont Byway

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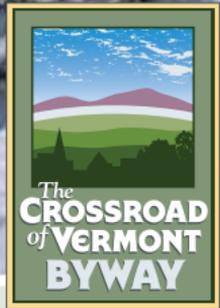
The Crossroad of Vermont Byway along Route 4 is an east to west roadway that provides a microcosm of Vermont in one 50-mile excursion. Travelers experience historic villages and towns, a broad variety of year-round outdoor recreation, and many scenic vistas.

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 syrup 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.





POINTS OF INTEREST *(West to East)*

-  Castleton Town Green, Castleton
-  The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, West Rutland
-  Vermont Marble Museum, Proctor
-  Farmers Market, Rutland
-  Chaffee Downtown and Chaffee Art Center, Rutland
-  Norman Rockwell Museum, Mendon/Rutland
-  Thundering Brook Falls, Killington
-  Killington Peak Natural Area, Killington
-  Kent Pond, Killington
-  Long Trail Brewery, Bridgewater
-  Billings Farm and Museum, Woodstock
-  Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, Woodstock
-  Quechee State Park and Quechee Gorge, Quechee
-  Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee
-  Vermont Toy and Train Museum, Quechee





Green Mountain Byway

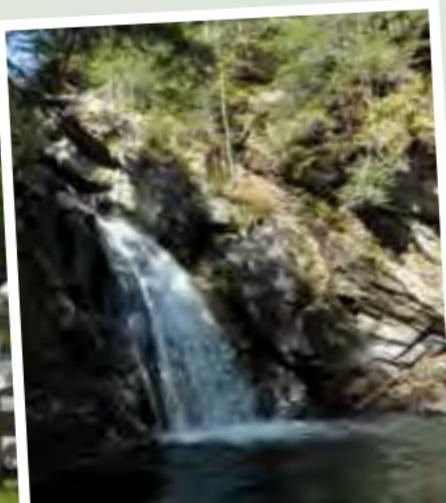
www.vermont-byways.us/green_mountain

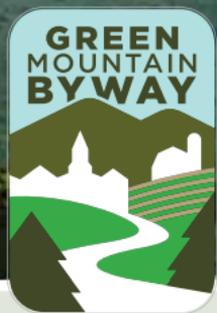
The Green Mountain Byway runs along Route 100 through the towns of Waterbury and Stowe, with the peaks of the northern Green Mountains to the west and the spine of the Worcester Range to the east. It's a stunning, broad valley long known for its recreational and vacation appeal.

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, skis, snowboard or snowshoes in winter.

A variety of outdoor recreation activities appeals to all interests and abilities in every season—from alpine and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling to hiking, paddling, fishing, and mountain and 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 and antique shops, specialty food shops and events, as well as farmers and flea markets. More than 100 special events, including performing arts, live music, and dance, are offered year round.





POINTS OF INTEREST *(South to North)*

-  Green Mountain Café and Visitor Center, Waterbury
-  Farmers Market, Waterbury
-  Janes House/Waterbury History Museum, Waterbury
-  Waterbury Railroad Station, Waterbury
-  Waterbury Reservoir, Waterbury Center
-  Green Mountain Club Visitors Center, Waterbury Center
-  Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum, Stowe
-  Stowe History Museum, Stowe
-  Helen Day Arts Center, Stowe
-  Smuggler's Notch State Park, Stowe
-  Hunger Mountain and Stowe Pinnacle Trailheads, Stowe
-  Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, Stowe
-  Moss Glen and Bingham Falls, Stowe
-  Barnes Camp Visitor Center, Stowe



GREEN MOUNTAIN BYWAY

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Lake Champlain Byway

www.lakechamplainbyway.com

The Lake Champlain Byway in northwest Vermont provides stunning views and easy access to the nation's sixth largest 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, sidewalk restaurants, cafes, 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.





POINTS OF INTEREST *(South to North)*

-  Mount Independence State Historic Site, Orwell
-  The Henry Sheldon Museum of Middlebury, Middlebury
-  Chimney Point State Historic Site, Addison
-  Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Vergennes
-  Rokeby Museum, Ferrisburgh
-  Mt. Philo State Park, Charlotte
-  Fiddlehead Brewery, Shelburne
-  Shelburne Museum, Shelburne
-  Shelburne Farms, Shelburne
-  Waterfront Park and Echo Lake Aquarium, Burlington
-  Winooski Riverwalk, Winooski
-  Colchester Log Schoolhouse and Museum, Colchester
-  Sandbar State Park, Milton
-  Arnold Zlotoff Tool Museum, South Hero
-  Snow Farm Winery, South Hero
-  North Hero State Park, North Hero
-  St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
-  Chazy Coral Reef, Isle La Motte
-  Alburgh Dunes State Park, Alburgh



LAKE CHAMPLAIN BYWAY
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Mad River Byway

www.madrivervalley.com

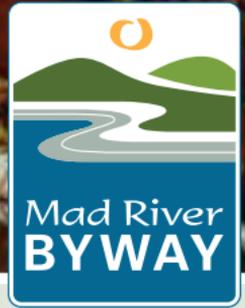
Nestled between the Green and Northfield Mountain Ranges on Routes 100 and 17, the Mad River Byway sits at the confluence of outdoor adventures and dynamic communities. History, culture and a hyper-local live music and food scene collide and create diversions for every taste.

Scenic drives offer a different perspective and color 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, a month's-long arts festival, and local town theatre productions.

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, soar planes, Long Trail hikes, swimming holes, and the breadth of nature in the Green Mountain National Forest.



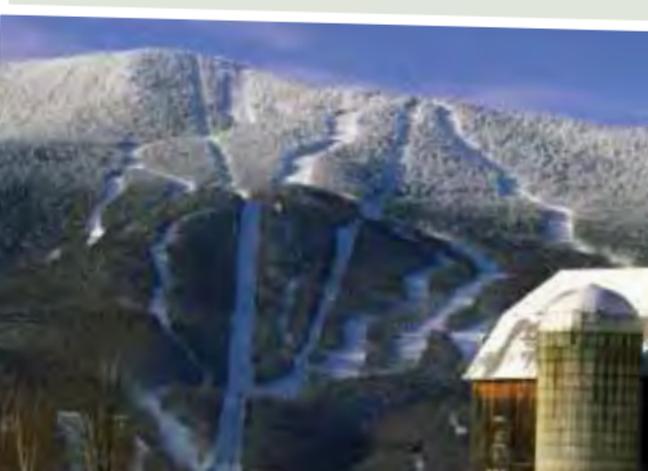


POINTS OF INTEREST *(South to North)*

-  Blueberry Lake, Warren
-  Lincoln Gap, Warren
-  Warren Store, Warren
-  Warren Falls, Warren
-  The Long Trail, Buel's Gore
-  Appalachian Gap, Buel's Gore
-  The Historic Round Barn, Waitsfield
-  General Wait House, Waitsfield
-  Mad River Path, Waitsfield
-  Artisans' Gallery, Waitsfield
-  Waitsfield Common Historic District, Waitsfield
-  Madsonian Museum of Industrial Design, Waitsfield
-  Vermont Festival of the Arts and Gallery, Waitsfield
-  Covered bridges, Waitsfield/Warren
-  The Mud Studio, Middlesex
-  Red Hen Bakery, Middlesex



MAD RIVER BYWAY
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Molly Stark Byway

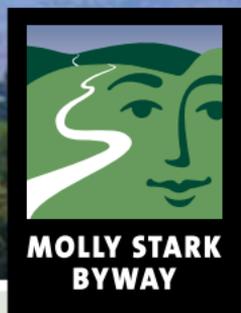
www.mollystarkbyway.org

Route 9, the Molly Stark Byway, 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.

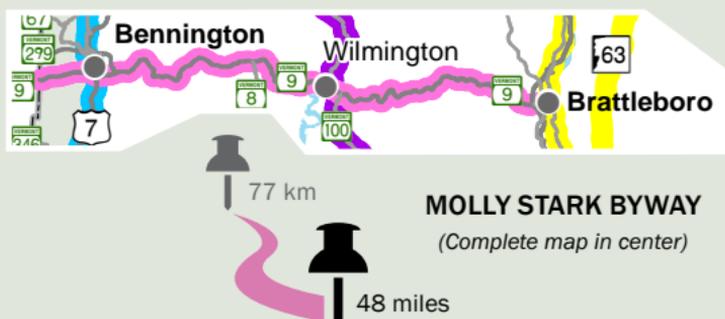
Bennington, the western anchor town, offers historic district walking tours, a panoramic view from atop the Bennington Battle Monument, and several fine museums and galleries. Wilmington, the mid-byway anchor, provides access to boating, skiing, hiking, fishing, the Molly Stark monument, and locally-owned 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
-  Latchis Theatre, Brattleboro
-  Harris Hill Ski Jump, Brattleboro
-  Strolling of the Heifers, Brattleboro
-  Waypoint Center, River Garden, Brattleboro





Northeast Kingdom Byway

www.northeastkingdombypass.com

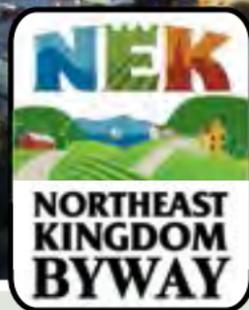
It has taken nearly a million years to form the definitive region known as Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Over the eons, the region has been sculpted by the collision of continents, glacial activity and natural erosion to form a distinctive landscape of rolling hills, rising mountains and pristine lakes. 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 Routes 114, 5A and 111.

Today, the 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 ten in the world.

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



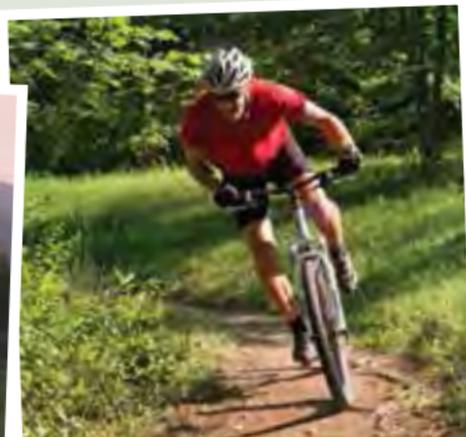


POINTS OF INTEREST (South to North)

-  Catamount Film and Arts Center, St. Johnsbury
-  St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, St. Johnsbury
-  Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, St. Johnsbury
-  Covered bridges, Lyndon
-  Kingdom Trails, East Burke
-  QBurke Mountain Bike Park, East Burke
-  Lake Willoughby, Westmore
-  MAC Center for the Arts, Newport
-  Eden Ice Cider, Newport
-  Northeast Kingdom Tasting Center, Newport
-  Lake Memphremagog, Newport
-  Northern Star Lake Cruises, Newport
-  Haskell Free Library and Opera House, Derby Line
-  The Northern Forest Canoe Trail
-  Tour de Kingdom Cycling Event



NORTHEAST KINGDOM BYWAY
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Scenic Route 100 Byway

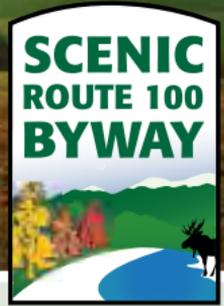
www.scenicroute100byway.com

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.

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 riding 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, Scenic Route 100 Byway is home to the oldest arts and crafts school in the country, Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts; and the Black River Academy Museum in the building where Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, went to school. 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.





POINTS OF INTEREST (South to North)

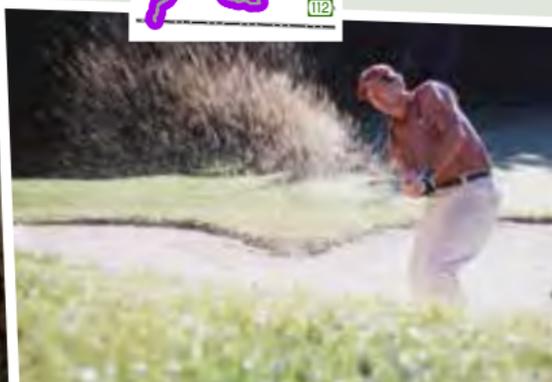
-  Harriman Reservoir, Whitingham
-  Weston Playhouse Theater Company, Weston
-  Buttermilk Falls Swimming Hole, Ludlow
-  Clear Lake Furniture, Ludlow
-  Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, Ludlow
-  Camp Plymouth State Park, Plymouth
-  President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch
-  Plymouth Artisan Cheese, Plymouth Notch
-  Access to the Appalachian Trail and Long Trail, Bridgewater
-  Thundering Falls, Killington
-  Big Town Gallery, Rochester
-  Moss Glen Falls, Granville

Accessible from a variety of points on the byway:

-  Catamount Ski Trail
-  VAST Snowmobile Trail
-  Green Mountain National Forest



SCENIC ROUTE 100 BYWAY
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The Shires of Vermont Byway

www.theshiresofvermont.com

The Shires of Vermont Byway begins at Vermont's southern border in Pownal and travels north on Route 7 and Route 7A to Manchester.

Nestled between the Taconic and Green Mountains 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 sidewalk stones make this region a popular four-season destination.

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

A wide range of culinary, lodging and shopping experiences awaits 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.





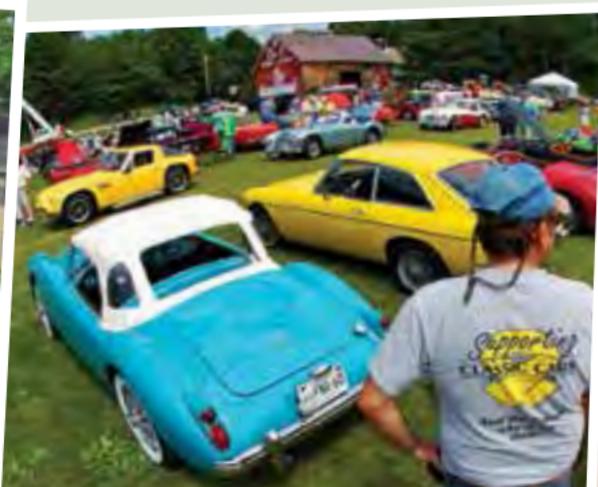
POINTS OF INTEREST (South to North)

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



 122 km
 76 miles

THE SHIRES OF VERMONT BYWAY
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Stone Valley Byway

www.stonevalleybyway.com

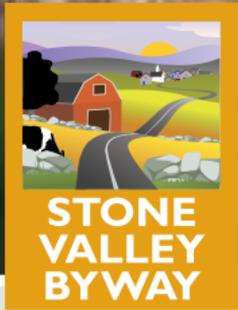
Located in west-central Vermont, the verdant Stone Valley derives its name from the marble and slate quarries and mills located along Route 30. Stone shaped much of the development in the area and remains important today as economic assets and iconic historic sites.

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. 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. 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.



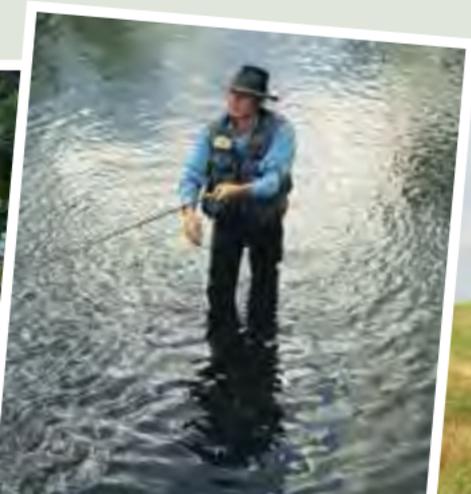


POINTS OF INTEREST (North to South)

-  Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site, Hubbardton
-  Crystal Beach, Castleton
-  The Higley House Museum, Castleton
-  Lake Saint Catherine State Park, Poultney
-  Poultney Historical Society Museum, Schoolhouse and Melodeon Factory, Poultney
-  Haystack Mountain, Pawlet
-  The Mettowee River Fly Fishing Access, Pawlet
-  Merck Forest and Farm Center, Rupert
-  Dorset Playhouse, Dorset
-  Dorset Village Commons, Dorset
-  Dana Thompson Recreational Park, Manchester
-  Delaware and Hudson Rail Trail
-  Farmers Markets in Manchester, Dorset, Rupert, Poultney and Castleton



STONE VALLEY BYWAY
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