

## Little Facts about the Little State of Vermont

- \*Vermont is The Green Mountain State
- \*Its capital city is Montpelier
- \*The state bird is the Hermit Thrush
- \*The state cold-water fish is the Brooke Trout
- \*The state warm water fish is the Walleye Pike
- \*The state insect is the Honeybee
- \*The state rocks are Marble, Granite, and Slate
- \*The state mineral is Talc
- \*The state gem is the Grossular Garnet
- \*The state motto is "Freedom and Unity"
- \*Vermont is 9609 square miles, 75% of which is forest
- \***There are 620,000 people** (2007 Census estimate)
- \***There are 297,000± cows**
- \***There are 2200 operating dairy farms**
- \*There are 212 miles from shoreline on Lake Champlain, the nation's 6th largest body of water and the home of Champ, the mysterious water creature believed to live beneath the surface of Lake Champlain.
- \***There are 251 towns in Vermont**
- \*There are more than 400 lakes
- \*There are 5000 miles of fishable streams
- \*There are 32 public beaches
- \*There is 490,000 acres of forests in-state and national forests
- \*There are 223 mountains higher than 2000 feet
- \***There are more than 700 miles of hiking trails**
- \*There are 110 campgrounds totaling more than 7300 sites
- \*There are 20 downhill ski areas, nine with 2000-foot vertical drop or more
- \*Vermont is home to the largest ski resort in the East with the longest ski season in the US.
- \*It is the top producer of U.S. Olympic skiers in the nation
- \*It is the site of the first ski tow in the US
- \***There are 4200 miles of snowmobile trails**
- \***There are 50 public golf courses**
- \***There are 114 covered bridges**
- \*It is home of the World's largest Granite Quarry
- \*It is the leading producer of Maple Syrup
- \*It was birthplace to two US presidents Calvin Coolidge and Chester A. Arthur
- \*It is the only state that has no billboards