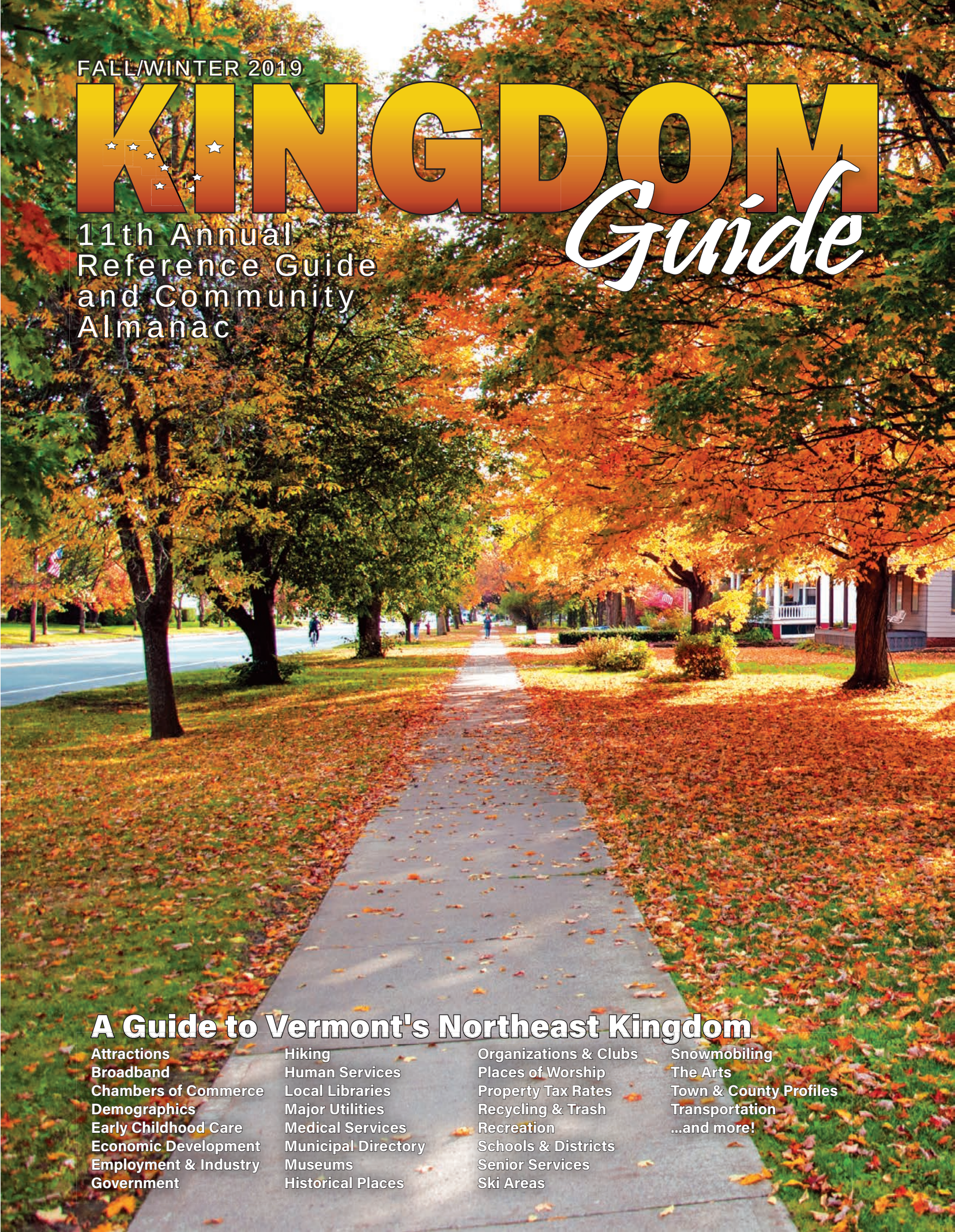


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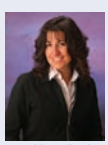

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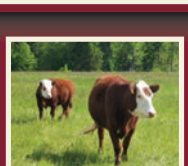
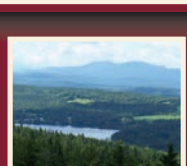
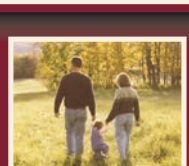


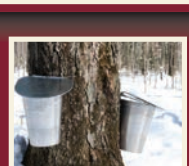
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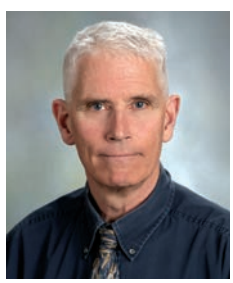


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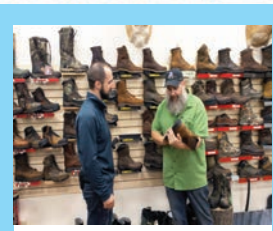
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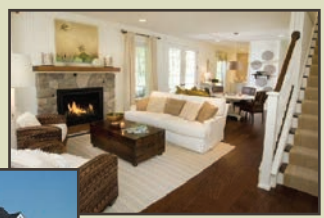
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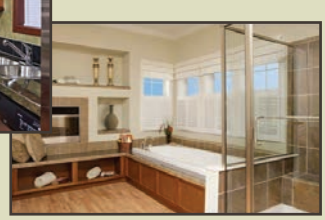
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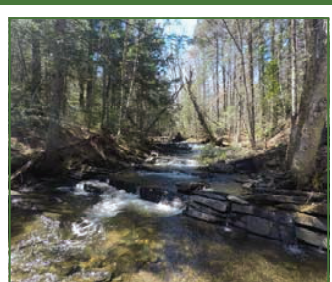
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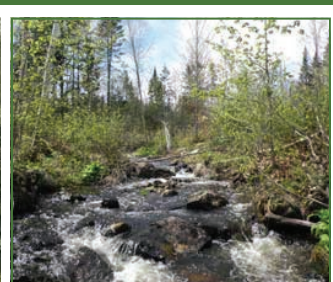
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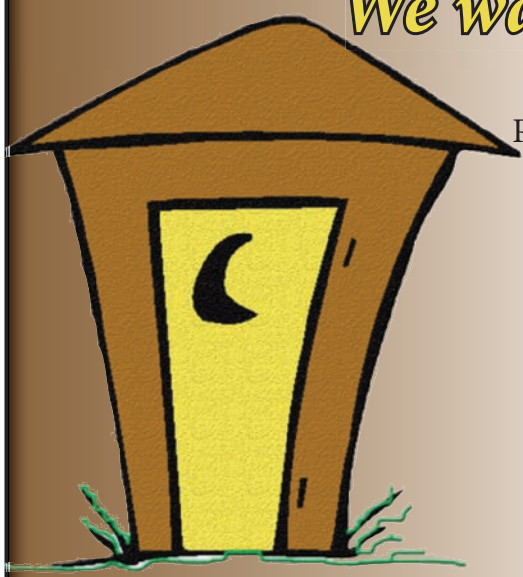


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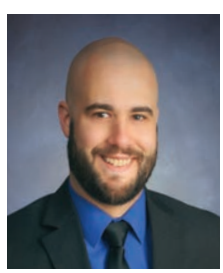
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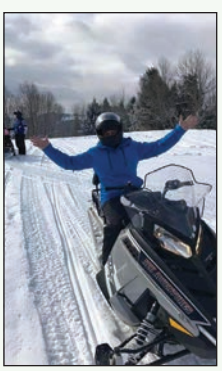
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"He said it just came out of his mouth one day. After he thought about it, he thought the name was perfect for the area. The Northeast Kingdom was just one of his favorite places in the world. He always loved the people up there. He used to say that many of the people didn't have much of anything, or have big jobs, but they were always happy. They didn't complain as other people would complain in the same situation. They just made do with what they had.

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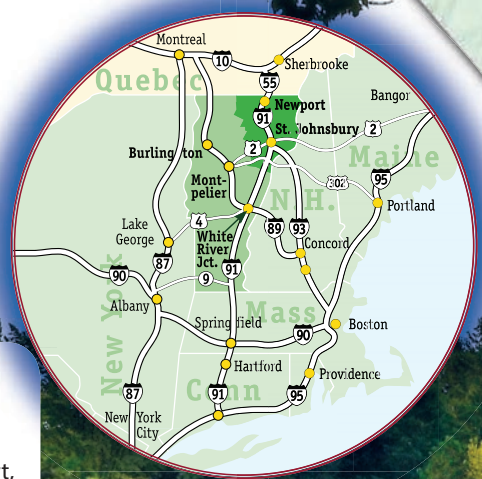
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CALEDONIA COUNTY AIRPORT

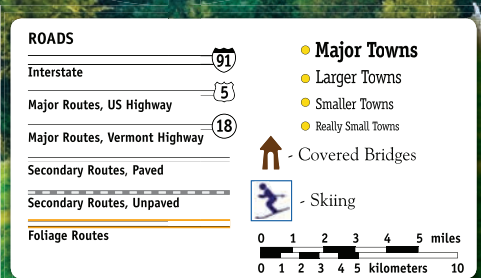
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CALEDONIA COUNTY

The Northeast Kingdom's most populated county at 31,277, Caledonia is also home to two of the region's largest business centers in St. Johnsbury and Lyndon. These two towns neighbor each other along the Passumpsic River. Both towns have an energetic business district, industrial park and beautiful historical buildings. Hardwick, lying on the western boundary, has become a regional center of organic agriculture.

Geographically, Caledonia County borders the Connecticut River to the southeast and I-91 and Route 5 run north-south through the center. In the southwest corner, lies Groton State Park, a 25,000-acre forest and the second largest protected area in the state. Burke Mountain, in East Burke, is a major ski resort in the region. East Burke is also home to Kingdom Trails, a multiple use trail system unlike any other and recently voted as the "Best Mountain Bike Trail Network" in North America by Bike Magazine. The county is bounded on the north by Orleans County and the east by Essex County. The western part of the county is mountainous, while the eastern valleys and intervales historically provided excellent farming opportunities. The higher elevations of the county offer picturesque views of New Hampshire's White Mountains.

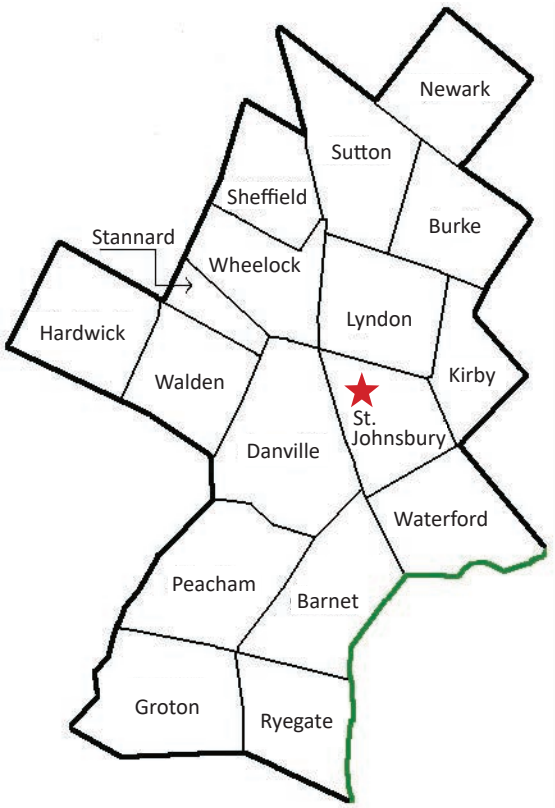
Known to New England settlers for more than two centuries, it is not known when the region was discovered by Europeans. Prior to settlement, Native Americans inhabited the countryside, fished the rivers and streams and hunted in the vast wilderness.

Barnet, the home to 350-acre Harvey's Lake, was the first town to be settled and was named after Scotland-born Colonel Alexander Harvey. The name Caledonia is derived from the ancient Roman name for Scotland.

The town of Danville originally held the county seat, but in 1855 the public buildings were moved to St. Johnsbury. It's location on Route 2, one of the state's well-traveled east-west corridors, make Danville a popular destination.

Much of St. Johnsbury's heritage comes from the invention of the platform scale by Thaddeus Fairbanks, who established a business in 1830 that made the name "Fairbanks" synonymous with scales; and from George C. Cary, who founded the Cary Maple Sugar Co. in 1904. With the success and growth of the scale, maple sugar, and wood products industries, so grew St. Johnsbury. Due to its rapid growth, it became the Caledonia County seat in 1856. It also became a rail and highway junction, as well as industrial, commercial, and cultural crossroads of the region - a position in which it is firmly secure today. In recent years, St. Johnsbury has made a name for itself with its arts and cultural centers, including the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum and Art Gallery and Catamount Arts.

Known as the "Covered Bridge Capital of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom," Lyndon is divided into meadow and upland which has been used effectively for agriculture.



It's riverside location made it ideal for mills, factories and machinery. The Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad run through the center of town and once afforded transportation of people and goods.

St. Johnsbury and Lyndon also both offer two renowned private high schools in St. Johnsbury Academy and Lyndon Institute. Many relocate to these towns, as well as other neighboring sending towns, for the purpose of sending their children to these schools.

County Facts

County Seat: St. Johnsbury

Population: 31,227 (2010)

Area: 651 sq. mi.

Persons per square mile: 48.1

Median Home Value: $164,300 (owner occupied)

Mean Travel Time to Work: 23.1 min.

Court House: 1126 Main Street, Saint Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-6600.

Clerk of Superior Court: Margaret Villeneuve, 748-6600.

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BARNET

Bordering the Connecticut River in southeastern Caledonia County, Barnet is bounded by Waterford, St. Johnsbury, Ryegate, Peacham and Danville.

Barnet is the home to 350-acre Harvey's Lake in the southwest part of town, which got its name from Scotland-born Colonel Alexander Harvey. The lake is a popular destination for locals and summer residents. Barnet is well watered with several streams running into the Connecticut River. The Stevens River issues from the north end of the lake and runs southeasterly before emptying into the Connecticut.

Home to several farms, Barnet was originally settled by the Scots. It was the first town chartered in the region in 1763. The date Barnet was organized is unknown, though town meeting documents date back to 1783. Town residents took a very active role in Vermont's declaration of independence and the formation of the state constitution and government. Alexander Harvey represented the town in three conventions in 1777, which declared the state independent and formed the constitution. Barnet was named for the town of Barnet, England, where the great-grandfather of Enos Stevens once lived. Stevens, who was born 1739, was an early resident of Barnet who had 10 children born here. Barnet has five quaint villages: Barnet Village; East Barnet; West Barnet; McIndoe Falls and Passumpsic.

McIndoe Falls is the location of a hydroelectric dam on the Connecticut River, which separates Barnet from Monroe, N.H. It is one of three power-generating dams on the river in the Northeast Kingdom. There are no big box stores in Barnet, just specialty shops of Vermont prod-

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Barnet students are educated at the town's PK-8 elementary school and then have the option of attending any approved secondary school in the area. Barnet is easily accessed off I-91 Exit 18, or by Route 5.

Website: www.barnetvt.org

Population: 1,708

Area: 43.6 sq. mi.

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.09/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Resident Tax Rate: $2.14/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: 1743 US Route 5, Barnet. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-noon; 1-4:30.

Town Clerk: Ben Heisholt, 633-2256, townclerk@barnetvt.org

Medical/Rescue: Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141. CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599.

Library: Barnet Public Library. Hours are Mon. 6:30-8:30, Tues. 10-4, Wed. 12:30-4, Thur. 1-5:30, Sat. 10-2.

Schools: Barnet Elementary School, PK-8; 9-12 students are given the choice of surrounding public or approved independent high schools to attend.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters appropriated $50,000 to support the five fire districts in town and grant the Select Board the discretion to disperse the funds. Residents thanked Select Board Member Jeremy Roberts, who didn't seek re-election to the select board after serving 12 years.

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At the eastern extremity of the township, and lying partly in Victory, is Burke Mountain, a monadnock mountain because of its resistance to erosion and because it stands alone. The mountain is approximately 3,200 feet above sea-level. The original grantees of Burke were a company of 65, originally from Litchfield, Conn. In 1796, the home of Lemuel Walter held the first town meeting. Burke was named after Sir Edmund Burke, a member of the British Parliament who tried to promote conciliation of the American colonies and avert a war for independence.

Chartered in 1782 by Gov. Thomas Chittenden, Burke was settled a decade later. Originally, southern Burke was the main import and export area with a stagecoach stop and post office. However, when the railroad was built in 1857, it transferred the hustle and bustle to other areas.

Several logging operations and mills were formed throughout the years in the three villages of Burke Hollow, East Burke and West Burke. On the eastern slope of Burke Mountain, the Dishmill Brook rises, named after a small shop once located there that turned wooden plates, dishes and bowls of different sizes.

In 1934, the Civilian Conservation Corps built a look-out tower at the top of Burke Mountain, which led to the development of the local ski industry and Burke Mountain Academy — a school that has graduated many world-class ski racers and Olympians. Burke Mountain Ski Resort, regarded as a hidden gem, recently opened a new ski-in/ski-out hotel and conference center.

Burke boasts more than 100 miles of mountain biking trails. Kingdom Trails, a multi-use trail system based in East Burke, was voted as the "Best Mountain Bike Trail Network" in North America by Bike Magazine. East Burke was recently named one of the 101 Best Outdoor Towns in the U.S.

Website: www.burkevermont.org

Population: 1,753 **Area**: 34 sq. mi.

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.03/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential: $2.12/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 212 School St., West Burke, Mon-Fri 8-4.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Priscilla Aldrich, 467-3717; burke@burkevermont.org

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive, P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, VT 05851. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: Burke Town School, K-8, 3293 Burke Hollow Road W. Burke, 05871, 467-3385. 9-12 students are given the choice of surrounding public or approved independent high schools to attend.



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DANVILLE

Initially called Hillsboro, Danville was granted by New York and chartered in 1786. The original name was apt, due to the land's prominent hilly features. It lies alongside the base of a still more elevated and broken range to the west known as Cow Hill in Peacham, and Walden Mountain.

The name Danville came from a distinguished 18th century French admiral named Jean Baptiste Bourguignon d'Anville. In the spring of 1783, pioneer Charles Hackett opened a spot for a cabin on what is now called the "Isaac Morrill Pitch." He later cleared a second opening, called the "Charles Sias Pitch." In 1784, Capt. Charles Sias and his family moved from Peacham to settle there and brave the long and dreary winter.

The first child born in town in the summer of 1787 was named Danville Howard, but the child didn't live past the age of three. The influx of settlers was rapid, and in 1789 it was estimated that more than 200 families had arrived. Around 1790, John Webber opened the first store in the center of town. When Caledonia County was established from a portion of Orange County, strife developed between Danville and Peacham as to which would be the shire town. Danville eventually won, and Peacham became the site of the grammar school.

Danville's iconic "Green" was deeded over in 1796 by Aaron Hartshorn and Thomas Dow, to have and to hold as long as the public buildings should remain in town. In 1805, the Vermont General Assembly met in the halls of the old Court House, which at the time stood on the west side of the Green. According to the Vermont Historical Gazetteer, "during the early history of Danville the town had marked influence in the councils of the state. And for many years, stood among the foremost in the state for its wealth and productions." In 1855, the unpopular decision was made to move the public buildings to St. Johnsbury.

Five villages are situated on elevated land in the center of town with excellent views of the White Mountains and Franconia Notch in New Hampshire. North Danville Village, five miles north of Danville Village and the Green, is on the the Sleepers River, a tributary of the Passumpsic, and boasts some of the finest land in town. West Danville Village, Harvey's Hollow and Greenbanks Villages are on Joe's Brook.

Joe's Pond covers roughly 397 acres, and is primarily home to camps and summer residents. One of the town's most famous citizens was U.S. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens, who was born in Danville, April 4, 1792 and later moved to Pennsylvania. Danville sits in the heart of Caledonia County, bordered to the north by Wheelock, St. Johnsbury to the east, Barnet and Peacham to the south and Cabot, Stannard and Walden to the west.

In recent years, Danville has become a popular community due to its access to Route 2, one of the state's well-traveled east-west corridors. Like many towns in the state, cell phone service is widely available, but reception depends greatly

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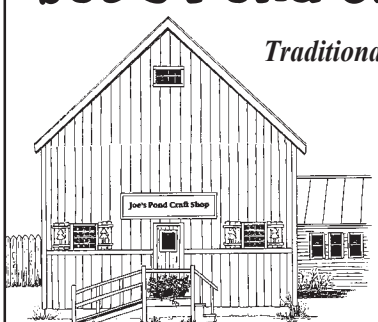
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on location. The villages are sparsely populated by small businesses. From 1807 to 1889, the town had its own weekly newspaper called the North Star, but the offices were burned in the Great Fire of 1889, which leveled several buildings in the village. In 1988, a group of citizens re-established the publication as a community magazine called the North Star Monthly, which is still locally owned and serves Caledonia County. There are still several operating dairy farms in town.

Website: www.danvillevt.com

Population: 2,196

Area: 60.9 sq. mi., **Elevation**: 1,341

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.07/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.06/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 36 Route 2 West, PO Box 183, Danville. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-4

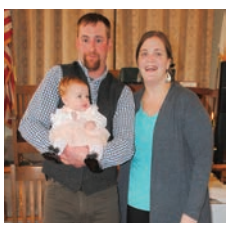
Town Clerk: Wendy Somers, 684-3352, wsomers@danvillevermont.org

Medical/Rescue: CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 1315 Hospital Dr., St. Johnsbury, 748-8141.

Schools: Danville School, PK-12, 148 Peacham Road.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters approved a five-year property tax exemption for the Masonic Lodge. The Masons have owned the building, located on the Green, for 125 years. Voters approved $45,000 for the purpose of demolishing the buildings located at 60 Route 2 West to prepare the site for a future parking lot.

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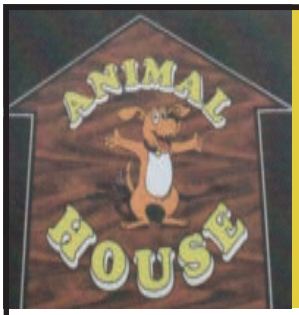
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GROTON

Located on the southern border of Caledonia County, Groton is bounded by Peacham, Ryegate, Plainfield and Topsham. The surface of the town is diversified by hills and valleys, presenting a picturesque landscape. Wells River, which rises in Groton Pond, flows through the town from northwest to southeast and historically afforded many opportunities for mills and machinery.

Groton is home to several beautiful ponds, including Groton, Levi, Ricker, Pigeon, Noyes and Kettle. Much of the town's wilderness beauty is protected within Groton State Park, a 25,000-acre forest and the second largest protected area in the state. Within its boundaries are six state parks and year round recreation.

Despite being nestled between Interstates 89 and 91 and containing a number of roads and trails, the park maintains a wild atmosphere of the northeast. Today, State Highway 232 (also called the Groton Forest Highway) snakes its way north/south through the heart of the state park. It is serviced by a vast network of hiking and multi-purpose trails for mountain biking, horseback riding, and off road use. In the winter, the network of trails that surround the Groton Nature Center, located on the shore of Lake Groton, are used for snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

Groton was chartered in 1789 and organized at the first town meeting in 1797. The first settlement in Groton came in 1787. President Abraham Lincoln once pardoned Groton native Private William Scott, a member of the 3rd Vermont Infantry. Scott, commonly known as "The Sleeping Sentinel," had been sentenced to death after falling asleep at his post. He died in a later battle due to several gunshot wounds. Groton is accessed by Route 302, off I-91, and Route 232 off Route 2. Groton Village is located in the southeastern part of town along Route 302.

Website: www.grotonvt.com

Population: 1,022 **Area**: 54 sq. mi.

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.02/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.07/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 1476 Scott Highway, 584-3276, Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-5.

Town Clerk: Linda Nunn, 584-3276, townclerk@grotonvt.com

Medical/Rescue: Woodsville (Cottage Hospital) Ambulance Service, Woodsville, 603-747-3311. Cottage Hospital, 79 Swiftwater Rd., Haverhill, N.H., 603-747-3709

Schools: Blue Mountain Union, PK-12, 2420 Route 302, Wells River.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters approved putting $18,000 in a "Emergency Services Durable Equipment" reserve fund. Resident Peter Lyon presented Bill Kane, owner of the Upper Valley Grill, with a plaque for his support over the years for the town of Groton.

HARDWICK

The most westerly town in Caledonia County, Hardwick is not particularly mountainous. It's bordered by Greensboro to the north, Woodbury to the south, Walden to the east and Wolcott to the west.

The Lamoille River enters the town near the northeast corner and, historically, together with its tributaries provided excellent mill opportunities. The southeastern part of town is on the western slope of the eastern range of the Green Mountains. In its early days, the historic Bayley-Hazen Road served as the access road to Hardwick. Today, Route 15 connects Hardwick with several other Northeast Kingdom towns and links to larger Vermont towns such as Morrisville and Burlington. Route 15 also connects to Vermont Route 2 and St. Johnsbury and Montpelier, the state capital. Hardwick, chartered to Danforth Keyes on Aug. 19, 1781, is likely to have gotten its name from Hardwick, Mass., where some of Keyes' associates lived. Hardwick's first permanent settler, Mark Norris, arrived on May 16, 1788 and the first town meeting took place in March of 1795 in Norris' home.

In 1798 Samuel Stevens located in what is now East Hardwick where he built the first grist and saw mills, as well as a building which has come to be known as "the Brick House." He named this village Stevensville, and he served as town treasurer for 21 years. By 1885, Stevensville was a thriving community, boasting two general stores, two churches, a carriage factory, a saw mill, a grist mill and several dwellings. In 1846, the first post office was established at the village, by then called North Hardwick.

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The first settlement in South Hardwick, now Hardwick village, was made by Capt. John Bridgman in 1795. The town grew rapidly from 1790 to 1860. The St. Johnsbury and Lamoille County Railroad opened in 1877. Hardwick was dependent on agriculture and was known as a trade center until the opening of granite quarries nearby.

Granite quarrying began in 1868, and for a while the town was known as the building granite capital of the world. The quarries provided granite for some of the most prominent buildings in the United States. The granite industry reached its peak in 1911. Operations continued through the 1920s and until 1934 on a small scale. During World War II, the tracks of the Hardwick to Woodbury railroad were taken up to be used for scrap metal in the war effort.

Hardwick is rich in farmland and in recent years developed into a regional center of organic agriculture. Hardwick Village has many beautiful Victorian-style buildings.

The Hardwick Trails system contains six miles of hiking trails and five miles of single track biking trails, winding through mixed woodland habitats. Community volunteers and donors provide the muscle and means to care for this recreation jewel that is groomed for winter skiing and mowed for summer use.

Website: www.hardwickvt.org

Population: 3,010 **Area**: 38.66 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,339

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.97/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.87/$100 assessed valuation.



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Town Offices: 20 Church St., PO Box 523. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 472-5971

Town Clerk: Alberta Miller, 472-5971, alberta.miller@hardwickvt.org

Town Manager: Shaun Fielder, 472-6120, shaun.fielder@hardwickvt.org

Medical/Rescue: Hardwick Rescue Squad, 171 Creamery Road, 472-6721. Copley Hospital (Morrisville), 888-4231.

Library: Jeudevine Memorial Library, 93 North Main Street, 472-5948, jeudevinelibrary@hardwickvt.org.

Schools: Hardwick Elementary School, Grades PK–6, 135 South Main Street; Hazen Union High School, 7–12, 126 Hazen Union Drive.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.

KIRBY

Situated in the easterly part of Caledonia County, Kirby's soil is rich and well suited for agriculture. A mountainous region lies to the east, and the town is well watered with several springs and brooks among the hills that make their way to the Passumpsic and Moose Rivers. Historically, businesses in town were saw mills, quarries and even a starch factory.

The town did not settle quickly and has never held over 500 inhabitants. The first settlers began to arrive around 1792. The town charter was granted Oct. 20, 1786 and chartered in 1790 to Roswell Hopkins, known at the time as Hopkinsville. The name was altered by an act of the Legislature in 1808 to Kirby. The first settlers were Theophilus and Sophronia Grout, who located near the southern tip of the town near the Moose River in 1792. The Grout homestead, much expanded and refurbished by 2016, proudly remains today on U.S. 2. The town is known for being a farming community without a trading center or village. Originally, the town was part of Burke. The first resident of Kirby was Maj. Benjamin Whitcomb who was noted for being a hunter and trapper.

Kirby, with a population of only 425, furnished 44 soldiers to the Union in the Civil War, and three others enlisted in neighboring towns.

The origin of Kirby's name is uncertain. It is believed the name came from a surname or possibly England. It is also believed the name may have originated from petitions that Seth and John Kirby submitted to the Vermont Legislature. In England, the name Kirby means a town that has a church. Today, the town of Kirby is home to two small ponds, Johnson and Kirby Pond, as well as Kirby Mountain which is nearly 3,000 feet in elevation.

There have been as many as five one-room schools in town, of which three are still standing.

Since 1978, Kirby has been a full K-12 parental choice town, tuitioning children to schools in adjacent towns. Since it is a "school choice" town, land values and real estate prices tend to be high, comparatively. Kirby is bordered by Lyndon to the west, Burke to the north, Victory to the east, and St. Johnsbury and Concord to the South. Burke Mountain, a ski resort, is a short drive away, and a nine-hole golf course operates off Route 2.

Population: 493 **Area**: 24.41 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,260

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate $2.24/$100 assessed valuation, Non Residential Tax Rate $2.17/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 346 Town Hall Road, Lyndonville, 626-9386, Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 8-3 and by appt.

Town Clerk: Wanda L. Grant, 626-9386, townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive, PO Box 401, Lyndonville, 626-1101. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: The town pays tuition for children to attend any elementary or secondary education state-approved school.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.



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LYNDON

Located just north of the center of Caledonia County in the Passumpsic River Valley, Lyndon was founded in 1780. Its land is uneven with several hills and valleys carved by the many tributaries of the Passumpsic. It is cornered on the southwest by Danville, west by Wheelock, north by Sutton and Burke, and east by Burke and Kirby. The town contains the villages of Lyndonville, Lyndon Center and Lyndon Corner.

Lyndon is known as the "Covered Bridge Capital of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom." The town is divided into meadow and upland which has been used effectively for agriculture. Its riverside location made it ideal for mills, factories and machinery. The Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad ran through the center of town. Lyndon was founded in 1780 by Hon. Jonathan Arnold, Daniel Cahoon and Daniel Owen of Providence, R.I., an exploring committee of an association of about 50 enterprising citizens of that city to settle a colony in the new state of Vermont. Barnet, Peacham and Ryegate were the only chartered towns at the time. Standing on the summit of the high hill in Lyndon Corner, they mapped out their new town, which was a popular hunting ground for Native Americans. When the town was granted to Arnold and his associates, it was called Bestbury. The name was changed to Lyndon in honor

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of Arnold's oldest son, Josias Lyndon Arnold, a native of Providence. He was a highly-educated lawyer and poet who settled in St. Johnsbury, but eventually decided backwoods life was not for him.

Jonathan Arnold would go on to secure charters for Billymead (now called Sutton) and St. Johnsbury, where he settled and died in 1793. Lyndon was once famous for its cattle and livestock, especially horses which were held in the highest regard across the country. Native trees of white pine, spruce, hemlock, fir, cedar, sugar maple, beech, birch, elm, ash and tamarack were prominent. Daniel Cahoon cleared the first home site and built the first cabin, relying for survival on forests full of game and rivers teaming with trout. Cahoon would become the first town clerk, lister and selectmen. In 1792, the first property tax was enacted to help with the building of bridges and highways.

Over the next several decades the town grew significantly in population. In 1931, during Prohibition, a Boston newspaper referred to Lyndonville as a haven for "rum running" gangsters, due to its proximity to the Canadian border. The town is home to Northern Vermont University-Lyndon, a four-year liberal arts school founded in 1911, originally to train teachers. Lyndon Center is the home of Lyndon Institute, an independent high school that offers programs in arts, sciences, technology, and athletics. The school was founded in 1867 and now has students from across the country and around the world.

These days Lyndonville is a bustling downtown village divided by Route 5, a well-traveled north-south corridor. Over the years, manufacturing, tourism, agriculture and retail have been staples of the economy. There is an industrial park located between Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury.

Website: www.lyndonvt.com

Population: 5,981

Area: 36 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 720

2019 Tax Info: Town Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.18/$100 assessed valuation. Town Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.35/$100 assessed valuation. Village Total Homestead Tax Rate : $2.70/$100 assessed valuation. Village Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.86/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: Lyndon Municipal Office Building, PO Box 167, 119 Park Ave, 626-5785, Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4:30.

Town Clerk: Dawn Dwyer, 626-5785, dawn@lyndonvt.org

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive, 626-1101. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 1315 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-8141.

Schools: Lyndon Town School, K-8, 2591 Lily Pond Road; Riverside School, K-8, 30 Lily Pond Road; Thaddeus Stevens School, PK-8, 100 King Drive, Lyndon Institute, 9-12, 168 Institute Circle, Northern Vermont University, 1001 College Road.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Kermit Fisher did not seek re-election and was thanked for his many years volunteering on the Selectboard, fire department, cemetery sexton and involvement with the Fenton Chester Ice Arena. Fred Gorham won the seat with a write in campaign. Voters attending town meeting voted from the floor to vote special appropriations by Australian ballot.





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NEWARK

Residing in the northeast part of Caledonia County, Newark is the northernmost town in Caledonia County. The town is mostly woodland and has never had a population of more than 679, that peak being reached nearly 100 years ago. Its origin is a story of rugged backwoodsmen who left the comfort of other towns to subdue the dense forests of this elevated, hilly landscape.

Newark was chartered August 15, 1781 to William Wall along with 69 other shareholders by the then Republic of Vermont. In 1795, the first land was cleared near Burke and settled by James Ball and his family. A few years later, Eleazer Packer came and settled much deeper into the forest. Others followed slowly and the town was organized in 1809. The first settlers encountered several hardships due to the remote location. The 1875 map of Newark shows 13 school districts. By 1950, the number of schools had been reduced to two and today Newark supports only one school, located in the center of town on Newark Street.

As the forests were cleared, the soil was found to be perfect for growing wheat. The town has abundant sugar maple trees and is well-watered. The eastern slope of a mountain that extends from East Haven to the center of town is still densely forested. Newark Pond and Center Pond are the largest bodies of water, while several small ponds and brooks dot the landscape.

Lumber was a major staple of the economy and the town once held several saw mills, grist mills and starch factories. Nowadays, the center of town contains a few buildings: the town clerk's office; a church; and a school. Newark is accessed by Route 114 and Route 5A.

It's secluded and wooded acreage offers breathtaking views and several hunting, fishing and hiking opportunities. It is bordered to the north by East Haven and Brighton (Island Pond), west by Westmore, and south by Burke. The land to the east is remote, heavily forested and sparsely inhabited. Lake Willoughby, the glacially-formed treasure of the Northeast Kingdom, is just a short drive up Route 5A. Other natural attractions in Newark include the Bald Hill Fish Hatchery and Jobs Pond.

Population: 581

Area: 36.78 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,738

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.02/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.14/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 1336 Newark St., Tues., Wed, Thurs., 8-3.

Town Clerk: Amber Holden, 467-3336, newarktownclerk@gmail.com

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive, P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, 626-1101. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: Newark Street School PK-8, 1448 Newark Street; 9-12 students are given the choice of surrounding public or approved independent high schools to attend.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters eliminated the positions of town listers and replaced them with professionally qualified assessors. The Select Board and residents applauded the service of previous listers.

PEACHAM

Peacham was chartered Dec. 31, 1763 as a part of the New Hampshire Land Grants. Many of the picturesque fields are farmed and agriculture remains a steady force. Peacham sits in the southwestern part of Caledonia County and is bordered to the north by Danville, to the east by the town of Barnet, to the south by the town of Groton, and to the west by the towns of Cabot and Marshfield, both in Washington County.

In 1774, pioneers from Newbury, Vt., staked their claim in Peacham. The French and Indian War had ended, and settlers from southern New England were establishing towns along the Connecticut River, including Newbury in 1762, followed by Barnet in 1770 and Ryegate in 1773. It didn't take long for these hearty folks to hear tales of cheap, fertile land to the west in a territory that wouldn't become known as Vermont for another 40 years. Around 400 pioneers set their sights on what is now Peacham. The group included Robert Carr, John Sanborn, John Skeels, Jonathan Elkins Sr. and Frye Bayley. Frye Bayley's uncle, Gen. Jacob Bayley, persuaded his nephew to carry dispatches to Montreal. The rough trail blazed by shallow axe cuts would later become the foundation for the Bayley-Hazen Road, a historic supply route during the Revolutionary War that was never completed. Portions of it are still traveled today. Frye Bayley never fulfilled his intention of permanently moving to Peacham. Elkins was the first permanent resident, moving his family there in 1775.

After the war, population rapidly increased and the town was a point of commercial importance for Native American trade. According to Esther Munroe Swift's Vermont Place-Names: Footprints of History, there are four stories on how Peacham got its name, but the most popular one has it attributed to a character from an early 18th century English opera. A popular play of the time, The Beggar's Opera, had a character named Polly Peachum. It is told that when the play was put on stage in the colonies during the 1760s the Royal Governor of New Hampshire (which owned Vermont's lands at the time), Benning Wentworth, honored the memory of Fenton by naming the town after her famous stage persona.

A high ridge passes through the westerly part of town. The views of the Green Mountains and the White Mountains of New Hampshire are breathtaking from higher elevations, such as Devil's Hill and Cow Hill. The heavily photographed landscape is dotted with streams, fields, ponds and farms. The village itself is a National Historic Village District. The

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The village itself is a National Historic Village District. The largest body of water is Peacham Pond, which hosts several homes and seasonal camps. At one point, the town had four saw mills, two grist mills, a starch factory and a tannery.

Peacham is now an agricultural area and a bedroom community. After completing Peacham Elementary School, students are allowed to attend any secondary school they choose, making Peacham attractive to families wishing to send their kids to the region's top private high schools.

Website: www.peacham.net

Population: 732

Area: 46.7 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,310

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.23/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.11/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: PO Box 244, 79 Church Street. Hours: Mon. 8-5, Tues-Thurs 8-noon.

Town Clerk: Thomas Galinat, 592-3218, townclerk@peacham.org

Medical/Rescue: CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141; Peacham Volunteer Fire Dept., 592-3392 (non emergency)

Schools: Peacham Elementary School, PK-6, 340 Bayley Hazen Road; the town pays tuition for children to attend any state-approved secondary school.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters approved the purchase of a new one-ton pickup truck. Jerry and Diana Senturia were honored for their commitment to the community.

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RYEGATE

Ryegate sits in the southeastern corner of Caledonia County and is the southernmost community in the Northeast Kingdom. It is bordered to the north by Barnet, to the west by Groton, to the south by Newbury, which is in Orange County, and to the east by the Connecticut River, which forms the border with New Hampshire. Traversing its way through Ryegate is the Wells River, which flows into the Connecticut River.

The historic Bayley-Hazen Road runs north and south through the center of town, which is home to Lower Symes and Ticklenaked Ponds. Ryegate was chartered Sept. 8, 1763. In the winter of 1773, a group of farmers from Scotland sent David Allen and James Whitelaw to scout tracts of land for settlement in North America. After landing in Philadelphia, they met with Dr. John Witherspoon, president of New Jersey College (modern day Princeton University), who informed them he had a 23,000-acre township of land called Ryegate on the Connecticut River.

The town was organized, with Whitelaw as the first town clerk, in 1776. Witherspoon, one of Ryegate's more famous landowners, was a signer of the United States Declaration of Independence. According to Edward Miller and Fredric P. Wells in "History of Ryegate, Vermont," published in 1913, the glory of Ryegate is in the men and women whom it has produced or who have descended from its early families. A sturdy race were those Scotsmen in Yankee-land who subdued the wilderness, covered the hills with fruitful farms and planted there the church and the school.

Today, Ryegate is a small, quiet town divided into three villages: South Ryegate, East Ryegate and Ryegate Corner. Easily accessible off I-91 and Route 302, the town is known to have excellent soil for farming. Since Ryegate has no schools, many students attend Blue Mountain Union School in Wells River.

Website: www.ryegatevt.org

Population: 1,174

Area: 36.6 sq. mi.

Elevation: 1,060

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate $2.18/$100 assessed valuation Non-residential $2.23/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: PO Box 332, 18 South Bayley-Hazen Road. Hours: Mon.-Wed. 1-5, Fri. 9-1.

Town Clerk: Elizabeth Page, 584-3880, ryegateclerk@yahoo.com

Medical/Rescue: (Cottage Hospital) Ambulance Service, Woodsville, 603-747-3311, Cottage Hospital, Swiftwater Rd., Woodsville, N.H. 603-747-9000.

Schools: Blue Mountain Union School, PK-12, 2420 Route 302, Wells River.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: The town approved a solar array for Municipal Buildings in Ryegate Corner. Bruce Stevens received standing ovation for his 28 years on the school board. Kristen Murray was elected to replace him.

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SHEFFIELD

Sheffield is in the northern part of Caledonia County, bordered by Wheelock, Sutton, Glover and Greensboro. It was chartered Oct. 25, 1793 as part of the Vermont Charter.

The late date was due to the reluctance of settlers to locate within the wilds of the more northern towns after the southern portions were settled. The charter went to Stephen Kingsbury, and the following winter, several families from New Hampshire settled in the southern part of town, including John and Richard Jenness along with Jonathon and James Gray and their families.

Settlers had difficulty raising sufficient provisions, which were brought up by horseback from river towns on a trail that followed marked trees. A mountain range passes through the northern and western portions of the town, which separates the waters of the Passumpsic and Barton Rivers. The mountain range is not characterized by cliffs, abrupt precipices, or sharply pointed peaks, but rather by gentle slopes and heavily-wooded, rounded peaks. The town is watered by several brooks and streams, many of which converge and empty into the Passumpsic River.

Despite its high elevation, the soil in Sheffield has been historically fertile and several farms still dot the landscape. Sheffield is home to several small trout ponds, including Duck Pond (named for being a favorite of wild ducks) and Bruce Pond (named after a man who attempted to construct a nearby saw-mill).

Today, Sheffield's town hall and post office are on Route 122 as part of a small village, a short distance from the Miller's Run School, PK-8. Also on Route 122, near the northern border of the town is Holbrook State Park, one of the Northeast Kingdom's hidden gems. An unassuming dirt access road takes hikers or snowshoers to a trail network in a small, densely wooded area that is home to Round Pond, Long Pond and Mud Pond. Sheffield stands out within Vermont as the site of a 16-turbine industrial wind energy project that began producing power in 2012. It was designed to generate an estimated 100,000 megawatt hours of electricity each year and provides $520,000 in revenue to the town annually. A portion is applied to the municipal budget to reduce local taxes, and the rest is put into a reserve fund to be invested by the town for future use.

Sheffield serves as a bedroom community and many residents commute to larger nearby towns like Lyndon or Barton. The nearest high school is Lyndon Institute, a private high school in Lyndon Center, but students in Sheffield can be tuitioned to a school of their choice.

Website: www.sheffieldvt.org

Population: 703 **Area**: 32.62 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 900

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.79/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.89/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 37 Dane Road, Sheffield, Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9-3, Wed. 9-6.

Town Clerk: William St. Peter, 626-8862, townclerk@sheffieldvt.org

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive, Lyndonville, 626-1101. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: Sheffield Early Learning Center Preschool, 6185 VT Route 122; Miller's Run School, PK-8, 3249 VT Route 122. The town pays tuition for children to attend any state-approved secondary school.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters approved moving forward with the purchase of a 1.7-acre piece of property near the town hall for a price not to exceed $18,000.

ST. JOHNSBURY

St. Johnsbury lies at the confluence of the Passumpsic, Moose and Sleepers Rivers and is the most populated town in the Northeast Kingdom. It's conveniently located at the intersection of I-93 and I-91, just 45 minutes from the Canadian border.

In the mid-1700s, King George III granted a 39,000 acre tract of land on the Passumpsic River – including the whole of St. Johnsbury and parts of Concord and Waterford – to 39 petitioners. A charter was issued in 1770 in honor of the Earl of Dunmore. The conditions of the grant required that grantees settle and cultivate the land within three years, and prohibited the cutting of pine trees deemed suitable for the Royal Navy. Seven years after the "Dunmore" grant, Vermont declared itself independent. There was conflict over respecting the right of lands granted under seal of neighboring states, and it is believed that most of the original grantees settled elsewhere. In 1786, Vermont Gov. Thomas Chittenden made an official grant to Dr. Jonathan Arnold, a member of the Continental Congress, and his associates. Arnold left Rhode Island in 1787 and, with six other families, built homes at what is now the center of town.

The new township was named after St. John de'Crevecoeur, the French consul in New York. This was done at the suggestion of Gen. Ethan Allen, a personal friend of the consul. The first town meeting took place in 1790 in the home of Dr. Arnold. According to the St. Johnsbury Historical Society, much of the town's heritage comes from two men: Thaddeus Fairbanks, who invented the platform scale and established a business in 1830 that made his name synonymous with the scales he produced; and George C. Cary, who founded the Cary Maple Sugar Co. in 1904. St. Johnsbury thrived with the success and growth of the scale, maple sugar, and wood products industries. Railroads were also a major factor in St. Johnsbury's growth and industry. Due to its increasing regional influence, St. Johnsbury became the Caledonia County seat in 1856 and then developed into the industrial, commercial, and cultural crossroads of the region – a position in which it is firmly secure today.

Many cultural centers were built by the Fairbanks family including the Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium and the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, which houses a library of over 45,000 books. The adjoining Art Gallery has on display a collection of outstanding paintings by American and European artists, with special emphasis on works by the Hudson River School of painters. Featured is "Domes of the Yosemite," the largest painting by Albert Bierstadt. For more than 150 years, St. Johnsbury Academy has offered local, regional and international students a comprehensive independent secondary school, widely recognized as an institution that develops character, academic excellence, and civic responsibility in its students.

Website: www.stjvt.com

Population: 7,603 **Area**: 37.78 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 614

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate $2.68/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Resident Tax Rate: $2.85/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: St. Johnsbury Municipal Building, 51 Depot Square, Suite 101. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30.

Town Clerk: Stacy Jewell, 748- 4331, townclerk@stjvt.com

Town Manager: Chad Whitehead, 748-3926, cwhitehead@stjvt.com

Medical/Rescue: Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 748-8141. CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599.

Schools: St. Johnsbury School, PK-8, 257 Western Avenue; Good Shepherd Catholic School, PK-8 (private), 121 Maple Street; St. Johnsbury Academy, 9-12, 1000 Main Street.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Townspeople voted in support of adopting an ordinance prohibiting the use of tobacco products on town-owned property. A $8.7 million dollar bond to continue the upgrade of the town's underground storm water and sewer systems on Pleasant Street, Concord Avenue, Farmer Drive and Gilman Avenue, plus a new utility line under the Moose River was approved.

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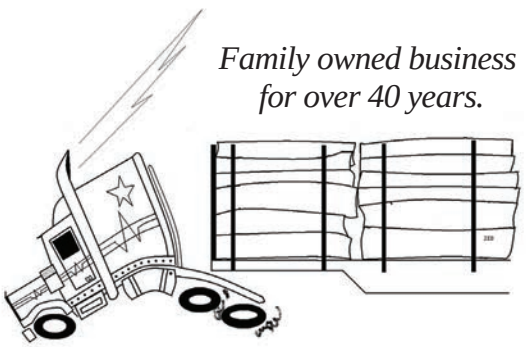
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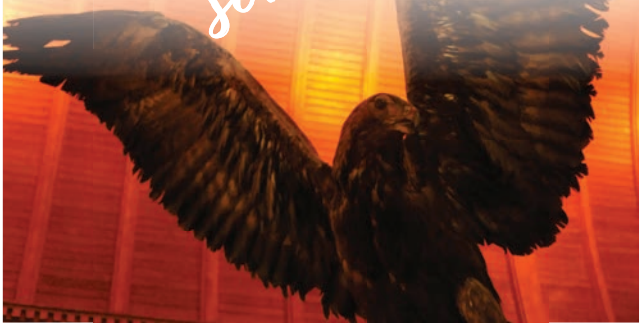
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STANNARD

Located in Northern Caledonia County, Stannard is bordered by Greensboro, Hardwick, Walden, Sheffield, Wheelock and Danville. The western portion of the town is the most inhabited, separated from the eastern portion by mountainous terrain. A steam saw mill was constructed on a remote pond in 1856 by T.G. Bronson. At the time, nearly 1 million feet of lumber was manufactured at the mill annually and sent to St. Johnsbury where it was used by E&T Fairbanks. Steammill Brook originates in Stannard Pond and flows south. Stannard was chartered on Aug. 19, 1867, having previously been known as Goshen Gore Number 1.

According to Esther Munroe Swift's Vermont Place-Names: Footprints of History, the town of Goshen Gore Number 1 was renamed by the Vermont General Assembly in honor of the American Civil War Hero General George Stannard following calls to do so by residents. Born in Georgia, Vt., Stannard moved to Saint Albans where he was called into battle in 1861 along with the rest of the Vermont Regiment. He was a 41 year-old lieutenant colonel and was promoted rapidly to a regimental command, which he held at Gettysburg. Vermont legislative journals show that in 1865 the state commended General Stannard for his "skill and bravery." Heeding the pleas of its residents, the legislature decided to give what had been known as Goshen Gore Number 1 independent status as a town named in the general's honor. Stannard is the only town in the state to have derived its name from the Civil War.

Stannard is accessible from the west through Greensboro and from Danville to the east.

Population: 216 **Area**: 12.5 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,700

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.34/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.55/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: PO Box 94, Stannard Mtn. Rd., Greensboro Bend. Hours: Wed. 8-noon.

Town Clerk: Connie Withers, 533-2577. townofstannard@vtlink.net

Medical/Rescue: Hardwick Rescue Squad, 171 Creamery Road, 472-6343. Copley Hospital, 528 Washington Highway Morrisville, 888-4231. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 1315 Hospital Dr., St. Johnsbury, 748-8141.

Schools: Lakeview Union Elementary, K-6, 533-7066; 7-12 students have the choice of public or approved independent surrounding town schools.

SUTTON

Located on the northern end of Caledonia County, Sutton is bounded by Lyndon, Burke, Westmore, Newark and Sheffield. The town is bisected by Route 5, which runs north and south through the Northeast Kingdom. Several small trout ponds are contained within Sutton, including Bean, Vail, Duck, Blake, Marl and Dolloff Ponds. Several brooks and streams flow across the landscape, as well as the West Branch of the Passumpsic River.

A large portion of the northern section consists of Willoughby State Forest, which contains over 20 miles of hiking trails. Most of these trails are well suited to novice and intermediate hikers. Other trails are privately-owned on Wheeler, Bald, Haystack and McSherry mountains and some are maintained by the Westmore Association, the Northwoods Stewardship Center and the Green Mountain Club. Several remote, wooded areas are accessible by a network of roads built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Mount Hor, near beautiful Lake Willoughby, rises 2,648 feet above sea level and 500 feet above the lake.

Sutton was chartered by the name Billymead in 1782 to Jonathon Arnold and associates. The name Billymead was derived from Arnold's son, William. In 1790, several families from Sandwich and Moultonboro, N.H., joined families from Lyndon and other adjoining towns to settle in the new town. Unfortunately Arnold's son, William, later became a terrible disruptive drunk. In 1812, the townspeople became so disenchanted with William and their town name that they voted to change it to Sutton. The people were so eager to use the new name that they started before the Vermont legislature approved it. The approval of the new name didn't come until two years after it was changed. While the legislature was considering the name, the Billymead post office was opened. The name of the post office didn't change until around 1817. The Sutton resident who came up with the new name was Joctan Putnam who was originally from Sutton, Mass.

Website: www.suttonvt.org

Population: 1,029 **Area**: 38.26 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,152

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate $2.07/$100 assessed valuation Non Residential Tax Rate $2.08/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 167 Underpass Road, PO Box 106. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-4.

Town Clerk: Dianna Simpson, 467-3377, suttontownclerk@yahoo.com

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, 626-1101. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: Sutton School, K-8, 95 Underpass Road; 9-12 students have the choice of public or approved independent surrounding town high schools.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: After a lengthy discussion, voters defeated a measure to switch from a traditional town meeting to Australian ballot. All other articles passed.





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WALDEN

Situated in northwestern Caledonia County and surrounded by Danville, Cabot, Greensboro, Hardwick and Stannard, Walden was chartered on Aug. 18, 1781 to Moses Robinson and 64 others.

It was originally in Orange County until the formation of Caledonia County in 1796. Joe's Brook, which flows out of Cole's Pond in the northern part of town, runs south into Joe's Pond in Cabot and West Danville. Cole's Pond was discovered by a hunter of the same name from St. Johnsbury. Lyford Pond, in the southern part of town, was discovered by one of Gen. Hazen's men of the same name. Walden was founded along the historic Bayley Hazen Road, an important supply route during the Revolutionary War that runs along the western border of town. In 1779, a block house was built in this territory and a small garrison was left to defend it. The officer left in command was named Walden, who requested the town receive his name when chartered.

Walden is known for its elevation and abundant snowfall. The highest point is the summit of Stannard Mountain, near the town's northern border, with an elevation of 2,579 feet.

One of Walden's hidden treasurers is the Steam Mill Brook Wildlife Management Area, a 10,826-acre that is open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. It is surrounded by Noyestar Road, Summerhill Road and Stevens Hill Road. The WMA can be accessed from a number of places, including Stannard







Mountain Road, Coles Pond Road in Walden and Danville, and Rock Road.

Walden has no post office, zip code or centralized village, but Walden School, PK-8, educates elementary students who can then be tuitioned to any approved secondary school in the region. Walden's location offers picturesque views of the surrounding Green Mountains. The town is easily accessed using Route 15, a major highway connecting the Northeast Kingdom with the northwestern region of Vermont.

Population: 935 **Area**: 39 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,683

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.04/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.17/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 12 VT Route 215, West Danville. Hours: Mon.-Wed., 9-4, Thurs. 9-5.

Town Clerk: Lina Smith, 563-2220, waldentc@pivot.net

Medical/Rescue: Hardwick Rescue, 171 Creamery Rd., Hardwick, 472-6343. CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 748-8141. CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599.

Schools: Walden School PK-8, 135 Cahoon Farm Road; 9-12 students are given the choice of public or approved independent surrounding town high schools.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: The town considered an article to install solar panels to power the Town Garage and Firehouse/Town Clerk's office. The article was defeated but the board was asked to research the issue in more detail for next year's meeting.

WATERFORD

Situated in Caledonia County on the Connecticut River, Waterford is a "young" town – it wasn't settled until after the American Revolution and chartered on Nov. 8, 1780. Exact dates are scarce, but it's clear that James and Submit Adams arrived by 1783, in the part of town that bordered St. Johnsbury. Soon others began to settle in what became the town's villages: Upper Waterford, Lower Waterford, West Waterford, and districts like "Copenhagen." Each one focused on industry: grain mills, lumber mills, tanneries. The town's rivers and fierce springtime streams provided power for these. Farms spread out around the villages. And churches and schools, the mainstays of educated people and community life, were established all over the town.

According to Esther Munroe Swift's Vermont Place-Names, Footprints of History, in its charter the original name of the town was to be Littleton. But that was changed to Waterford in 1797 after New Hampshire adopted the name Littleton for the town directly across the Connecticut River, which forms Waterford's southern boundary with New Hampshire.

Waterford is on the eastern edge of Caledonia County and is bordered to the north by the county seat of St. Johnsbury. To its east sits the town of Concord, which is in Essex County, and to its west is Barnet. Waterford is geographically diverse, offering the pleasing combination of mountain and valley scenery so common to Vermont. The soil is fertile and well adapted to agriculture. The Passumpsic River cuts through the northwest corner of Waterford, and 100-acre Stiles Pond lies in the northern part of town near its border with St. Johnsbury.

The town was chartered to Benjamin Whipple and his associates. Sandwiched between the business and industrial centers of St. Johnsbury and Littleton, N.H., Waterford's primary historical occupation was agriculture. When Moore Dam was built in 1957 to harness the power of the Connecticut River, the original village of Upper Waterford was flooded beneath the newly created reservoir.

Lower Waterford is now the primary village, sitting northwest of the dam, and is home to the town clerk's office, a post office, a library and the Historic Rabbit Hill Inn, which has developed an international reputation for excellence.

Waterford students attend Waterford Elementary School through 8th grade. Afterwards, many attend nearby St. Johnsbury Academy or choose to be tuitioned to another secondary school in the area.

Website: www.waterfordvt.org

Population: 1,280 **Area**: 38.2 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 816

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.01/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.07/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: PO Box 56, 532 Maple Street, Lower Waterford. Hours: Mon., Tues.,Thurs., Fri. 8:30-3:30, closed Wed.

Town Clerk: Jessy Pelow, 748-2122, townofwaterford@gmail.com





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Medical/Rescue: CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 1315 Hospital Dr., St. Johnsbury, 748-8141.

Schools: Waterford Elementary School, PK-8, 276 Duck Pond Road; the 9-12 students are given the choice of public or approved independent surrounding town high schools.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: The Select Board will survey all registered voters in town during the 2019 calendar year to determine the favored time for the annual town meeting and set the time with consideration of results. Joanne Jurentkuff was honored with a beautiful plaque that frames her 2018 Town Report dedication. Brent Beck was honored for his years of service to the town.

WHEELOCK

Wheelock was chartered on June 14, 1785 to John Wheelock and the trustees of Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. The town was named for Wheelock, who was the college's second president, as well as his father Eleazar Wheelock, the college's founder. Eleazar contracted with Abraham Morrill of Danville to recruit tenants for the lands in Wheelock and to supervise the development of the community. After his first survey of the land in Wheelock, Morrill wrote the Rev. Wheelock, "I would inform you that on viewing the Town, I find it is not so good as was expected that there is some mountains in the middle and towards the westerly part of said Town and that a considerable of the other part is Dark and swampy land and unfit for settlements." Despite this discouraging report, Wheelock grew from a population of 33 in 1790 to more than 60 in 1794.

Until the late 1800s, Dartmouth received a large percentage of its permanent funding from money paid by the Wheelock residents who rented their property from the trustees. As a result of the Dartmouth connections, qualifying residents of Wheelock can attend the college for free.

Selectmen approved a petition to establish a village in Wheelock Hollow in 1830. Erastus Fairbanks began an independent business venture in Wheelock, running the first store in Wheelock Hollow. Later, he founded the original Fairbanks Scale Works in St. Johnsbury.

Wheelock is the only Vermont town to be chartered to an organization that is located completely out of state. This historical little town is situated alongside Millers Run stream, which empties into the Passumpsic River.

One range of the Green Mountains runs through the west part of the town, and roads cross the summits in several places.

In 1796, the town voted to build its first meeting house. It was a large, two story edifice, and, like others of its kind, was never finished. Two mineral springs in town were reputed to have medicinal value. Historically, large quantities of hay, oats, and lumber were transported from Wheelock to Lyndon and St. Johnsbury, and large quantities of maple syrup were also manufactured here.

The village is located along Millers Run while much of the rest of the town is located along the South Wheelock branch of the Passumpsic River. Chandler Pond and Flagg Pond lie on the eastern and western sides of the town, respectively. The town is heavily wooded with several dirt roads and surrounded by the towns of Sutton, Sheffield, Greensboro, Walden, Danville and Lyndon.

Population: 811

Area: 38.8 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1581

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.22/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.31/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 1192 Route 122, Wheelock, P.O. Box 1328, Lyndonville 05851. Hours: Tues. 10-6, Wed. & Thurs. 9-3:30.

Town Clerk: Carol Rossi, 626-9094, wheelocktown@gmail.com

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive, 626-1101. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 1315 Hospital Dr., St. Johnsbury, 748-8141.

Schools: Millers Run School, PK-8, 3249 VT Route 122; 9-12 students are given the choice of public or approved independent surrounding town high schools.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Officials are exploring ways to meet the needs for a new town garage and an accessible municipal facility. Voters on town meeting day authorized funding for the purchase of a property that might meet the needs for a town garage. A proposal for a small addition to the Town Hall to address accessibility issues failed.



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CABOT

Although it is located in Washington County, Cabot's landscape, people and history are closely linked to the Northeast Kingdom region. The town is bounded on the north by Walden and Danville, east by Danville and Peacham, south by Marshfield and west by Woodbury. The township is six miles square and was once heavily wooded.

Cabot was chartered on Aug. 17, 1780 as a part of the Vermont Charter. According to Esther Munroe Swift's Vermont Place-Names, Footprints of History, Cabot is the namesake of a romantic union that dates back to the founding of the nation. Lyman Hitchcock, an officer in the Continental Army from Connecticut, asked for Sophia Cabot's hand in marriage, but the request was denied by her father. Only after Hitchcock had acquired land in Vermont through a grant and showed it to Sophia's father did he change his mind and bless the union. Hitchcock's fellow grantees agreed to allow him to name the town Cabot in honor of his bride. One of the first settlers of the new town was Benjamin Webster, uncle to Daniel Webster, legendary senator from Massachusetts and U.S. Secretary of State.

Other settlers soon followed and by 1787, four settlers requested that a meeting be called to organize the town government. The original call, dated Feb. 5, 1788 was issued by Walter Brock, Justice of Peace, for the meeting to be held in Thomas Lyford's house. This document is in the Cabot Public Library. There were probably no more than 10 or 11 voters present but officers were elected. It was voted to build a school house, but times were hard and the school house was not built until 1792, at a cost of $35 in wheat and $5 in cash, nails or glass.

In 1790, eight acres of land was gifted to the town for public use at Cabot Center, where the seat of government was moved over strong protests by the settlers on Cabot Plain. About 1810, business had begun to move away from the Plain to the Center, which in turn was abandoned for a newer settlement beside the Winooski River.

Cabot is a community steeped in agricultural tradition. Its major claim to fame is being home to the Cabot Creamery, "Makers of the World's Best Cheddar."

Website: www.cabotvt.us

Population: 1,433 **Area**: 37.3 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,076

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.34/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.20/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 3084 Main Street, PO Box 36, Cabot, VT 05647, Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Town Clerk: Betty Ritter, 563-2279, tcocabot@fairpoint.net

Medical/Rescue: Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 748-8141. Cabot Ambulance; CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599.

Schools: Cabot School, PK-12, 25 Common Rd.

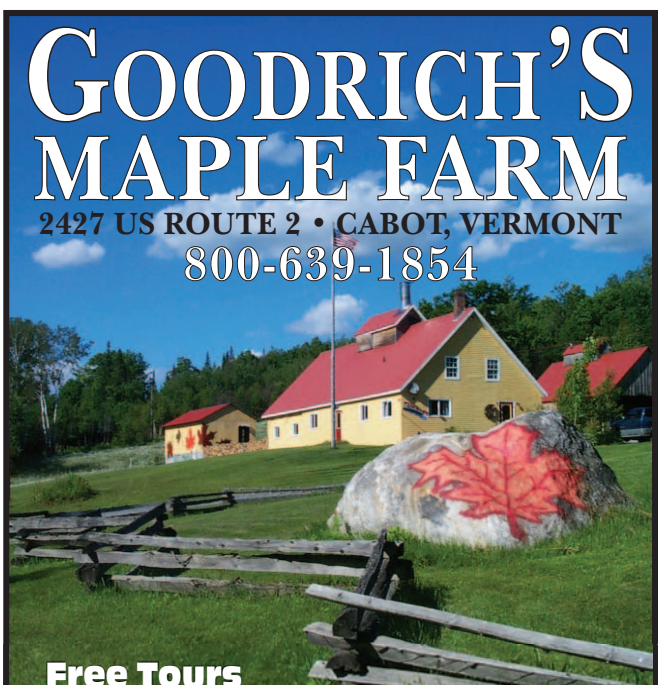
2019 Town Meeting Highlights: A petitioned article to close Cabot High School was defeated.

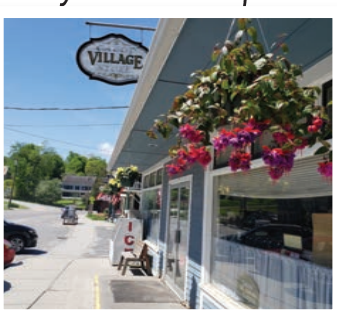
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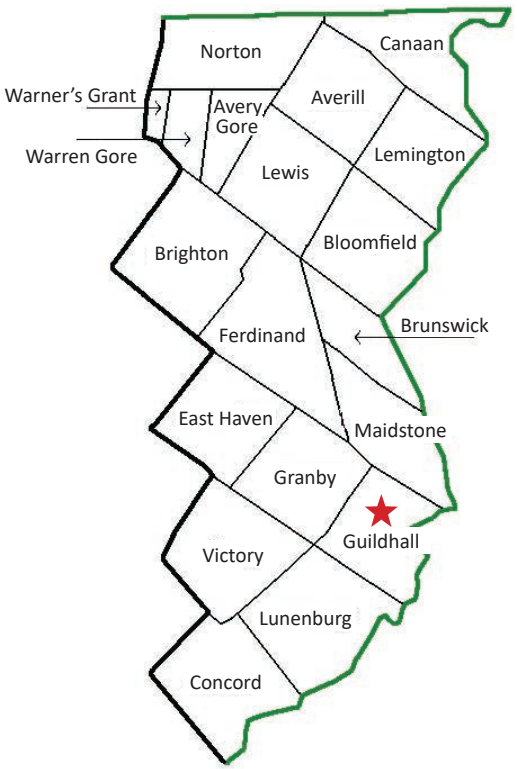
Essex County has about 6,300 inhabitants, making it the least populous county in Vermont, as well as in all of New England. It extends about 45 miles from north to south and more than 20 miles from east to west. The county has been a prime source of timber production and is distinguished as the location of Vermont's largest land conservation project. In 1999 a coalition of organizations purchased a total of 132,000 acres in more than a dozen towns and unincorporated gores from the Champion International Paper Company to preserve the property for recreation, wildlife habitat and continued logging through sustainable forestry.

Essex County's eastern boundary is the beautiful upper Connecticut River, which separates northern Vermont and New Hampshire's White Mountain region. Before the county was colonized, the area was used as a productive hunting ground by various Native American tribes. After colonization, the Connecticut River became the main route for floating logs to sawmills every spring. The log drives ended around 1915 because of the danger to recreational boaters. The final drive was reported to have involved 500 workers managing 65 million feet of logs.

One challenging section of the river was known as the 15-mile falls, a vertical drop of nearly 400 feet where water cascaded over boulders and ledges from southern Essex County into Caledonia County. The 15-mile falls was submerged by the construction of three large hydroelectric generating projects – the Comerford and the McIndoe Falls dams in Barnet, both completed in 1931, and the Moore Dam, which was finished in 1951 and is in Waterford upriver from the Comerford Dam. The Comerford Dam was New England's largest single hydroelectric plant at the time it started generating power. Reservoirs were created behind each of the dams, the biggest being the Moore Reservoir, which extends nearly 10 miles and covers some 3,000 acres. The reservoirs are available for recreational use, but boaters are warned to be alert for sudden changes in water depth.

The majority of Essex County's residents live along the Connecticut River, which is New England's longest river, flowing 410 miles from a series of protected lakes by the Canadian border in New Hampshire to its outlet in Connecticut on Long Island Sound. The river's valley is known for its fertile farmland throughout its length.

The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, published in the 1860s, offered an extensive description of Essex County's upper Connecticut River Valley. It reads, in part: "To the lovers of natural scenery, the valley of the Connecticut, from the head of the fifteen-mile falls to Canaan, cannot be surpassed in loveliness. The meandering folds of the river, the abrupt headlands, the towering summits of the White Mountains, the variety of timberland, all conspire to render it a changing scene and one of peculiar interest and beauty. Almost every town in the county boasts of some hill or mountain from the summit of which scenes of peculiar beauty lay spread before you… The White Mountains are in full view from the river towns, and may be seen perhaps from every town in the county. The best view of the White Mountain range attainable is however from Lunenburg. Seen from that locality they stand out in all their boldness."



County Facts

County Seat: Guildhall

Population: 6,306 (2010)

Area: 665 sq. mi.

Persons per square mile: 9.5

Median Home Value: $122,200 (owner occupied)

Mean travel time to work: 27.5 min.

Court House: 75 Courthouse Drive, Guildhall, VT, 05905. Phone: 676-3910

Clerk of Superior Court: Margaret Villeneuve, 676-3910.

Family, Criminal, Civil: Hon. Mary Miles Teachout, Presiding Judge; Tammi Tyda and Shari DeMarzo, Court Managers.

Judge of Probate: Honorable Allen D. Hodgdon

Registrar of Probate: Lisa Moore, 723-4700

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BLOOMFIELD

Located on the Connecticut River in eastern Essex County, Bloomfield is bounded by the town of Brunswick and the unorganized towns of Lewis, and Lemington.

Granted as Minehead in 1762 on the same day and to the same group of Connecticut residents as neighboring Averill, Lemington and Lewis, the original name is taken from a town of the same name in England, where many of the families of the grantees originated. The name was changed by the Vermont legislature to Bloomfield in 1830. The origin of the name has two possibilities: chosen for its descriptive connotations, or to honor Joseph Bloomfield, a major in the Revolutionary War and a brigadier general in the War of 1812, during which he commanded a battalion at the Battle of Plattsburgh.

The population and economy of Bloomfield has risen and fallen over the years. At its height, several hundred men were employed in lumbering and milling operations of the Nulhegan Lumber Company, which owned most of the land around a village then known as South Bloomfield; its location is now marked only by a cemetery. The town lies at the intersection of the Connecticut and Nulhegan Rivers. This portion of the Northeast Kingdom is sparsely populated, but it offers tremendous natural scenery and acres of undisturbed wilderness.

The Nulhegan Basin Division, part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, was established to protect the diversity and abundance of native species within the 7.2 million-acre Connecticut River watershed. An extensive road system gives visitors the ability to experience the rugged quality of the basin and access to scenic vistas, perfect for wildlife dependent recreation. For the more actively inclined visitor, wooded pathways and stream courses can be used to hike off the roads for a deeper backwoods experience. The Lewis Pond overlook provides a scenic vista of the Nulhegan Basin and the surrounding mountains. The Mollie Beattie Bog interpretive boardwalk provides visitors with information on bog habitat and wildlife.

Accessed by Route 102 from the north and south, or Route 105 from the west, Bloomfield shares a close relationship with North Strafford, N.H. on the other side of the Connecticut River.

Population: 221 **Area**: 40.27 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 912

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.92/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.91/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 27 Schoolhouse Rd., Bloomfield, P.O. Box 336, North Stratford, NH 03590; Tues. & Thurs. 9-3.

Town Clerk: Ray Bowen, 962-5191, townofbloomfieldvt@gmail.com

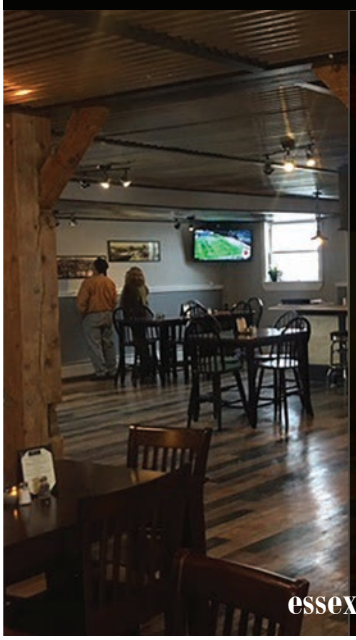
Medical/Rescue: Groveton Ambulance Service, 10 Station Square, Groveton, N.H.; Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH; Weeks Memorial Hospital, 173 Middle Street, Lancaster, N.H.

Schools: Students are given the choice of surrounding public or approved independent schools to attend.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed, with the exception of Article 8, which would have instructed town auditors to employ the services of an accountant to audit the accounts of the town. It was unanimously defeated.



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BRIGHTON

Situated in western Essex County, Brighton is bounded by Avery's Gore, Ferdinand, Newark, Westmore, Morgan and Charleston. Brighton's village of Island Pond, once a booming railroad town 16 miles south of Quebec, now rests peacefully on the western shores of a 600-acre lake called Island Pond, so named because of the lake's 22-acre island.

The Clyde River, Pherrins River and Nulhegan River all run through town. The Clyde is the outlet of Island Pond, and it was named by one of the early surveyors for a river of the same name in Scotland. Native Americans often used the Clyde on journeys from Canada to Southern New England. Brighton was chartered under a different name, "Random," in 1731 by Joseph Brown because it was a random purchase from an agent in Providence, R.I. In 1832, the town became Brighton, a name chosen by the inhabitants. The first white man to visit the town, identified as a Mr. Lindsley, was hunting with a company of St. Francis Indians and had some thrilling adventures and hair-raising escapes. The first settler was believed to have been Enos Bishop in 1820.

The first settlers traveled 16 miles from the Connecticut River through a dense wilderness, bringing supplies with the help of snowshoes and hand-sleds (it was said the snow was too deep for teams). The first post office was established in 1849. The first public road was known as the Old Magog Road, and it connected Brunswick on the Connecticut River with Derby and Lake Memphremagog. The road was the scene of much conflict during the war of 1812 when smugglers tried to move cattle into Canada from New Hampshire. The township is quite mountainous and heavily timbered, and logging played a major role in its development.

In 1853, the Grand Trunk railroad ran through Island Pond, the first international junction in the United States, connecting Montreal with Portland, Maine. Logging operations, mills and the railroad spurred the growth of the town. Thousands of board feet of timber were brought to mills, much of it white pine. At one time, more than 500 loggers were working in the Brighton area.

Island Pond has been the community center and population nucleus since the 1850s. Brighton's population peaked at 2,500. The streets may no longer be lively with railroad men and rugged loggers and the 13 railroad tracks that once passed through town are down to two, but Brighton



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Website: www.brightonvt.org

Population: 1,222 **Area**: 54.34 sq. miles **Elevation**: 1,280 ft.

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.32/$100 assessed valuation. Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.37/$100 assessed valuation

Town Office: 49 Mill St. Ext., P.O. Box 377, Island Pond. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-3:30.

Town Clerk: Teresa Debonville, 723-4405, brightonclerk@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, VT, 05851, 626-1101. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Brighton Elementary School, 825 Railroad Street, PK-8; North Country Union High School, 9-12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.

BRUNSWICK

Brunswick is located on the Connecticut River and bounded by Maidstone and Ferdinand. Chartered by Benning Wentworth in 1761 to 64 people, the town encompasses a little over 15,000 acres.

According the Vermont Historical Gazetteer, no town in Essex County originally contained more white pine timber than Brunswick. The town was organized in 1796. As with Ferdinand and Lunenburg, Brunswick's name comes from Benning Wentworth's lifelong but ultimately unsuccessful efforts to curry enough favor with his king to gain a title. All of the names come from the origins of Britain's royal house of Hanover. The first road in town was surveyed in 1790, following the Connecticut River from the north line of Maidstone to the south line of Bloomfield, the same track as Route 102.

The Nulhegan River runs across the northeast corner of the town. This river was a great thoroughfare of the Native Americans in their migrations from the St. Lawrence waters to the Atlantic Ocean. Paul Stream is a beautiful stream of pure water taking its rise in the towns of Granby and Ferdinand. Historically, it powered several lumber mills. Sparsely populated and densely forested, Brunswick has several small, remote ponds like Wheeler and Dennis.

Brunswick contains a portion of the Nulhegan Basin Division, part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. The refuge was established to protect the diversity and abundance of native species within the 7.2 million-acre Connecticut River watershed. An extensive road system gives visitors the ability to experience the rugged quality of the basin and access to scenic vistas, perfect for wildlife dependent recreation.

Brunswick is accessed from the north and south by Route 102, and from the west by Route 105. The town of Brighton is 21 miles to the west, Guildhall is 19 miles south and Canaan is 24 miles north.

Population: 112 **Area**: 25.16 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,000

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.30/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax rate: $1.70/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: 944 Route 102, Brunswick, Thurs. 4-6 p.m.

Town Clerk: Sharon Graham, 962-5514, bruns321@sover.net

Medical/Rescue: Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Colebrook, N.H., 603-237-4971, Weeks Memorial Hospital, Middle St., Lancaster, N.H. 03584, 603-788-4911; Groveton Ambulance, Groveton, N.H., 603-636-1057.

Schools: Students have a choice of any approved public or independent schools.

CANAAN

Canaan was chartered to a group of men from Connecticut and named for a town in their home state. During the peak of the 18th century's religious fervor known as The Great Awakening, a score of Connecticut towns had been given biblical names, many of which were carried north to new towns in New Hampshire (Bethlehem, Hebron, Lebanon) and Vermont (Bethel, Goshen, Sharon). Biblically, Canaan is the land the Lord promised to the Israelites: "I am coming down... to bring them...unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites."

The town was chartered Feb. 25, 1782, but Canaan did not attract a rush of settlers. The first U.S. census (1791) recorded only 19 residents. Ten years later, a new charter was issued that included part of the former town of Norfolk, which was in the extreme northeastern corner of Vermont and had not attracted any permanent settlers. Part of Norfolk was also in New Hampshire.

Norfolk had been chartered by Bezaleel Woodward from Hanover, N.H. in 1782. He was married to a daughter of Dartmouth College founder Eleazar Wheelock. The Caledonia County town of Wheelock was named after him. Part of Norfolk became the village of Beecher Falls, the most northeasterly community in Vermont, named after Nathan Beecher, one of the town's early settlers. In 1889, a post office was established in Beecher Falls, and it is still in operation.

The village of Beecher Falls is the only place where Vermont and New Hampshire share a land border. The Connecticut River turns east while the border runs north.

The Alice M. Ward library (reputed to be the oldest building in Canaan) was home of Dr. Artemus Ward from 1885 into the 1930s when it was given to the town to be used as a library.

Being a border community provides a number of federal government jobs in the area. The Official Register of the United States first mentions a Customs Officer in Canaan in 1835. Customs and Border Protection Inspectors and Border Patrol Agents over the years have been actively involved in protecting the U.S./Canadian border. The prohibition years presented many challenges and to this day, cases of smuggling contraband, drugs and people are fairly common.

Website: www.canaan-vt.org

Population: 972 **Area**: 33.08 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,042

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate $2.31/$100 assessed valuation Non-Residential Tax Rate $2.17/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: 318 Christian Hill Rd., PO Box 159, Canaan, Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9-3. Hours may change, call first.

Town Clerk: Noreen Labrecque, 266-3370, nlabrecque@canaanschools.org

Medical/Rescue: Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, N.H. 45th Parallel Ambulance Service, 46 Ramsey Rd., Colebrook, N.H., 603-237-5593.

Schools: Canaan Schools, K-12, 99 School Street, (802) 266-8910.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed. The general budget is up $10,882 an 8 percent increase over last year. The highway budget is up $31,122, a 15% increase. This is mainly due to a five-year-lease payment plan on a new backhoe which will be purchased for $1 once the lease is up. All articles for the Canaan School District passed.

CONCORD

Concord lies in the southern part of Essex County, bordered by Kirby, Lunenburg, and Waterford. It was chartered in 1781, originally as Pearsalls Gore.

The first recorded settler, Joseph Ball, arrived in 1788 and fathered the first child born in Concord in 1789. The first town meeting was held in 1794, with Ball as town clerk. During the boom years of agriculture and lumbering, Concord grew to 1,600 people in 1880 and has since lost population. Around 1796, a new settlement grew on the hill above the meadows which became the business center with stores and offices. It included a blacksmith, a tavern, a school, a lawyer, a physician, a hotel and a church. This village is now known as Concord Corners.

In 1838, John D. Chase established the Village of West Concord (now known as Concord). Chase was the inventor of the first steel and iron circular saw and the Chase water wheel. In the early 1840s there was a dam and sawmill at the east end of the Village of West Concord and a large gristmill on the opposite bank of the Moose River. This area became the dominant business district of Concord. Due to the railroad and the efforts of Charles Hall, who cleared 75 acres for a new village, North Concord became the center of the growing lumber interests in Essex County.

The Columbian School, America's first normal school for training teachers, was opened in 1823 by the Rev. Samuel Read Hall. The library at nearby Northern Vermont University (formerly Lyndon State College), itself founded as a normal school, is named after Hall.

Concord is home to Miles Pond and Shadow Lake, two bodies of water frequented by summer visitors and camp owners. Concord is accessed by Route 2, a major east-west corridor in the Northeast Kingdom.

Website: www.concordvt.us

Population: 1,235

Area: 52.5 sq. mi.

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.35/$100 assessed value. Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.44/$100 assessed value.

Town Offices: 374 Main St., P.O. Box 317, Concord. May-September: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 8-4. October - April: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30-2:30.

Town Clerk: Cynthia Gaboriault, 695-2220, townclerk@conclerk.com

Schools: Concord School, PK-8, 173 School Street. 9-12 students have a choice of any approved public or independent surrounding town schools.

Medical/Rescue: Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, 748-8141. CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Concord voters appropriated $1,235 for the operation of Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium in exchange for free unlimited general admission for all residents. The town report was dedicated to the Folsom Common Renovation Project. Longtime community member Sidney Patridge, who passed away in 2017, generously left money in to help with the renovation of the village common — including the installation of granite and metal fencing, landscaping, granite benches and new playgroup equipment.

EAST HAVEN

Chartered on Oct. 22, 1790 by the Vermont Legislature, East Haven lies in the western part of Essex County, bounded on the northeast by Ferdinand, on the southeast by Granby, on the southwest by Victory and on the west and northwest by the Caledonia County towns of Burke and Newark.

It was one of several parcels granted to a group headed by Timothy Andrews. He named the town after his hometown of East Haven, Conn. Records show his Vermont land grants were speculative and he had no intention of settling in the state. Ironically, he died in Vermont, while on a trip to inspect his holdings.

East Haven's first settler was John Walter, Jr., who was born in northwestern Connecticut and moved here May 1, 1804. In addition to building the first house in the township, he planted the first orchard. The next settler was John Walter's brother, Norris. East Haven's first schoolhouse was built in 1832, the first tavern in 1848 and in 1850, a post office was established.

The Passumpsic River runs through the western part of town and a ridge of land rises through the center of the town, extending from the north to the southern boundary. The Moose River on the east side of the ridge runs south. Both rivers have been known for trout fishing.

East Mountain, which at 3,400 feet is the second highest peak in the Northeast Kingdom, is surrounded by some of Vermont's most remote wilderness areas. The U.S. Air Force built a radar base at the summit of the mountain during the Cold War to provide early warning of a feared attack by the Soviet Union. The base, which operated from 1956 to 1963, was staffed by more than 150 people, about half as many people who lived in East Haven at the time.

During the decades since the isolated Air Force radar station was abandoned, it suffered extensive damage from trespassers. An attempt to erect an industrial wind farm on the site was withdrawn in 2012 because of strong local opposition and a finding from a state hearing officer that the project was incompatible with the remote, undeveloped surrounding land. Some of the property in question was part of Vermont's largest land conservation agreement ever, resulting from the purchase of 132,000 acres from the Champion International Paper Company in 1999. Under the agreement, the former Champion lands are to be preserved for recreation, wildlife habitat and timber production through sustainable forestry.

Population: 290 **Area:** 37.41 sq. mi. **Elevation:** 1,020

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.43/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.35/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 64 Community Building Road, P.O. Box 10, Hours: Tues. 1-6, Thurs., 8-1, and by appointment.

Town Clerk: Kerri S. Fillion, 467-3772, tclerk1790@gmail.com

Medical/Rescue: Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Drive P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, 626-1101. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: Students have a choice of any approved public or independent surrounding town schools.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters discussed a growing issue related to residents of the town intentionally failing to file the Vermont homestead declaration with their annual income taxes. By doing this, they become eligible for the "non-residential" property tax rate, which in some municipalities is less than the "residential" rate.

GRANBY

Located in eastern Essex County, Granby is bounded by East Haven, Ferdinand, Maidstone, Guildhall and Victory. According to tradition, Granby was named in honor of Lord or Earl Granby John Manners (1721-1770), who came from a long line of distinguished British noblemen and had himself served as a privy councilor and lord justice. He was bearer of the Queen's scepter at the coronations of both George II and George III, but his greatest service was as a military commander in the Seven Years War.

Granby got off to a slow start, and after 1816, the year without a summer, the population shrank so much that the town gave up its incorporation. Granby organized and reincorporated in 1822, and it grew to just under 400 residents in 1890. Eighty years later, in 1970, the town's population was just 52. Once famous for its abundance of white pine, Granby was the site of several large logging operations. The hamlet of Stevens Mills was a few buildings grouped around some sawmills, but it was also a railroad stopping point and appeared on most maps throughout the first part of the 20th century. At one time the mills employed over 100 men, with an even larger group cutting timber to feed the mills. As the timber went, so did the population.

The hilly, heavily forested landscape is prime hunting ground for deer, moose and other game. There are stories in the Vermont Historical Gazetteer of men from Barnet traveling up the Passumpsic River, before the settlement of St. Johnsbury, to Granby for hunting and fishing. Granby is accessed by Granby Road, which runs east-west from Route 102 in Guildhall to Victory Road in Victory. Guildhall is 9 miles away, while Burke is 13 miles.

Population: 88 **Area**: 38.82 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,500 ft.

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.95/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.46/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: 9005 Granby Rd., by appt. only

Town Clerk: Nellie Noble, 328-3611, townofgranby@myfairpoint.net

Medical/Rescue: Weeks Memorial Hospital. Middle St., Lancaster, N.H., 603-788-4911; Lyndon Rescue, 114 Vail Dr., Lyndon, 626-1101.

Schools: The town pays tuition for children to attend any elementary or secondary education state approved school.

2019 Town Meetings Highlights: Voters disbanded the Granby Town Library and turned the books and any items and money over to the Victory-Granby Holiday in the Hills Historical Preservation Group Inc. Voted to give a five-year property tax exemption the Victory-Granby Holiday in the Hills Historical Preservation Group Inc.

GUILDHALL

The county seat of Essex County, Guildhall is bounded by the Connecticut River and the towns of Maidstone, Lunenburg and Granby. A village in the northeastern corner houses the county buildings, a town clerk's office, a library and a church. Directly across the Connecticut River are Lancaster and Northumberland, N.H.

The town was chartered in 1761 by New Hampshire Gov. Benning Wentworth. The original settlers were from Lancaster and Lunenburgh in Massachusetts, and they used the same names for other towns on opposite sides of the Connecticut River in Vermont and New Hampshire. They intended for Lunenburgh to include all of what was afterwards found to be the south part of Guildhall.

The Vermont Historical Gazetteer tells us that a small group of settlers built temporary cabins and camps, and Native Americans were very common in this area. They often invited Native Americans to the houses of the settlers to stay all night and have a "drunk," as they called it. The first record of a town meeting was in 1783. Though the origin of the name Guildhall is unknown, it is the only town in the world so named. The landscape is well-watered by several brooks including Washburn, Jones, Emery, Catbow, Sheridan and Hudson.

Like many other Essex County towns, Guildhall is heavily wooded and once played a significant part in the lumber trade. For those who seek natural scenery, the valley of the Connecticut River in Guildhall has beautiful meadows, timber land and off in the distance, the White Mountains. Today, Guildhall is accessed by Route 102, which winds its way north-south along the banks of the Connecticut River.

Website: www.guildhallvt.org

Population: 261

Area: 32.98 sq. mi.

Elevation: 874

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.72/$100 assessed valuation. Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.17/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: PO Box 10, 13 Courthouse Dr.; Hours: Tues. 9-3; Thurs. 12-6

Town Clerk: George Blakeslee, 676-3797, townclerk@guildhallvt.org

Medical/Rescue: Weeks Medical Center, 173 Middle Street, Lancaster, N.H., 03584, 603-788-4911.

Schools: All students are given the choice of approved public or independent surrounding town high schools to attend.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Attended by 20 residents, all articles on the warning passed on voice vote without discussion.

LUNENBURG

Situated in southeastern Essex County, Lunenburg is bounded on the northeast by Guildhall, on the northwest by Victory, on the southwest by Concord and on the southeast by the Connecticut River, which separates Vermont and New Hampshire.

The township was chartered July 5, 1763 by Benning Wentworth, who was the governor of the New Hampshire colony before it became a state in 1788 and before Vermont's boundaries were established. The first settlers reached the township the following year. They brought their grain and provisions in canoes from Northfield, Mass., a distance of more than 150 miles. More settlers arrived around 1768, building log huts near the banks of the Connecticut River, where fish and game were easily obtained. Salmon as large as 40 pounds were caught easily at night using torches and spears at the head of the 15-mile falls, according to the Vermont Historical Gazetteer. During the Revolutionary War, the settlers were constantly under threat of attack from Indians and British Loyalists.

One of Lunenburg's most distinguished early citizens, according to the Gazetteer, was Samuel Gates, who was born in Marlborough, Mass. and was 15 years old at the start of the Revolutionary War in 1775. He volunteered to fight and reenlisted two more times before the war ended in 1783. The Gazetteer described his military service in some detail, noting that: "During the winter of 1777 and '78, he with his regiment were quartered at Valley Forge, where he endured, in common with his fellow patriots, those terrible sufferings from hunger and cold which no pen can ever describe… It is quite remarkable that in all the hard fought battles in which he was engaged he never received a wound."

Gates married a woman from his hometown in Massachusetts in 1781 and in 1783, he moved his family to Lunenburg. Gates was the town's first representative in the state legislature and served several years as the county's judge. His wife died in 1853 at age 91, and he died the following year at age 94. For his service to his town, his state and his country, "as well as for his patient endurance of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life," the Gazetteer said, "he deserves the grateful remembrance of those who are now reaping the benefits of his self-denying labors."

Population: 1,302

Area: 45.51 sq. mi.

Elevation: 1,172

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.01/$100 assessed valuation. Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.17/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 9 West Main St., PO Box 54, 892-5959. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-noon and 1-3. Closed at noon during the summer and on Fridays.

Town Clerk: Patricia Scott, 892-5959, lunenburg01@live.com

Medical/Rescue: Weeks Medical Center, 173 Middle Street, Lancaster, N.H., 03584, 603-788-4911; Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: Lunenburg Elementary, PK-4, 49 Bobbin Mill Road; Gilman Middle School, 5-8, 2720 River Road, Gilman, 9-12 students have a choice of any approved public or independent surrounding town schools.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters approved $168,00 for a new plow truck. All other articles passed.

MAIDSTONE

Maidstone's eastern border is irregular, formed by a series of oxbows of the beautiful Connecticut River, which separates Vermont from New Hampshire. The town is bounded to the south by Guildhall, to the west by Granby and Ferdinand and to the north by Brunswick.

The township was chartered Oct. 12, 1761 by Benning Wentworth, who was the governor of the New Hampshire colony before it became a state in 1788 and before Vermont's boundaries were established.

In 1786, Eben W. Judd surveyed the lands of the town, and the unsettled line between Maidstone and Guildhall was established.

The grantees of Maidstone were Connecticut men who never lived in the town. That proved to be an obstacle to settlement because anyone who wanted to purchase land had to go to them for that purpose. Another hindrance was the distance that provisions and other necessities of life had to be transported through the wilderness. At the time of Maidstone's first settlements, the nearest place where provisions could be procured, grain ground or a horse shod was at Haverhill, N. H., 50 miles down the river. The first gristmill in the area was completed around 1780 by Abner Osgood, but it was subsequently determined that it was in the town of Guildhall. In 1786, another gristmill and a sawmill were built by Ward Bailey at nearby Guildhall Falls, which later became Guildhall Village. Two years later, Maidstone was organized at its first town meeting.

The town became known for its productive agricultural land along the Connecticut River and for its lumber production. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer reported in the 1860s that a single large sawmill on Paul Stream, which runs west to east through the northern part of town, had produced two million feet of lumber each year for transport by rail to Portland, Maine.

South of Paul Stream along the town's western boundary is pristine Maidstone Lake, a glacially-formed clear, deep, cold lake, measuring about three miles long by one mile wide. The lake and areas around it were designated a state forest and park in 1938. It is Vermont's most remote state park, offering good fishing for lake trout and salmon, good hunting and secluded hiking trails. Maidstone is rated as one of the top three cleanest lakes in Vermont.

Website: www.maidstone-vt.org

Population: 208 **Area**: 32.13 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 893 ft.

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.39/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.86/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: PO Box 118, Guildhall, 508 Rte. 102, Maidstone, Mon. & Thurs., 9-3, or by appt.

Town Clerk: Bonnie Lovell, 676-3210, maidstonetownclerk@gmail.com

Schools: The town pays tuition for children to attend any elementary or secondary education state-approved school.

Medical/Rescue: Weeks Memorial Hospital, Middle St., Lancaster, N.H., 603-788-4911; Groveton Fire & Rescue, 37 Church St., Groveton, N.H., 603-636-2181.



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NORTON

Norton is situated at the northwest corner of Essex County, bounded to the north by the international Canadian border, to the east and south by the unified town of Averill, to the south by the unified gores of Avery's and Warren's and to the west by the Orleans County town of Holland.

The town has frontage on two sizeable ponds. Great Averill Pond, which is about three miles long and over a mile wide, is on Norton's eastern border, and the slightly smaller Norton Pond is on its southern border.

The early history of Norton is a mystery. Its charter was reported to have been destroyed in a fire. So the date the township was chartered and to whom it was chartered are unknown. The first settlers are believed to have arrived around 1860, and by 1880, according to the Vermont Historical Gazetteer, the population reached 239. The town was not organized until March 6, 1885.

Norton's first permanent settler was Samuel Cleveland, who came from Canada and built a sawmill. That mill changed ownership a few times as other mills were built and



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logging became the town's primary industry. One Norton sawmill, according to the Gazetteer, employed 70 men and cut about 10 million feet of lumber annually in the late 1800s.

Norton attracted public notice in the 1970s as a result of the Hippie counterculture and back-to-the-land movements that grew out of civil rights and anti-war activism of the 1960s. From 1970 to 1994, Norton was the site of the 592-acre Earth People's Park, which was open to "all the peoples of the earth." Anyone who wanted to visit, camp or homestead was welcomed without having to pay rent and without having to adhere to any set of rules. It was inspired by the People's Park in Berkeley, Calif., which was created in the late 1960s as a public park that became a sanctuary for the city's homeless people. Some of the money used to purchase land in Norton for the Earth People's Park was raised at the infamous August 1969 Woodstock Music & Art Festival in Bethel, N.Y.

The Norton Earth People's Park was along the international Canadian border and became known locally as "the last left turn in America." Living conditions were primitive, and the property did not have access to power or telephone lines. Water was drawn from Black Turn Brook or from the Coaticook River. Despite the lack of conveniences, from 1973 to 1975 about two dozen people were living on the land year-round. The park had more visitors during the summer months when gatherings and benefit concerts were held to raise money for such necessities as property taxes. In 1990 the Earth People's Park was seized by the federal government after marijuana-related arrests, and its inhabitants were evicted. The property was subsequently conveyed to the state of Vermont for use as publicly-owned forest land, and it is now called the Black Turn Brook State Forest. It is open to recreational visitors for hunting, camping and hike-in activities pursuant to "primitive-use" rules.

Population: 169 **Area**: 39.4 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,252

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.12/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.04/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 12 VT Route 114E, Tues. 10-4, Thurs. 10-noon, Fri. 1-5, last Sat. of the month 10-noon.

Town Clerk: Gina Vigneault, 822-9935, townofnorton@gmail.com

Medical/Rescue: 45th Parallel Emergency Medical Services, (603) 237-5593; North Country Hospital, Newport, 334-7334. Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Colebrook N.H., (603) 237-4971.

Schools: Canaan School, K-12, 99 School Street, Canaan.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed

VICTORY

Victory, one of Vermont's least populated towns, is in the southwestern portion of Essex County, and more than half its land is either state forest or preserved for recreation and wildlife habitat. Victory is bounded on the northeast by Granby and East Haven, on the southeast by Lunenburg and Concord, on the southwest by Concord and Kirby and on the northwest by Kirby and Burke. The Darling State Forest and 3,270-foot Burke Mountain are located on the town line between Victory and Burke.

Victory was granted Nov. 6, 1780 and chartered Sept. 6, 1781 to Capt. Ebenezer Fisk and 64 associates. The township was designed originally to contain 23,040 acres, but a tract of land between Victory and Concord – known as Bradley's Vale – was divided by the Vermont legislature in 1856 and a portion of about 2,500 acres was annexed to Victory.

A large portion of the town's land area encompasses the valley of the Moose River, which rises in East Haven and runs in a southerly direction through Victory. The river got its name because moose were so abundant in the area, which was a favored hunting ground for Native Americans and later colonists. A couple of miles from the southern border with Concord where Bog Brook joins the Moose River is a 3,000-acre marsh known as Victory Bog.

The first permanent inhabitant was John Shorer of Sanbornton, N.H., who moved to Granby in 1815 and to Victory in 1822. The first sawmill was built by Joseph Woods around 1830 on the Moose River, and the town was an important logging area until the 1940s. As timber production declined, attempts to convert the land to agricultural use failed, and it reverted to forest. Victory never drew many permanent inhabitants, but it was celebrated in national news stories in 1963, when it and neighboring Granby became the last two towns in Vermont to get electricity.

After the timber industry faded in the mid-20th century, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers developed a plan to generate power by building a dam on the Moose River, which would have flooded Victory bog and much of its valley. The proposal drew strong opposition from state and private conservation officials, and in 1969 a large tract of land was purchased from the New England Power Company, ending the dam plan. The land that was acquired became a 4,900-acre wetland and forest complex known as the Victory Basin Wildlife Management Area.

Today the Victory Basin Wildlife Management Area is part of the 15,826-acre Victory State Forest, which also includes the Darling State Park. In the Victory State Forest, the state proclaims, "picturesque mountains surround the low-lying swampland, which is home to moose, black bear, red fox and river otter." Recreational opportunities include camping, hiking, picnicking, mountain biking and snowmobiling.

Population: 62

Area: 42.97 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,100

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.99/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential: $1.62/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 102 Radar Road, Gallup Mills, PO Box 609, N. Concord. Tues & Thurs. 10:30-3.

Town Clerk: Tracey Martel, 328-2400, townofvictory@myfairpoint.net

Medical/Rescue: CALEX Ambulance Service, 1453 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, 748-7599. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury), 748-8141.

Schools: The town pays tuition for children to attend any elementary or secondary education, state-approved school.



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ORLEANS COUNTY

Two notable geographic features in Orleans County are beautiful Lake Memphremagog, which reaches north into Canada, and rugged 3,862-foot Jay Peak, the home of a ski resort that receives the highest average annual snowfall of any mountain in the eastern United States.

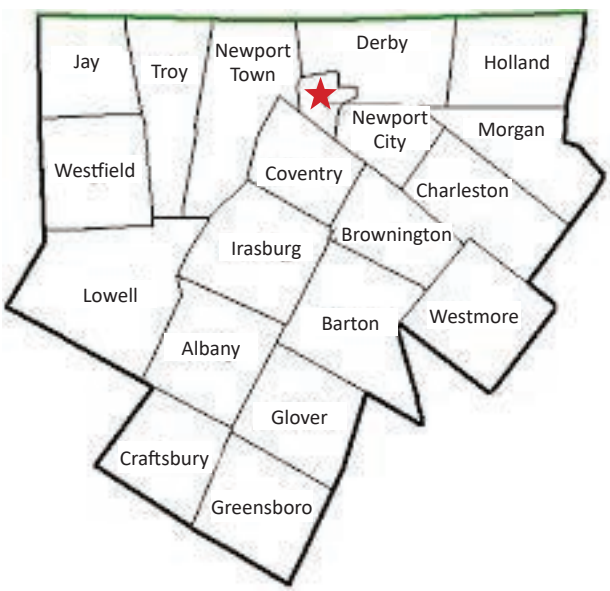
Lake Memphremagog was a renowned Indian tribal fishing and hunting area. It is still prized for those purposes today, as well as recreation. The lake is 30 miles long and one to four miles wide with about two-thirds of it in Canada.

Jay Peak is one of the major summits of the Green Mountains traversed by the Long Trail, the oldest long-distance hiking trail in the United States. The Long Trail extends 272 miles from the Massachusetts state line to the Canadian border.

Another historical man-made feature that stands out in Orleans County is the Bayley-Hazen Military Road, built during the American Revolutionary War to provide an invasion route to Canada. It was never completed or used for that purpose, but it was instrumental in the settlement of the county. The 54-mile road began south of the Northeast Kingdom in the town of Newbury on the Connecticut River and ran north through Greensboro, Craftsbury, and Albany to Hazen's Notch near the Canadian border in Westfield. Some local roads follow portions of the original Bayley-Hazen route. Greensboro and Craftsbury, located next to each other at the southern tip of Orleans County, were the first towns settled in the county.

Due to its proximity to Canada, Orleans County's history is peppered with dangerous and colorful tales of smuggling to and from Canadian markets, beginning with the Revolutionary War and extending through the War of 1812 and the liquor prohibition era of the 1920s and early 1930s.

Orleans County was the site of several memorable early 19th century events: the 1810 Runaway Pond incident in Glover that sent a torrent of water roaring from that town through Barton, Brownington, Coventry and Newport to Lake Memphremagog; a hurricane in 1815 that caused extensive property damage and crop losses; and damaging cold weather in 1816, which became known as the year with no summer. Northern Vermont and southern Quebec were particularly hard hit in 1816.



Today, Orleans County is bisected by Interstate 91, the major north-south road in eastern Vermont. The county's most populated towns, Newport and Derby, straddle the southern end of Lake Memphremagog at the international border with Canada.

County Facts

County Seat: Newport

Population: 27,231 (2010) **Area**: 721 sq. mi.

Persons per square mile: 39.3

Median Home Value: $156,300 (owner occupied)

Mean Travel Time to Work: 22.8 min.

Court House: 247 Main Street, Newport VT, 05855. Phone: 334-3344.

Clerk of Superior Court: Margaret Villeneuve, 334-3344.

Family, Criminal, Civil: Hon. Robert Bent, Presiding Judge; Julie Bronson, Court Manager.

Judge of Probate: Honorable John P. Monnete.

Registrar of Probate: Faye Moore, 334-3366.

Sheriff: Kirk Martin, Sheriff. 255 Main St., Newport, VT, 05855, 334-3333.

ALBANY

Albany is south of Newport and west of I-91 with one main road, Route 14. The Black River flows north through town parallel to Route 14 and empties into Lake Memphremagog in Newport. Albany is bounded by Irasburg to the north, Glover to the east, Craftsbury to the south and Lowell to the west. The Lowell wind generators are visible from most areas of Albany, towering above a ridgeline. Residents have to travel out of town to shop, as well as work, unless they make their living from their land or are otherwise self-employed. Cell phone service is challenging at best. A township charter was granted and Albany's boundaries were set in the 1780s. The town government was organized March 27, 1806. A condition of the charter was that each proprietor of the township plant or cultivate five acres of land and build a house at least 180 feet square on the floor. Albany's first gristmill, first sawmill and first woolen mill were established in the 1820s, leading to a population spurt in the 1830s.

The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, published in 1877, provided a glowing description of Albany: "A fine agricultural town, hard to be beat, in the neatness and arrangement of its farm dwellings and out buildings, especially along the Black River Valley road. The prospect this valley affords those who are passing over the well-known 'Old Centre Road' on a pleasant summer's day, can seldom be equaled in the state. Other parts of the town exhibit equal evidences of thrift and wealth. Their forests of cedar, and apple and sugar orchards, their rich and fertile soils, their inexhaustible beds of the richest muck and shell marl, open up to those parts of the town the means of present profit and future fertility and wealth. Industry and economy are the marked characteristics of the inhabitants, spiced strongly with the usual amount of generosity and hospitality of rural life; and interwoven with these may readily be detected the refinements of society. The rough edges of pioneer life and settlements have been rounding off, and more congenial and conciliating temperaments succeed the old-fashioned, 'rough and ready' style of neighborly intercourse."

Today Albany is one of those towns that provide a window to the past – a living reminder of what Vermont used to be.

Population: 941 **Area**: 38.98 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 956

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.72/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.97/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 827 Main St., Albany, Hours: Tues. & Thurs., 9-4, Wednesday 9-7

Town Clerk: Debra Ann Geoffrey, 755-6100, albanytct@gmail.com

Medical/Rescue: Orleans Emergency Unit, 4394 Barton Orleans Rd., Orleans, 754-8500; North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org Copley Hospital (Morrisville), 888-4231, www.copleyvt.org

Schools: Albany Community School, K-8, 351 Main St.; Lakes Region Union High School.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: There was a lot of discussion on several articles, including Hartwell Pond, the food shelf and community dinners. Town Clerk and Treasurer Debra Ann Geoffrey was honored for 30 years of service.

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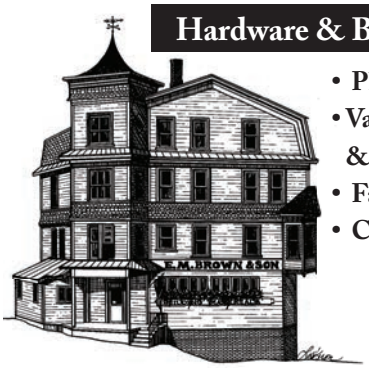
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BARTON

Barton is near the southern end of Orleans County on Interstate 91, bounded on the southwest by Glover, on the northwest by Irasburg, on the northeast by Brownington, on the southeast by Westmore and on the south by the Caledonia County towns of Sutton and Sheffield.

Barton contains two incorporated villages that have their own trustees – Barton Village, located at the outlet of Crystal Lake, and Orleans Village, which is in the northern corner of town on the Barton River. Barton Village was originally called Barton Mills, and Orleans Village was originally called Barton Landing because it provided access to the river.

Crystal Lake, the town's main geographic feature, is three miles long, one mile wide and more than 100 feet deep in places. The lake features a state park and almost a mile of sandy shoreline with a designated swimming area.

The town was granted Oct. 20, 1781 to William Barton and his associates, and settlement commenced in the spring of 1795. The town's first sawmill was built by William Barton in the summer of 1796. The earliest settlers had to go south to Lyndon and St. Johnsbury for their supplies, a distance of 20 to 30 miles.

The Vermont Historical Gazetteer contains a number of tales from the early 1800s of smugglers confronted and caught in Barton with cattle and various types of goods, including clothing, wire and steel.

In one instance, the Gazetteer said a U. S. customs officer received information in March 1814 that a company of smugglers had crossed the line, intending to pass through town: "Some of the inhabitants of this town and Irasburgh went out to meet them, which they did near the north line of the town… There they had quite a hard battle. Several were severely wounded, on both sides. But the smugglers proved too strong a force for the customs officers and their party, and they drove through."

Barton Landing (now Orleans Village) grew slowly until the railroad reached the area in 1858. Meanwhile, Barton Mills, which became Barton Village, developed into an industrial center. The Gazetteer declared in the 1870s: "This town is not surpassed in New England for water power for mills and factories. There are five dams within 100 rods below Crystal Lake," where Willoughby Brook sends the lake's outflow to the Barton River.

Considerable growth occurred between 1890 and 1920, but that came to a stop with the 1927 flood, regarded as one of Vermont's most devastating natural disasters. It was caused by three days of torrential rain from Nov. 2-4 on already saturated soil. Barton Village was severely damaged, while statewide the flooding took out 1,285 bridges, miles of roads and railroads and countless homes and buildings. It was blamed for 84 deaths, including that of Lt. Gov. S. Hollister Jackson.

Population: 2,810

Area: 32.98 sq. mi.

Elevation: 874

2019 Tax Info: Barton Town Residential $2.18/$100 assessed valuation; Barton Town Non-Residential $2.46/$100; Barton Village Residential $2.54/$100 assessed valuation; Barton Village Non-Residential $2.82/$100 assessed valuation; Orleans Village Residential $2.63/$100 assessed valuation; Orleans Village Non-Residential $2.92/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: 34 Main Street, 525-6222, Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-4, Fri. 7:30-12.

Town Clerk: Kristin Atwood, 525-6222, bartontown@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: Orleans Emergency Unit, 4394 Barton Orleans Rd., Orleans, 754-8500; Orleans Fire Department, 754-2114. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (St. Johnsbury) 748-8141, www.nvrh.com

Schools: Barton Academy and Graded School, K-8, 137 Church St.; Orleans Elementary School, K-8, 53 School Street, Orleans; St. Paul's School PK–8, (private) 54 Eastern Ave; Lake Region Union High School, 9–12, 317 Lake Region Rd., Orleans.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All appropriations were approved.



BROWINGTON

Brownington has one of Orleans County's most distinctive buildings known as the Old Stone House, a four-story granite structure created as a student dormitory in the 1830s. It is now a Museum and the focal point of a historic district that is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The Old Stone House was designed and built by the Rev. Alexander Twilight, a schoolmaster who is believed to be America's first African American college graduate and first African American legislator.

Brownington was granted to Daniel and Timothy Brown in 1790. The town is bounded on the south by Barton, on the west by Irasburg and Coventry, on the north by Derby, and on the east by Charleston and Westmore. One of the first roads in Orleans County went through Brownington, connecting Greensboro to Derby. Brownington Village, which is close to Interstate 91, was once a stopping point for stagecoaches traveling between Boston and Canada.

The Brownington Historic District, where the Old Stone House Museum is located, is in the northern part of the village. The Museum is operated by the Orleans County Historical Society and includes six buildings on 55 acres. The stone house itself has 21 rooms of exhibits focusing on 19th century life in northern Vermont.

Alexander Twilight, a man of mixed African-American ancestry, first saw Brownington in 1829, when he arrived to

become minister of the Congregational Church and principal of the Orleans County Grammar School, also called Brownington Academy. The academy had been created just six years earlier, and was the only secondary, or high school, in the county.

Twilight felt strongly that if the academy was to compete successfully with other institutions, it should have a well-equipped dormitory for its students. He was unable to convince the school's trustees of that need and decided he would build it as a private venture. How he accomplished that is a mystery. Some people believe he did it all himself with the assistance of an ox.

The completed building was named Athenian Hall out of admiration for the ancient Greeks. But many simply called it the Stone Boarding House.

The building was acquired in 1916 by the Orleans County Historical Society for $500 to preserve it for eventual use as a Museum. Another potential buyer wanted to tear it down to use the granite blocks as railroad bridge abutments.

Vermont author Howard Frank Mosher wrote movingly about the Old Stone House in 1996 for Vermont Life Magazine: "I like the way the Stone House still looms up on that hilltop, where the wind blows all the time. There it sits, unshaken and monolithic, as I write this sentence and as you read it, every bit as astonishing today as the day it was completed. What a tribute to the faith of its creator, the Reverend Alexander Twilight: scholar, husband, teacher, preacher, legislator father-away-from-home to nearly 3,000 boys and girls, an African American and a Vermonter of great vision, whose remains today lie buried in the church-yard just up the maple-lined dirt road from his granite school, in what surely was, and still is, one of the last best places anywhere."

Population: 988

Area: 28.36 sq. mi.

Elevation: 1,025 ft.

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.94/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.19/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 622 Schoolhouse Road, Mon.-Thurs. 8-3:30; and by appointment.

Town Clerk: Valerie Faust, 754-8401, browningtontc@comcast.net

Schools: Brownington Central School, K-8, 103 Chase Rd., 754-8467, Lake Region Union High School, 317 Lake Region Rd., Orleans.

Medical/Rescue: Orleans Emergency Unit, 4394 Barton Orleans Rd., Orleans, 754-8500; North Country Hospital, Newport, 334-7331.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.

CHARLESTON

Charleston, situated in the eastern part of Orleans County, is bounded to the southwest by Westmore and Brownington, to the northwest by Derby, to the northeast by Morgan and to the southeast by the Essex County town of Brighton.

Charleston was granted and later chartered on Nov. 8, 1780 to Commodore Abraham Whipple, his shipmates and others. Whipple was a distinguished naval officer who sank the first British ship in the Revolutionary War. His original name for his Vermont town was Navy, which was changed to Charleston after his death.

Most of the original grantees lived in Cranston, Providence and Johnson, Rhode Island and never moved here. The town's main attraction was the abundance of fish in Echo Lake in the eastern part of town.

The main waterway is the Clyde River, which rises in Brighton and flows with a slow current through the center of Charleston until it reaches the Great Falls in the western part of Charleston, where it descends more than 100 feet on its way to Derby and Lake Memphremagog

The township was an unbroken wilderness until 1802, when Abner Allyn of Barton cut the first trees and planted potatoes after carrying them from Barton, a distance of 12 miles. The soil was rich loam and produced a good yield. The following year, Allyn moved his family to a log house he built. By 1820, the population reached 100. In 1823, Allyn was instrumental in getting a road built from West Charleston to East Charleston. The reason is not known, but is likely connected to Commodore Whipple. It occurred six years after his death at age 85.

Whipple's last service in the Revolutionary War, as commander of a squadron of three Continental Navy ships, took place at Charleston, S.C., which was under threat from British forces. In December 1779, he ordered his ships' guns and crews moved on shore to reinforce land batteries and repulse the expected British assault. The siege that followed forced 5,000 Continental troops in Charleston to surrender on May 12, 1780. Whipple was among those taken prisoner and later paroled. His distinguished Revolutionary War service was over, but it was recognized in the 20th century by the U.S. Navy, which named three ships after him in 1903, 1920 and 1970.

Today, Charleston is home to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center, a non-profit organization nestled on 1,500 acres dedicated to promoting practical ways of protecting and preserving the northern forest environment as a resource for future generations. The center is respected throughout New England and is a destination for cultural and educational events.




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Website: www.charlestonvt.org

Population: 1,023 **Area**: 38.53 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,196

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.99/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.05/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 5063 Route 105, West Charleston. Hours: Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 8-3.

Town Clerk: Teri Gray, 895-2814, townofcharlestonvt@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: Newport Ambulance Service, 830 Union Street, PO Box 911, Newport, VT 05855, 334-2023; North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Charleston Elementary, PK-8, 255 Center School Rd., West Charleston; North Country Union High School, 209 Veterans Ave., Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: The 89 Charleston voters present voted to approve the proposed Charleston Elementary School and Town budgets, elected one new member each to the School Board and Selectboard, and voted to increase the 2019 appropriation to the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department to support their down payment on a new tanker truck.

COVENTRY

Coventry is near the Canadian border, bounded on the northwest by Newport, on north by Newport City and Derby, on the southeast by Brownington and on the southwest by Irasburg. Lake Memphremagog's South Bay dips into the northeastern border of Coventry between Newport and Derby, and two major roads – Interstate 91 and Route 5 – run through the town.

The Newport State Airport is located in Coventry and is planned for expansion to accommodate private jet aircraft as part of comprehensive regional economic development efforts.

The charter for Coventry was granted Nov. 4, 1780 to Maj. Elias Buel and 59 others, but for a different area of the state. Due to a surveying mistake, that area in what is now Chittenden County had already been chartered. As a result, the legislature gave Buel what was known as a "flying grant," allowing him to apply it to other areas he could find that had not been incorporated. He identified three pieces of land, and three new charters were issued in 1788, backdated to 1780. The largest of the three was Coventry, named for the town in Connecticut where Buel was born and raised. A second piece near Coventry was named Coventry Leg, and was annexed to Newport in 1816.

Coventry's first pioneer settlers were Samuel Cobb and his son Tisdale of Westmoreland, N. H., who built a crude, one-room log house in 1799 and returned the next year with their families. The cabins of the early settlers had just one room and were built of spruce logs hewn only on the inside, pointed with mud and moss and roofed with bark. The closest sawmill where boards could be purchased was in Barton.

Today Coventry is known by many as the site of a two-day August 2004 concert billed as the final performance of the

rock band Phish. An estimated crowd of 65,000 attended, the single largest gathering in the town's history. That briefly made Coventry the most populous town in the state, far outranking Vermont's largest city, Burlington, which had a population of 39,000 at the time.

The concert was held on land near the airport, which rain turned into a muddy mess. Cars were turned away, while some people parked their vehicles on the Interstate 91 median and walked to the concert. When the music was over, tractors were used to free cars and trucks stuck in the mud.

Population: 1,086

Area: 27.94 sq. miles **Elevation**: 718

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate $1.37/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate $1.55/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 168 Main St., Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-4.

Town Clerk: Deb Tanguay, 754-2288, clerk@coventryvt.org

Medical/Rescue: Newport Ambulance Service, 830 Union St. Newport, 334-2023. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Coventry Village School, K-8, 348 Route 5; 9-12 students are given the choice of surrounding town high schools to attend.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters said farewell to a longtime Select Board Member Brad Maxwell, recognizing his decades of service with a plaque. Voters set aside $100,000 for flood mitigation and recovery, $100,000 for community and economic development, including what to do with the closed church in the village center.

CRAFTSBURY

Craftsbury, about 25 miles south of the Canadian border in the southwestern corner of Orleans County, is bounded on the north by Albany, on the east by Greensboro and on the south and west by the Lamoille County towns of Wolcott and Eden.

Through its history, Craftsbury has been known as a good farming town with five natural ponds: Elligo; Great Hosmer; Little Hosmer; and two smaller ponds. The Black River is formed by streams spilling out of the three largest ponds and runs north through the center of town, then through Albany, Irasburg, Coventry and Newport City before it empties into Lake Memphremagog.

The village of Craftsbury Common is home to Sterling College, which describes itself as the leading voice in higher education for environmental stewardship. The college was among the first in the United States to focus on sustainability through majors in ecology, environmental humanities, sustainable agriculture and food systems and outdoor education.

The town is also known for the Craftsbury Outdoor Center, a non-profit resort specializing in cross country skiing, rowing, and running as lifelong sports. It has been used as a training center for aspiring Olympians. The center's campus on the shore of Big Hosmer Pond is surrounded by fields and forest with 85 kilometers of trails. Craftsbury has hosted the East's largest ski marathon since 1981.

The town was granted to Timothy Newell, Col. Ebenezer Crafts, and their associates on Nov. 6, 1780 and chartered with the name Minden in 1781. In 1790, the town's name was changed to Craftsbury in honor of Crafts, the first settler in Orleans County. He began in the summer of 1778 by opening a road from Cabot, a distance of 18 miles, clearing 10 or 12 acres of land, building a sawmill and making preparations for a grist-mill. In 1791, Col. Crafts and some of his associates moved their families up from Sturbridge, Mass., and were joined in succeeding years by other families from that area. During the 1800s, Craftsbury was a thriving regional center of trade.

Website: www.townofcraftsbury.com

Population: 1,206 **Area**: 39.56 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 904

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate $2.19/$100 assessed valuation. Non-Residential Tax Rate $2.06/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 85 South Craftsbury Rd., PO Box 55., Craftsbury. Hours: Tues-Fri 8:30-4.

Town Clerk: Yvette Brown, 586-2823, Craftsbury@gmail.com

Medical/Rescue: Hardwick Rescue; Copley Hospital, 528 Washington Highway Morrisville, 888-4231.

Schools: Craftsbury Elementary, K-4. Craftsbury Academy, 5-12, 1422 North Craftsbury Road. Sterling College, 16 Sterling Dr., Craftsbury Common.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters honored Jane Linck and Nan Richardson for 40 years of service to Craftsbury Academy. All articles passed.

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DERBY

Derby's most distinctive structure is the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, which straddles the Canadian border in the village of Derby Line. Most of the seating in the opera house is in the United States while the stage is in Canada.

Throughout its history, the border region has attracted smugglers of people, animals and all kinds of goods, most notoriously liquor during the prohibition era of the 1920s and early 1930s. The U.S. Border Patrol opened its first headquarters in this area in 1924. The location was Newport City, but five years later that command post was moved to Derby Line. Since then, the headquarters has been moved several more times, and it is now located in Swanton.

Derby has an odd shape, encompasses more land than any other town in Orleans County and is the county's most populous town. Its shape is a consequence of overlapping land grants being given to different people. Derby was granted to Timothy Andrews (also spelled Andrus and associates and chartered Oct. 29, 1779. An area just south of it was granted to another group that called their land Salem. But the Salem grant contained nearly 6,000 acres of the same land given to Andrews, as well as land that was under Lake Memphremagog. A dispute over the grants was settled with a refund to Salem's proprietors, but their town never developed into a viable entity. Part of Salem was annexed to Newport in 1816, and the remainder went to Derby in 1880.

Derby was known for its agricultural production and was hit hard by two early 19th century weather events – the Hurricane of 1815 and frigid summer temperatures in 1816, known as the "year without a summer."

The town of Derby has two incorporated villages, Derby Line and Derby Center, and four unincorporated villages, Beebe Plain, Clyde Pond, Lake Salem and North Derby.

Aside from its northern border with Canada, Derby is bounded on the east by Holland and Morgan, on the south by Charleston and Brownington and on the west by Newport City and Lake Memphremagog.

Derby's shoreline on the lake is striking, with views across the water of mountains on the western shore. The lake is mostly in Quebec, while the watershed that feeds it is largely in Vermont. The name Memphremagog is derived from the Algonkian language, meaning where there is a big expanse of water.

Derby has other bodies of water, including Derby Pond, Salem Lake, Big and Little Salem, Clyde Pond and Brownington Pond. The Clyde River, which runs from Island Pond to Lake Memphremagog, is Derby's only river.

Derby is accessed off I-91, to Route 5 and 105, which are significant business corridors.

Website: www.derbyvt.org

Population: 4,621 **Area**: 57.12 sq. miles **Elevation**: 1,011

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2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.74/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.04/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 124 Main Street, Derby. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 7-5.

Town Clerk: Faye Morin, 766-4906, derbytownclerk@derbyvt.org

Medical/Rescue: Newport Ambulance Service, 830 Union St. Newport, 334-2023. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Derby Elementary School, K-6, 907 Elm Street; North Country Junior Union High School, North Country Union High School.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: By Australian ballot, voters decided to continue opposing landfill expansion. Voters decided to allow the Select Board to buy a 16-acre property for up to $150,000. The property would give the town room to expand its parking area at the town office and relocate the tennis courts to a drier site, to sell some parcels, and to expand the town garage site.

GLOVER

Glover is situated on the west side of Interstate 91, bounded to the northeast by Barton, to the southeast by the Caledonia County town of Sheffield, to the southwest by Greensboro and to the northwest by Albany. It has two villages, Glover and West Glover, and was named for Brigadier General John Glover, a fisherman, merchant and military leader from Marblehead, Mass.

Glover received his military rank in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. His private schooner Hannah became known as the first ship of the U.S. Navy. The Marblehead Militia, also known as Glover's Regiment and composed almost entirely of fishermen, became the 14th Continental Regiment during the war. Its last action was its most famous – ferrying Washington's army across the Delaware River in 1776 for a surprise attack on Trenton, N.J. Seven years later, on Nov. 20, 1783, Glover was awarded the charter for the town of Glover in recognition of his military service.

The town has a number of sizeable bodies of water: Parker Pond in the north; Clarks Pond in the south; Sweeney Pond to the west; and Shadow Lake and Daniels Pond near the middle.

But another pond was involved in Glover's most notable historical event: the Runaway Pond incident. On June 6, 1810, workers dug a channel from Long Pond in the southeastern part of town to a nearby smaller pond named Mud Pond to provide additional waterpower during dry months for mills. Long Pond, about five miles south of Glover Village, was a mile and a half long and a half-mile wide. But as the new channel was completed, the shore caved in due to a layer of underground quicksand. Nearly two billion gallons of water surged through Mud Pond north toward the Barton River valley through the meadowlands of Barton and eventually into Lake Memphremagog.

This is how the Runaway Pond incident was described in the Vermont Historical Gazetteer, published in the 1870s: "To the surprise of the workmen, the water did not follow the channel they had dug, but descended into the sand beneath. The workmen had to hurry away to save their lives, as they were in danger of being swallowed up in the raging torrent. In a few moments the whole pond had disappeared from its bed. It tore up the forest trees and bore them onward, while huge stones were removed from their places and carried a considerable distance, even after a course of 17 miles, a large rock, estimated at a hundred tons weight, was moved several rods from its bed. It was a grand and majestic sight on its way, sometimes 60 feet high and 20 rods wide, boiling and raging as it moved along. Some people who could hear the noise made by the torrent, but could not see the cause, imagined that the day of judgment was close at hand." Remarkably, nobody was hurt, although at least one mill was destroyed, all the bridges were swept away and one house was lifted off its foundation and moved.

The year 1816 became known by various names, including "the year without a summer" and "the year of two winters" and "eighteen hundred and froze to death." In Glover on June 7-9, crops were covered with snow and birds perished by the hundreds, according to the Gazetteer. Other reports said as much as a foot of snow fell in June, and July and August experienced extreme frost and snow as well, leading to crop failures and deaths of livestock, as well as birds.

In recent decades, Glover became known as the location of the Bread and Puppet Theater, a politically active performing group which was founded the early 1960s in New York City, where its enormous puppets were frequently seen in anti-war demonstrations. In 1970, the group moved to Vermont. First to Goddard College in Plainfield and then, in 1974, to a farm in Glover, where it hosted an annual festival that drew tens of thousands of people, many camping on nearby land. Because the week-long event became unmanageably large, Bread & Puppet founder Peter Schumann cancelled it in 1998 and concentrated on more limited performances and tours around the U.S. and abroad. Bread & Puppet established a Museum on its property in a 150-year-old barn containing a massive collection of puppets, masks, paintings and graphics produced by the group. The collection features some of the biggest puppets and masks in the world.

Website: www.townofglover.com

Population: 1,122 **Area:** 38.53 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 945

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate $1.94/$100 assessed valuation. Non-Residential Tax Rate $2.22/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 51 Bean Hill Road, 525-6227, Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8-4.

Town Clerk: Jessica Sweeney, 525-6227, glovertc@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: Glover Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 64, 48 County Road, West Glover, 525-3560. North Country Hospital (Newport) 334-7331.

Schools: Glover Village School, K-8, 100 School Street, Lakes Region Union High School, 9–12, 317 Lake Region Road, Orleans.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Donna Sweeney stepped down as town clerk after 32 years. She received a standing ovation. Voters passed a non-binding resolution to urge state lawmakers to halt a expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure, firmly commit to developing renewable energy for all people in Vermont, and ensure the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents.

GREENSBORO

Greensboro, which lies at the southern tip of Orleans County, is bounded on the northwest by Craftsbury, on the northeast by Glover, on the southeast and southwest by the Caledonia County towns of Wheelock, Stannard and Hardwick.

The construction of the Bayley-Hazen military road ordered by George Washington in 1776 led to the settlement of Greensboro. The road was built for an anticipated invasion of Canada that never happened. The road reached Greensboro by 1779 and continued northwest before the project was abandoned. Wooden blockhouses, including one at Greensboro, were erected at intervals for protection. Responding to Indian raids on Peacham in 1781, four scouts, all young boys, were stationed at the Greensboro blockhouse near the southwest corner of Caspian Lake. The four were surprised by Indians who killed two of the scouts and took the other two to Quebec. They were later traded for Indian prisoners in Vermont.

The township was granted to Harris Colt and 66 associates in 1781. The town's original name of Coltkiln was later changed to Greensboro in honor of Timothy Green, another proprietor. There is no record that either man ever lived in Greensboro, according to the town's website.

Greensboro's first sawmill and blacksmith shop were built in 1790, and a second major road was built by Timothy Hinman between 1791 and 1793. That road, known as the Hinman Settler Road, branched off from the Bayley-Hazen Road and ran northeast to Derby. Those two roads were of major importance to the settlement of northern Vermont.

By 1795, there were 23 families and a total of 108 residents in Greensboro. The railroad reached the town in 1872, spurring a period of prosperity with a large sawmill, a box factory and numerous stores. In the 1870s, the Vermont Historical Gazetteer said the village of Greensboro at the eastern extremity of beautiful Caspian Lake had "some 25 neat dwellings, a hotel, three or four stores, excellent mills for sawing and grinding," and several shops.

In the early 1900s, the character of the town began to change, evolving into more of a summer community. The number of dairy farms declined, as did the year-round

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population. Greensboro, according to the town's website, now reflects a mix of groups who historically arrived at different times: the English of the 1790s; the Scots of the 1830s; the Irish of the 1870s; the Portuguese and French Canadians of the early 1900s. The summer community includes authors, academics and professionals, many of them drawn to Greensboro by beautiful Caspian Lake. One of the most notable summer residents was former Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who died in 2005.

Greensboro is home to the Hill Farmstead Brewery, which has been ranked number one in the world by Ratebeer.com. Owner and brewmaster Shaun Hill's family has been in Greensboro more than 200 years, and his brewery's logo is adapted from a sign that once hung in his great great great grandfather Aaron Hill's tavern in the early 1800s. The Highland Center for the Arts is a state-of-the-art performance theater with multiple stage configurations, seating for 250 people, and a 100-seat small performance space. Programing includes dance, music, theatre, circus arts, cinema, workshops, artist residences, and lectures.

Website: www.greensborovt.org

Population: 762 **Area**: 39.4 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,401 feet

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate $2.29/$100 assessed valuation. Non-Residential Tax Rate $2.19/$100 assessed valuation.



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Town Offices: PO Box 119, 81 Laurendon Ave., Greensboro. Hours: Mon.,Tues.,Thurs. 9-4, Wed. 9-6, Fri. 9-noon, 533-2911

Town Clerk: Kim Greaves, 533-2911, townclerk@greensborovt.org

Medical/Rescue: Hardwick Rescue Service; Copley Hospital (Morrisville) 888-4231

Schools: Lakeview Union, K-6, 189 Lauredon Avenue; Hazen Union High School, 7-12, 126 Hazen Union Drive, Hardwick.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: The Greensboro Award was given to Four Seasons of early Learning, a daycare located in Greensboro Bend, for their support and caring for the town's youth. All articles passed.

HOLLAND

Holland, historically an agricultural town in the northeast corner of Orleans County, is bounded on the north by the Quebec towns of Stanstead and Barnston, on the east by the Essex County town of Norton, on the south by Morgan and on the west by Derby.

The Vermont Historical Gazetteer reported in the 1870s that the average yield of hay, wheat and oats per acre, was greater in Holland than any other town in the county.

The Barlow River runs west from Holland Pond in the northeastern corner of town and once supplied power for numerous mill sites.

The town was one of several granted in northern Vermont to Timothy Andrews and his associates. It was chartered, Oct. 26, 1789, and the origin of the name Holland is not known. The town's first residents – Edmund Elliott from New Hampshire and Joseph Cowell from Connecticut – did not arrive until 1800.

It was not long before the War of 1812 made living near the Canadian border risky and slowed the settlement of Holland, as was the case in a number of Orleans County towns. Just three decades after the Revolutionary War ended, America had again declared war on Britain for a variety of reasons, among them British interference with American trade, British support of Indian tribes opposing American expansion and concern that Americans would try to annex British territory in Canada.

Although Vermont did not have any major battles during the War of 1812, it was not attractive for settlement due to its geographically precarious position and fear of Indian raids. Vermonters were recruited by the federal government to help defend the northern border, but served primarily in the northwestern Vermont and northern New York areas.

The war lasted less than three years, and in Holland over time, three unincorporated villages formed – Holland Center, Holland Pond and Tice Hollow.

In modern decades the town achieved some notoriety as the site in September 1973 of a three-day rock festival known as Mac's Party that drew an estimated 30,000 people and ended in mayhem. Holland's population at the time was less than 400.

Population: 629 **Area**: 38.7 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,405

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.65/$100 assessed valuation. Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.77/$100 assessed valuation

Town Office: 120 School Rd., Derby Line. Hours: Mon., Tue., Thurs., 8-4:30, or by appointment. 895-4440.

Town Clerk: Diane H. Judd, 895-4440, holland1805@hotmail.com

Medical/Rescue: Newport Ambulance Service, 830 Union St. Newport, 334-2023. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Derby Elementary School, K-6, 907 Elm Street; North Country Union Jr. High School, 7-8, 57 Junior High Drive Derby; North Country Union High School, 9-12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters overturned a Prohibition-era rule banning the sale of alcohol. This was the first vote on the topic in 50 years.

IRASBURG

Irasburg, located just west of Interstate 91, is bounded on the southeast by Barton, on the southwest by Albany, on the west by Lowell and on the north by Newport and Coventry. Irasburg has two rivers, the Black River, which flows south-to-north, and the Barton River, which cuts through the town's eastern tip. Both rivers continue north through Coventry and empty into Lake Memphremagog.

The land that became Irasburg was granted on February 23, 1781, to Ira Allen and others. Ira Allen and his brother Ethan were leaders of the Green Mountain Boys militia unit and founders of Vermont, which became the 14th state in 1791. But in 1781, the future of the territory that became Vermont was in dispute, claimed by both New Hampshire and New York. The Continental Congress had ordered that land not be distributed until the conflict was resolved. But the Vermont General Assembly ignored the order. Ira Allen was granted the most land during that time of uncertainty. He initially leased the Irasburg land his group had received to settlers, but in September 1789 he married Jerusha Enos and deeded the town to her as a wedding gift. No further Irasburg land was conveyed by deed until their son, Ira H. Allen, became a town resident in 1814 and served as town clerk.

In 1812 the Vermont legislature voted to make Irasburg the shire town of Orleans County, meaning it would be the administrative center of county government, which consisted of a court and sheriff. The first courthouse and jail were built in 1815, and the town prospered with new industrial sites, including a woolen mill, a tannery and a foundry producing stoves and plows. Irasburg remained Orleans County's shire town until 1886, when the legislature moved the county offices to the Village of Newport, which became Newport City, where the offices remain today.

In the years leading up to the War of 1812 and during the war, which lasted less than three years, smuggling to and from Canada appeared to be out of control. "The principal business of the inhabitants, during the war, seems to have been, one party taking cattle and contraband goods from the other party," reported the Vermont Historical Gazetteer, which was published in the 1870s. "The government party became strongest, and many of those who engaged in smuggling became bankrupt and left the town. Some families went away during the war and never returned."



Between 1845 and 1860 three newspapers were published in Irasburg. The longest lasting was The Independent Standard, which was launched in 1856 and was published for 10 years before its owner moved it to Barton, where it continued to publish.

Website: www.irasburgvt.com

Population: 1,163

Area: 40.77 sq. miles

Elevation: 814

2018 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate $1.96/$100 assessed valuation Non-Residential Tax Rate $2.17/$100 assessed valuation

Town Offices: 161 Route 58 East, PO Box 51, Irasburg. Hours: Mon.-Wed. 9-3, Thurs. 9-6.

Town Clerk: Danielle Ingalls, 754-2242, irasburgtc@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: Orleans Emergency Unit, 4394 Barton Orleans Rd., Orleans, 754-8500; North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Irasburg Village School, K–8, 292 Route 58; Lake Region Union High School, 9–12, 317 Lake Region Road, Orleans.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters at Tuesday's floor meeting in Irasburg approved the town budget of $367,031 and the highway budget of $287,585 and elected officials without contest.

JAY

The town forms the northwestern corner of Orleans County and contains a distinctive mountain, Jay Peak, one of the main summits of the Green Mountain Range. It is home to a ski resort known for receiving more snow than any others in the eastern United States.

The town of Jay is on the Canadian border and was named in honor of John Jay, one of the key founding fathers of the United States and the first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was an eminent New York lawyer and statesman who was instrumental in settling an 18th century land dispute with New York in favor of Vermont, clearing the way for it to become the 14th state in 1791.

The land constituting the town of Jay was originally granted as a township named Carthage on March 13, 1780. But the grant reverted to the state because of non-compliance. As a result, the Vermont legislature in 1792 directed the governor to grant the land as a township named Jay to John Jay and another man.

The town was uninhabited until 1809, when the first settler arrived. A few more followed, but they abandoned their houses during the War of 1812 because of the danger from Canadian Indian tribes. After the war, the town grew slowly. Its population reached 52 in 1820 and 196 by 1830. The town government was organized on March 29, 1828.

In addition to its border with Canada to the north, the town of Jay is bounded to the east by Troy, to the south by Westfield and to the west by the Franklin County town of Richford.

The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, published in the 1870s, contained an extensive description of the stunning views from Jay Peak. Part of it reads: "There is nothing but the distant mountains to intercept the view in any direction. The base is surrounded with a broad tract of forest, covering the



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valleys, glens and mountains. A little beyond the forest are rivers, ponds, groves, farms, roads and villages. Further off, looking in all directions near and remote, the observer may see Mount Mansfield, Camel's Hump and other dignitaries of the Green Mountain range; the White Mountains; Mount Hor, Mount Pisgah, Westmore Mountain, Mount John; the mountains about the head waters of the Connecticut. This field of observance is broad enough for frequent study, not only by the travelers from foreign lands, but by the inhabitants of the country; and the young men and women of Vermont should not consider their education complete till they have stood upon some of the lofty eminences of the Green Mountains and beheld and studied their scenic beauty and sublimity."

In recent years, Jay Peak's ski area has been expanded to a four-season resort with a year-round indoor water park, an ice arena, a championship golf course and a range of accommodations, restaurants and pubs.

Website: www.jayvt.com

Population: 521 **Area**: 34 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 922

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.78/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.86/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 1036 VT Route 242, Jay. Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 7-4 p.m. Wed. 7-noon.

Town Clerk: Lynnette Deaette, 988-2996, townofjay@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org. Mississquoi Valley Ambulance Service.

Schools: Jay/Westfield Elementary K-6, 257 Revoir Flats; North Country Union Junior High School; North Country Union High School, 9-12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.





LOWELL

Lowell is the westernmost town in Orleans County, bounded to the north by Westfield and Newport, to the east by Irasburg and Albany, to the south by the Lamoille County town of Eden and to the west by the Franklin County town of Montgomery.

It was first chartered to New York lawyer John Kelly on March 5, 1787 as the township of Kellyvale, but that name proved unpopular and in 1831, it was changed to Lowell.

The town's early settlers did not have it easy, as the Vermont Historical Gazetteer noted in the 1870s: "The nearest store was located at Craftsbury, a distance of 12 miles. Having no mills they were obliged to carry their grain to an adjoining town… Throwing their bags of grain across their backs, or their horse's, they would commence their journey, it taking them nearly a day to go and return."

The Gazetteer noted that Lowell's few inhabitants shared with those in other northern towns the panic caused by the war of 1812: "A fort was erected near where the Congregational church now stands, for a sort of refuge in times of danger… Ebenezer Woods and Abel Curtis were appointed delegates to a meeting [in Quebec] to ascertain, if might be, the state of feeling which existed among the people in Canada. They found the inhabitants as much disposed to have peace as themselves."

The Gazetteer also recalled the cold misery of 1816, which came to be called the year with no summer: "Great scarcity of provision prevailed, one family by the name of Butterfield being reduced to such a state that they were obliged to subsist on clover heads for several days."

The Gazetteer noted Lowell possessed a great variety of minerals, including serpentine and asbestos in considerable quantities. In the early 1900s, an asbestos mine was developed on Belvidere Mountain in the western part of town, extending into Eden. At its peak in the 1940s, the mining operation on some 1,500 acres employed as many as 300 people and produced an estimated 90 percent of asbestos used in the United States. The mine was closed in 1992 because of health risks. A 2009 report by the state Department of Health concluded that people living near the inactive mine had no more increased risk of asbestos-related illness than people living elsewhere in Vermont.

Today Lowell is better known for having the largest industrial wind farm in Vermont. The Kingdom Community Wind Project, which is owned by Green Mountain Power and the Vermont Electric Co-op, operates 21 wind turbines, each rising 450 feet above the ridgeline of the Lowell Mountain Range. It is one of two industrial-scale wind projects in the Northeast Kingdom.

Website: www.townoflowell.org

Population: 879 **Area**: 56.38 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 996 ft.

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.37/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.63/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 2170 Route 100, Lowell, Mon.& Thurs. 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Town Clerk: Christy Pion, cpion@lowelltown.org, 744-6559.

Medical/Rescue: North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Lowell Graded School, 52 Gelo Park Rd., PK-8, 744-6441; 9-12 students are given the choice of surrounding public or approved independent high schools to attend.

MORGAN

Morgan is the easternmost town in Orleans County, bounded to the northwest by Derby, to the north by Holland, to the east by the Essex County gores of Warner's and Warren's, to the southeast by the Essex County town of Brighton and to the west by Charleston.

The town's website notes Morgan was chartered by the Republic of Vermont on Nov. 6, 1780 under the name of Caldersburgh to 64 grantees. On Oct. 19, 1801, the town name was changed to Morgan in honor of one of the original grantees, John Morgan of Hartford, Conn., from whom the first settlers purchased their land. The town was described as a region of unsurpassed beauty, with fertile soil and a healthful and invigorating climate.

The town's dominant geographic feature is 1,700-acre Lake Seymour, regarded as a sporting paradise with a maximum depth of about 160 feet. It was named for Israel Seymour, another of the original grantees, and is the Northeast Kingdom's largest natural lake, barely ahead of Lake Willoughby in Westmore in surface area.

The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, published in the 1870s, called Lake Seymour "one of the most beautiful sheets of water in the state, and the scenery around it is grand and picturesque." The Gazetteer went on to note: "Being fed by numerous living springs, its water is remarkably cold and pure. As another peculiarity – it takes much cold weather to freeze it over. For weeks after lake Memphremagog and all the other bodies of water in this vicinity have been bound in icy fetters, Lake Seymour may be seen steaming and lashing its shore as if in defiance of the frigid blasts."

A town history on Morgan's website written in 2005 by Richard Lafoe, a selectman, relates: "The early settlers were ashers by trade. Due to the world economy, hard wood ashes were in demand for the English wool trade and for the depleted soils of Europe. The new United States Congress imposed a tariff on exported ashes… However, England purchased ashes at the Port of Montreal... During the early 50 years, the forests were burned and ash salts exported to Canada. This activity gave the early settlers… money to build houses and barns, turning the forest countryside into an agricultural environment."

During the War of 1812, Lafoe said many town residents returned to lower New England for fear of an invasion by England. From the end of the war to 1860 Morgan grew at a moderate pace, he said, creating farm, business and cultural

activities typical of New England. During the Civil War, he said, 47 Morgan men left town to fight, and 13 of them never returned.

Farming was the primary source of income for Morgan residents during the first half of the 20th century. The sheep and wool industry was the biggest cash crop, according to Lafoe, and maple sugar was second. During the 1890s, he wrote, the federal government had banned sugar imported from Cuba. As a result, he said, Vermont produced enough maple sugar for its needs and exported the excess for profit.

Website: www.town-morgan-vt.org

Population: 749 **Area**: 34.12 sq. miles **Elevation**: 1,384

2018 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $1.57/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $1.82/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 41 Meade Hill Road, PO Box 45, Hours: Mon. 8-3:30; Tues. & Wed. 8-3. Thurs. 8-2:30.

Town Clerk: TammyLee Morin, 895-2927, tMorganvt@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: Derby Line Ambulance Service, PO Box 105, Derby Line, North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Derby Elementary School, K-6, 907 Elm Street, Derby; North Country Union Jr. High School, 7-8, 57 Junior High Drive, Derby; North Country Union High School, 9 -12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.

NEWPORT CITY

Newport City and Newport, the town, are distinct, separate incorporated entities next to each other at the southern end of Lake Memphremagog on the Canadian border.

Newport City straddles the bay that forms the lake's inlet. It contains the largest population of any municipality in Orleans County, yet encompasses the smallest area. It borders the towns of Coventry to the south, Newport to the west and Derby to the north and east.

The early settlers obtained much of their food from the lake and forest, particularly trout and venison. The first homes in what later became Newport City were built in 1793. It was initially called Pickerel Point and later renamed Lake Bridge for its location at the head of Lake Memphremagog.

The railroad reached Lake Bridge in 1863, and in 1868, the settlement's name was changed to the Village of Newport, which was incorporated with its own government. At the time, it had a livery stable behind a hotel several blocks from the railway station that handled as many as 100 horses.

In 1886, the state legislature made the Village of Newport the shire town of Orleans County, and a courthouse was built. Soon, the Boston & Maine and Central Vermont railroads were routed through the village, and a population boom followed. The Goodrich Memorial Library was built in 1898 and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the largest library in the county and one of only two that are open full-time.

In 1917, the city of Newport was formed as its own entity, encompassing the former Village of Newport and the former village of West Derby. It was organized on March 5, 1918. The city achieved some fame between 1936 and 1953 for having the largest dance floor in New England at an entertainment venue called the International Club. The city's population reached its peak in 1950 at 5,217.

The city has a mayor-council form of government. A beautiful boardwalk along Lake Memphremagog leads to the Gateway Center and city marina.

Three of the four major rivers in the county empty into the lake at Newport City, the Clyde, the Barton and the Black.

Website: www.newportvt.org

Population: 4,589 **Area**: 7.78 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 723

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.70/$100 assessed valuation Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.94/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 222 Main Street, Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30, 334-2112.

Mayor: Paul L. Monette, 334-1021, Paul.Monette@newportvermont.org

Town Clerk: James D. Johnson, 334-2112, newportcityclerkjim@comcast.net Asst. Clerks: Stacey Therrien, Rosemarie Hartley.

Medical/Rescue: Newport Ambulance Service, 830 Union St. Newport, 334-2023. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Newport City Elementary School, K-6, 166 Sias Avenue; North Country Union Jr. High School, 7-8, 57 Junior High Drive, Derby, North Country Union High School, 9 -12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Paul Monette beat challenger John Wilson, a former alderman, by two votes to win another term as Newport City mayor.

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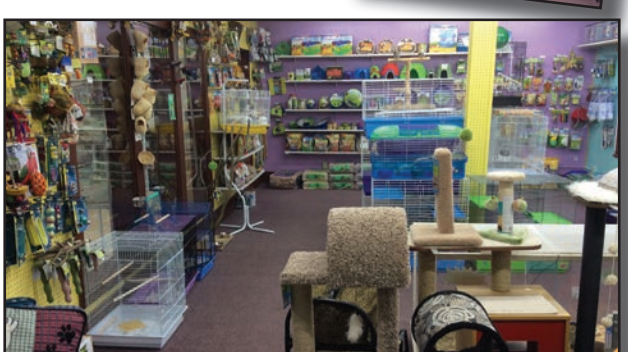
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NEWPORT TOWN

Newport, the town, and Newport City are two distinct, separate incorporated entities next to each other at the southern end of Lake Memphremagog.

The town of Newport lies just west of Newport City. In addition to the city, the town is bordered on the east by the lake and by Irasburg, on the south by Lowell, on the west by Troy and on the north by the Canadian border.

Newport was chartered under the name Duncansboro to George Duncan, Nathan Fisk, and sixty-three others on Oct. 30, 1802. The town's name was changed to Newport on Oct. 30, 1816.

The first clearing began where Newport Center is now. Two other settlements were also established, South Newport and Pickeral Point, which was later renamed Lake Bridge for its location at the head of Lake Memphremagog. Lake Bridge eventually became Newport City.

The first settlement of Newport Center was incorporated in 1908, but in 1931 it was consolidated with the Town of Newport and ceased to exist as its own entity. The U.S. Postal Service, however, refers to the town as Newport Center.

Population: 1,594 **Area**: 43.5 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 792

2019 Tax Info: Total Homestead Residential: $1.97/$100 assessed valuation, Non-Residential Homestead: $2.00/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 102 Vance Hill Rd., Newport Ctr., Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9-5 p.m.

Town Clerk: Denise Daigle, nctownclerk@comcast.net, 334-6442.

Medical/Rescue: Newport Ambulance Service, 830 Union St. Newport, 334-2023. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Newport Town School, K-6, 4212 VT 105, North Country Union Jr. High School, 7-8, 57 Junior High Drive, Derby; North Country Union High School, 9-12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.

TROY

Troy was chartered Oct. 28, 1801 as a town called Missisquoi, named after the river that runs through it from south to north in a valley between mountain ridges and then west across southern Quebec and northern Vermont to Lake Champlain.

The town, which borders Canada to the north, is bounded by Newport to the east, Lowell to the south and Westfield and Jay to the west.

Troy's land area had originally been granted in October 1792 as two separate parcels – each containing just over 11,000 acres. The town's name was changed to Troy on Oct. 26, 1803 because no significant settlement had occurred. The following year the town's first grist mill was built.

The town contains two villages, the unincorporated village of Troy and the incorporated village of North Troy. The first post office was established in 1823 in the village of South Troy, which came to be known as Troy. A second post office opened in 1828 at North Troy. Between 1820 and 1830 the town's population more than doubled, from 227 to 608.

At that time, the roads into the Missisquoi Valley were in rough shape and "ill wrought and in the worst locations and over almost impassible mountains," according to the Vermont Historical Gazetteer, published in the 1870s. The most traveled route, the Gazetteer said, was the old Bayley Hazen Military Road, which "has of later years been pretty much deserted by man and surrendered to the beasts of the forest."

The mountains to the east of the Missisquoi Valley contained significant veins of magnetic iron ore, and the site of a large stone blast furnace, a remnant of Troy's 19th century iron industry, can still be found along the Missisquoi River. The town once produced over 400 tons of cast iron annually, but the business passed through several owners and was aban-





doned because it was not profitable. The production of iron lasted just over a decade, from 1834 to 1846. Some of the iron markers set along the Canadian border were cast in Troy.

The extension of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Railroad in 1864 to Newport at the head of Lake Memphremagog provided Troy's farmers with access to new markets. Lumber and farm products, such as butter, could be carried to Newport, a distance of about 10 miles, and put on trains for next-day transport to places as far away as Massachusetts.

Throughout its length, the Missisquoi River is a recreation destination, and Big Falls in Troy is a dramatic attraction and a favorite picnic spot. The falls have a drop of 40 feet as it cascades into a deep gorge with the highest cliff rising some 80 feet above the river. Big Falls is managed as a state natural area by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. It is south of North Troy Village off River Road.

Website: www.troyvt.org

Population: 1,662 **Area**: 36.47 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 764 ft.

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.09/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.18/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 142 Main Street, North Troy. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9-5 p.m.

Town Clerk: Terri Medley, 988-2663, townoftroy@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: North Country Hospital, Newport, 334-7331; Mississquoi Valley Ambulance Service, 868-2352.

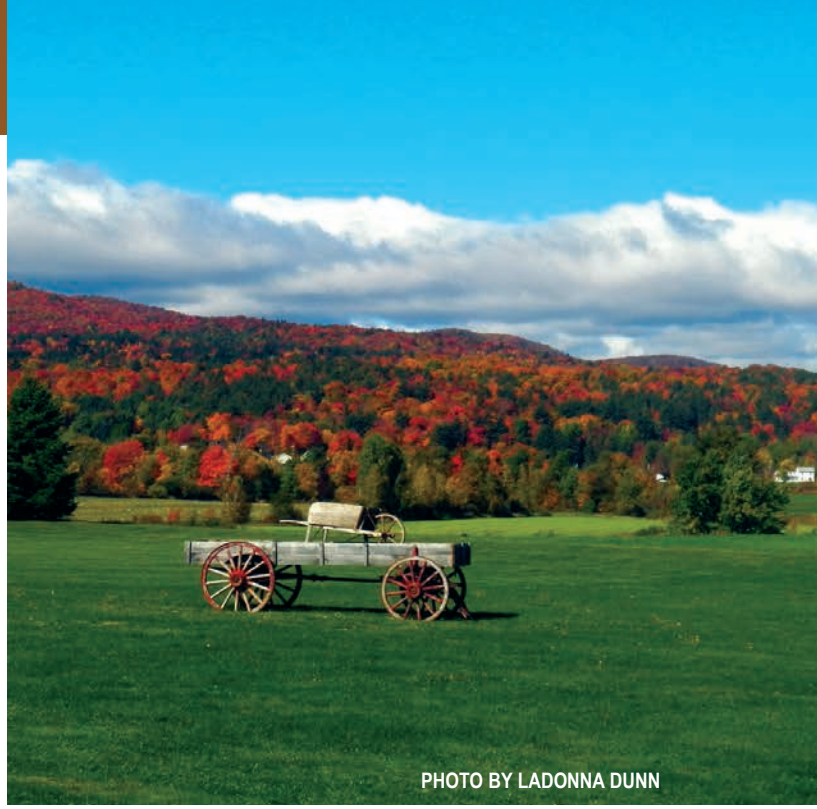


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Schools: Troy Elementary School, K-8, 126 Main St., North Troy, VT 05859; North Country Union High School, 9-12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: All articles passed.

WESTFIELD

Westfield, on the western edge of Orleans County, is one of the county's least populated towns. It is bounded to the north by Jay, to the east by Troy, to the south by Lowell and to the west by the Franklin County town of Montgomery.

Westfield was granted May 15, 1780 to Daniel Owen and his associates, most of whom lived in Rhode Island. It appeared no attempt was made to settle the town for nearly 20 years after the charter was granted.

The first white man who lived in Westfield was named Jesse Olds, who moved from Massachusetts in 1798. His nearest neighbors were in North Troy, 12 miles away, and Craftsbury, about 20 miles away, the site of the closest gristmill.

In the spring of 1804, the township got a boost when another man moved up from Massachusetts with his three sons. They started a farm and built a sawmill and a gristmill. By 1810 the town reached 149 inhabitants.

The prosperity of Westfield was curtailed, as was the case with other adjoining towns, by the war of 1812. "Living so near the frontier of Canada, the people did not escape the general feeling of alarm and insecurity," reported the Vermont Historical Gazetteer, which was published in the 1870s. "Settlers no longer came at the rate they formerly did. Property depreciated in value and a general stagnation seemed to settle down. Many persons engaged in the unlawful and demoralizing business of smuggling across the line from Canada. Notwithstanding the stringent laws against this practice, the immense profits more than counterbalanced the fear of detection."

Westfield is home to Hazen's Notch, a mountain pass that marks the end of the 54-mile Bayley Hazen Military Road, which was built during the Revolutionary War for an invasion of Canada, but never completed. The notch lies between the cliffs of Sugarloaf Mountain to the north and Haystack Mountain to the south and nearly 300 acres has been preserved by the state of Vermont as the Hazen's Notch Natural Area. The Long Trail passes through the notch, which is about a half mile from the border between Orleans and Franklin counties.

Website: www.westfield.vt.gov

Population: 536

Area: 40 sq. m i.

Elevation: 825

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate: $2.10/$100 assessed valuation; Non-Residential Tax Rate: $2.17/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 38 School St., Westfield. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8-4 p.m.

Town Clerk: LaDonna Dunn, 744-2484. townofwestfield@comcast.net

Medical/Rescue: Mississquoi Valley Ambulance Service, 988-1098; North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Jay/Westfield Joint Elementary School, 257 Revoir Flat Road, Jay, VT 05859, http://jwjs.ncsuvt.org. North Country Union High School, 9-12, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport.

2019 Town Meeting Highlights: Voters approved $80,000 to expand the town garage, $14,000 to clean and repair headstones in Westfield Cemetery and open all town roads to ATV travel.

WESTMORE

Westmore is situated in the southeastern part of Orleans County on the eastern range of the Green Mountains and has some fairly high peaks. It is bordered to the northeast by Charleston, to the east by the Essex County town of Brighton, to the south by the Caledonia County towns of Newark and Sutton, to the west by Barton and to the northwest by Brownington.

Westmore's main geographic feature and recreational attraction is stunning Lake Willoughby, which is about six miles long and a mile wide, extending north and south, and framed by Mount Hor and Pisgah. It's the Northeast Kingdom's second largest lake, only behind Lake Seymour in Morgan. But Lake Willoughby – with a maximum depth of more than 300 feet – is almost twice as deep. The southern half of the lake is surrounded by state forest. The lake's outlet, the Willoughby River, flows into the Barton River and on to Lake Memphremagog.

Westmore was granted in 1780 to Capt. Uriah Seymour, Abraham Sedgwick and their associates. Very few, if any, of the original grantees ever settled in town. But they offered a man named David Porter 200 acres if he would build the first sawmill and 200 more acres if he would build the first gristmill in town. Porter accepted the offer, and by 1804 the mills were operating. The town was initially named Westford, but was later changed to Westmore because there was another Vermont town called Westford.

Westmore had good soil and the first settlers cleared large farms and built impressive barns. They prospered briefly, but the War of 1812 convinced them to abandon their property for the safer, more populated towns south of Orleans County. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer of the 1870s provided this account: "They were surrounded by a howling wilderness a long distance from any other settlement, their numbers few and scattering, the frosts destroyed their crops, and the fear of the British and hostile Indians on the north still filled their hearts at length with dismay; their courage failed... They concluded that their means were insufficient to protect them against an expected and much feared attack of the Indians."

Soon, according to the Gazetteer, Westmore was left without any human inhabitants: "The mills and most of the buildings that had been erected went to ruin… The lands that had been cleared lay common for a long time, and the inhabitants of Brownington and Derby annually drove large lots of cattle, horses and mules here to pasture."

It was not until 1830 that settlers showed up again. Westmore was reorganized in 1833, and the population grew slowly. The demand for a public road through town was so great and the anticipated road was so expensive that other towns to the north and south agreed to help pay for it. The only route was along the eastern shore of Lake Willoughby, which was steep and rocky. The road was completed in 1852, opening new incentives for settlement.

As soon as the road was finished, an elegant Lake House was opened at the south end of the lake, offering splendid views of the water and surrounding mountains. Another hotel followed on the east side of the lake. And Westmore was back on the road to prosperity.

Population: 350 **Area**: 37.58 sq. mi. **Elevation**: 1,170

2019 Tax Rate: Total Homestead Tax Rate $1.70/$100 assessed valuation Non-Residential Tax Rate $1.97/$100 assessed valuation.

Town Offices: 54 Hinton Hill Road, Orleans. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-4.

Town Clerk: Melissa Zebrowski, 525-3007, clerk@westmoreonline.org

Medical/Rescue: Newport Ambulance Service, 830 Union St. Newport, 334-2023. North Country Hospital, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, 334-3222, www.nchsi.org

Schools: Lake Region Union High School, 9-12, 317 Lake Region Road, Orleans; Orleans Elementary School, K-8, 53 School Street, Orleans.



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Website: www.heartofvt.com

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Web: www.islandpondchamber.org

LYNDON AREA

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Website: www.lyndonvermont.com

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246 Causeway, Newport, VT, 05855
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Website: www.vtnorthcountry.org

NORTHEAST KINGDOM

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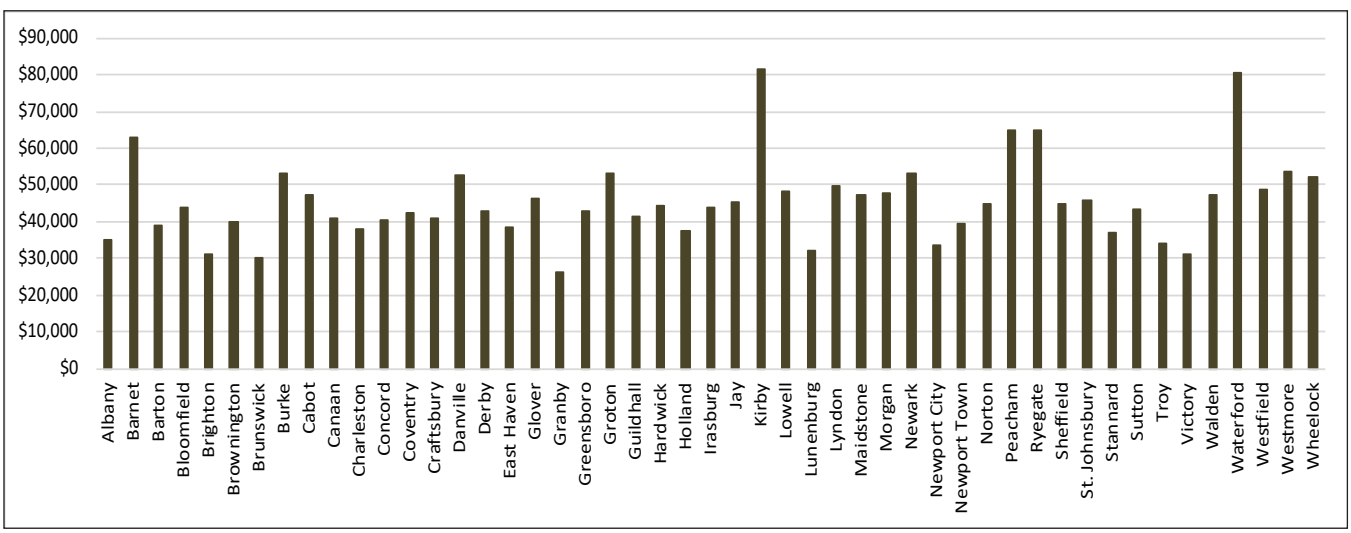
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VERMONT'S NORTHEAST KINGDOM

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME



Albany	$34,844
Barnet	$62,708
Barton	$38,932
Bloomfield	$43,958
Brighton	$31,000
Brownington	$40,000
Brunswick	$30,417
Burke	$53,393
Cabot	$47,167
Canaan	$40,962
Charleston	$37,865
Concord	$40,329
Coventry	$42,500
Craftsbury	$40,938
Danville	$52,468
Derby	$43,105
East Haven	$38,375
Glover	$46,176
Granby	$26,250
Greensboro	$43,077
Groton	$52,969
Guildhall	$41,250
Hardwick	$44,269
Holland	$37,679
Irasburg	$44,010
Jay	$45,313
Kirby	$81,364
Lowell	$48,194
Lunenburg	$32,361
Lyndon	$49,677
Maidstone	$47,188
Morgan	$47,917
Newark	$52,981
Newport City	$33,526
Newport Town	$39,297
Norton	$45,000
Peacham	$65,000
Ryegate	$64,926
Sheffield	$45,000
St. Johnsbury	$45,694
Stannard	$36,875
Sutton	$43,500
Troy	$34,342
Victory	$31,250
Walden	$47,292
Waterford	$80,550
Westfield	$48,676
Westmore	$53,889
Wheelock	$52,292

PROPERTY TAX RATES

TOWN	RESIDENTIAL	TAXES ON $150K	NON-RESIDENTIAL	TAXES ON $150K
Albany	$1.72	**$2,580**	$1.97	**$2,955**
Barnet	$2.09	**$3,135**	$2.14	**$3,210**
Barton Town	$2.18	**$3,270**	$2.46	**$3,690**
Barton Village	$2.54	**$3,810**	$2.82	**$4,230**
Orleans Village	$2.63	**$3,945**	$2.92	**$4,380**
Bloomfield	$1.92	**$2,880**	$1.91	**$2,865**
Brighton	$2.32	**$3,480**	$2.37	**$3,555**
Brownington	$1.94	**$2,910**	$2.19	**$3,285**
Brunswick	$1.30	**$1,950**	$1.70	**$2,550**
Burke	$2.03	**$3,045**	$2.12	**$3,180**
Cabot	$2.34	**$3,510**	$2.20	**$3,300**
Canaan	$2.31	**$3,465**	$2.17	**$3,255**
Charleston	$1.99	**$2,985**	$2.05	**$3,075**
Concord	$2.35	**$3,525**	$2.44	**$3,660**
Coventry	$1.37	**$2,055**	$1.55	**$2,325**
Craftsbury	$2.09	**$3,135**	$2.06	**$3,090**
Danville	$2.07	**$3,105**	$2.06	**$3,090**
Derby	$1.74	**$2,610**	$2.04	**$3,060**
East Haven	$2.43	**$3,645**	$2.35	**$3,525**
Glover	$1.94	**$2,910**	$2.22	**$3,330**
Granby	$1.95	**$2,925**	$1.46	**$2,190**
Greensboro	$2.29	**$3,435**	$2.19	**$3,285**
Groton	$2.02	**$3,030**	$2.07	**$3,105**
Guildhall	$1.72	**$2,580**	$2.17	**$3,255**
Hardwick	$2.97	**$4,455**	$2.87	**$4,305**
Holland	$2.65	**$3,975**	$2.77	**$4,155**
Irasburg	$1.96	**$2,940**	$2.17	**$3,255**
Jay	$1.78	**$2,670**	$1.86	**$2,790**
Kirby	$2.24	**$3,360**	$2.17	**$3,255**
Lowell	$1.37	**$2,055**	$1.63	**$2,445**
Lunenburg	$2.01	**$3,015**	$2.17	**$3,255**
Lyndon Town	$2.18	**$3,270**	$2.35	**$3,525**
Lyndon Village	$2.70	**$4,050**	$2.86	**$4,290**
Maidstone	$1.39	**$2,085**	$1.86	**$2,790**
Morgan	$1.57	**$2,355**	$1.82	**$2,730**
Newark	$2.02	**$3,030**	$2.14	**$3,210**
Newport City	$2.70	**$4,050**	$2.94	**$4,410**
Newport Town	$1.97	**$2,955**	$2.00	**$3,000**
Norton	$2.12	**$3,180**	$2.04	**$3,060**
Peacham	$2.23	**$3,345**	$2.11	**$3,165**
Ryegate	$2.18	**$3,270**	$2.23	**$3,345**
Sheffield	$1.79	**$2,685**	$1.89	**$2,835**
St. Johnsbury	$2.68	**$4,020**	$2.85	**$4,275**
Stannard	$2.34	**$3,510**	$2.55	**$3,825**
Sutton	$2.07	**$3,105**	$2.08	**$3,120**
Troy	$2.09	**$3,135**	$2.18	**$3,270**
Victory	$1.99	**$2,985**	$1.62	**$2,430**
Walden	$2.04	**$3,060**	$2.17	**$3,255**
Waterford	$2.01	**$3,015**	$2.07	**$3,105**
Westfield	$2.10	**$3,150**	$2.17	**$3,255**
Westmore	$1.70	**$2,550**	$1.97	**$2,955**
Wheelock	$2.22	**$3,330**	$2.31	**$3,465**

The rates in the following table are per $100 of assessed value.

Rates are a combination of municipal and statewide education rates. The education rate is different for residents versus non-residents. The municipal rate is the same for both.

The "Taxes on $150K" column illustrates the amount of an annual property tax bill for a property valued on the grand list at $150,000.

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

For emergencies, please dial 911.

TOWN	TOWN CLERK	PHONE	EMAIL	POLICE
Albany	Debra Ann Geoffroy	755-6100	albanytct@gmail.com	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Barnet	Benjamin Heisholt	633-2256	townclerk@barnetvt.org	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Barton	Kristin Atwood	525-6222	bartontown@comcast.net	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Bloomfield	Ray Bowen	962-5191	townofbloomfieldvt@gmail.com	Essex Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Brighton	Teresa Debonville	723-4405	brightonclerk@comcast.net	Brighton Police Dept.
Brownington	Valerie Faust	754-8401	browningtontc@comcast.net	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Brunswick	Sharon Graham	962-5514	bruns321@sover.net	Essex Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Burke	Priscilla Aldrich	467-3717	burke@burkevermont.org	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Cabot	Betty Ritter	563-2279	tcocabot@fairpoint.net	Washington Co. Sheriff, VSP (Middlesex)
Canaan	Noreen Labrecque	266-3370	nlabrecque@canaanschools.org	Canaan Police Dept.
Charleston	Teri Gray	895-2814	townofcharlestonvt@comcast.net	VSP (Derby)
Concord	Audra Girouard	695-2220	townclerk@conclerk.com	Essex Co. Sheriff, VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Coventry	Deb Tanguay	754-2288	clerk@coventryvt.org	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Craftsbury	Yvette Brown	586-2823	craftsbury@gmail.com	VSP (Derby)
Danville	Wendy Somers	684-3352	wsomers@danvillevermont.org	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Derby	Faye Morin	766-4906	derbytownclerk@derbyvt.org	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
East Haven	Kerri S. Fillion	467-3772	tclerk1790@gmail.com	Essex Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Glover	Jessica Sweeney	525-6227	glovertc@comcast.net	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Granby	Nellie Noble	328-3611	granby@wildblue.net	Essex Co. Sheriff, VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Greensboro	Kim Greaves	533-2911	townclerk@greensborovt.org	Hardwick Police Dept., VSP (Derby)
Groton	Linda Nunn	584-3276	grotonclerk@fairpoint.net	VSP (Bradford)
Guildhall	George Blakeslee	676-3797	townclerk@guildhallvt.org	Essex Co. Sheriff
Hardwick	Alberta Miller	472-5971	alberta.miller@hardwickvt.org	Hardwick Police Dept., Lamoille County Sheriff
Holland	Diane Judd	895-4440	holland1805@hotmail.com	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Irasburg	Danielle Ingalls	754-2242	irasburgtc@comcast.net	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
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Kirby	Wanda Grant	626-9386	townclerk.kirbyvermont@gmail.com	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Lowell	Christy Pion	744-6559	cpion@lowelltown.org	VSP (Derby)
Lunenburg	Patricia Scott	892-5959	lunenburg01@live.com	Essex Co. Sheriff
Lyndon	Dawn Dwyer	626-5785	dawn@lyndonvt.org	Lyndonville Police Dept.
Maidstone	Susan Irwin	676-3210	maidstonetownclerk@gmail.com	Essex Co. Sheriff
Morgan	TammyLee Morin	895-2927	tmorganvt@comcast.net	VSP (Derby)
Newark	Amber Holden	467-3336	newarktownclerk@gmail.com	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Newport City	James Johnson	334-2112	newportcityclerkjim@comcast.net	Newport Police Dept.
Newport Town	Denise Daigle	334-6442	nctownclerk@comcast.net	Orleans Co. Sheriff
Norton	Gina Vigneault	822-9935	townofnorton@myfairpoint.net	VSP (Derby)
Peacham	Thomas Galinat	592-3218	townclerk@peacham.org	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Ryegate	Elizabeth Page	584-3880	ryegateclerk@yahoo.com	Caledonia Co. Sheriff, VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Sheffield	William St. Peter	626-8862	townclerk@sheffieldvt.org	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
St. Johnsbury	Stacy Perkins Jewell	748-4331	townclerk@stjvt.com	St. Johsnbury Police Dept.
Stannard	Connie Withers	533-2577	townofstannard@vtlink.net	VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Sutton	Dianna Simpson	467-3377	suttontownclerk@yahoo.com	Caledonia Co. Sheriff, VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Troy	Terri Medley	988-2663	townoftroy@comcast.net	Orleans Co. Sheriff
Victory	Tracey Martel	328-2400	townofvictory@myfairpoint.net	Essex Co. Sheriff
Walden	Lina Smith	563-2220	waldentc@pivot.net	Caledonia Co. Sheriff, VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Waterford	Jessy Pelow	748-2122	townofwaterford@gmail.com	Caledonia Co. Sheriff, VSP (St. Johnsbury)
Westfield	LaDonna Dunn	744-2484	townofwestfield@comcast.net	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Westmore	Melissa Zebrowski	525-3007	clerk@westmoreonline.org	Orleans Co. Sheriff, VSP (Derby)
Wheelock	Carol Rossi	626-9094	wheelocktown@gmail.com	VSP (St. Johnsbury)

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

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POLICE PHONE	FIRE	FIRE PHONE	TOWN GARAGE
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748-3111	Barnet Volunteer	633-2595	633-4477
334-3333, 334-8881	Orleans Volunteer	754-2114	754-2923
676-3500, 334-8881	Colebrook Volunteer	(603) 237-4070	
723-4322	Brighton Volunteer	723-4444	723-5039
334-3333, 334-8881	Orleans Volunteer	754-2114	
676-3500, 334-8881	North Strafford	(603) 922-5540	
748-3111	West Burke Volunteer, East Burke Volunteer	467-3301, 626-4682	467-3830
223-3001, 229-9191	Cabot	563-2209	
266-9619	Beecher Falls Volunteer	266-8242	
334-8881	Charleston Volunteer	723-4104	895-2932
676-3500, 748-3111	Concord Volunteer	695-3330	695-8144
334-3333, 334-8881	Newport	334-7919	754-6564
334-8881	Craftsbury Volunteer	586-7786	586-2271
748-3111	Danville Volunteer	684-2264	684-3362
334-3333, 334-8881	Derby Line	873-3222	895-2923
676-3500, 334-8881	East Burke Volunteer	626-4682	
334-3333, 334-8881	Glover Volunteer	525-4735	525-4025
676-3500, 748-3111	East Burke Volunteer	626-4682	
472-5475, 334-8881	Greensboro Volunteer	533-7770	533-7149
222-4680	Groton Volunteer	584-3855	584-3209
676-3500	Lancaster, N.H.	(603) 788-4026	
472-5482	Hardwick Town	472-5482	472-6029
334-3333, 334-8881	Derby Line	873-3222	895-2923
334-3333, 334-8881	Irasburg Volunteer	754-9500	
334-8881	Jay Volunteer	988-1084	
748-3111	Surrounding Towns	n/a	
334-8881	Lowell	744-2450	744-6129
334-3333	Lunenburg, Lancaster and Groveton N.H.	892-6611, (603) 636-2181, (603) 788-4026	
626-1271	Lyndonville	626-3315	626-5877
676-3500	Groveton and North Strafford N.H.	(603) 636-2181, (603) 922-5540	
334-8881	Brighton & Charleston Volunteer, Derby Line	723-4444, 895-2932, 873-3222	
748-3111	Newark Volunteer		
334-6733	Newport	334-6733	
334-3333	Newport Center Volunteer		
334-8881	45th Paralell	(603) 237-5593	
748-3111	Peacham Volunteer	592-3392	592-3576
748-6666, 748-3111	Ryegate Volunteer	584-4300	584-3002
748-3111	Sheffield-Wheelock Volunteer	535-6828	626-8862
748-2314	St. Johnsbury Fire Dept.	748-8925	748-4408
748-3111	Greensboro Volunteer	533-7770	533-2159
748-6666, 748-3111	Sutton Volunteer	467-8335	467-8341
334-3333	Village of North Troy Volunteer	744-2331	988-2556
676-3500	Surrounding Towns	695-3330, 626-5555	
748-6666, 748-3111	Walden Volunteer	563-2410	563-2504
748-6666, 748-3111	Waterford Volunteer	748-4978	748-9133
334-3333, 334-8881	N. Troy/Troy Volunteer	744-2231	744-2416
334-3333, 334-8881	Westmore Volunteer	323-4542	525-4708
748-3111	Sheffield-Wheelock Volunteer	626-8862	626-9755

MAJOR UTILITIES

Contact and Emergency Phone Numbers

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BARTON ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Barton Village Inc. serves surrounding towns and villages, and provides water and sewer to village residents. Location: 17 Village Square, PO Box 519, Barton. Phone: 525-4747.
Towns: Barton, Brownington, Charleston, Sutton, Westmore

GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER

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Towns: Barnet, Cabot, Concord, Danville, Granby, Groton, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Peacham, Ryegate, St. Johnsbury, Victory, Waterford



ORLEANS UTILITY DEPARTMENT

The village of Orleans operates its own electric department which also provides power to surrounding areas. It does not generate power but purchases it in bulk and maintains the distribution system. Location: 1 Memorial Square, Orleans. Phone: 754-8584
Towns: Barton, Brownington, Coventry, Irasburg

HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

A small municipal utility that is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Select Board. The service area extends into parts of eleven towns. It services approximately 4,300 electric customers encompassing 300 miles of power lines. Location: P.O. Box 516, Hardwick. Phone: 472-5201. Website: hardwickvt.org
Towns: Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick, Stannard, Walden

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS

Consolidated handles the majority of telephone and DSL service in the Northeast Kingdom. They are the largest network in Northern New England. Phone: 1-866-984-2001. Website: www.consolidated.com

WASHINGTON ELECTRIC CO-OP

Founded in 1939, the Cooperative serves over 10,500 members, 97 percent of whom are residential consumers. Its service area covers 2,728 square miles in north-central Vermont. Location: PO Box 8, 40 Church Street, East Montpelier. Phone 223-5245. Website: www.washingtonelectric.coop
Towns: Barnet, Cabot, Danville, Groton, Hardwick, Peacham, Ryegate, Stannard, Walden, Wheelock

LYNDONVILLE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Managed by the Village of Lyndonville and consistently has one of the lowest residential rates in the State of Vermont. Location: 46 Grove Street, PO Box 167, Lyndonville. Phone: 626-3366
Towns: Burke, Kirby, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Victory, Westmore, Wheelock

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Cable television and broadband internet provider.
Phone: 1-888-438-2427. Website: www.charter.com
Towns: Barnet, Burke, Cabot, Concord, Danville, Groton, Hardwick, Kirby, Lyndon, Peacham, Ryegate, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury, Sutton, Waterford

COMCAST

Cable television and broadband internet provider.
Phone: 1-800-934-6489. Website: www.comcast.com
Towns: Barton, Brighton, Coventry, Derby, Irasburg, Jay, Lowell, Morgan, Newport, Troy, Westfield, Westmore

VTEL WIRELESS

A Springfield, Vt.-based wireless communications company that is building a 4G LTE wireless network across Vermont and parts of Western New Hampshire.
Phone: (802) 885-4444. Website: www.vtelwireless.com
Towns: Albany, Barnet, Barton, Bloomfield, Brighton, Burke, Cabot, Canaan, Concord, Craftsbury, Danville, Derby Center, Guildhall, Hardwick, Holland, Irasburg, Jay, Kirby, Lowell, Lyndon, Maidstone, McIndoe Falls, Newport, Norton, Peacham, Ryegate, St. Johnsbury, Stannard, Sutton, Troy, Victory, Walden, Waterford, West Barnet, Westfield, Westmore and Wheelock

BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS

Internet service is available in a variety of forms in the Northeast Kingdom, but broadband coverage can be spotty. The chart below shows towns where various companies provide coverage, but service in many cases is limited to certain areas of those towns. Charter and Comcast provide internet access through their cable TV lines. Consolidated Communications offers DSL through its telephone lines. Vtel Wireless uses a system of antennas to provide wireless internet service.

Town	Charter	Comcast	Consolidated Communications	Vtel Wireless
Albany			■	■
Barnet	■		■	■
Barton		■	■	■
Bloomfield			■	■
Brighton		■	■	■
Brownington		■	■	■
Brunswick			■	
Burke	■		■	■
Cabot	■		■	■
Canaan			■	■
Charleston		■	■	
Concord	■		■	■
Coventry		■	■	■
Craftsbury			■	■
Danville	■		■	■
Derby		■	■	■
East Haven			■	
Glover		■	■	■
Granby			■	■
Greensboro		■	■	■
Groton	■		■	
Guildhall			■	■
Hardwick		■	■	■
Holland		■	■	■
Irasburg		■	■	■
Jay		■	■	■
Kirby	■		■	■
Lowell			■	■
Lunenburg			■	■
Lyndon	■		■	■
Maidstone			■	■
Morgan		■	■	
Newark			■	
Newport City		■	■	■
Newport Town		■	■	■
Norton			■	■
Peacham	■		■	■
Ryegate	■		■	■
Sheffield	■		■	
Stannard			■	■
St. Johnsbury	■		■	■
Sutton	■		■	■
Troy		■	■	■
Victory			■	■
Walden		■	■	■
Waterford	■		■	■
Westfield		■	■	■
Westmore		■	■	■
Wheelock	■		■	■

POSTAL CODES

Albany....05820
Averill....05901
Barnet....05821
Barton....05822
Bloomfield....05905
Brownington....05860
Brunswick....05905
East Burke....05832
West Burke....05871
Cabot....05647
Canaan....05903
West Charleston....05872
Concord....05824
Craftsbury....05826
Danville....05828
West Danville....05873
Derby....05829
East Haven....05837
Glover....05839
Granby....05840
West Glover....05875
Greensboro....05841
Groton....05046
Guildhall....05905
Hardwick....05843
East Hardwick....05836
Holland....05830
Island Pond-Brighton....05846
Jay....05859
Kirby....05824
Lowell....05847
Lower Waterford....05848
Lyndon....05849
Lyndon Center....05850
Lyndonville....05851
Maidstone....05905
McIndoe Falls....05050
Morgan....05853
Newark....05871
Newbury....05051
Newport....05855
Newport Center....05857
Orleans....05860
Passumpsic....05861
Peacham....05862
Ryegate, East Ryegate....05042
South Ryegate....05069
Sheffield....05866
St. Johnsbury....05819
St. Johnsbury Center....05863
East St. Johnsbury....05838
Stannard....05842
Sutton....05867
Troy....05859
Walden....05873,05843,05647,05836
Waterford....05819
Wells River....05081
Westfield....05874
Westmore....05822,05860
Wheelock....05851



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is a medical specialty that focuses on diseases and conditions of the ear, nose, and throat.

Ear

- Ear cleanings
- Ear infections
- Hearing loss
- Dizziness/vertigo

Nose

- Nosebleeds
- Allergic Rhinitis
- Difficulty smelling
- Difficulty breathing through the nose

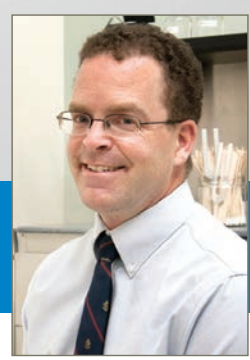
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NVRH is a nonprofit, acute care, critical access hospital, providing primary and preventive care, surgical and specialty services and 24-hour physician-staffed emergency services. One of two Vermont hospitals designated as a Baby Friendly hospital by the United Nations. 1315 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury. Mailing address, PO Box 905, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-8141. Website: www.nvrh.org

NORTH COUNTRY HOSPITAL

A private, nonprofit acute care community hospital serves 22 communities in a two-county area in the Northeast Kingdom. Located in an easily accessible part of Newport, the hospital serves over 27,000 people. NCH blends medical expertise and technology to provide exceptional care that makes a difference in the lives of patients and the community. 189 Prouty Drive, Newport, VT, 05857. Phone: 334-7331. Website: www.nchsi.org

COPLEY HOSPITAL

A nonprofit provider of health care in Lamoille County and the towns that surround it. Copley as been serving the needs of the community for more than 72 years. Core services are primary care, women's and children's services, emergency services, general surgery and orthopedics. 528 Washington Highway, Morrisville, VT, 05661. Phone: 888-4231. Website: www.copleyvt.org

NORTHERN COUNTIES HEALTH CARE

Northern Counties Health Care Inc., a nonprofit corporation, administers a health care system to the people of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. Locally-elected community members make up a governing board. Health center locations are located in Brighton, Hardwick, Danville, St. Johnsbury and Concord. Dental centers are located in Brighton and Hardwick.

CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH CARE

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice is nationally accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program and certified by Medicare and Medicaid to provide comprehensive home care and hospice services to the residents of Caledonia and southern Essex counties and the Town of Greensboro; Phone: 748-8116 or 800-924-8166; Email: donnab@nchcvt.org Contact: Donna Bollman; P.O. Box 383, 161 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819.

CALEX AMBULANCE SERVICES

A non-profit ambulance service and American Red Cross Community Training Center. Ambulance service provides emergency and non-emergency transportation to six towns in Caledonia and Essex counties, as well as paramedic services to some 20 towns in the Northeast Kingdom; Phone: 748-7544; Email: calexdirector@charter.net or calexaccounts@charter.net Contacts, Michael Wright, Pamela Scott; 1453 Hospital Drive, P.O. Box 570, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819-0570.

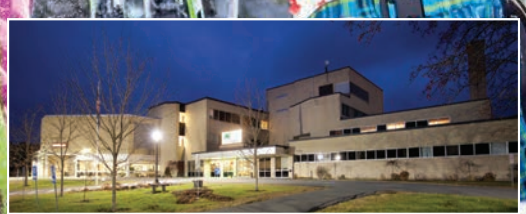
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Administers state and federal programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, and Reach Up to assist eligible Vermonters in need; Phone: 800-479-6151.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION

NEKCA is a non-profit community agency in the Northeast Kingdom founded in 1964 to address the needs of disadvantaged residents. It has offices in St. Johnsbury and Newport with satellite facilities in Island Pond and Canaan. The agency administers a Head Start program and over 100 other programs aimed at low income Vermonters.

FUEL ASSISTANCE IN VERMONT

To apply for fuel assistance you just fill out a fuel assistance application each year; Phone: 800-479-6151 or 241-1165; Website: www.dpath.state.vt.us

MIGRANT EDUCATION EVEN START

A literacy program for qualified families, including Early Education, Adult Education and Literacy, Parenting and Parent and Child Together time. If you have moved within the past three years, do "hands on" work in agriculture, have a child under eight years old and have an adult education need, you may be eligible.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Red Cross offers help for the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection and distribution of blood; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs. Phone: 800-660-9130. Email: dcunningham@nvtrRedCross.org

NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES INC.

Provides services for residents of Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties who may be challenged by conditions affecting mind, body, and spirit. Services are delivered through efficient mental health, developmental, and substance abuse programs for people of all ages. Crisis intervention services are available 24 hours a day every day of the year. Offices are located at 181 Crawford Road, Derby, 334-6744, and 2225 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, 748-3181.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM YOUTH SERVICES

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a not-for-profit organization for the youth of Caledonia and Essex County. Its mission it to support youth, their families and communities through quality programs that strengthen life skills. 24 Bagley Street, St. Johnsbury. 748-8732.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

Services include abortion referral, birth control services, emergency contraception, general health care, HIV testing, HPV and Hepatitis, men's health services, patient education, pregnancy testing, options and services, STD testing and treatment, women's health services, HPV and Hepatitis vaccines. 79 Coventry St., PO Box 932, Newport, VT, 05855. 334-5822.

ST. JOHNSBURY NUTRITION

The St. Johnsbury Nutritional Center provides meals through two programs, Meals-On-Wheels and the Meal Site at the St. Johnsbury House. Meals are served five days a week in the dining room of the St. Johnsbury House and by volunteer drivers to the home-bound and disabled. 748-5467.



SCHOOL CHOICE

. chool boards in towns that do not have schools at the elementary level (K-6) (and aren't members of a union school district) pay tuition to public schools in one or more other districts. For towns without schools at grades 7-12 (which aren't members of a union school district), school boards pay tuition to public or approved independent schools that parents choose, within or outside Vermont, not including religious schools. Supervisory unions are an administrative, planning, and educational service unit created by the state, which consists of two or more school districts.

Title 16, Sec. 1093 allows local school boards to receive students from other communities into their schools on terms and conditions they decide - usually meaning tuition.

Title 16, Sec. 821(c) allows parents to request that local school districts pay tuition for their children to attend an elementary school in another town, if the family resides near the other town's school — and if the school board decides that the student's education can be more conveniently provided there.

Title 16, Sec. 821(d) allows the voters in a school district that does not maintain an elementary school to authorize the school board to pay tuition for elementary students at approved independent nonresidential schools (but not at religious schools) at the request of a parent or guardian, if in the board's judgment the student's educational interests can be better served there. In both Sec. 821(c) and (d), the school board's decision is final.

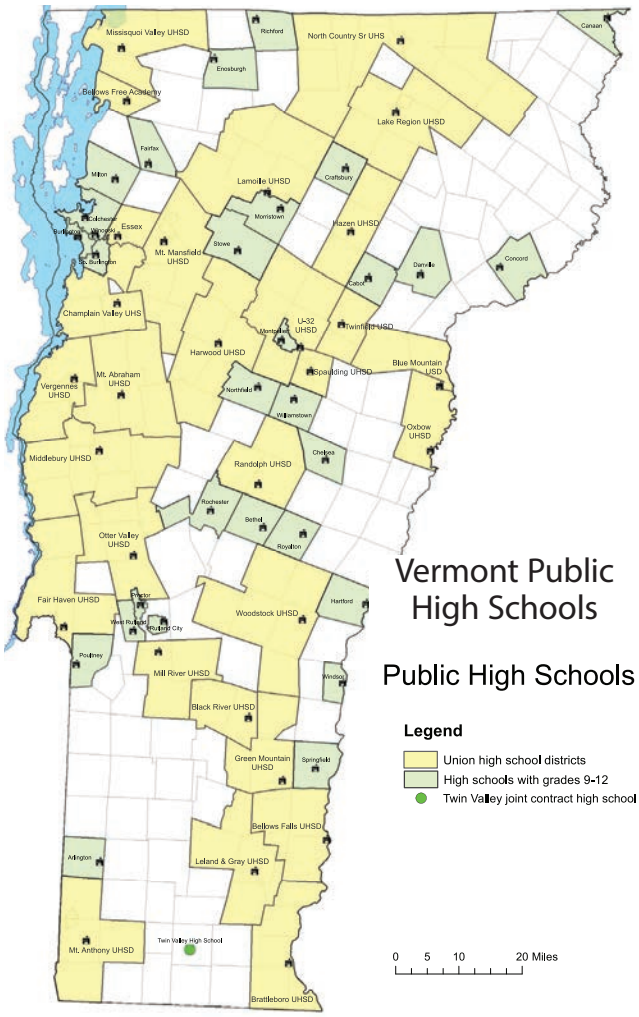
Title 16, Sec. 822(c) authorizes a school board to both maintain a high school and pay tuition to another public school if the board determines that a student's best interests are served there, and allows the board to pay tuition to an approved independent school (though not a religious school) if the board judges that a student has unique educational needs that cannot be served within the district or at a nearby public school. School board decisions are final.

Title 16, Sec. 827 authorizes voters of a school district that does not have a public high school to designate an approved independent school as the public high school. This section also allows a parent or guardian - who is dissatisfied with the instruction provided or who cannot obtain the kind of course or instruction desired or whose child can be better accommodated in an approved high school nearer home — to request the school board to pay tuition to another approved high school. The board may approve the request and pay tuition if in its judgment that school will best serve the interests of the student. The board's decision is final.

Title 16, Sec. 828 allows school districts to pay tuition only to independent schools (or tutorial programs) that have been approved by the State Board of Education.

New Notice Requirement for School Boards: In 2006, the legislature added a provision requiring school boards to notify students of choice opportunities, by adding (28) to Title 16, Sec. 563, as follows: (28) Annually, [School Boards] shall inform students and their parents or guardians of their options for school choice under applicable laws or policy.

-Vt. Agency of Education



Northeast Kingdom towns without public schools

X indicates that students in those grades must be sent to a neighboring or private school. Some towns, such as St. Johnsbury and Lyndon, have private high schools that are designated for their students.

	K-6	7-8	9-12
Barnet			X
Bloomfield	X	X	X
Brownington		X (7)	
Brunswick	X	X	X
Burke			X
Concord			X
Coventry			X
East Haven	X	X	X
Ferdinand	X	X	X
Granby	X	X	X
Guildhall		X	X
Kirby	X	X	X
Lunenburg			X
Lyndon			X

	K-6	7-8	9-12
Maidstone	X	X	X
Morgan	X	X	X
Millers Run USD #37			X
Newark			X
Newport Town		X	
Norton	X	X	X
Peacham		X	X
St Johnsbury			X
Stannard		X	X
Sutton			X
Walden			X
Waterford			X
Westmore	X	X	

SCHOOLS & DISTRICTS

Supervisory Union/District School/Technical Center/School Address/Phone/Grades

CALEDONIA CENTRAL SU, BOX 216, DANVILLE, VT 05828, 684-3801

Barnet Elementary School, 163 Kid Row, Barnet VT 05821, 633-4978, PK-8
Cabot School, 25 Common Road, Cabot VT 05647, 563-2289, K-12
Danville School, Box 216, 148 Peacham Road, Danville, VT 05828, 684-3651, PK-12
Peacham Elementary School, 340 Bailey Hazen Road, Peacham, VT 05862, 592-3513, K-6
Twinfield Union School, 106 Nasmith Brook Road, Marshfield, VT 05658, 426-3213, PK-6
Walden School, 135 Cahoon Farm Road, West Danville, VT 05873, 563-3000, PK-8
Waterford Elementary School, 276 Duck Pond Road, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-0276, 748-9393, PK-8

KINGDOM EAST SU, P.O. BOX 107, 119 PARK AVENUE, LYNDONVILLE, VT 05851, 626-6100

Burke Town School, 3293 Burke Hollow Road, West Burke, VT 05871-8913, 467-3385, PK-8
Lyndon Institute Technical Center, P.O. Box 127, Lyndon Center, VT 05850, 626-1109, 11-12, *independent school offering technical education courses to public school students. Independent schools are administratively responsible to their own boards of trustees; they do not report administratively to a supervisory union.*
Lyndon Town School, 2591 Lily Pond Road, Lyndonville, VT 05851, 626-3209, PK-8
Millers Run School, US #37 P.O. Box 154, Sheffield, VT 05866, 626-9755, PK-8
Newark School, 1448 Newark Street, Newark, VT 05871, 467-3401, K-8
Sutton Village School, 95 Underpass Road, Sutton, VT 05867-9739, 467-3492, K-8
Concord Graded, 173 School Street, Concord, VT 05824, 695-2550, PK-8
Lunenburg School, 49 Bobbin Mill Rd., Lunenburg, VT 05906, 892-5955, PK-4
Gilman Middle School, 2720 River Rd., Gilman, VT 05906, 892-5969, 5-8.

ESSEX NORTH SU, P.O. BOX 100, CANAAN, VT 05903, 266-3330

Canaan Schools, 99 School Street, Canaan, VT 05903, 266-8910, K-12.
NEK Choice District: Averill, Avery's Gore, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Canaan, East Haven, Ferdinand, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemington, Lewis, Maidstone, Norton, Warner's Grant, Warren's Gore, Victory.

NORTH COUNTRY SU, 121 DUCHESS AVENUE, SUITE A, NEWPORT, VT 05855-4897, 334-5847

Brighton Elementary School, P.O. Box 419, Island Pond, VT 05846, 723-4373, K-8
Charleston Elementary School, 255 Center School Road, West Charleston, VT 05872, 895-2915, K-8
Coventry Village School, P.O. Box 92, Coventry, VT 05825, 754-6464, K-8
Derby Elementary School, 907 Elm Street, Derby Line, VT 05830, 873-3162, K-6
Holland Elementary School, 26 School Road, Derby Line, VT 05830, 895-4455, K-6
Jay/Westfield Joint School, 257 Revoir Flats, Jay, VT 05859, 988-4042, K-6
Lowell Graded School, 52 Gelo Park Road, Lowell, VT 05847, 744-6641, K-8
Newport City Elementary Schools, 166 Sias Avenue, Newport, VT 05855, 334-2455, K-6
Newport Town School, 4212 Route 105, Newport Center, VT 05857, 334-5201, K-8
North Country Career Center, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport, VT 05855, 334-5469, 11-12
North Country Union Junior High, 57 Junior High Drive, Derby, VT 05829, 766-2276, 7-8
North Country Union High School, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport, VT 05855, 334-7921, 9-12
Troy School, 126 Main St., North Troy, VT 05859, 988-2565, K-8

ORLEANS CENTRAL SU & ORLEANS CENTRAL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM, 130 KINSEY ROAD, BARTON, VT 05822, 754-6945

Albany Community School, 351 Main Street, Albany, VT 05820, 755-6168, K-8
Barton Graded School, 137 Church Street, Barton, VT 05822, 525-6244, K-8
Brownington Central School, 103 Chase Road, Brownington, VT 05860-9765, 754-8467, K-8
Glover Community School, 100 School Street, Glover, VT 05839, 525-6958, K-8
Irasburg Village School, 292 Route 58 East, Irasburg, VT 05845, 754-8810, K-8
Lake Region UHS #24, 317 Lake Region Road, Orleans, VT 05860, 754-6521, 9-12
Orleans Elementary School, 53 School Street, Orleans, VT 05860, 754-6650, K-8

ORLEANS SOUTHWEST SU, P.O. BOX 338, HARDWICK, VT 05843, 472-6531

Craftsbury Schools, 1422 North Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury Common, VT 05827, 586-2541, K-12
Hardwick Elementary School, 135 Main Street, Hardwick, VT 05843, 472-5411, K-6
Hazen UHS #26, P.O. Box 368, Hardwick, VT 05843, 472-6511, 7-12
Lakeview US #43, Barr Hill Road, Greensboro, VT 05841, 533-7066, K-6
Wolcott Elementary, 320 School Hill Dr., Wolcott, VT 05841, 472-6551, PK-8
Woodbury Elementary, 63 Valley Lake Road, Woodbury, VT 05650, 472-5715, K-6

ST. JOHNSBURY SD, 257 WESTERN AVENUE, SUITE 2, ST. JOHNSBURY, VT 05819, 748-4744

Applied Tech. Ctr. at St. Johnsbury Academy, P.O. Box 906, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-0906, 748-8171, 11-12, *independent school offering technical education courses to public school students. Independent schools are administratively responsible to their own boards of trustees; they do not report administratively to a supervisory union.*
St. Johnsbury School, 257 Western Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, 748-8616, PK-8

HIGH SCHOOLS

ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY

An independent school serving a wide range of students. Since the academy serves both as a day and boarding school, it provides students with a rich experience academically, culturally, and athletically. 1000 Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT, 748-8171, www.stjohnsburyacademy.org

LYNDON INSTITUTE

LI is an independent, co-educational day and boarding school, with courses in college preparatory, business and technical education, as well as a strong arts program. LI offers over 130 courses at four levels, Division II athletics and 20 extracurricular organizations, providing opportunities in the arts, scholastics and leadership. College Rd., Lyndonville, VT, 626-3357, www.lyndoninstitute.org

DANVILLE SCHOOL

Danville School was founded in 1870 with a staff of two. Today it has a faculty and support staff of 100 and approximately 400 students in grades PK-12. Students are offered a variety of courses and extracurricular activities as well as the latest technology, music and sports. 148 Peacham Rd., VT 05828, 684-2292, www.danvillek12vt.us

CANAAN SCHOOL

The school system in Canaan consists of just under 200 students in grades K-12. As the school is relatively small, the 50 staff members are able to provide individualized attention to meet the personal needs of students. This school serves the people of Canaan and surrounding areas. 99 School Street, Canaan, VT 05903, 266-3380, www.canaanschools.org

CABOT SCHOOL

The mission of the K-12 Cabot School is to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary for them to become and remain informed, productive, self-sufficient, responsible citizens who will contribute to their communities and who possess the self-esteem and motivation to continue learning throughout their lives. 25 Common Road, Cabot, VT, 05647, 563-2289.

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL

The PK-12 school serves the communities of Groton, Ryegate, and Wells River. Enrollment hovers around 450 students. 2420 Rt. 302 (just off Exit 17 of I-91), Wells River, 757-2766, www.bmuschool.org

NORTH COUNTRY UNION HIGH SCHOOL

North Country Union provides a secure educational environment in which all students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, pursue academic and career excellence and become citizens who respect diversity, value lifelong learning and make healthy choices. PO Box 726, 209 Veterans Avenue, Newport, VT, 05855, 334-7921, http://ncuhs.ncsuvt.org

HAZEN UNION SCHOOL

Hazen Union empowers students in Hardwick, Walden, Greensboro and Stannard with the knowledge and skills needed to achieve their full potential and become successful locally and globally, 126 Hazen Union Drive, Hardwick, VT, 472-6511.

LAKE REGION UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Lake Region is a community of dynamic learners who create an inclusive environment characterized by safety and respect, offering a comprehensive curriculum grounded in the skills necessary for academic achievement. Students have the opportunity to develop intellectually, socially and personally through academic and extracurricular activities. Lake Region students come from Barton and surrounding towns like Westmore, Glover, Albany, Irasburg and Brownington. 317 Lake Region Road, Orleans, VT, 754-6462.

EAST BURKE SCHOOL

A not-for-profit independent school for curious students in grades 8-12. Located near the Kingdom Trails network, Passumpsic River, and Burke Mountain. The mission of EBS is to embrace learning as a natural process of human growth by teaching the critical skills that will prepare students to be innovative, creative, and responsible in our global community. 611 Route 114, East Burke, VT, 626-8317, www.burkevermont.org/east-burke-school.php

BURKE MOUNTAIN ACADEMY

A private, college preparatory ski academy nestled in the Northeast Kingdom. Burke Mountain Academy provides passionate ski racers the opportunity to pursue their limitless academic and athletic potential in a community based on trust. 60 Alpine Lane, East Burke, Vt. 05832, 626-5607, info@burkemtnacademy.org www.burkemtnacademy.org

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

NORTHERN VERMONT UNIVERSITY - LYNDON

NVU-Lyndon Campus prepares students for personal and professional success through experience-based, high-quality programs in the liberal arts and professional studies that develop creative and critical thinking for success in today's global society. PO Box 919, 1001 College Rd, Lyndonville, VT 05851, 626-6413. www.lyndonstate.edu

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The academic programs of Springfield College's School of Human Services, situated in 11 locations throughout the country, are designed to meet the needs of working adults who wish to earn a degree in human services. 347 Emerson Falls Rd., Suite 2, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, 748-5402, www.shsstjohnsbury@spfldcol.edu

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STERLING COLLEGE

The Sterling College community combines structured academic study with experiential challenges and plain hard work to build responsible problem solvers who become stewards of the environment as they pursue productive lives. PO Box 72, Craftsbury Common, VT 05827, 1-800-648-3591 or 802-586-7711.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF VERMONT

The Community College of Vermont is one of five state colleges and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Providing quality, affordable education to over 9,000 students each year, CCV does not have a central campus. Instead it serves students at 12 learning centers around the state for a single course or full-time study. 1197 Main Street, Suite 3, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819-2240, 748-6673.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE

CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED SERVICES

CIS is a resource for pregnant or postpartum women and families with children from birth to age six. The program helps women with questions or concerns about a condition or risk situation that impacts a baby's health or safety, questions or concerns about providing a stable, healthy environment for children; and parents of children age six or younger with questions or concerns about a suspected developmental delay or condition. http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

National child development programs which provide comprehensive development services for low-income children and social services for their families. Head Start serves ages 3-5 and their families. Early Head Start serves pregnant women and children birth to age 3 and their families.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION

Early Childhood Programs for Caledonia and Essex Counties are housed at the Lincoln Center, 115 Lincoln Street, St. Johnsbury, 748-1992. For Orleans County, the center is located at 70 Main Street, Newport, 334-7316. www.nekcavt.org

PRE-SCHOOL

Act 166, signed into law in 2014, provides for universal access to publicly funded prekindergarten education. Following the development and adoption of administrative rules, this law will go into full effect in 2016. These programs may be offered within the public school in a community. They may also be offered by private providers who contract with the public school. Visit http://education.vermont.gov/act-166 for more information. For a list of providers, sortable by town, visit www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us.

REGISTERED HOME-BASED CHILD CARE

There are hundreds of registered child care providers in the Northeast Kingdom. They are required by the Vermont Child Development Division to take 45 hours of training in child development, program management and other related areas when they register to provide care. For information, visit www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us where a list of providers is sortable by town.

UMBRELLA

Umbrella provides child care information and referral services; determine eligibility for child care financial assistance; and provide training and support to providers. 1222 Main St., Suite 301, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819, 748-8645, www.umbrellanek.org

OTHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS

ARLINGTON SCHOOL

The Arlington School is an independent, day school that provides educational, vocational and community-based services for non-traditional learners with specific learning needs. A secondary diploma is available at this state-approved independent day school for grades 9-12. Michelle Fox, Program Director, 125 School St., St. Johnsbury, 748-4424.

CORNERSTONE SCHOOL

An independent, day facility providing educational, therapeutic and reintegration services for up to 35 male and female students in grades 2-12. Cornerstone serves students with emotional disabilities, learning impairment. 510 Portland St., St. Johnsbury, 748-6282.



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PRIVATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

For nearly 40 years, Riverside has been committed to the intellectual, social, and emotional growth of children and young learners. The school fosters a love of learning, the freedom to be creative and intentional individuals, and the importance of a community in the development of the whole child. PK-8, 30 Lily Pond Road, Lyndonville, 626-8552, www.theriversideschool.org

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Committed to providing for the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical growth of each student in a creative and safe environment. Believing in academic excellence built on a framework of moral values; using a traditional, value-centered approach to education. PK-8, 156 Students, 121 Maple Street St. Johnsbury, VT, 751-8223, www.goodshepherdschoolvt.org

THADDEUS STEVENS SCHOOL

In keeping with the legacy of its namesake, a deep commitment to civil and human rights permeates the School's curriculum, its behavioral policies, and its community of parents, students, teachers, and friends. The School fosters citizenship awareness and cultivates respect for the voices that reflect the diversity found in the Northeast Kingdom, the nation, and the globe. PK-8, 100 King Drive, Lyndon Center, VT 05850, 626-0370, www.thaddeustevensschool.org

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

St. Paul's Catholic School instills Christian values in its students and a desire to make a positive difference in the world. We are committed to developing in each student: an eternal relationship with Jesus Christ: a sense of self worth: a spirit of discovery and inquiry, and an enthusiasm for lifelong learning. K-8, 54 Eastern Ave, Barton, VT, 525-3931, www.stpaulscatholicschool.org

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

A regional organization concentrating on infrastructure improvements, assisting companies relocating to the area, business growth, and administering revolving loan funds. 36 Eastern Avenue. PO Box 630, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-5181. Email: info@nvda.net Website: www.nvda.net

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COLLABORATIVE

Formed in 1996 to find ways to collaborate on economic development and community development issues in Orleans, Essex and Caledonia counties. Members include regional development organizations, educators, social service and employment agencies, local government officials, business people, non-profit organizations, health care providers and conservation organizations. PO Box 59, Craftsbury VT 05826. Phone: 586-0099. Email: katherine@nekcollaborative.org. Web: www.nekcollaborative.org

VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS INDUSTRY & REHABILITATION

Established in 1979, the VABIR is dedicated to matching job seekers and employers. With offices in St. Johnsbury and Newport, VABIR provides free employment and consultation services to workers with disabilities and interested businesses. 67 Eastern Ave., Suite 3, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-2771. www.vabir.org

NORTHERN COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION

A private, non-profit, community-based corporation, NCIC strives to generate and preserve employment and other social economic benefits for the region. 51 Depot Square, Suite 2, St. Johnsbury VT 05819. Phone: 748-5101. www.ncic.org

NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION

A private nonprofit organization serving moderate-to-low income families in the Northeast Kingdom by providing workforce training and development and other community services. Also operates MicroBusiness Development Program. Offices in Newport and St. Johnsbury.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Part of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, works to create and retain quality jobs and strengthen the competitiveness of Vermont's businesses and the overall economy. While the department is responsible for statewide economic development policy, it works with a variety of partners and non-governmental organizations. Phone: 866-933-6249, www.thinkvermont.com

VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

VEDA manages a wide range of low-cost customized lending programs for small and medium sized businesses. Office in Montpelier.

VERMONT COUNCIL ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

A non-profit organization and a partnership of federal, state, local, non-profit and private partners dedicated to the support of the locally-defined progress of Vermont's rural communities. Office in Montpelier.

VERMONT RURAL DEVELOPMENT, USDA

Helps households, communities, nonprofit agencies and small businesses in rural Vermont achieve their goals through creative financing and other forms of assistance. Office in Montpelier.

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRY

(Large Private Employers headquartered in the Northeast Kingdom)

- **Karme-Choling,** 369 Patneaude Lane, Barnet VT 05821. Phone: 633-2384. Website: www.karmecholing.org
- **Burke Mountain Academy**, 60 Alpine Lane, East Burke. Phone: 626-5607. Website: www.burkemtnacademy.org
- **Burke Mountain Ski Area**, 233 Sherburne Lodge Road, East Burke. Phone: 626-7300. Website: www.skiburke.com
- **Cabot Creamery**, 2878 Main Street, Cabot. Phone: 563-3393. Website: www.cabotcheese.com
- **Community National Bank**, 4811 U.S. Route 5, Newport. Phone: 334-7915. Website: www.communitynationalbank.com
- **Zutano**, 1785 Coits Pond Road, Cabot. Phone: 563-2961. Website: www.zutano.com
- **Jay Peak Resort**, 1830 Jay Peak Road, Jay. Phone: 988-2611, Website: www.jaypeakresort.com
- **North Country Hospital**, 189 Prouty Drive, Newport. Phone: 334-7331, Website: www.nchsi.org
- **NSA Industries Inc.**, 815 Industrial Parkway, Lyndonville. Phone: 748-5007. Website: www.nsaindustries.com
- **Vermont Aerospace Manufacturing**, Inc., 966 Industrial Parkway, Lyndonville. Phone: 748-8705. Website: www.vtaerospace.com
- **Ryegate Power Station**, 247 Weesner Drive, Ryegate. Phone: 633-3500.
- **Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital**, 1315 Hospital Drive. Phone: 748-8141. Website: www.nvrh.org
- **Passumpsic Savings Bank**, 497 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury. Phone: 748-3196. Website: www.passumpsicbank.com
- **Weidmann Electrical Technology**, 1 Gordon Mills Way, St. Johnsbury. Phone: 748-8106. Website: www.weidmann-electrical.com
- **Maple Grove Farms of Vermont**, 1052 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury. Phone: 748-5141. Website: www.maplegrove.com
- **Northeast Kingdom Human Services**, 181 Crawford Road, Derby, 334-6744; 2225 Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, 748-3181. Website: www.nkhs.org
- **Northern Vermont University - Lyndon Campus**, 1001 College Road, Lyndonville; Phone: 626-6413. Website: www.northernvermont.edu
- **St. Johnsbury Academy**, 1000 Main Street, St. Johnsbury; Phone: 748-8171. Website: www.stjacademy.org





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ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion was chartered by the U.S. Congress as a patriotic, mutual-help, wartime veterans organization of the United States armed forces who served during a wartime period as defined by Congress. Posts located in Newport, Brighton, Orleans, East Hardwick, Canaan and St. Johnsbury.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF DOWSERS

A nonprofit corporation founded in Vermont in 1961 to disseminate knowledge of dowsing (water witching, discovery of lost articles or persons, and related para-psychological phenomena), Over 3,000 members internationally. P.O. Box 24, 184 Brainerd St., Danville, VT, 05828. Phone: 684-3417 or 684-2565. asd@dowsers.org

BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

To inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity and serve people and communities through benevolent programs. Locations in St. Johnsbury and Derby.

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNITED WAY

Assisting programs that provide services for children, their families, the elderly, the physically-disabled, the mentally-handicapped, the homeless and victims of violence and abuse. 1325 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 745-0101. www.gmunitedway.org

KINGDOM ANIMAL SHELTER, INC.

A volunteer organization that established a cat adoption program at Morrisons Feed Bag and sponsors reduced-fee spay/neuter clinics several times a year. PO Box 462, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 741-7387. www.kingdomanimalshelter.com

KIWANIS CLUB

A global organization of volunteers changing the world one child and one community at a time. The St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Club is the only club in the region that operates a free swimming pool with lessons, afternoon swim and evening family swim. P.O. Box 204, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-5031.

UMBRELLA

A nonprofit organization serving Caledonia and southern Essex Counties. Its mission is fostering strong women, supported families and safe homes by offering programming in two areas: the Domestic and Sexual Violence Program and Child Care Support Services. 1222 Main St., Ste. 301, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-8645 or 800-916-8645. Email: info@umbrellanek.org

FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER

Founded by a handful of Northeast Kingdom residents in 1993 to serve Orleans and Essex Counties with sheltering and caring for lost and unwanted animals, spaying and neutering and adoption. 4473 Barton-Orleans Road, Orleans, VT 05860. Phone: 754-2228. www.frontieranimalsociety.com

NEK MINDFUL PARENTING

Fostering positive family engagement through awareness, education, and community. nekmindfulparenting@gmail.com; nekmindfulparenting.weebly.com/

ROTARY CLUB

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of a community's business and professional men and women. A philanthropic organization supporting many local activities and organizations and scheduled luncheons. Clubs located in St. Johnsbury, Lyndon and Newport.

LYNDON AREA SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The governing organization of the Fenton Chester Ice Arena, the home rink of local hockey associations, high schools and colleges, and a facility for large events. 145 College Road, P.O. Box 367, Lyndon Center, VT, 05850. Phone: 626-9361. www.chesterarena.com

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

A congressionally-chartered war veterans organization. The VFW has 1.6 million members and is the largest American organization of combat veterans. Locations in Newport, St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville.

SNOWMOBILING



Snowmobiling in its perfect state

Let first class trails lead you on a winter adventure and discover some of Vermont's best kept secrets

Time to Ride

The official snowmobile season in Vermont begins on Dec. 16 and runs through April 15 each year. Grooming operations may occur at any hour during the day or night and remember that grooming equipment always has the right of way. Trail routes are subject to change at any time due to unexpected trail closures, logging operations, and weather related events.

Vermont Landowners Make it Possible

Eighty percent of the statewide snowmobile trails system is located on private property. This is accomplished through the support of thousands of generous landowners. Snowmobiling is a privilege and not a right, please respect our landowners by staying on the designated trail and refrain from littering. Keep speed noise to a minimum at all times. VAST clubs seek landowner permission on an annual basis and work hard in maintaining these precious relationships. We are guests on these trails — the future of our trail system depends on you.

Riding Responsibly

The VAST Clubs are responsible for maintaining signage and grooming for the VAST membership. As a safe snowmobiler, the rest is up to you. By riding responsibly and understanding your riding ability, you and other riders on the trail will be able to enjoy one of the best snowmobile trail systems in the country. The speed limit on the SSTS is reasonable and prudent which means being in control of your actions, staying in constant alert to changing conditions, and not endangering other snowmobilers. There are areas across the system with posted speed limits that must be obeyed in order to keep the trails open. The posted speed limit on all state lands and the Green Mountain National Forest and Silvio O. Conte Fish and Wildlife Refuge is 35 mph. Ride according to the condition and be ready for anything. Any speed above your ability to keep your sled under control is subject to "Operation in an Unreasonable and Prudent Manner" and will result in a hefty fine.

Please Remember that you are not the only one out there on the trails. There are landowners, families, animals, and fellow riders out there at any time. Respect the trail system and preserve it for all to enjoy!

There is no such thing as safe ice!

Matt Tetreault
VAST Trails Administrator



Parking Areas

Just like trail conditions, parking availability is subject to change.

Please check www.vtvast.org for current information.

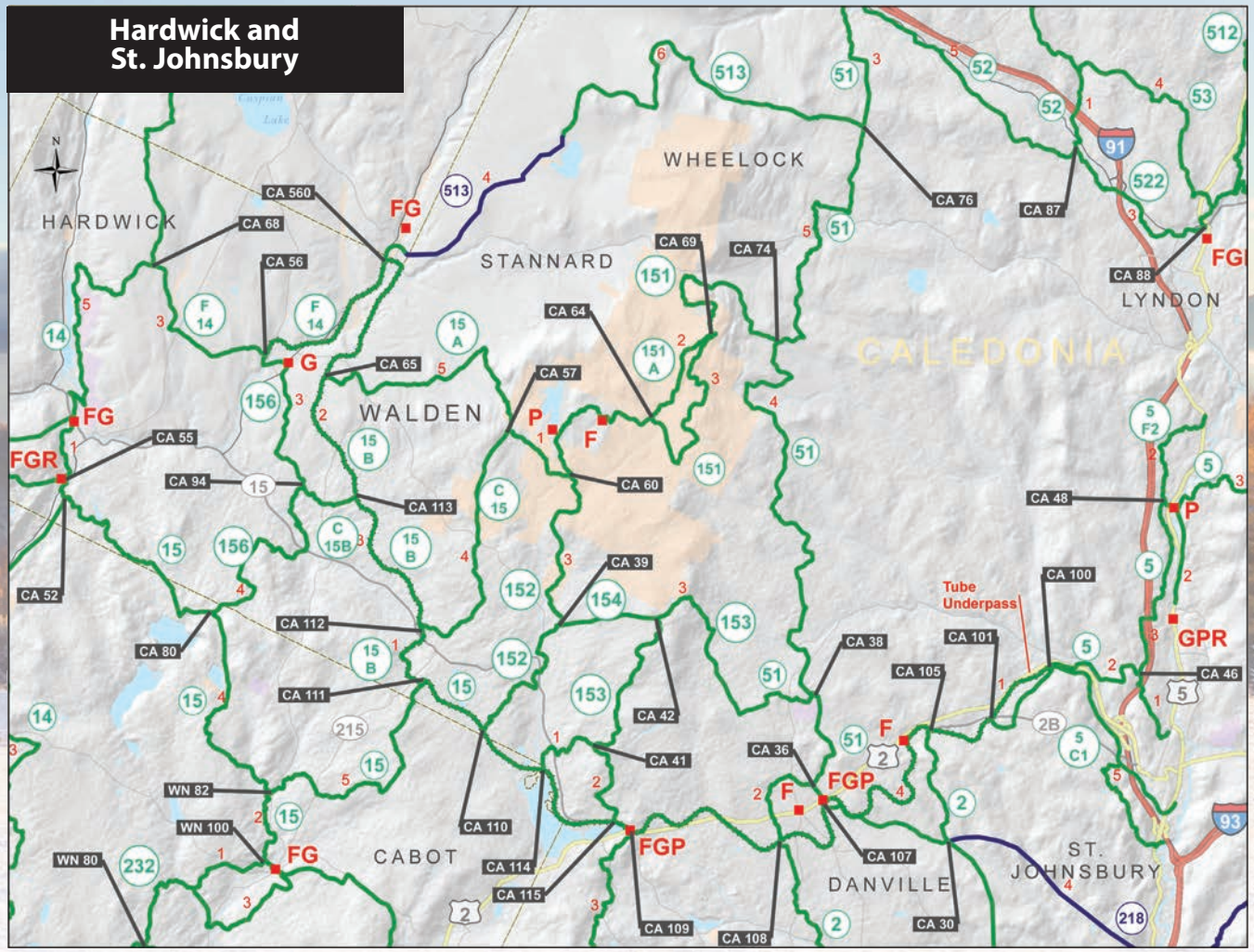


Caledonia Co.	Location	Corridor Access
Danville	Marty's First Stop – RTE 2	51
West Danville	Joes Pond Park & Ride – RTE 2/15 *(across from store)*	15
East Burke	E. Burke Park/Playground – RTE 114	5
Groton	Butterfield Parking Area – RTE 302 *(Groton heights)*	302
St. Johnsbury	Pettico Jct. Store – RTE 2/18 *(across from store)*	218
St. Johnsbury	Gravel Pit – RTE 5 to Pierce Rd *(across bridge)*	2F & 5F4
St. Johnsbury Ctr	Center Tower Mini Mart – RTE 5	5F4
Walden	Coles Pond Parking Area	15A
Groton	Upper Valley Grill	302

Essex Co.	Location	Corridor Access
Bloomfield	Stone Dam Parking Area – RTE 105	102
Brunswick	Dennis Pond Parking Area – RTE 102	98
Canaan	Canaan Recreation Park - RTE 102	96F
Concord	North Concord Parking Area – RTE 2 & Wesley Rd	102F
Island Pond	State Beach Parking Area – Lakeshore Drive	114
Island Pond	Kingdom Market – 105/114 *(In Village)*	114C
Maidstone	Maidstone Lake Rd Parking Area - Maidstone Lake	98

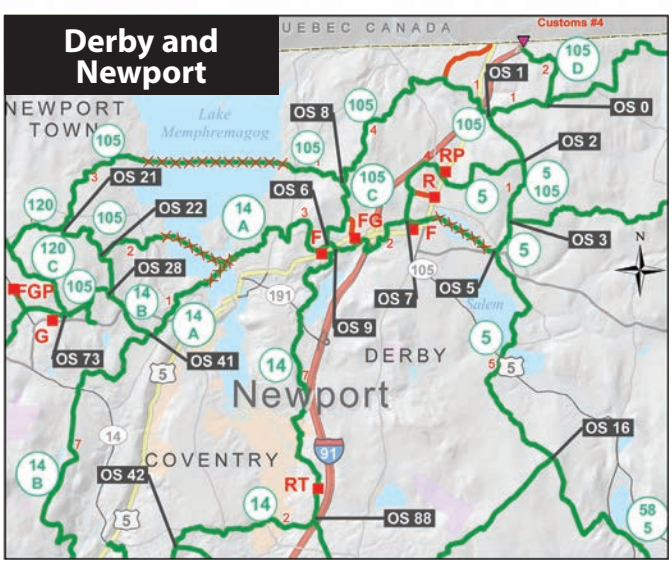
Orleans Co.	Location	Corridor Access
Barton	One Stop Mini Mart – RTE 16	16
Derby	Walt's Sales & Service – RTE 5	105
Lowell	General Store & Bowling Alley – RTE 100	100
Newport Center	Hillikers Store – RTE 105	105
North Troy	American Legion – 101	100/101
West Glover	West Glover Ambulance Garage – County Rd	122

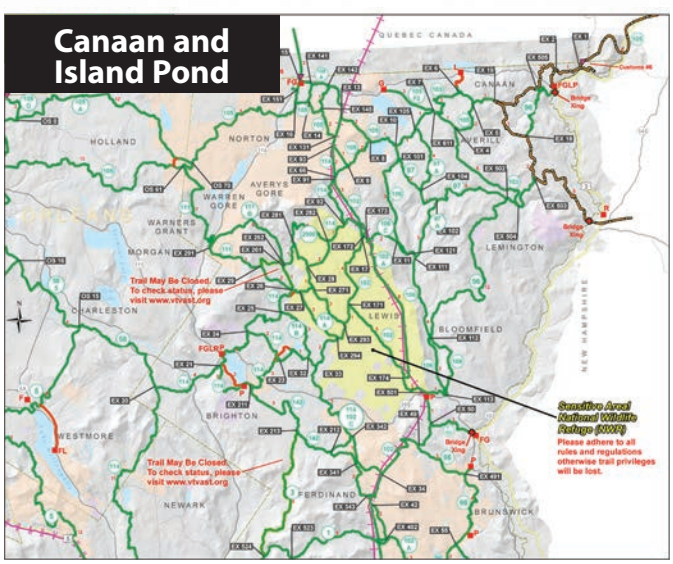
SNOWMOBILING



Snowmobile Trail Report Hot Lines:
Island Pond - Essex County - (802) 723-4316
Canaan - Essex County - (802) 266-8894
Derby - Orleans County - (802) 766-5506
Groton - Caledonia County - (802) 584-4740

Useful Links:
www.orleanscountysnowmobilers.com
http://bhrsnowclub.org
www.brightonsnowmobile.org
www.snowmobilecaledoniavt.com





HIKING

Long renowned for its spectacular scenery, the Northeast Kingdom offers numerous opportunities for those who like to explore the region's landscape on foot as the area abounds with hiking trails suited for outdoors adventurers of all ages and ability levels.

Perhaps the most popular hiking region in the Kingdom is the Willoughby Lake area in Westmore. Here, you can ascend to the heights of the two well-known peaks that tower high above the waters of the deep, six-mile long lake. **Mount Pisgah** (2,751. ft.), forms the east side of Willoughby Gap and is accessible by three separate trails. On the opposite side of the lake is **Mt. Hor** (2,648 ft.), also accessible by several trails. Ledgy outlooks near both summits provide dramatic views out of the lakes and well beyond.

Two other longtime favorites near Willoughby Lake are **Bald Mountain** (3,315 ft.) and **Wheeler Mountain** (2,371). At the summit of Bald Mountain, the highest peak in the immediate region, a steel fire tower allows visitors unrestricted views of much of the Northeast Kingdom, including many nearby ponds and lakes. Wheeler Mountain, though much lower, offers many rewards as much of the upper mountain trail passes over open ledges with varying views. Just below the summit, a short side path also leads to an east-facing perch with views toward Willoughby Lake and Bald Mountain.

Groton State Forest is another popular hiking destination offering trails to the open summits of both **Big Deer Mountain** (1,992 ft.) and **Owl's Head** (1,958 ft.), and also **Kettle Pond**, which is ringed by an easy three-mile-long family-friendly footpath. At the western edge of Groton State Park lies 3,037-foot **Spruce Peak**, home to another fire tower offering views up and down the Green Mountain range.

Burke Mountain, reached by either foot, bicycle, or automobile (summer and fall), provides great views in all directions from its summit tower. Especially noteworthy is the view west toward Willoughby Gap and the view east toward New Hampshire's White Mountains. Hikers can reach the summit via trail or the paved auto road.

Closer to the Canadian border in Orleans County, 3,861-foot **Jay Peak** can be reached by foot via the famous Long Trail, the country's first long distance hiking trail that extends more than 272 miles from the Massachusetts border north to the international boundary with Canada. The 3.4-mile hike from Rt. 242 to the summit is rated moderate to strenuous, but the reward from the summit is well worth the effort as the view is excellent.

In Essex County, **Monadnock Mountain** (3,148 ft.) in Lemington is probably the area's least appreciated mountain. Well off the beaten track, this mountain rises 2,000 feet above the nearby Connecticut River valley and though its summit is wooded, a restored (2005) fire tower offers a panoramic views that includes much of northern Vermont and neighboring New Hampshire.

Other Kingdom favorites incudes **Belvidere Mountain** (3,360 ft.) in Lowell, another peak accessible via the Long Trail with a fire tower at its summit; **Bluff Mountain** (2,380 ft.) in Island Pond; **Haystack Mountain** (2,712 ft.) near Willoughby Lake, with its three different outlooks to the west, south and east.

RECOMMENDED HIKES

Bald Mountain: Via Long Pond Trail (off Long Pond Road), 2.2 miles. Elevation gain: 1,450 ft. Rating: Moderate.

Belvidere Mountain: From the south via Long Trail and Forester's Trail (beginning from Rt. 118), 2.8 miles. Elevation gain: 2,040 ft.; Belvidere Loop Hike via the Frank Post, Forester's and Long Trails, 7.9 mi.. Elevation gain: 1,980 ft. Rating Strenuous.

Big Deer Mountain: Via Big Deer Mountain-Osmore Pond Loop (from New Discovery Campground, Groton State Forest), 4.1 miles. Elevation gain: 80 ft. Rating: Easy.

Bluff Mountain: Via Bluff Mountain Community Trail (off Mountain Street in Island Pond), 1.9 miles. Elevation gain: 1,100 ft. Rating: Moderate.

Burke Mountain: Via Red and Profile Trails (beginning near Sherburne Base Lodge), 2.5 miles. Elevation gain: 1,650 ft. Rating: Moderate.

Haystack Mountain (Westmore): Via North Trail (off Long Pond Road), 0.9 miles. Elevation gain: 850 ft.; Via South Trail (off Long Pond Road); 1.1 miles. Elevation gain: 525 ft. Rating: Moderate.

Jay Peak: Via Long Trail (from height-of-land on Rt. 242), 3.4 miles. Elevation gain: 1,638 ft. Rating: Moderate/Strenuous.

Kettle Pond: Via Kettle Pond Trail (off west side of Rt. 242), 3.2 miles. Elevation gain: minimal. Rating: Easy.

Monadnock Mountain: Via Monadnock Mountain Trail (off Rt. 102 in Lemington), 2.5 miles. Elevation gain: 2,100 ft. Rating: Moderate/Strenuous.

Mount Pisgah: Via South Trail (off Rt. 5A,) 1.9 miles. Elevation gain: 1,450 ft. Rating: Moderate/Strenuous; Via North Trail (Rt. 5A), 2.3 miles. Elevation gain: 1,530 ft. Rating: Moderate/Strenuous.

Mount Hor: Via Herbert Hawkes Trail (off CCC Road, Rt. 5A), 1.4 miles. Elevation gain: 700 ft. Rating: Moderate.

Owl's Head: Via Owl's Head Trail (from Osmore Pond access road), 1.9 miles. Elevation gain: 210 ft.; from end of auto road, 0.25 mile. Elevation gain: 100 ft. Rating: Easy.

Wheeler Mountain: Via Wheeler Mountain Trail (off Wheeler Mountain Road, 1.2 mi. from Rt. 5), 1.7 miles. Elevation gain: 700 ft. Rating: Easy/Moderate. (Please note that a new trailhead for Wheeler Mountain was established in 2016 and the trail mileage listed here may not be accurate).





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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMA)

The Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife owns over 80 Wildlife Management Areas totaling over 118,000 acres throughout Vermont. Management of these areas particularly emphasizes the conservation of fish, wildlife and their habitat, and provides people with opportunities to enjoy these resources through fish and wildlife based outdoor activities. The following lists WMAs in the Northeast Kingdom.

AVERY'S GORE

Open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing and located in the town of Montgomery. Accessed from a parking area on the west side of Route 118 in Montgomery, near Highland Springs Road. Its 259 acres are forested with red and sugar maple, yellow birch and beech. It borders Atlas Timberland Partnership lands which are open to public hunting, fishing and trapping.

AVERILL MOUNTAIN

A 510-acre parcel of land located in the town of Norton. It lies 2.8 miles east of Norton village on the north side of Route 114, and encompasses a large portion of Averill Mountain. It is bordered on three sides by private lands and its northern border is Canada. Access to this WMA is by foot travel only, at the discretion of private landowners along Route 114. There is no legal right-of-way.

BALD HILL

Open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. A 932-acre tract of land surrounding the Bald Hill Fish Culture Station. The area is located in the middle of the Northeast Kingdom in the towns of Newark and Westmore, between the villages of West Burke and Island Pond. Access the southern end of the WMA by parking at the Fish Culture Station. Bald Hill Pond Fishing Access is at the end of Bald Hill Pond Road.

BILL SLADYK

A 9,493-acre parcel of land located eight miles north of Island Pond on Route 114. It ranges from Norton Pond northwest to the Canadian Border just north of Holland Pond. Access the western side of the WMA from Holland Pond Road. There is a boat access on the pond and also parking at the northern end of the pond. Accessed from the southeast from Hurricane Brook Road where there are parking areas and a wildlife viewing area.

CALENDAR BROOK

A 413-acre parcel located in the town of Sutton, just west of the village near the Sheffield-Sutton town line. The access and parking lot for this WMA is located on Union House Road. Open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing.

EAGLE POINT

A 420-acre parcel located along the eastern shore of Lake Memphremagog on the United States-Canada border, in Derby Vermont. The WMA is located approximately five miles north of Newport City on the Eagle Point Road. The property consists of nearly a mile of lake shore habitat, numerous wetlands, large meadows, hemlock and mixed forest. It supports a great diversity of wildlife including aquatic mammals, waterfowl, grassland birds, and many other wetland and terrestrial species. The parcel offers excellent wildlife-based public use opportunities and angling access to the Johns River mouth and Hall's Creek. The property is open to public use for hunting, fishing, hiking and wildlife watching.

LEVI POND

Open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. A 262-acre parcel consisting of 24-acre Levi Pond and 238 acres of surrounding land in the town of Groton. The access road, which is suitable only for foot travel, is located at the corners of Marie Orr Road, Mays Cross Road and Goodfellow Road, near Route 302 in Groton. Access is at the discretion of private landowners, as there is no legal right-of-way to this WMA.

ROY MOUNTAIN

A 1,590-acre parcel located within the towns of Barnet and Ryegate, ranges from the top of Roy Mountain, west to Jewett Pond, and south to the shores of Upper and Lower Symes Ponds. Use the parking area on Roy Mountain Road for foot access. Lower Symes Pond boat access is off Hunt Mill Road in Ryegate.

SOUTH BAY

Comprised of publicly and privately-owned lands in Newport. Located primarily in two separate blocks totaling 1,813 acres. Both blocks are dominated by wetlands where large meandering rivers (the Barton and the Black) enter South Bay. Access can be had from three boat accesses and roads on three sides. Open to regulated hunting, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. Trapping is limited to some areas.

STEAM MILL BROOK

Open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. A 10,826-acre tract lying in the towns of Walden, Stannard, Wheelock and Danville. The WMA can be accessed from a number of places including Stannard Mountain Road, Coles Pond Road in Walden and Danville, and Rock Road.

VICTORY BASIN

A 4,970-acre wetland and forest complex located 15 miles northeast of St. Johnsbury in the town of Victory. Access areas are located along Victory Road, a dirt road that bisects the WMA and follows the Moose River from North Concord to Gallup Mills. Open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing.

WENLOCK

A 1,993-acre parcel located in the town of Ferdinand. Primary access from the north is provided by Route 105 (which parallels the Nulhegan River), and from the south and east by South America Pond Road. WMA is 7.5 miles east and 8.5 miles west of the villages of Island Pond and Bloomfield, respectively. There is a parking area on Route 105.

WEST MOUNTAIN

A 22,971-acre parcel located in the towns of Maidstone, Ferdinand and Brunswick, the WMA ranges north from Maidstone Lake to Route 105, and east from South America Pond to the Connecticut River. Access is available along miles of dirt roads. Main entry points are South America Pond Road off Route 105, and Maidstone Lake and Paul Stream Roads off Route 102. West Mountain WMA is open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing.

WILLOUGHBY FALLS

Open to regulated hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. Comprised of 610 acres of land the WMA is part of a group of lands that includes stream bank fishing access property, a waterfall site, and contiguous parcels forming one large tract. The lands lie north of the village of Orleans, at the confluence of the Willoughby and Barton Rivers, in the towns of Barton, Browington and Irasburg. There is a parking area at Willoughby Falls. Additionally, two other parking areas give access to the main part of the WMA.

STATE PARKS

GROTON STATE FOREST

The 25,000-acre forest is the second largest protected area in the state. Within its boundaries are six parks and year round recreation. Despite being nestled between Interstates 89 and 91, the park maintains a wild atmosphere. Massive mammals, like black bear and moose, call the park home. Mink, beaver and otters live in and around a number of lakes, rivers, creeks, bogs and kettle ponds. State Highway 232 (also called the Groton Forest Highway) snakes its way north/south through the heart of the state forest. Serviced by a vast network of hiking and multi-purpose trails for mountain biking, horseback riding, and off road use. In the winter, the network of trails that surround the Groton Nature Center, located on the shore of Lake Groton, are used for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Hiking east of the Groton Nature Center, forest visitors can explore the 700-acre Peacham Bog, one of the largest bogs in Vermont. For more information, contact Big Deer State Park, 303 Boulder Beach Road, Groton, VT, 05046. In the summer call 584-3822 and during the winter, 479-4280. Visit www.vtstateparks.com/index.htm

VICTORY STATE FOREST

Victory State Forest offers 15,826 acres for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hiking, hunting and limited camping. Wildlife viewing is terrific in this region of the state. The Victory Basin and the Wildlife Management Area offer an opportunity to view moose, black bear, white-tailed deer, river otter, red fox and much more. The forest is located in the northeastern area of Vermont near St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville and offers visitors the opportunity to view Burke Mountain, elevation 3,267 feet, and Umpire Mountain, 3,020 feet. Darling State Park is located within the Forest offering camping, hiking, hunting and picnicking amongst a forest of spruce and fir. The Victory Basin offers views of a remote northern ecosystem created by glaciers. Picturesque mountains surround the low-lying swampland. Snowmobiling and mountain biking are extremely popular within this state forest. Contact: Vermont Department of Forest Parks & Recreation, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT, 05671. Phone, 241-3670. Visit www.vtstateparks.com/index.htm

MAIDSTONE STATE PARK

Maidstone is the most remote of Vermont's state parks and still retains much of the wilderness character associated with the Northeast Kingdom. Maidstone Lake was created when the last glaciers melted and a deep, clear, cold lake was formed. The lake offers good lake trout and salmon fishing. It was designated a state park in 1938. The camp areas were wilderness, but the area around the lodge was a Civilian Conservation Corps camp. The CCC built many sites with fireplaces for camping, which are still in use today. The campground has 44 tent/trailer sites and 37 lean-tos. Three of the four rest rooms include hot showers. A sanitary dump station is available, but no hookups. There are play areas, hiking trails, and swimming beaches. A picnic shelter, swimming beach, and an additional rest room are available at the day use area. Surrounding the park are acres of forest lands that offer miles of logging roads for mountain biking or hiking. R1, Box 388, Guildhall, VT, 05905. Phone, 676-3930. Visit www.vtstateparks.com/index.htm

LYMAN FALLS STATE PARK

Adjacent to the old Lyman Falls dam in Bloomfield, now breached, the 41-acre property provides access to some of the finest trout fishing in New England and hosts several outstanding primitive canoe campsites, part of a growing water trail. Plunge pools, rapids and riffles below Lyman Falls have the effect of oxygenating the water to create an excellent cold-water fishery. Visit www.vtstateparks.com/index.htm

BRIGHTON STATE PARK

Brighton State Park lies in the heart of Vermont's northeastern highlands. A deep evergreen forest blankets much of the surrounding hills. Ponds and lakes are nestled in the wide valleys. This is the wildest and most isolated area in Vermont, rich in legends of Indians and loggers, railroads and rum-runners. The surrounding forest is the result of centuries of change. It is vastly different from the forest encountered by the first European settlers. The 15-acre site is a state designated natural area. Along this trail, you will be able to explore some of the nature and history of Brighton and the Northeast Kingdom. 102 State Park Road, Island Pond, VT, 05846. Phone, 723-4360. Visit www.vtstateparks.com/index.htm

CRYSTAL LAKE STATE PARK

Crystal Lake is approximately three miles long and about one mile in width. In some places it is known to be more than 100 feet deep. It is a glacial lake beautifully situated among rough hewn mountain sides. The beach area has almost a mile of sandy shoreline with a marked swimming area. The large historic granite bathhouse has rest rooms, changing areas, and a concession stand. There are approximately 40 free standing charcoal grills, nearly 80 picnic tables, play areas, rental boats and canoes, and lots of parking space. 96 Bellwater Ave., Barton, VT, 05822. Phone, 525-6205. Visit www.vtstateparks.com/index.htm

SKI AREAS

BURKE MOUNTAIN

45 trails and a 2,011-foot vertical drop with 80 percent snowmaking coverage. 270 acres of terrain serviced by 6 lifts. Renowned for its breathtaking views and ski racing heritage. The mountain features sweeping, winding trails, with an average of 217 inches of snowfall each year. Friendly, genuine staff and traditional terrain define the character of one of the last remaining Vermont ski classics. A variety of terrain accommodates skiers of every level. 223 Sherburne Lodge Road, East Burke. Phone: 626-7300. Email: info@skiburke.com Web Site: www.skiburke.com

JAY PEAK RESORT

Offers 79 trails, nine lifts and a 2,153-foot vertical drop with 85 percent snowmaking coverage and skiable terrain of 385 acres that includes trails, glades and chutes. Located only a few miles from the Canadian border, Jay Peak has a different perspective on the sport; the mountain reigns supreme, and unparalleled gladed terrain and the abutting backcountry attracts some of the best skiers and riders around. Big-mountain skiing and riding are affordable for all through a number of discount and value-added programs. Lodging is virtually all ski-in/ski-out, and the area is always one of the last in the east to close. 4850 Route 242, Jay. Phone: 988-2611. Snowphone, 988-9601. Email: info@jaypeakresort.com Web Site: www.jaypeakresort.com

LYNDON OUTING CLUB

The Lyndon Outing Club offers four seasons of fun. It has been open to the community since 1937, offering year-round events. Site rentals are available for community member events, ski lessons, alpine and Nordic skiing, a terrain park and an outdoor skating rink. PO Box 112, Lyndonville, VT, 05851. Phone: 626-8465.



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LOCAL LIBRARIES

ALBANY PUBLIC
530 Main Street, Albany. Phone: 755-6107.

ALDEN BALCH MEMORIAL
24 East Main Street, Lunenburg. Phone: 892-5365.

ALICE WARD MEMORIAL
27 Park Street, Canaan. Phone: 266-7135.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL
33 Main Street; Wells River. Phone: 757-2693.

BARNET PUBLIC
147 Church Street, Barnet Phone: 633-4436.

BARTON PUBLIC
100 Church St., Barton. Phone: 525-6524.

CABOT PUBLIC
3084 Main Street, Cabot. Phone: 563-2721.

CHARLES D. BRAINERD MEMORIAL
4215 Bruce Badger Memorial Highway, Danville. Phone: 424-1403.

COBLEIGH PUBLIC
4 Depot St., Lyndonville. Phone: 626-5475.

CONCORD PUBLIC
Town Hall, Main Street, P.O. Box 188, Concord. Phone: 695-2220.

CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC
12 Church Street, Craftsbury Common. Phone: 586-9683.

DAILEY MEMORIAL
101 Jr. High Dr., Derby. Phone: 766-5063.

DAVIES MEMORIAL
532 Maple St., PO Box 56, Lower Waterford. Phone: 748-4609.

EAST BURKE COMMUNITY
East Burke, Phone: 626-9823.

GOODRICH MEMORIAL
202 Main Street, Newport. Phone: 334-7902.

GLOVER PUBLIC
51 Bean Hill Road, Glover. Phone: 525-4365.

GREENSBORO FREE
53 Wilson Street, Greensboro. Phone: 533-2531.

GROTON PUBLIC
1304 Scott Memorial Highway, Groton. Phone: 584–3358.

HASKELL FREE
93 Caswell Avenue, Derby Line. Phone: 873-3022.

HITCHOCK MEMORIAL
1252 Vt Route 100, Westfield. Phone: 744-8258

ISLAND POND PUBLIC
49 Mill Street, Island Pond. Phone: 723-6134.

JEUDEVINE MEMORIAL
North Main Street, Hardwick. Phone: 472-5948.

JONES MEMORIAL
1 Water Street, Orleans. Phone: 754-6660.

LEACH PUBLIC
130 Park Avenue, Irasburg. Phone: 754-2526.

LOWELL COMMUNITY
Vermont 100, Lowell. Phone: 744-2447.

PEACHAM
Bayley-Hazen Road, Peacham. Phone: 592-3216.

POPE MEMORIAL
121 Park Street, Danville. Phone: 684-2256.

RAND MEMORIAL
160 Railroad Street, North Troy. Phone: 988-4741.

SAMUEL READ HALL
1001 College Road, Lyndonville. Phone: 626-6200.

SOUTH RYEGATE CORNER
140 Church Street, South Ryegate.

ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM
1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury. Phone: 748-8291.

WEST BURKE
123 VT Route 5A, St. Johnsbury. Phone: (201) 519-3633.

MUSEUMS & HISTORICAL PLACES

ALBANY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The War Memorial, erected in front of the Old Village School, was made possible by the society. Collections are being formed, including some school furniture, town reports, pictures and artifacts, and even a sleigh, all donated by townspeople. A complete inventory of all burials in seven town cemeteries was completed in 2001. Visitors by appointment. Historic Albany Village School, Route 14, Albany. Mailing address: PO Box 317, Albany, VT, 05820, Phone: 755-6105

BARNET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum is located in a house reputedly used as a station for the underground railroad during the Civil War. Many of the items were made and used in Barnet. There are quilts, clothing, 19th century household furnishings, tools, and photographs. 26 Goodwillie Road, Barnet VT, 05821. Mailing address: 802 Warden Road, Barnet VT, 05821. Phone: 633-2325

BEN'S MILL

An old water-powered mill on the National Register of Historic Places that has been restored to a working museum. Open Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 2236 West Barnet Road, Barnet VT, 05821. Mailing address: PO Box 50, Barnet VT, 05821. Phone: 357-2010. Email: info@bens-mill.com

BURKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located in the White School House Museum, East Burke. Mailing address: c/o Burke Mountain Club, PO Box 309, East Burke, VT, 05832.

CABOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society has restored a one-room schoolhouse, as well as another school that was used as a Good Templars hall. Collections include household furnishings, medical practice materials, tools and farming implements, documents from 1800 to 1920, photographs and turn of the 20th-century educational materials. West Hill School House, West Hill 4 Corners, Cabot. Mailing address: PO Box 275, Cabot, VT, 05647. Phone: 563-3396. Website: www.cabothistory.org

CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society occupies the second floor of an 1846 Greek Revival building constructed for a stop on the Franklin, N.H., to Montreal stage route. Local legend says the house was used as an underground railroad resting place, but this has not been verified. The Museum, lacking volunteers, is open whenever the library is open for self-guided tours. Guided tours can be arranged by contacting the curator. During the summer months, the antique logging tool exhibit in the carriage house is open by chance or by appointment. Museum, second floor of the Alice Ward Memorial Library, 27 Park Street, Village Green, Canaan. Mailing address: 27 Park Street, Canaan, VT, 05903.

CHARLESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Memorabilia pertaining to Charleston and its inhabitants. Museum Drive, off Route 105, West Charleston. Mailing address: PO Box 46, East Charleston, VT, 05833. Phone: 723-4833

CONCORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rooms in the Museum contain a replica of a local doctor's office and smoking room, an old post office and a schoolroom. Collections include household furnishings, tools, clothing, toys, and items from local businesses. Town Hall Museum, Main Street, Concord. Mailing address: PO Box 195, Concord, VT, 05824. Phone: 695-3330

CRAFTSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Babcock House Museum, Craftsbury Common, Craftsbury, Mailing address: 258 The Ledges, Craftsbury, VT, 05826. Phone: 586-2825. Website: townofcraftsbury.com

CRYSTAL LAKE FALLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Crystal Lake Falls Historic District, located along Water Street in Barton, was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places on Aug. 7, 1994. The district, which covers several blocks of the village, is known colloquially as the "Brick Kingdom." Harnessing power from the falls from Crystal Lake, factories clustered along Water Street, making piano works, furniture, ladies cotton lingerie and baseball bats. Some of the factories dated to the 1790s, and most closed by the 1940s, with the last leaving in 1952. The association is located at Pierce House, 97 Water St., Barton, VT.

DANVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Danville Historical Society is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting an understanding of the history of Danville by collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting that history and its relationship to the region and nation to audiences of all ages and interests. 121 Hill Street (PO Box 274), Danville, VT, 05828. Phone: 684-2055

DERBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The small, two-room Museum is in the former town office building on Main Street. There are archives from Derby Academy and material relating to the history of the town. Mailing address: PO Box 357, Derby, VT, 05829. Phone: 766-5324

FAIRBANKS MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

The Fairbanks Museum was founded in 1889. Inside the classic Victorian building, are a dazzling array of animals and artifacts, dolls and tools and shells and fossils, as well as Vermont's only public planetarium and the Eye on the Sky Weather Gallery. A full calendar of events, workshops, lectures and field programs invites everyone to explore the nature of the world. 1302 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-2372, www.fairbanksmuseum.org

GLOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society's Museum is located on the second floor of the municipal building, the former "Leonard Homestead." Photos and cemetery lists are some of the items being archived. Many publications are available for sale. Mailing address: PO Box 208, Glover, VT, 05839. Phone: 525-6212 or 525-6227 (town clerk). Website: www.gloverhistoricalsociety.org Email: gloverhistory@yahoo.com

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society resides in the restored library, which was built in 1900 and houses records and artifacts. It is open by request and appointment year round and for an exhibit each summer. Museum on Breezy Avenue next to Willey's Store in Greensboro. Mailing address: PO Box 151, Greensboro, VT, 05841. Phone: 586-6913

GROTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The beautifully furnished old house built in 1840 contains a collection of items relating to local history. Peter Paul 1840 House, 1203 Scott Highway, Groton. Mailing address: P.O. Box 89, Groton, VT, 05046. Phone: 584-3417

HARDWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Located off Church Street behind the Town House, the restored Hardwick Depot, home to the society, houses artifacts of the town's past, including items related to the granite industry, the railroad, Hardwick Academy and the civil war. Mailing address: PO Box 177, Hardwick, VT, 05843. Phone: 472-8555. E-Mail: hardwickhistoricalsociety@verizon.net

HOLLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum is housed in the former Congregational Church, built in 1848. There are photographs, household furnishings, textiles, farm implements, military artifacts, and church and town memorabilia. Activities include Old Home Day on the first Sunday in August. 693 Gore Road, Holland. Mailing address: PO Box 483, Derby Line, VT, 05830. Phone: 766-5375

MUSEUMS & HISTORICAL PLACES

ISLAND POND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The historical society occupies the second floor of the restored railway station. There are permanent displays of photographs, railroad memorabilia, 19th-century clothing and uniforms, lumbering tools, local newspapers, and Odd Fellows memorabilia. Canadian National Railway Station, 2nd Floor, Main Street, Island Pond. Mailing address: PO Box 408, Island Pond, VT, 05846. Phone: 723-4345

LYNDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society's major function is to discover and collect any material which may help to establish or illustrate the history of the town. The society provides for the preservation of such material and distributes historical information and arouses interest in the past by publishing historical material, by holding meetings and discussions, by marking historic buildings, sites and trails, and by using media to awaken public interest. 202 Center Street, Lyndon Center. Mailing address: PO Box 85, Lyndon Center, VT, 05850. Phone: 626-5344

LUNENBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society's collection includes many books, documents, and photographs pertaining to the history of Lunenburg and its residents. Visitors by appointment. Old Town Hall, 54 Park Street, Lunenburg. Mailing address: PO Box 195, Lunenburg, VT, 05906. Phone: 892-6102. Email: questions@lunenburghistoricalsociety.org Website: www.lunenburghistoricalsociety.org

MEMPHREMAGOG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum has permanent display panels of 19th-century and 20th-century photographs of the history of Newport, surrounding towns and Lake Memphremagog, plus an Abenaki culture timeline of the Newport/Lake Memphremagog area from Paleolithic times to the present. There are yearly changing showcases of local history. The society maintains an historical walking tour along Newport's waterfront and Main Street of 10 landmarks long forgotten—in both English and French. The society also offers to the public family genealogy research in the Newport area and a photograph collection. Emory Hebard State Office Building, 100 Main Street, Newport. Mailing address: 96 Stagecoach Drive, Newport, VT, 05855. Phone: 334-6195

MISSISQUOI VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The museum is housed in a mid-19th-century building that was first a blacksmith shop and then a church. Collections are of 19th-century textiles, costumes, household furnishings, farm tools, and photographs. Main Street, North Troy. Mailing address: PO Box 237, North Troy, VT 05859. Phone: 988-2397

MORGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Todd Pond Road and Route 111, Morgan, Mailing address: PO Box 113, Morgan, VT, 05853. Phone: 723-5907

OLD NORTH CHURCH

Constructed in 1832, the Old North Church on Wheelock Road in North Danville began as a Union Meeting House supporting several denominations. The church is of post and beam construction with a stone foundation and metal gable roof with clapboard siding. It is recognized as a historic site by the state of Vermont and available for weddings May to September. For information, contact Joan Legendre at 748-4520 or Judy Parker 748-8519

OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM

Located in a quiet and picturesque Northeast Kingdom village, the Museum includes six buildings on 55 acres. Seemingly untouched by time, this hillside town is centered around a monumental stone dormitory, called Athenian Hall, built in 1834-36 by the Rev. Alexander Twilight, the nation's first African-American college graduate and state legislator. The stone house now houses 21 rooms of exhibits focusing on 19th century life in northern Vermont. The collection includes furniture, textiles, photographs, pottery, folk and fine art, as well as many of the tools and utensils of daily life. The exhibits continue in Twilight's own house, two more historic houses and a traditional barn. The Museum is located in the Brownington Village Historic District, amidst 19th century homes and a church, surrounded by farmland. 109 Old Stone House Road, Brownington, VT, 05860. Phone: 754-2022

PEACHAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The association identifies, collects, preserves and makes available the history of Peacham and encourages interest through lectures, exhibits, publications and other activities. Peacham is a National Historic Village District. A permanent exhibit of tools, a telephone exchange, and items from an old country store are displayed in a three-room historical house. An 1800s blacksmith shop has been restored with a working wooden forge. Archives and the Museum library are housed in a former town office. Historical House, 153 Church Street, Peacham. Blacksmith Shop, 101 Church Street, Peacham. Archives, 643 Bayley-Hazen Road, Peacham. Mailing address: PO Box 101, Peacham, VT, 05862. Email: info@peacham.net Website: www.peacham.net

RYEGATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society's focus is the preservation of Ryegate's history through research and meetings and the storage and cataloguing of artifacts, documents, books, and other items of interest. Public programs are held in the summer months. The society maintains Whitelaw Hall in East Ryegate, where part of the collections are stored and displayed. Other vital archives are held in the Town Clerk's vault. Visitors by appointment. 54 Paper Mill Road, East Ryegate. Mailing address: 3158 North Bayley Hazen Road, East Ryegate, VT, 05042. Email dawhite@FairPoint.net

ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENAEUM

The St. Johnsbury Athenaeum is a private, nonprofit public library and art gallery. The Athenaeum fills two roles: it serves the people of St. Johnsbury by enriching their lives, and it stands as a regional and national treasure, a monument to the 19th-century belief in learning. 1171 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-8291. Email: inform@stjathenaeum.org Website: www.stjathenaeum.org

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society archives are housed at the Municipal Building (37 Dane Road). The 1847 Town House Museum (75 Berry Hill Road) is open on special occasion or by appointment through the summer months. Displays include early Sheffield life, Civil War soldiers of Sheffield, maps on the old cemeteries, and the school districts in 1875. Inquiries for private tours or genealogy are welcome. Email: edrichardson@juno.com For information contact Audrey Richardson at 626-9416

THE ST. JOHNSBURY HISTORY & HERITAGE CENTER

The St. Johnsbury History & Heritage Center is a non-profit historical museum located at 421 Summer Street. Four rooms in the house include exhibits of Civil War artifacts and early town memorabilia. The carriage barn holds additional exhibits with large vehicles, ice harvesting tools, and the Fairbanks-Morse scale collection. The Center is open Mon.- Wed. 10 to 4 p.m., expanding to Mon.-Sat. in the summer. Address: 421 Summer St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819; Phone: (802) 424-1090; Website: stjhistory.org; Email: stjohnsbury-hhc@gmail.com

STANNARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The society has undertaken the restoration of the town's most prominent landmark, the 1888 Stannard Church. Constructed in a pristine, carpenter gothic style, the church is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Old Methodist Church, Stannard Mountain Road, Stannard. Mailing address: 92 Old Pasture Road, Greensboro Bend, VT, 05842. For information contact Jan Lewandoski at 533-2561.

WALDEN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Mailing Address: PO Box 54, West Danville, VT, 05873. For information call Joanne Foster at 563-2472

THE ARTS

BURKLYN ARTS COUNCIL

A private, not-for-profit organization bringing the arts to the schools and communities of Lyndon, Sutton, East Haven, Sheffield, Wheelock, Burke and Newark. P.O. Box 1056, Lyndonville, VT, 05851. Phone: 328-2683. www.burklynarts.org

CABOT ARTS

A non-profit with a mission to enliven our culture and local economy by promoting the very best in regional, national and international music, arts, crafts, spoken word & theater. Organized workshops, classes and jam sessions in the spirit of accessibility and inclusivity. Working in cooperation with the Cabot Community Association (CCA). 3084 Main Street, Cabot, VT, 05647. Phone: 793-3016. Email: director@cabotarts.org. Website: www.cabotarts.org

CATAMOUNT ARTS

Founded in 1975 with a mission of enhancing the cultural climate of northern Vermont and New Hampshire. Located in the Masonic Temple of St. Johnsbury, which features two movie theaters, two state-of-the-art classrooms, an 80-seat performance space and a gallery showcasing work by area artists. 115 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-2600 or 888-757-5559. Email: Contact@Catamountarts.org Website: www.catamountarts.org

DOG MOUNTAIN

Dogs are celebrated at this unique art gallery, outdoor sculpture gardens and Dog Chapel. All feature the work of acclaimed Vermont artist Stephen Huneck. Located on 400 acres with spectacular views, nature walks and snowshoeing. 143 Parks Road, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-2700 or 800-449-2580. Email: info@dogmt.com Web: www.dogmt.com

KINGDOM COUNTY PRODUCTIONS

Established to make films rooted in northern New England. KCP has produced award-winning dramatic feature films, documentaries, a radio variety show, a touring musical theater production, and an Emmy-winning television comedy series. 949 Somers Road, Barnet VT, 05821. Phone: 592-3190. Email: info@kingdomcounty.com

NORTH COUNTRY CHORUS

This community chorus of about 75 members, under the direction of Alan Rowe, serves the Upper Connecticut River Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont. The group performs in numerous venues and presents concerts each year in December and May. Web: www.northcountrychorus.org

NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTISANS GUILD

Founded in 1997 by seven local artisans as a cooperative craft shop, the Guild is a showcase for more than 100 of Vermont's finest artisans. 430 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Phone: 748-0158. Email: nekguild@kingcon.com Website: www.nekartisansguild.com

THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM CLASSICAL SERIES

A non-profit arts organization that presents four chamber music programs annually at various St. Johnsbury venues. These concerts draw an average attendance of over 125 music lovers. Concerts are scheduled in the winter months (October through April). Phone: 626-9204 or 748-5451 or 748-8012. Website: www.nekclassicalseries.org

BREAD & PUPPET

A theater founded in 1963 by Peter Schumann on New York City's Lower East Side. In 1974, Bread and Puppet moved to a farm in Glover. The 140-year old hay barn was transformed into a Museum for veteran puppets. One of the oldest, nonprofit, self-supporting theatrical companies in the country. 753 Heights Rd., Glover VT, 05839. Phone: 525-3031. Website: www.breadandpuppet.org

CIRCUS SMIRKUS

An award-winning international youth circus founded in 1987 by Rob Mermin, to promote the skills, culture and traditions of the traveling circus and to inspire youth to engage in the circus arts. Circus Smircus Big Top Tour travels around the Northeastern United States for seven weeks every summer, performing about 70 shows. 1 Circus Road, Greensboro, VT. Phone: 533-7443. Email: info@smircus.org Website: www.smircus.org

MAC CENTER FOR THE ARTS

A non-profit, artist-run collaborative. The center on Main Street comprises two galleries for exhibits, special events and retail space. MAC also offers classes, workshops and visiting exhibits as well as occasional performances. 158 Main Street, Newport. Web: www.memphremagogartscollaborative.com Phone: 334-1966. Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

QUIMBY GALLERY

The gallery exhibits contemporary work and serves as an educational resource for NVU-Lyndon and the local community. There are student, faculty and regional art shows. Northern Vermont University - Lyndon, Lyndonville, VT, 05851. Phone: 626-9371.

ST. JOHNSBURY BAND

Founded in 1830 and the nation's third oldest community band, the group performs throughout New England and hosts traditional Monday evening concerts at the bandstand in Courthouse Park from mid-June through mid-August. P.O. Box 243, St. Johnsbury, VT, 05819. Email: Manager@stjohnsburyband.org Website: www.stjohnsburyband.org

THE ST. JOHNSBURY PLAYERS

The organization has performed for more than 100 years at venues around St. Johnsbury. Each year the organization donates scholarships to graduating area high school students.

HASKELL FREE LIBRARY AND & OPERA HOUSE

Constructed in 1901, deliberately astride the boundary line separating Canada from the United States. This remarkable institution attracts visitors from around the world. A gift from Mrs. Martha Stewart Haskell and her son Col. Horace "Stewart" Haskell, who wanted Canadians and Americans to have equal access to the library and opera house. 93 Caswell Avenue, Derby Line, VT 05830, 873-3022, www.haskellopera.com

HIGHLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

A state-of-the-art performance theater with multiple stage configurations, seating for 250 people, and a 100-seat small performance space. Programing includes dance, music, theatre, circus arts, cinema, workshops, artist residences, and lectures. 2875 Hardwick Street, Greensboro, VT 05841. Phone: (802) 533-9075. Website: highlandartsvt.org

THE VERMONT CHILDREN'S THEATER

Located in a converted hay barn on beautiful Darling Hill, the theater presents three musicals each summer, with local children as cast members. 2283 Darling Hill Road, Lyndonville, VT 05851. Website: www.vermontchildrenstheater.com Email: info@vermontchildrenstheater.com



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RECYCLING & TRASH COLLECTION HOURS

With the adoption of the Universal Recycling law (Act 148), Vermont has taken an ambitious step to reduce the amount of material that goes to the landfill. Universal recycling gives all Vermonters the opportunity to keep valuable materials out of the trash through services for recycling and composting. The law bans mandated recyclables from the landfill. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District services around 46,000 residents and 49 member towns, many of them in the Northeast Kingdom. Visit www.nekwmd.org for more information on recycling depots, separation guidelines, hazardous materials and commercial composting guidelines. The following is a schedule of recycling/trash collection depots by town.

Albany - 1030 Main St., Albany, Wed. 4-7 p.m., Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Barnet- End of Town Highway 14, Sat. 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., Summer Wed. 3-7 p.m.
Barton- 210 May Farm Rd. Sat. 9 - 2 p.m. (winter) and Tues. 5-7 p.m., Sat 9-noon (summer)
Bloomfield - Curbside
Brighton - 621 Railroad Street Behind town garage, Mon. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Brownington - The Trading Post, 645 Evansville Road, Sat. 9-noon
Brunswick - Curbside Trash/Recycling
Burke - Curb-side trash pick-up Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Curb-side recycle pick-up Thursdays.
Cabot - Saw Mill Road off Route 215, Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Canaan - 186 Treatment Plant Road, Wed. 8-1, Fri. 12-4, Sat. 8-1.
Charleston - Call town offices for services
Concord - Town Garage, 110 Brook Road, Trash/Recycling Sat. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Trash only Tues. 4-6 p.m.
Danville - Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Route 2, Sat. 9-noon (trash). Old Railroad Station on Peacham Road, 9-noon (recycling).
Derby - 3427 US Route 5, Sat. & Wed. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
East Haven - 58 Community Building Road, Sat. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Glover - 1600 Dry Pond Rd., Wed. 12-3 and Sat. 9-12.
Granby - Call town offices for services
Greensboro - 82 Lauredon Avenue, Sat. 9- 11 a.m. Summer until Sept. 3 Wed. 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Groton - 269 School St., East Ryegate, Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, Fri. 3-6 p.m.
Guildhall - Call town offices for services
Holland - 3157 Valley Road, The Town Garage, Sat. 9-noon
Irasburg - 1030 Main St., Albany, Wed. 4-7 p.m., Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Jay - 1375 Cross Road, Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 9-noon
Kirby - Call town offices for services
Lunenburg - Transfer Station Road, Wed. 12-5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Lowell - Town Garage, Sat. 8 a.m. - noon.
Lyndon - 224 Church St., Wed. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Maidstone - Call town offices for services
Morgan - 2140 Vt. Route 111, Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Newark - 1358 Newark Street, Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Newport City - Coventry Street, Wed. 8-4, Sat. 8-noon
Newport Town - The Old Town Garage, Route 105, Wed. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Norton - 249 VT Route 114 South, Wed. 5-6 p.m., Sat. 9-noon, Sun. 2-5 p.m.
Peacham - East Peacham Road, Sat. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ryegate - 269 School St., East Ryegate, Sat. 8 a.m. - noon, Fri. 3-6 p.m.
Sheffield - Rte. 122, Wheelock, Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
St. Johnsbury - High Street, Mon.-Thurs. 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m., Fri.- Sat. 7:15 a.m. - noon.
Stannard - Call town offices for services
Sutton - Call town offices for services
Troy - 1375 Cross Road, Jay, Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 9-noon
Victory - Call town offices for services
Waterford - Town Garage, Duck Pond Road, Sat. 7 a.m. - noon.
Westfield - Town Garage, 757 VT Route 100, Sat. 8-noon
Westmore - 6988 VT Route 5A, Winter: Thurs.& Sat. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Summer: Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wheelock - Route 122 - Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

POST OFFICES

ALBANY
803 Main Street. Phone: 755-6791. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12; Sat, 8-10:30.

BARNET
30 Monument Circle. Phone: 633-4000. Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30-11:30, 12:30-2:30; Sat, 7:30-10:45.

37 Academy Lane. Phone: 633-4178. Hours: Mon-Fri, 2:30-4:30.

32 Bridge Street. Phone: 748-1325. Hours: Mon-Fri, 12:45-4:45; Sat, 8:30-11:30.

BARTON
405 Main Street. Phone: 525-6262. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-noon, 1-4:30; Sat, 8-11:30.

BEEBE PLAIN
3141 Beebe Road. Phone: 873-3629. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-noon, 1-4:30; Sat, 8:30-11:30.

BEECHER FALLS
1110 Route 253. Phone: 266-3037. Hours: Mon-Fri, 1:15-5:15; Sat, 8:30-noon.

BURKE
552 VT Route 114. Phone: 626-3686. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12; Sat, 8-10.

30 Post Office Road. Phone: 467-3344. Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30-12, 2-4:30; Sat, 8:45-11:45.

CANAAN
350 Christian Hill. Phone: 266-3473. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12, 3-5; Sat, 9-11:30.

CABOT
3123 Main Street. Phone: 563-9929. Hours: Mon-Fri, 7-12, 2-4:30; Sat, 8-11.

CHARLESTON
1165 Route 105. Phone: 895-2738. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-10, 3:15-5:15; Sat, 8-11:30.

CONCORD
343 Main Street. Phone: 695-2994. Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-10:30, 1:30-4:30; Sat 8-11.

131 Victory Road. Phone: 695-2911. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12; Sat, 7:30-10.

COVENTRY
177 Main Street, Coventry. Phone: 754-6013. Hours: Mon-Fri, 1-5; Sat, 8-11.

CRAFTSBURY
Suite 1, 118 South Craftsbury Road. Phone: 586-9650. Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30-10:30, 1-4; Sat, 7:30-10:30.

1354 North Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury Common. Phone: 586-2209. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-10, 2:45-4:45; Sat, 8-11.

DANVILLE
35 Park Street. Phone: 684-3406. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12:30, 1:30-4:45; Sat 8-11.

2748 U.S. Route 2W. Phone: 684-1158. Hours: Mon-Fri, 1-5; Sat, 7:30-11:30.

DERBY
3275 U.S. Route 5. Phone: 766-5051. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-1, 2-4:30; Sat, 8:15-11:15.

84 Main St., Derby Line. Phone: 873-3332. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-4:45; Sat, 8-11:45.

3141 Beebe Road. Phone: 873-3629. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-10, 3-5, Sat, 8:30-11:30.

EAST CHARLESTON
5 Mill Street. Phone: 723-6235. Hours: Mon-Fri 12:30-4:30, Sat 8-11.

EAST HAVEN
472 School Street. Phone: 467-3907. Hours: Mon-Fri 12:45-4:45; Sat 7-11.

GLOVER
2984 Glover Street. Phone: 525-8822. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-5; Sat, 8:30-11:30.

GROTON
1236 Scott Highway. Phone: 584-3479. Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30-11, 12-2:30; Sat 8:30-11:30.

GUILDHALL
7031 Route 102. Phone: 676-3067. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-10, 2:45-4:45, Sat, 8-11.

GRANBY
9023 Granby Road. Phone: 328-2427. Mon-Fri 8-9:30, 3-4:30; Sat. 8:30-11:30.

GREENSBORO
12 Cemetery Ridge. Phone: 533-2500. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9-12, 1-4; Sat, 8-11:30.

975 Main St., Greensboro Bend. Phone: 533-7711. Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30-9:30, 2:45-4:45; Sat, 8-11:15.

HARDWICK
45 Main Street. Phone: 472-5437. Hours: Mon-Fri 7:45-9:45, 2:45-4:45; Sat 7:30-10:30.

52 Mill Street. Phone: 472-6022. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-5; Sat 9-12.

IRASBURG
94 Park Avenue. Phone: 754-6322. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12, 2:30-4:30; Sat, 8:15-11:15.

ISLAND POND
32 Main Street. Phone: 723-5995. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12:30, 1:30-4:45; Sat, 8-11:30.

LOWELL
296 Hazens Notch Road. Phone: 744-2706. Hours: Mon-Fri 8-10, 2:45-4:45; Sat. 8:30-11.

LUNENBURG
10 South Lunenburg Road. Phone: 892-5396. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-11:30, 12:30-3; Sat, 9-11:30.

LYNDON
5992 Memorial Drive. Phone: 626-5837. Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:15-9:15, 2:45-4:45; Sat 8:30-11:30.

325 Center Street, Lyndon Center. Phone: 626-3310. Hours: Mon-Fri, 7-11, 2:30-4:30; Sat 8:30-10:30.

1025 Broad Street, Lyndonville. Phone: 626-5421. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-5; Sat 9-12.

MORGAN
8411 Route 111. Phone: 895-2700. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:15-12:15, 1:15-4:15; Sat, 8:30-11.

NEWPORT
59 Coventry Street. Phone: 334-2420. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-5; Sat 9-12.

4168 Route 105, Newport Center. Phone: 334-7214. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-11, 1:30-4:30; Sat, 8:30-11.

NORTON
445 Vt Route 114 S. Phone: 822-5577. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12; Sat, 8:30-11:30.

ORLEANS
2 Water Street. Phone: 754-6550. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30-1, 2-5; Sat, 8:30-11:30.

PEACHAM
79 Church Street. Phone: 592-3372. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-10, 2:45-3:45; Sat, 9-11.

RYEGATE
57 Papermill Road. Phone: 757-3067. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12, 1:45-5; Sat, 8-11:30.

SHEFFIELD
3037 Main Street. Phone: 626-9668. Hours: Mon-Fri 8-10, 2:45-4:45; Sat, 9-11:30.

ST. JOHNSBURY
1153 Main Street. Phone: 748-3301. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-5; Sat, 9-12.

1064 US Route 2 E, East St. Johnsbury. Phone: 748-7891. Hours: Mon-Fri, 1-5; Sat, 8:00-11.

1616 Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury Center. Phone: 748-4773. Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-12; Sat, 8-11.

TROY
6694 VT Route 100. Phone: 744-2708. Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30-12:30, 1:30-4:30; Sat. 8:15-11:45.

66 South Street. Phone: 988-2229. Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-12:00, 1-4:30; Sat. 9-11:30.

WATERFORD
532 Maple Street. Phone: 748-5312. Hours: Mon-Fri 8:15-10:15, 3-5; Sat. 8:45-11:30.

WEST CHARLESTON
1165 VT Route 105. Phone: 895-2738. Hours: Mon-Fri 8-10, 3:15-5:15; Sat, 8:30-11:30.

WESTFIELD
31 N Hill Road Unit 2 . Phone: 744-6887. Hours: Mon-Fri 8:15-10:15, 2:30-4:30; Sat. 8:15-10:15.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

ALBANY

Albany United Methodist Church: 906 Main Street, Albany 05820; Phone: 754-2790

BARNET

McIndoe Falls First Congregational Church: US-5, Barnet, 05821; Phone: 728-4999

Karme Choling Shambhala Meditation Center: 369 Patenaude Lane, Barnet; Phone: 633-2384.

Presbyterian Church of Barnet During school year, 520 West Main Street, Barnet; During summer, 278 Barnet Center Road, Barnet 05821; Phone: 633-4068.

Passumpsic Baptist Church: Route 5, Passumpsic, 05861; Phone: 748-3993

BARTON

Solid Rock Assembly of God: Barton; Phone: 525-3888.

Barton Baptist Church: Route 16, Barton; Phone: 525-3624; Phone: 525-3624

Barton United Church: 15 Glover Rd., Barton, 05822; Phone: 525-3607

Conversion of St Pauls Church: 85 St Pauls Ln., Barton, 05822; Phone: 525-3711

Orleans Federated Church: 34 School St., Orleans, 05860; Phone: 754-6486

BRIGHTON

First Congregational Church: 21 Middle St., Island Pond, 05846; Phone: 723-5037

Brighton Baptist Church: 30 Paradise Mountain Rd., Island Pond, 05846; Phone: 723-4800

St. James The Greater Church: 146 Walnut Avenue, Island Pond, 05846; Phone: 723-4312

Grace Brethren Church: 105, Island Pond, 05846; Phone: 723-6143

BURKE

East Burke Congregational United Church of Christ: Route 114, East Burke, Worship Sunday 9 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Oct-May; Phone: 626-5584.

Universalist Church: Route 5A, West Burke, 05871.

West Burke Methodist Church: Church Street, West Burke, 05871; Services at 10 a.m.; Phone: 467-3466.

CABOT

United Church of Cabot: 2 Common Way, Cabot, 05647; Phone: 563-2278.


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Christ Covenant Ministries: 83 Creamery St., Marshfield; Phone: 426-3744.

CANAAN

The Grace Community Church: 300 Gale St., Canaan, 05903; Phone: 266-3071

CHARLESTON

St. Benedict Labre: 1466 Route 105, West Charleston, 05872; Sunday service, 11:30 a.m.

CONCORD

Concord Community Church: 481 Main Concord, 05824; Phone: 695-1100.

COVENTRY

Congregational Church of Coventry: 1893 Coventry Station Road, Coventry, 05825; Rev. Anne Squire; Phone: 754-8795.

Grace Brethren Church: 3 -14, Coventry, 05825; Phone: 754-2363

CRAFTSBURY

East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church: 1097 Ketchum Hill Rd., Craftsbury, 05826; Sunday Service at 11 a.m.; Phone: 586-7707

United Church of Craftsbury: 7 Church Ln., Craftsbury, 05826; Phone: 586-8028

DANVILLE

Danville Congregational Church: 87 Hill St., Danville, 05828; Phone: 684-2176.

United Methodist Church: Park Street, Danville, 05828: Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.; Parsonage phone, 684-3389.

West Danville United Methodist Church: 84 Route 15, Danville, 05828; Sunday worship and Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.; Phone: 648-1201.

North Danville Baptist Church: North Danville, 05819; Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

Queen of Peace Church: Rt. 2 Danville, 05828; Mass, Sunday 8:30 a.m.; Phone: 748-8129

Old North Church: North Danville, 05819; Sunday Service, 7 p.m.; Lamplight services the last Sunday of each month May thru September.

DERBY

St. Edward The Confessor: 250 Main St., Derby Line, 05830; Sunday service, 8:30 a.m.

St. Edwards Parish Hall: 59 Elm Street, Derby Line, ; Phone: 873-4577.

Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church: 748 Quarry Road, Derby, ; Phone: 334-5282.

GREENSBORO

Greensboro United Church: 165 E Craftsbury Rd., Greensboro, 05841; Phone: 533-2223

GROTON

First Baptist Church: 235 Scott Highway, Groton, 05046; Phone: 584-3556.

HARDWICK

United Church: South Main Street, Hardwick, 05843; Phone: 472-6800.

Hardwick Bible Baptist Church: 296 S Main St., Hardwick, 05843; Phone: 472-5294

St Norberts Catholic Church: 193 S Main St., Hardwick, 05843; Phone 472-5544

St John Baptist Episcopal Church: PO Box 424, Hardwick, 05843; Phone: 472-5979

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Touch of Grace Assembly of God: 104 Route 16, East Hardwick, 05836; Phone: 472-5550

IRASBURG

Grace Brethren Church: Routes 5 & 14, Irasburg, 05845; Phone: 754-2363.

Irasburg United Church-Christ: Park Ave., Irasburg, 05845; Phone: 754-8448

LOWELL

Congregational Church-Lowell: 2506 Route 100, Lowell, 05847; Phone: 673-9459

St. Ignatius Catholic Church: 151 Hazens Notch Rd., Lowell, 05847

LYNDON

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: Route 5, South Lyndon, 05849; Phone: 626-5822.

First Congregational Church: 6 Park Street, Lyndonville, 05851; Services at 10 a.m.; Phone: 626-5300.

Lyndon Center Baptist Church: College Street, Lyndon Center, 05850; Sunday Service at 10:15 a.m.; Phone: 626-9237.

St. Peter's Episcopal Mission: 51 Elm Street, Lyndonville, 05851; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Phone: 626-5705.

St. Elizabeth Church: 7 East Street, Lyndonville, 05851; Mass, Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Phone: 748-8129

Baptist Church: Route 5, North Lyndonville, 05851. Phone: 626-9237.

Calvery Chapel Northeast Kingdom: 165 Park Avenue, Lyndonville, 05851; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Night Worship; Phone: 626-4488. Email: calverynek@myFairPoint.net

United Methodist Church: 100 Church Street, Lyndonville, 05851; Sunday Service, 10 a.m. and July and August, 9 a.m.; Phone: 626-5057.

Lyndon Bible Church: 250 Brown Farm Road, Lyndonville, 05851; Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m., June-August, 9 a.m.; Phone: 626-9296. www.lyndonbible.org

MORGAN

Morgan United Church: 14 Meade Hill, Morgan, 05853; Phone: 895-9900

NEWPORT

Faith Lighthouse Assembly of God Church: 51 Alderbrook Rd., Newport, 05855.

St. Mary Star of the Sea: 191 Clermont Terrace, Newport, 05855; Sunday service, 10 a.m.

Newport Baptist Church: 834 Main Street, Newport, 05855; Phone: 334-5554.

Newport First Baptist Church: 22 Cedar Street, Newport, 05855; Phone: 334-5554.

Victory Baptist Church: 15 Second Street, Unit 4, Newport, 05855; Phone: 525-3381; Email: deskofkel@aol.com

Christian Science Society of Newport: East Main, Newport, 05855; Phone: 334-5840.

Church of Christ: PO Box 484, Newport, 05855; Phone: 334-2028.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: Beebe Road, Newport, 05855; Phone: 334-5700.

Saint Mark Episcopal Church: Second Street, Newport, 05855; Phone: 334-7365.

Evangelical Free Church: PO Box 947, Newport, 05855; Phone: 334-5282.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord: 89 Seymour Lane, Newport City; Phone: 334-6133.

Life in Christ Fellowship: 125 Main Street, Newport City, 334-7220.

ST. JOHNSBURY

Beth El Synagogue: Hospital Road, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Phone: 748-5683.

New Beginnings Christian Church: 72 Moose River Drive, St. Johnsbury, 05819. Phone: 748-2182.

Pleasant Street Baptist Church: 193 Pleasant Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday morning 11 a.m., Sunday night 6 p.m.; Phone: 748-9029, Web: www.pleasantstreetbaptist-church.com, Email: mail@pleasantstreet-baptistchurch.com

Union Baptist Church: Rt. 5 South, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service 10:15 a.m.; Phone: 748-5639.

St. Johnsbury Shambhala Meditation Center: Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sitting meditation, Wednesday 6-6:30 p.m. (Intro Sitting) and Sunday 9-10 a.m.; Phone: 748-4240.

St. John the Evangelist: Main Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819. Mass, Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday, 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Phone: 748-8129.

Christian Science Society: 1274 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Phone: 748-3234.

South Congregational Church: 1052 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service, 10 a.m. (Time subject to change during summer); Phone: 748-3315.

North Congregational Church: 1325 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Phone: 748-2603.

Third Congregational Church: Route 2 East, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service, 10 a.m. (Alternate month services at Lower Waterford); Phone: 748-8390.

St. Andrew's Episcopal: 1265 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Phone: 748-2121.

First Congregational Church: Breezy Hill Road, St. Johnsbury Center, 05863; Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.; Phone: 748-3772.

Grace United Methodist Church: 36 Central Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service 10 a.m. and July and August, 9 a.m.; Phone: 748-2895.

Seventh-Day Adventist: 54 Southard Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Saturday Service, 11 a.m.; Sabbath School, 10 a.m.; Phone: 748-9528.

Universalist Church: 47 Cherry Street, St. Johnsbury, 05819; Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship Hour following service with coffee; Phone: 748-2442.

PEACHAM

East Peacham Baptist Church: 1634 E Peacham Rd., Peacham, 05862; Phone: 592-3253

Peacham Congregational Church: 56 Church St., Peacham, 05862; Phone: 592-3330

WESTMORE

Westmore Community Church: 27 Hinton Hill Rd., Orleans, 05860; Phone: 525-1108

WHEELOCK

South Wheelock Baptist Church: 3043 Peak Rd., Lyndonville, VT 05851

Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall: South Wheelock Road, Lyndon, 05849; Public meetings at 10:30 a.m.; Phone: 626-8479.

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St. Johnsbury Health & Rehabilitation Center – Providing the finest quality health care, rehabilitative and support services to residents and their families. Contact: Shirley Ward. 1248 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Phone: 748-8757. Web: www.reverastjohnsbury.com

Caledonia Home Health Care – Provides comprehensive services to residents of Caledonia and southern Essex counties and the town of Greensboro. Contact: Donna Bollman. P.O. Box 383, 161 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Phone: 748-8116. Web: www.nchcvt.org

Canterbury Inn, Inc. – A Level III residential care home. 46 Cherry St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Phone: 748-5556.

Good Living Senior Center—A non-profit organization offering free or low cost activities to older adults in the greater St. Johnsbury area. Regularly scheduled and seasonal activities, special events, parties, and trips. Home to the St. Johnsbury Senior Meals program. Located in the St. Johnsbury House at 1207 Main Street. Contact: Phone: 748-8470. Email: goodliving@vtlink.net Web: www.stjgoodliving.org

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Maple Lane Nursing and Retirement – A 16 bed retirement home offers the comforts of home without the worries. This building has its history rooted in a 100 year old converted farmhouse. 33 Maple Lane, Barton VT. Phone: 754-8575 Web: http://northernkarefacilitiesnetwork.com/MapleLane

Craftsbury Community Care Center – A Level III residential care home. Spacious private units with full bath, emergency-call system and a patio or a porch. Contact: Lance W. Comfort. 1784 East Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury, VT 05826. Phone: 586-2414. Web: cccc@vtlink.net

Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging – Provides information, assistance and support for adults age 60 and over (and their families) to remain healthy and independent. Phone: 800-642-5119; Email: info@NEKcouncil.org; www.NEKcouncil.org.

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RADIO STATIONS

WMOO-FM 92.1 – music varies, ABC News. Phone: 766-3294.

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WIKE 1490 AM – Hot Country music, Boston Red Sox baseball and local sports. Phone: 766-4489.

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TELEVISION STATIONS

WFFF-TV – Channel 44, Fox 44, provides news, storm tracking, sports and entertainment. WFFF-TV is carried on many of Vermont's cable TV systems. 298 Mountain View Drive, Colchester, VT, 05446. Phone: 660-9333. Email: news@fox44.net Website: www.fox44.net

WCAX-TV – Channel 3, located in Burlington, is a CBS affiliate. On the air since 1954 as Vermont's first television station. PO Box 608, Burlington, VT, 05402. Phone: 658-6300. Mt. Mansfield Television, Inc., www.wcax.com

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The Newport Daily Express – Established in 1936, it focuses on daily happenings and events in northern Vermont, along with state and New England news. P.O. Box 347, Newport, VT, 05855-0347. 178 Hill St., Newport, VT, 05855-9430. Phone: 334-6568. Email: editor@newportdailyadv.com

NEWSPAPERS-WEEKLY

Barton Chronicle – For decades, the Chronicle has covered Orleans County from its home in Barton. P.O. Box 660, Barton, VT, 05822 Phone: 525-3531. Email: news@bartonchronicle.com

Hardwick Gazette - The Gazette covers news, community events and sports in Hardwick and nine surrounding towns. P.O. Box 367, Main Street, Hardwick, VT, 05843-0367. Phone: 472-6521.

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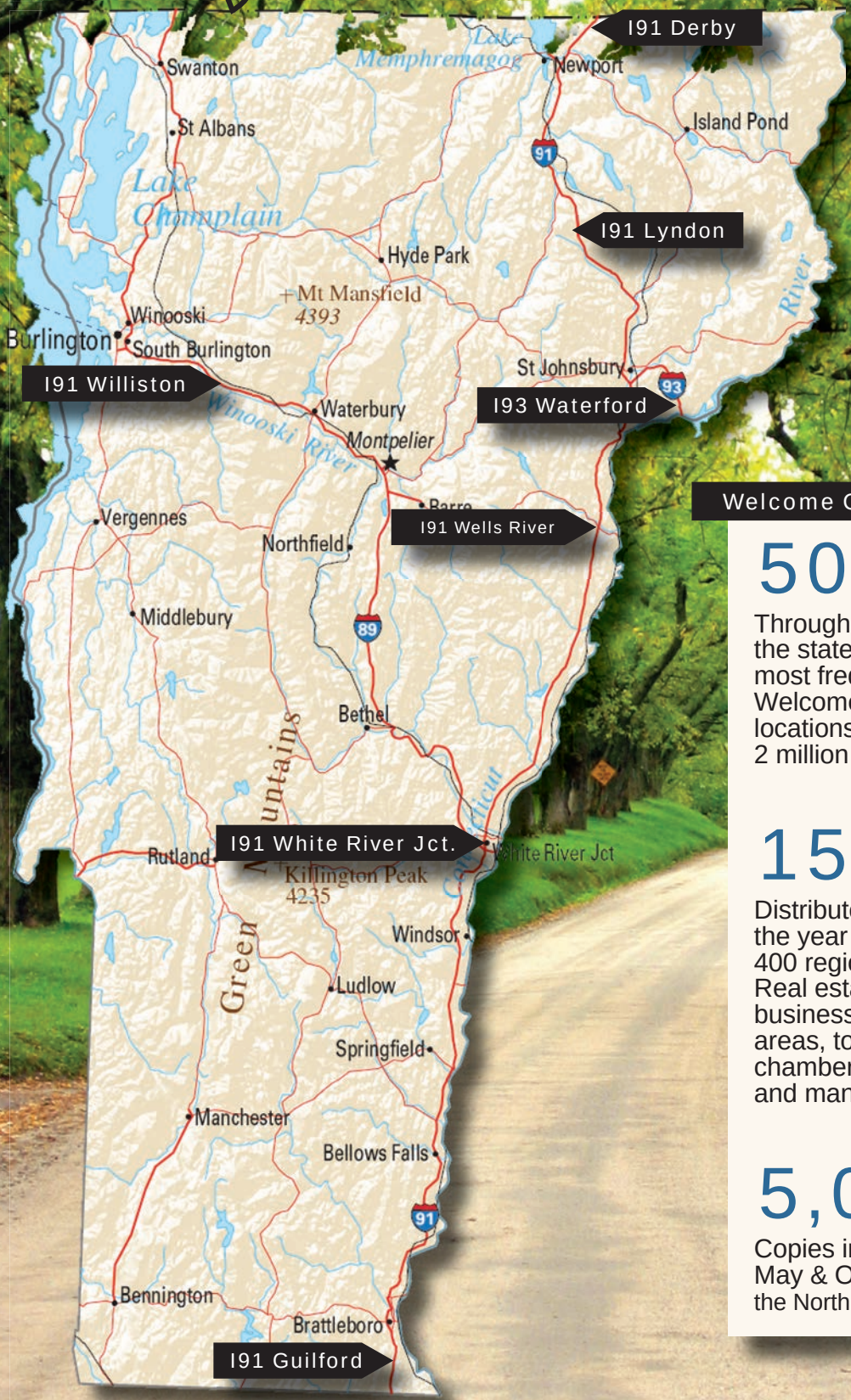
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Northland Journal – Publisher Scott Wheeler's monthly magazine features historical articles that focus on Orleans County P.O. Box 812, Derby, VT, 05829. Phone: 334-5920. Website: www.northlandjournal.com

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