

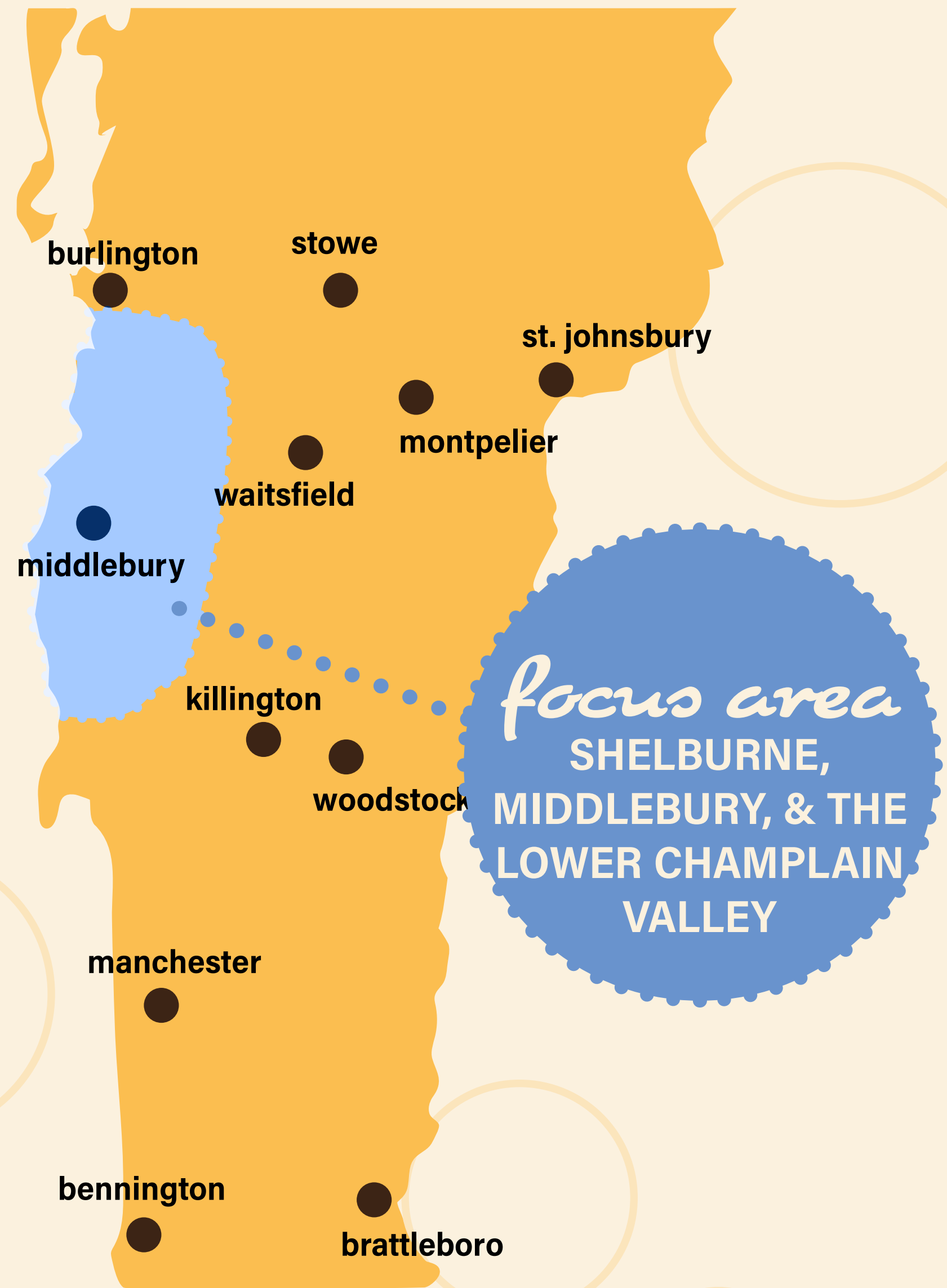


INSTRUCTIONS Complete ANY FIVE clues in this packet, then submit your answers/pictures using the instructions provided, and you will be entered into our winner drawing!

Complete eight clues, and you will be given two "entries" to our winner drawing.

DURATION This packet is estimated to take about 4-6 hours to complete for anyone starting in this region, with longer duration for anyone doing longer biking or hiking adventures. It is a good fit for those looking for a day trip around the region! For those pursuing the longer hikes/bike rides, planning for two days may be more appropriate.

THE lower champlain valley hunt



HUNTING IN THE TIME OF COVID

Ground Rules Follow the COVID guidelines for any site you visit please! We will provide you with links for those when applicable in a clue. And you'll need to wear a mask if you find yourself within 6 feet of anyone else from outside your household (state rules!). We are all in this fun adventure together – and it's important that we help keep one another healthy, while also having a bang up, good time! **MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE:** One household. We do not, due to COVID, recommend that people from multiple households jump in a car together...though we totally recommend that you compete with your neighbors and friends!

Visiting Sites Many sites may have special visiting rules, due to COVID. We encourage you to visit their websites/call before visiting to see if you need to make any kind of reservations to visit their sites (and this is true even if they are free to visit in that it may relate to things like limits on visitors they can host).

IMAGE & LIABILITY RELEASE

By participating in The Hunt participants (a) take on full personal responsibility for any risk, injury, or harm that may come from the activities they pursue during The Hunt; (b) commit to pursuing all activities related to The Hunt in a safe and responsible manner that is both considerate of those around them and also within their individual capability levels; and (b) agree to hold Council (VCC) harmless of any and release VCC of all liability due and or related to participation in this event. Participants also agree that in participating, submitted images may be utilized in Vermont Cheese Council marketing and promotional materials.

PROBLEMS ALONG THE WAY

Email us at info@vtcheese.com

finding cheese glorious cheese!

Below is a list of locations where you can find and buy a mix of locally produced cheeses in and near this region. All of these are worth stopping at to grab a mix of delightful food items that will be perfect for your car ride!

Burlington

[City Market](#) (downtown & South End locations)

[Cheese & Wine Traders](#)

[Dedalus Wine Shop, Market, & Wine Bar](#)

Ferrisburgh

[Dakin Farm](#)

Middlebury

[Middlebury Natural Foods Coop](#)

or directly from local cheesemakers

You can search for a local maker and see if they have a farmstand/are open using the Vermont Cheese Trail at <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheese-trail-map/>

OPTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ANSWERS/PICTURES

Instagram Users You can store your images on Instagram then upload links to those posts when you submit your "answers". When using this option, please note that ALL of your images must be accessible via Instagram and that you must provide VCC with access to "follow" you on Instagram if necessary to view your "answer" images. You can find this region's Instagram Answer Upload Link here at anytime:

<https://vtcheese.com/hunt-uploads/>

Digital Uploads for NonInstagram Users This option is for folks who take pictures using mobile devices but don't use Instagram. It will link you to an upload site that you can use to upload answers/ images. You can find this region's Non-Instagram Answer Upload Link here at any time:

<https://vtcheese.com/hunt-uploads/>

Mail In Answers Last page in this packet is your answer form and has mail in instructions.

You can find all these options available online at www.vtcheese.com/hunt

PLAY TIC TAC TOE

Take a picture of one of your team members with the objects on the tic tac toe card on the next page until you have three in a row - diagonally, across, or up and down!

a hiking or walking trail sign	barn	eating cheese
apple tree with apples still on it	a fern patch	a local brewery or distillery sign
goat	a creek or river	ferry that goes to NY state

FARMS BY FOOT ...

Get out and visit the farm! Enjoy a farm walk in this region! You can learn more about what farms are hosting walks here: <https://www.diginvt.com/places/category/farm-walks>

To complete this clue: Tell us where you visited and take a pic of yourself on your walk!

COVID Recommendation: We recommend you sure to check with the farm (either by calling or visiting its website) to see if you need to make any kind of reservation or follow special instructions to visit them at this unique time! Most times the answer is no, though we know that some are trying to limit how many people visit at one time - and thus requiring reservations, which are easy enough to set up online!

PEDAL POWER

Chris Santella's book "Fifty Places to Bike Before You Die" was developed based on recommendations and contributions of expert adventure cyclists from around the country. The Champlain Valley was given a place on in the list alongside locations like Glacier National Park, California Wine Country, Grand Canyon North Rim, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Oregon's Crater Lake! In this clue, we'll celebrate some of the best cycling in the country! Need route ideas? Try here:

<http://champlainvalleybikeroutes.weebly.com>

To complete this clue: Take a selfie/pic of yourself and your bike en-route, telling us where you went and what you liked most!

Are you a touring cyclist looking for a bigger cycling adventure? Consider planning some inn-to-inn travel routes for yourself!

A BROADER VIEW ...

I'm a little mountain,
 Short and stout,
 Here you see woodlands,
 There a view out,
 When you reach my top,
 Feel free to shout,
 Bring your camera when you figure me out!

Go visit this peak in Vermont's first state park. You can drive, walk, or hike up to the top, where you can enjoy some of the most stunning views of the Green Mountains, the Adirondacks, and the Champlain Valley!

To complete this clue: While at the top, find a sign that states the year when this land became a state park and take a pic of at least one team member with this sign!

Insider Tip: If you are a VT resident, don't forget that your local library may offer free passes to state parks, which you can use to get in without a fee!

A TIMELY PUZZLE

Use the hints to build the question you must answer. Once you locate one hint result's location, the others will be things you can find nearby on foot - all in Vergennes. We will accept two potential answers to the question.

ANSWER THIS QUESTION TO SOLVE

THIS CLUE: What HINT 1 is HINT 2 the HINT 3 on the outside HINT 4 of the HINT 5 HINT 6 HINT 7 here in Vergennes?

WORD HINTS

1. 1, 2, 13, 45, 23432 for example (singular version)
2. In McDonough Park, find the first word after the title on the state's McDonough Shipyard Historic Marker

(A TIMELY PUZZLE CON'T)

3. At the library behind the columns look at the plaque where you can find this "Frank" trustee's last name
4. Take a stroll down to Otter Creek from town and start to cross the bridge. Halfway across you will see an informational sign/marker title Commerce at the Crossroads. Leaving the bridge, turn and pass that sign then cross the small bridge to an "island" where you will find an informational sign for "The Vergennes Pump House". What is the singular version for those things that this sign says were built to be three feet thick?
5. Per the instructions for #4, find the Commerce at a Crossroads informational sign. Under the Intersection of Rivers and Roads, third sentence first word.

(A TIMELY PUZZLE CON'T)

6. Same sign as #5, under Farm Trade in the City, second sentence, third word.
7. Same sign as #6, under Industry and Trade Flourishes on Main Street, circa 1890 -- last sentence, singular version of the fourth word from the end.

FIND YOUR PERFECT PAIR!

You need Vermont cheese for this! This region of Vermont is rich in apple orchards, vineyards, breweries AND cheesemakers! Take a pic of yourself and your Vermont cheese at one of these local pairing locations – and we, of course, highly recommend picking up some items to snack on with that cheese at your stop!

Insider info:

Search for u-pick apple/fruit orchards and wineries here: <https://www.diginvt.com/places>

Find local breweries here: <https://www.vermontbrewers.com/create-your-own-trail>

Find local cheesemakers here: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheese-trail-map>

CHEESEMAKERS' TOUR

This region of Vermont is rich in cheesemakers - and driving to visit them makes for a beautiful drive through the countryside! Visit three cheesemakers in this region - and see what else you find along the way! We recommend you check out cheesemakers' farmstands, if they have them, and also any other farmstands you happen to pass by! Who knows what you will find - natural fruit popsicles? Apple orchards? Maple stands?

To complete this clue: Take a picture at each cheesemaker location you visit

Insider Tip: You can find the cheesemakers using the Vermont Cheese Trail here - and please note that some list open farmstands and some do not, so just be aware of that: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheese-trail-map>

FIND IT...

Name a Vermont cheesemaker or Vermont cheese whose name contains BOTH

(a) the FIRST LETTER of any team member's FIRST NAME and

(b) the LAST LETTER of any team member's LAST NAME.

To complete this clue: Let us know what team member names you used, and the cheese or cheesemaker name

Insider Tip: You can search for cheesemakers and cheese names using the Vermont Cheese Council's cheese search too, which you can find online here: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheeses/vermont-cheese-search/>

SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

Did you know that Vermont is home to the world's oldest communal ocean reef? Isle La Motte is rich in marine fossils – including some that are 450 million years old!

To complete this clue: Take a picture of yourself with the state landmark marker that tells you about the Vermont state fossil. *Hint:* It is not at the location where that fossil currently resides, but instead near where it was found.

Learn more about Vermont's oceanic history from Smithsonian Magazine:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/paleozoic-vermont-143627957/>

THE **hunt** *lower champlain valley* ANSWER PACKET

Instructions: Please circle the clues you completed, then provide answers and send in the photos associated with those clues. Mail your submission to: Vermont Cheese Council, PO Box 714, Waitsfield, VT 05673

Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Clue 1. What three things did you pick (and please include your pictures!): _____

Clue 2. Send us picture, tell us about what you visited: _____

Clue 3. Send us picture, tell us about what you visited: _____

Clue 4. Send us your pic

Clue 5. Answer: _____

Clue 6. Send us your pic

Clue 7. Send us your 3 pictures

Clue 8. The two names you used: _____

Name of the cheese/cheesemaker: _____

Clue 9. Send us your pic

EARLY BIRD CLUE Answer: _____