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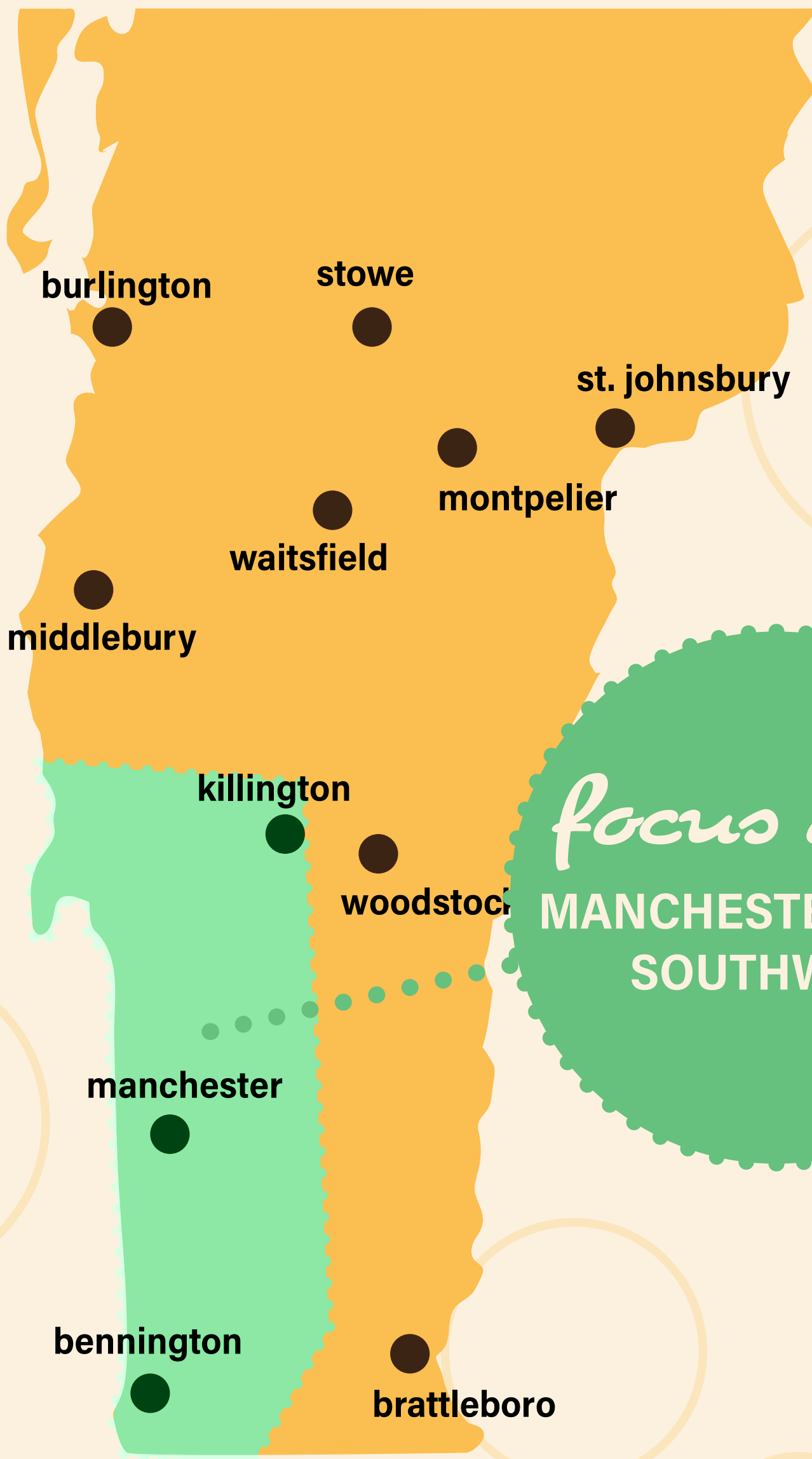
# southwest THE hunt

**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.

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## 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](mailto: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!

### **Pawlet**

[Mach's Market](#)

### **Dorset**

[HN Williams Store](#)

### **Rutland**

[Rutland Area Food Coop](#)

### **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 by using the IG Answer Upload button at the bottom right of each page. 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 should be able to upload answers/images clue by clue using this button as you go along.

**Digital Uploads** This is for folks who take pictures using mobile devices but don't use Instagram. The “upload answers” button at the bottom of each page will link you to an upload site that you can use to upload answers/images.

**Mail In Answers** You can download a printable answer form with mail in instructions here:

[www.vtcheese.com/hunt-uploads](http://www.vtcheese.com/hunt-uploads)

*You can also find all these options available online at [www.vtcheese.com/hunt](http://www.vtcheese.com/hunt)*

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**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!

pumpkins	a hiking trail sign	eating a maple cremee
goat	outdoor art	sign directing you a ski mountain
a general store (pic must show sign)	dirt road	cow

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### HIT THE SLOPES

Mt. Snow, Stratton, Bromley, Okemo, Killington, and even the smaller hills are all options to consider for this clue!

**To complete this clue, do ONE of the following:**

Option A. Take a pic of yourself at the top of your selected peak

Option B. OR take a picture with THREE ski area's signs in this region!

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### EXPLORE BY FOOT

Choose one of the following:

The far southeast region of Vermont is also called The Shires - beautiful, natural and inspiring! For this clue, get out of the car and stretch your legs by exploring any trail in Bennington. You can find an array of the town's trails here: <https://www.bennington.com/recreationintheshires/>

**To complete this clue:** Take a pic of at least one team member at the trailhead or with a trail sign!

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### GET ARTSY

Explore the Southern Vermont Arts Center's Sculpture Park & Trails!

**To complete this clue:** Take a pic of yourself with your favorite sculpture!

**Insider tip:** If you follow the SVAC trail south, you will eventually join the Blue Summit Trail which can take you up to the top of Equinox Mountain, where on a clear day, you can see into Massachusetts and New Hampshire! Hiking map for this area: <https://www.equinoxpreservationtrust.org/mapdown.php>

This map also provides "suggested route" information, that can tell you how long various routes may take!

AND you can also drive up Mt. Equinox!

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### TAKE TO THE WOODS ...

Pack up some Vermont cheese and visit Dorset to do one of the following:

- Walk through Cutler Memorial Forest and take a picture of you and your cheese on one of this trail system's bridges – big or small it doesn't matter
- Visit and take a pic of you, your cheese, and the 110 year old Pinnacle Tower

Both are beautiful ways to enjoy this stunning rural area!

**Insider tip:** You can find trail maps for both here: <https://dorsetvt.org/Cutler&Pinnacle.php>

And you can find cheese using the cheese location listing in the beginning of this clue packet!

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### SAY WHAT PUZZLE?

*Each item referred to here may be found on foot from the Old Bennington Historic District ... Use the hints to build the clue you must solve...*

**TO SOLVE THIS CLUE:** Provide the HINT 1 on the HINT 2 where Robert Frost 's HINT 3 is in HINT 4 HINT 5.

### WORD HINTS

1. Singular version of the “things” that surround the word corkscrew on the historic marker that you’ll find on Main Street just south of the Bennington Museum
2. Walk north up Monument Ave from the site of #4 to the corner to find the marker of a historic house, set in stone; 2nd line, 2nd word.

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### (SAY WHAT PUZZLE? PUZZLE CON'T)

3. Find the Vermont historic on the Iron Gate of the Bennington Museum; 5th line (after the title), fifth word
4. Fourth full paragraph in the Joint Resolution found on the side of Old First Church. Fourth full paragraph, first sentence, 2nd through 5th words
5. The location of clue 4

**Insider Tip:** For HINT 4, you will find yourself in a cemetery known for its beautiful headstones. We encourage you to stroll around and give these works of art a look!

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## HISTORY, DELICIOUS HISTORY!

Southwestern Vermont boasts a number of historic sites that host cheesemakers! Visit a site that is over 70 years old.

**Insider tip:** You can find these sites (and all the cheesemakers in this area) using the Vermont Cheese Trail here: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheese-trail-map/>

**To complete this clue:** Take a pic of yourself at the site you visit!

And of course, you should buy some cheese when you visit to help feed you during the rest of your hunt!

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### VISIT THE FARM

The Merck Forest and Farmland Center (MFFC) that is! Explore part of their 30 miles of trails, which include easy walks as well as more difficult/longer hikes. You can find trail information and maps here: <https://www.merckforest.org/forest/trails/>

**To complete this clue:** Take a pic of yourself with one of the signs you come across - either on the trail, farm, or anywhere else at MFFC

**Neat note:** MFFC also allows dispersed camping, for those experienced campers who are looking for a natural stay in Vermont! More info: <https://www.merckforest.org/stay/dispersed-camping/>

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### FIND IT...

Name a Vermont cheesemaker or Vermont cheese whose name contains BOTH

(a) the LAST 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/>

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## SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

Visit the Southern terminus of VT's 272 mile footpath that connects Massachusetts and Canada; to complete this clue: Take a pic with the sign that marks this location!

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