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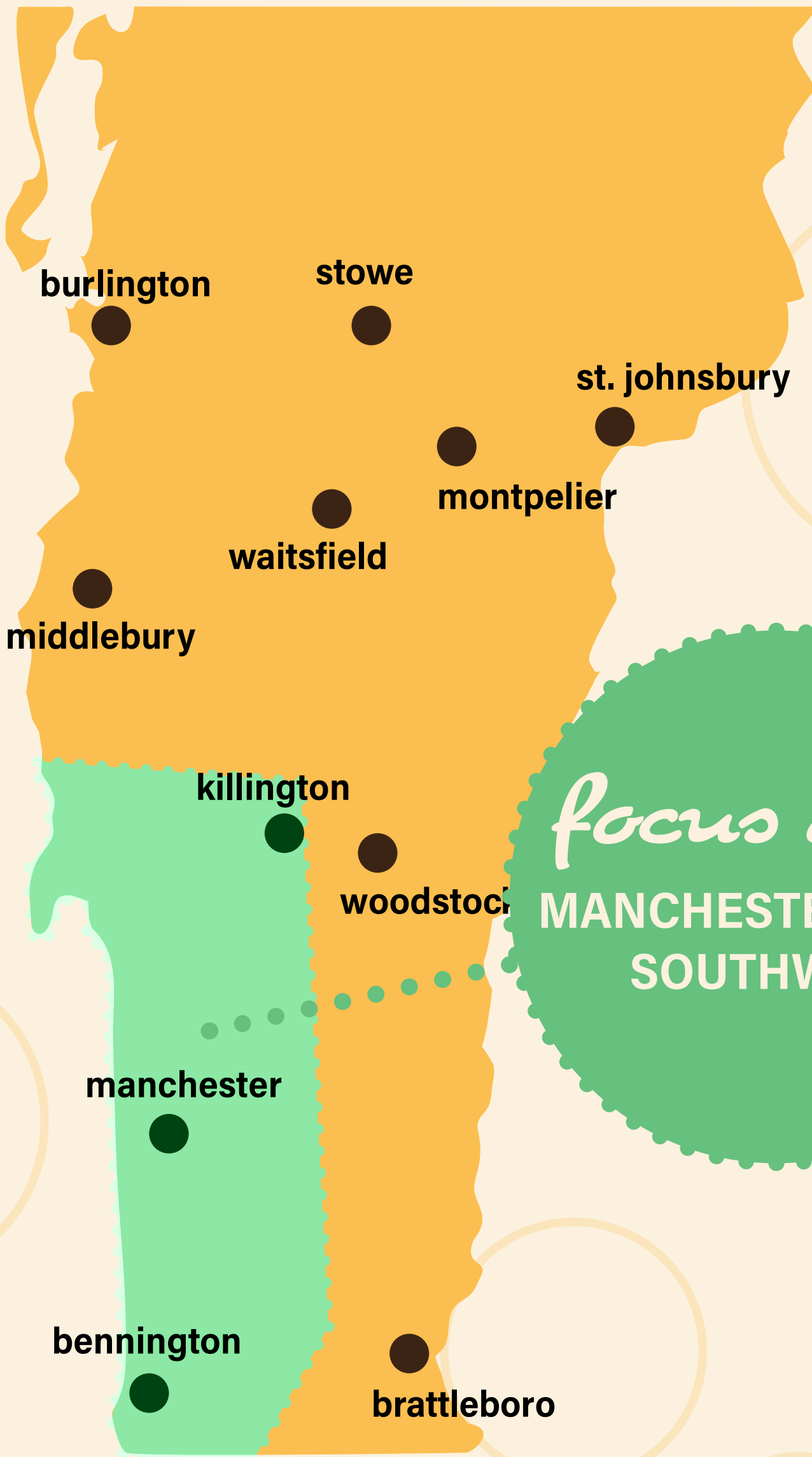
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2021 INSTRUCTIONS You must complete:

1. Clue #1
2. AND any other FOUR clues in this packet
(for a total of five clues)

then submit your answers/pictures using the instructions provided to be entered into our winner drawing!

DURATION This packet is a good fit for those looking for a day trip around the region - estimated to take 3-6 hours to complete for anyone starting in this region, with longer duration for anyone doing longer outdoor adventures. For those pursuing the longer hikes/bike rides, planning for two days may be more appropriate.



HUNTING GUIDELINES

Ground Rules For all suggested activities, please be aware that it is your responsibility to take on activities (such as hiking, cycling, boating, walking, etc.) at your own skill level. We have tried to provide many options and alternatives - so something for people of all levels! You can always email, call, or ask a site when visiting it to inquire as to (a) what skills, equipment/supplies, etc. are needed to take on various activities or (b) for recommendations for what to do with the specific skill level you/your group has.

Visiting Sites/COVID Some sites may have special visiting rules, such as requests that you wear a mask or still socially distance, due to various levels of COVID concerns or vaccination statuses that their personnel may have. 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 (even if they are free to visit they may have things like limits on visitors they can host). Please respect the needs and requests of all our various event host sites, so that we can make sure everyone - visitors and visitees - can enjoy The Hunt!

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 or in relation to 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 (c) 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!

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 or store and 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 Vermont Cheese Council 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

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

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GET CHEESY

Visit a cheesemaker at ONE of the following locations and take a photo of yourself visiting the cheesemaker/business location to complete this clue:

(1) A cheesemaker's farmstand or store. You can find cheesemakers' farmstands/stores on the Vermont Cheese Trail here: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheese-trail-map>. Please note: Not all makers have farmstands/are open to the public - so do be sure you are visiting one that is labeled "open" on the trail map or uses the 'cheese wedge' icon - which means they are open to visitors IF you call ahead. Using the trail map, you can find their phone numbers to do just that; we recommend calling at least a day in advance if possible - and a few sites may

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give you a site tour if you call/plan ahead too (it never hurts to ask!). OR ...

(2) At a local farmers markets. Find a market here: <https://nofavt.org/find-organic-local-food/farmers-markets>.

Insider tip: We recommend reviewing the market online/asking them via email to make sure a cheesemaker is at the market. Not all have cheesemakers present!

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A PAIRED EXPERIENCE

Grab a Vermont cheese and visit the site of an organization that produces something that pairs with cheese! This can be chocolate maker, apple orchard, cider producer, wine maker, brewery, jam maker, etc. To complete this clue: Take a pic of your cheese and this pairing location (or a paired item you tried there) and tell us where you visited!

Find local cheese using the ["finding cheese" page in the beginning of this clue packet.](#)

Find fruit orchards and wineries here: <https://www.diginvt.com/places>

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

Find Vermont's chocolate trail here: <https://www.vermontvacation.com/plan-your-visit/made-in-vermont/chocolate>

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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!

ski lift	any hiking trail sign	pond or lake
general store	creek or bridge	goat
anything with a date earlier than 1900 on it	someone fishing	sign with the word "mountain" in it

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A CLOSER LOOK

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: Take a photo with one of the beautiful carvings on a HINT 1 HINT 2 that is (a) HINT 3 than HINT 4 in HINT 5 HINT 6 and (b) catches your eye.

WORD HINTS

1. Opposite of tail
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.
3. 2nd to last line of the description on the

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A CLOSER LOOK

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corkscrew historic marker that you'll find on Main Street just south of the Bennington Museum, 4th word - PLUS "er" on the end

4. From the location where you find the word for Hint 2, cross Monument Ave to the triangle of grass in the middle of the intersection (use caution crossing the road) - and view the Bennington Battle Monument historic marker: seventh line of text after the marker title, last "word"
5. Fourth full paragraph in the Joint Resolution found on the side of Old First Church. Fourth full paragraph, first sentence, 2nd through 5th words
6. The location of clue 4

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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 FIRST 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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GET ARTY

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 (see Clue 9)

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LEG STRETCH & LEARNING STOP

Explore this area's history by picking one of the following to do. To complete this clue: photograph yourself with the feature of the adventure you go on which you liked most:

(a) Visit the Bennington Museum

OR

(b) visit a cheesemaking business that has been in business for over 70 years! (there are multiple in this region that qualify for this!)

You can find cheesemakers in this region/ their websites for more info using the Vermont Cheese Trail: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheese-trail-map/>

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PICNIC TIME...

An easy walk in the woods to a gorgeous location:
Take one of the trails to Equinox Pond for a picnic!

To complete this clue: Take a picture of your
adventure to share with us!

Trail information/descriptions: <https://www.equinoxpreservationtrust.org/trail-descriptions/>

Downloadable/Printable trail map: https://www.equinoxresort.com/i/downloads/Equinox_Preserve_Map.pdf

The trail area around the pond is privately owned and to maintain public access - it's important we all adhere to the dog/fishing/access guidelines the landowners request when visiting this beautiful location. You can find those guidelines here: <https://www.equinoxpreservationtrust.org/trails-user-guide/>

Insider tip: It might be buggy during summer... consider bug repellent AND your sunscreen!

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TAKE IN THE VIEW

Pick one of the following adventure options and take a pic of yourself on your outing to complete this clue!

(1) Enjoy what a local ski area has to offer off season: Hiking trails (often free to use), zip lines, mountain bike trails, gondolas/lifts to the top - a little something for everyone looking for an adventure! A few ideas...

Stratton Mountain - What it's got: Downhill mountain bike park, scenic lift rides, fire tower hike, and more.: <https://www.stratton.com/the-mountain/discover-stratton-summer>

Bromley Mountain - What it's got: Slides, zip lines, aerial adventure park, water park, and more: <https://www.bromley.com/>

Killington Mountain - What it's got: Bike park,

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gondola rides, adventure center - <https://www.killington.com/plan-your-trip/summer-activities>

OR

(2) If you're looking for something a little more mellow - but just as likely to take your breath away: Take a drive up the Equinox Mountain Skyline Drive (requires a fee).

Drive information: <https://equinoxmountain.com/>

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SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

The American Fly Fishing Museum. This site is both a steward of the history, traditions, and practices of the sport of fly fishing and also known for promoting the conservation of the water these anglers enjoy. Neat find: Book of fly tying instructions. Great for anyone who fishes AND those that don't! Don't believe us? Check out its reviews online - which are stellar stellar stellar!

To complete this clue: Share a photo from your visit to the museum!

Museum website: <https://www.amff.org>

Please note this site may only be open for part of the week, not every day - and this may change with the season. Check the website or call them for details.

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