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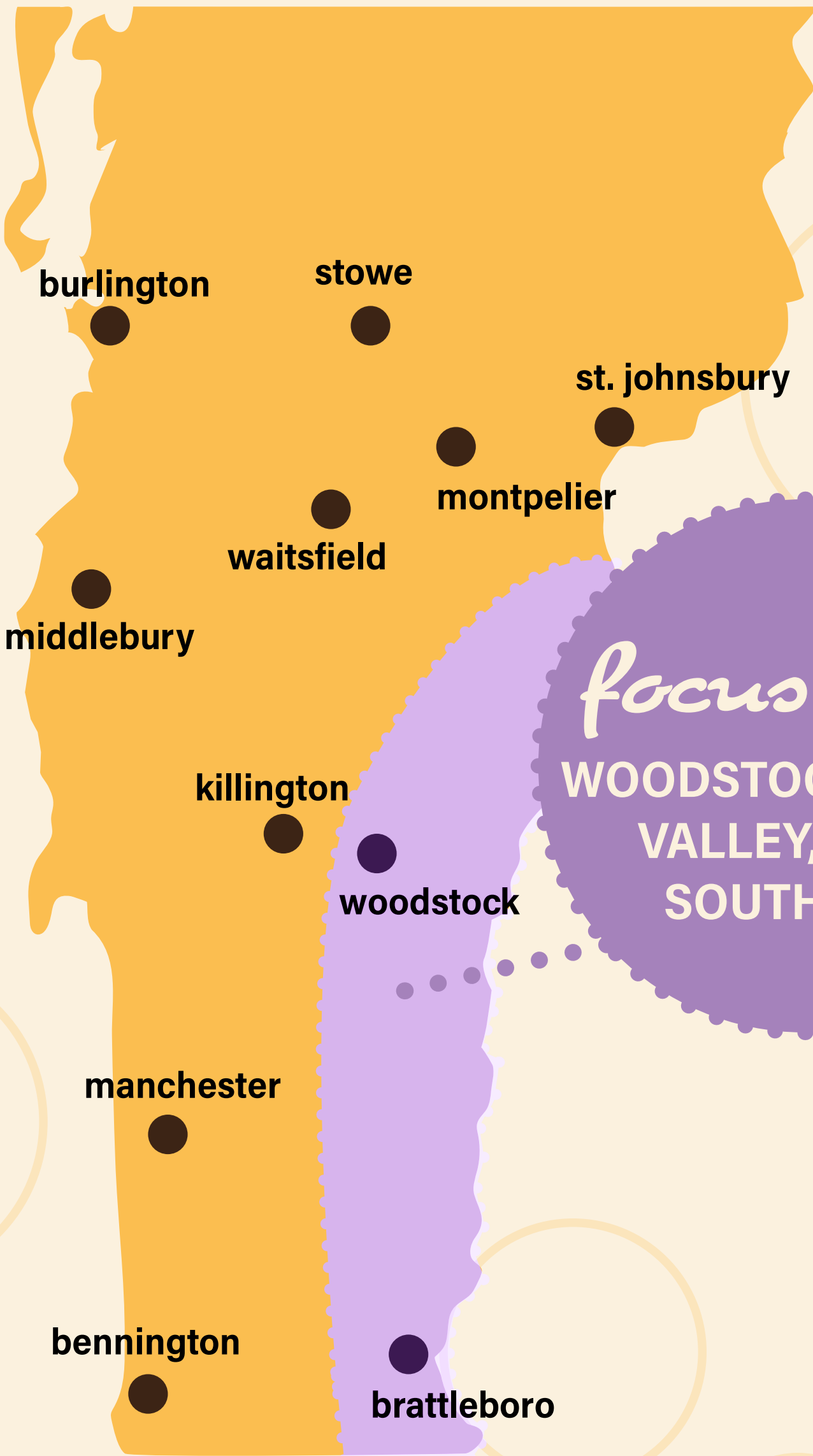
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**2021 INSTRUCTIONS** You must complete:

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.



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**WOODSTOCK, UPPER  
VALLEY, & THE  
SOUTHEAST**

## **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](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! This is a big region, so we'll try to list these from south to north along the I-91 corridor and then in the Woodstock area.

### **Off of I-91**

[Brattleboro Food Co-op](#) (Brattleboro)

[Putney Food Co-op](#) (Putney)

[Springfield Food Co-op](#) (Springfield)

[Co-op Food Stores](#) (White River Junction)

[Upper Valley Co-op](#) (White River Junction)

[Out of the Whey Cheese Shop](#) (Bradford)

### **In Woodstock**

[Woodstock Farmers Market](#) (Woodstock)

### **Directly from local cheesemakers**

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](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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## 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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## GET CHEESY (continued)

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!

sheep	stone wall	dirt road
creek or river	bridge	bicycle
barn	canoe or kayak	goat

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## A CLOSER LOOK

This clue is great for those looking for a drive through the countryside.

While known for its rolling dairy landscapes - this clue focuses on one of Vermont's other agricultural developments: The Morgan Horse. This breed was one of the earliest horse breeds developed in the US and is also the Vermont state animal. The breed was known for its versatility and toughness - used for coach horses, for harness racing, as general riding animals, and as cavalry horses.

In 1796, the breed's foundation sire Morgan Horse named Figure (aka Justin Morgan) famously raced down what is known in Vermont as Morgan Mile against two New York horses, as well as many others, to demonstrate his skill and speed.

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## A CLOSER LOOK

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was generally an agreed upon distance of eighty rods was common in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and trotting races still occur today on Morgan Mile.

**To complete this clue** head to the northwestern edge of this region visit the Randolph/Brookfield town line and take a photo of yourself with Justin Morgan Log Cabin Home Site / The Morgan Horse historic marker - which will tell you more about this amazing horse and his owner - two figures of very varied lifestyles!

Please note that the house/land beyond the marker is private land and not open to the public, though the drive up to this area is a beauty of an adventure!

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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 FIRST 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

Pick one:

(1) Head to the Path of Life Sculpture Garden in Windsor! Take a pic with your favorite sculpture/item in the garden to complete this clue! Is it the giant sculpture people? The maze? Please check the website for hours and know that there is a fee to enter - \$6 for 13+, \$3 for ages 3-12, free for those under 3.

Website: [https://greatriveroutfitters.com/news-and-events/welcome-to-the-path-of-life-sculpture-garden](https://greatriver outfitters.com/news-and-events/welcome-to-the-path-of-life-sculpture-garden)

Insider tip: Towns all along I-91 in this region of Vermont are packed with great cooperative grocery stores – all of which have a great selection of locally-

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## GET ARTY

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made cheeses! Find them and other spots to get cheese using the listing in the beginning of this clue packet.

(2) Visit the bronze giants of Randolph: The tails of Whale Dance. This sculpture by Jim Sardonis is one of few spots where you can stand alongside two giant whales' tails while looking out on the mountains here in Vermont. Take a photo of yourself with these giants to complete this clue! A good complement to in the area for Clue 4 as well!

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## LEG STRETCH & LEARNING STOP

You have two options for this: A history stop or a science stop!

**Option 1:** Enjoy the shade of sugar maples and 400-year-old hemlocks, while you pass through covered bridges and alongside rambling stone walls in Vermont's only national park! This is a free site to visit and explore. To complete this clue: Walk its gardens, stroll up the wide old roads to its south peak, loop the pogue, or find another way to enjoy this beautiful landscape - and take a picture of at least one team member on your adventure!

-OR -

**Option 2:** Visit to the Montshire Museum, a science and learning experience like no other! With an outdoor water play park and indoor interactive displays - it's a wonderful way to enjoy the fun that science has to offer and is great for families! To complete this clue: Take a picture with your favorite part of the museum!

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## **PICNIC TIME...**

In many areas of Vermont - you can find evidence of how water and ice have spent time forming the landscape. In this clue - you'll picnic at a site created by that history! Two options to solve this clue:

(1) Pack a picnic and visit Lake Morey - Fairlee, Vermont's Glacial Lake - to either hike up to Eagle's Bluff or drop your kayak/SUP/watercraft into the lake and take a paddle - picnicking on or over the water! Take a photo of you at your picnic location to complete this clue!

OR

(2) Head to the bottom of Quechee Gorge! Many folks stop and look at the stunning waterfalls in the gorge from Rt. 4, though taking the half-mile walk down to the bottom of the gorge lands you at a beautiful and incredibly peaceful spot for a snack stop or picnic! To complete this clue: Walk to the bottom of the gorge for your picnic and take a photo of yourself there!

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## TAKE IN THE VIEW

Mount Ascutney has a unique fit into the history of hiking: It is the location of Vermont's, and possibly America's, first organized mountain-hiking trail, cut through the mountains forests in 1825. Named from the derivative of several Abenaki words meaning "mountain of the rocky summit", this 3,144 foot peak offers beautiful views of the land around it!

**To complete this clue:** Explore this peak using one of the options below - and photograph yourself in a way that shows off the hill's history as a ski area to complete the clue - either with old ski trails, signs, or lift/other equipment!

Three ways to explore this hill:

(a) Take the state park trails up to the top. You can find the trail map here: [https://vtstateparks.com/assets/pdf/ascutney\\_rec\\_guide.pdf](https://vtstateparks.com/assets/pdf/ascutney_rec_guide.pdf)

and do note that there may be entrance fees for

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## TAKE IN THE VIEW (continued)

the park.

(b) Drive to the top via the Mt. Ascutney Parkway (toll). You can learn more at the state park's webpage here: <https://vtstateparks.com/ascutney.html>

*Insider Tip for options (a) and (b): 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!*

(c) Explore the trails provided by Ascutney Outdoors. This organization maintains trails for walking, cycling, and trail running on the ski trail side of this peak - and offers another way to explore it. More at <https://www.ascutneyoutdoors.org/summer/>

Please note: These trails are multi-use trails, so if hiking, please also watch for mountain bikers and vice versa!

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## SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

Vermont's hiking trails are filled with old carriage roads - roads that were used centuries ago to connect towns, farming areas, and families. Some of these have been incorporated into walking trail systems today and some you might come across in the woods - old roads that only the experienced eye might be able to identify by their low growth! These roads and trails tend to be fairly wide trails that don't usually have too steep a grade to them - and are very pleasant to walk on.

**To complete this clue:** Find a hiking or walking trail system in this region that has incorporated carriage roads - and take a pic of yourself with the carriage road trail sign (or just the trail, if you can't find a sign!)! A couple of places you can find carriage roads/trails:

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## SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

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Paradise Park in Windsor, VT - This is a beautiful but somewhat rougher trail system. As of the start of The Hunt - it includes some flood-washed out areas/bridges and some trails are labeled on the map or on the trail, but not vice-versa. It's a lovely stop - though one we recommend for the experienced trail explorer!

- Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park in Woodstock
- Retreat Farm in Brattleboro

*Insider Tip: Not all carriage roads are still called "carriage road" as their trail name; a little digging online OR asking someone who works at the site might be able to help you find an old carriage road! Again, to help you identify them: They tend to be wider trails (to fit carriages) and tend to be not too steep!*

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