



**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](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!

### **in Burlington**

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

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

### **in South Burlington**

[Cheese & Wine Traders](#)

[Dakin Farm](#)

### **or 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 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 any time:

<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](http://www.vtcheese.com/hunt)*

## 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!*

## 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>

## 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!

wall mural	sailboat	bridge
bench with a view	eating a creemee	bicycle
barn	stone wall	any hiking sign

## A CLOSER LOOK

The Goodsell Ridge Preserve is an 83 acre outdoor museum on Isle La Motte where you can find some of Vermont's oldest fossils. To complete this clue - visit this unique area and take a pic with yourself and a favorite fossil! *Insider Tip: If they have them out, you can explore the Walk Through Time Trail - which shares illustrated panels that depict the scientific understanding of the 4.6 billion year history of life on Earth.*

*t the time that this clue packet was created - the outdoor exhibits we mention above were open and free to access, even though the indoor spaces were not. More information can be found on the preserve's website: <http://ilmpt.org/wp/preserves-2/>*

*Directions to get there/additional info: <https://www.lclt.org/goodsell-and-fisk-quarry-preserves/>*

## 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 FIRST 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/>

## GET ARTY

Pick one (both are free!) and share a photo of yourself alongside your favorite item from your walk to complete this clue:

(a) Walk the fields and experience the works of the Cold Hollow Sculpture Park (Neat fact: Their fields - the ones you walk through - are used to produce hay for a neighbors cows...so you will be walking through dairy land for this one!)

OR

(b) For something more urban - take the Burlington Mural Walking Tour! Route info: <https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/burlington-mural-tour-art-appreciation-for-free-in-the-queen-city/Content?oid=14994866>

## LEG STRETCH & LEARNING STOP

Time to dig into Vermont's spectacular fall colors! Take a walk or hike - and along the way, see if you can collect tree leaves from the ground for every color of the ROYGBIV rainbow spectrum. Ground rules: Don't pull them off living trees - watch for/don't collect poison ivy - and do be curious about what you see.

**To complete this clue:** Collect at least 5 leaves of different colors that best represent the spectrum of the rainbow, then take a photo of your leaves to upload as the "answer" to this clue! Hint: Blue leaves are tough to find, but you should be able to find(ish) red, orange, yellow, green, and violet/purple-ish!

**Neat insider fact:** Did you know that there are 145 different species of trees on Vermont's "big tree" list? Keep an eye for these big flora beasts on your walk, and learn more here: <https://fpr.vermont.gov/forest/vermonts-forests/vermont-big-trees>

## PICNIC TIME...

Though farmed and pastured through the 1800's, Niquette Bay State Park is today a forested waterfront park on Vermont's Champlain Islands. Take a walk through this park's trail systems to find your perfect picnic spot. To complete the clue: Photograph yourself at your favorite view/spot - be that with flora you love, a beach spot where you take a quick wade to cool off, or a bench that overlooks the lake!

*Insider Tip: If you are a Vermont residence and member of your local library, you can check with the library to see if they offer free passes to the state parks - which they sometimes offer for members! And remember: It may be free to join your local library if you've not already too!*

## TAKE IN THE VIEW

Superb biking, walking, gorgeous views, trails, farms, and good food await you along the Island Line Rail Trail. This Trail starts south of downtown Burlington in Oakledge Park, rides along the lakeshore past nature reserves, and eventually can take you off mainland Vermont and to the Lake Champlain Islands (via a bike ferry). A full trail map is here: [https://www.localmotion.org/map\\_sponsors](https://www.localmotion.org/map_sponsors). To complete this clue: Take a picture of yourself on your Island Line Rail Trail adventure!

*Insider Tip #1: Bike rentals available through October 17 here: <https://www.localmotion.org/>*

*Insider tip #2: Though you can use the trail at any time - the ferry may stop running at some point mid-October. An interactive map to the trail and ferry schedule can be found here: [https://www.localmotion.org/bike\\_ferry](https://www.localmotion.org/bike_ferry)*

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*Insider Tip #3: For the experienced cyclist - check out the routes here: [https://www.localmotion.org/maps\\_routes](https://www.localmotion.org/maps_routes)*

*Insider Tip #4: Looking for something more organized? Check out Farm to Fork's self guided and guided cycling (and food!) adventures at <https://www.farmtoforkfitness.com>*

## SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

Visit the "jelly bean suites" of the Champlain Islands and take a picture of at least one team member there!

**STEP 1: PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFO. WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED STEPS 1, 2, AND 3 - MAIL YOUR SUBMISSION TO: VERMONT CHEESE COUNCIL, PO BOX 714, WAITSFIELD, VT 05673**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2: SELECT THE REGION FOR WHICH YOU COMPETED YOUR CLUE PACKET/ARE SENDING IN ANSWERS/PHOTOS (USE ONE FORM PER REGION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THAT REGION'S PRIZE RAFFLE):**

BURLINGTON &  
NORTHWEST

MONTPELIER,  
ST. JOHNSBURY, &  
NORTHEAST KINGDOM

MIDDLEBURY,  
SHELBURNE, & LOWER  
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY

STOWE, MAD RIVER  
VALLEY, & CENTRAL RT. 100  
CORRIDOR

MANCHESTER,  
BENNINGTON, &  
SOUTHWEST

WOODSTOCK,  
UPPER VALLEY, &  
SOUTHEAST

**STEP 3: CIRCLE THE CLUES YOU COMPLETED, THEN PROVIDE ANSWERS/SEND IN THE PHOTOS ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE CLUES.**

Clue 1. GET CHEESY Please attach the picture from cheesemaker site or farmers market visit!

Clue 2. A PAIRED EXPERIENCE Both (a) include your picture and (b) tell us where you visited: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue 3: TIC TAC TOE Please attache your three pictures

Clue 4: A CLOSER LOOK Send us your pic

Clue 5. FIND IT! Share the two names you used: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the cheese/cheesemaker: \_\_\_\_\_

Clue 6. GET ARTY Attach your pic from your visit

Clue 7. LEG STRETCH AND LEARNING STOP Hope you learned something new and fun! Share the picture of your outing

Clue 8. PICNIC TIME Send in your picture

Clue 9. TAKE IN THE VIEW Share your view photo with us by attaching it to this packet

Clue 10. SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE Share your picture showing us what you found