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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.

THE **hunt** *lower champlain valley*

**2021**



*focus area*  
**SHELBURNE,  
MIDDLEBURY, & THE  
LOWER CHAMPLAIN  
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## **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!

### **Burlington**

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

[Cheese & Wine Traders](#)

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

### **Ferrisburgh**

[Dakin Farm](#)

### **Middlebury**

[Middlebury Natural Foods Coop](#)

[Dedalus](#)

### **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 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!

|                      |                           |                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>COWS</b>          | <b>creek or<br/>river</b> | <b>stone<br/>wall</b> |
| <b>hay<br/>bales</b> | <b>bench</b>              | <b>barn</b>           |
| <b>bicycle</b>       | <b>dirt road</b>          | <b>goat</b>           |

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## A CLOSER LOOK

The “Appalachian Gap” is a pass through the Green Mountains of Vermont. (“Pass” is a term in mountains used to describe a roadway/pathway/route that goes through mountains to “pass” from one side of the mountains to another.) A landmark, feature in various running races, and arduous trek made by numerous avid cyclists, this pass also gives you spectacular views of the Champlain Valley - and on a clearer day - all the way across Lake Champlain to New York’s Adirondack Mountains.

From the top of the pass - you can look out over valley to the west and imagine how that valley - now in a landlocked state - was all underwater in the past many years ago, as evidenced from the fossil referenced in Clue 10 of this packet. Neat fact about Lake Champlain: Contrary to what your intuition might suggest, all the waters that flow from

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## A CLOSER LOOK (continued)

the mountains around you into Lake Champlain actually drain NORTH out of the lake, into the Richelieu River, on to the St. Lawrence River, and eventually to the Atlantic Ocean. Quite a valley of the unexpected!

**To complete this clue:** Visit the Appalachian Gap's lookout point and take a photo of yourself with the view. Please use caution and go slowly when driving up and down the pass, as many cyclist and folks on foot also share the road and need a wide, safe space for their own trek up (or fly down) this great pass!

*Insiders tip for the geology lovers looking to get the inside scoop on this area of land: Here is some additional reading and "field trip" details for an extra adventure in this region: [https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/geo/MiscPubs/NEIGC\\_2011\\_Thompson.pdf](https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/geo/MiscPubs/NEIGC_2011_Thompson.pdf)*

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## **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!

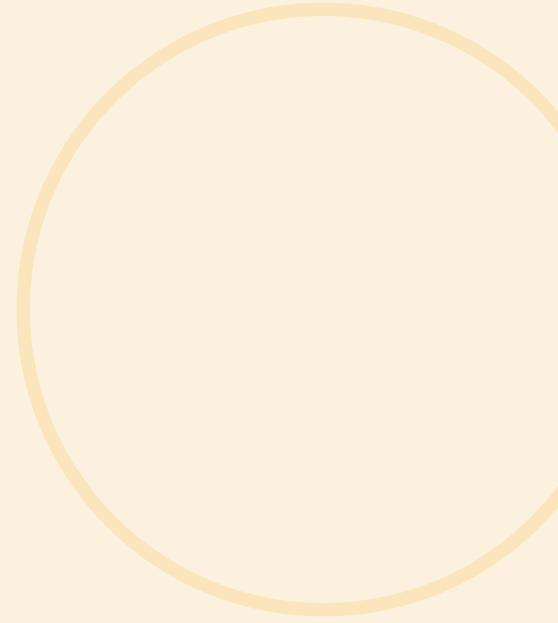
**Insider Tip:** You can search for cheesemakers and cheese names using the Vermont Cheese Council's cheese search too, which you can find online here: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheeses/vermont-cheese-search/>

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## GET ARTY

Explore the Lemon Fair Sculpture Park and take a photo with your favorite display to complete this clue!



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## LEG STRETCH & LEARNING STOP

Get out and visit the farm! This regions includes a number of different types of farms that offer farm walks - meanders through thier land and farm areas. You can learn more about what farms are hosting walks here: <https://diginvt.com/trails/detail/farm-walks-across-vermont>

**To complete this clue:** Pick a farm walk to experience and take a pic of yourself on your walk! We recommend you check with the farm (either by calling or visiting its website) to see if you need to make any kind of reservation to visit or if they have any fees.

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## **PICNIC TIME...**

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!

Visit this peak in Vermont's first state park with a picnic - any kind: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snack - anything! Drive, walk, or hike up to the top or a lookout location, and enjoy your bite to eat while enjoying some of the most stunning views of the Green Mountains, the Adirondacks, and the Champlain Valley! Take a picture of your picnic to share with us to complete this clue!

*Insider Tip #1: Grab breakfast at Old Brick Store in Charlotte, then enjoy it from the adirondack chairs at the top of this peak - a gorgeous and peaceful way to start the day!*

*Insider Tip #2: 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!*

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## TAKE IN THE VIEW

PICK ONE ...And take a pic of yourself on your outing to complete this clue!

(a) Take in the beautiful view of Lake Champlain and NY's Adirondack Mountain Range atop Lone Tree Hill at Shelburne Farm. Please note the route to Lone Tree Hill from the parking area requires a bit of walking and that masks may be required for those without vaccination; visit Shelburne Farm's site here for more info on COVID restrictions:

<https://shelburnefarms.org/visit>

OR

(b) Take a bike ride in the Champlain Valley ... recognized alongside locations like Glacier National Park, California Wine Country, Grand Canyon North Rim, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Oregon's Crater Lake for its amazing cycling! Need mountain biking and road route ideas? Try the Charlotte Land Trust's trail listing:

<https://www.charlottelandtrust.org/explore/trails>

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## 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/>

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