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## **2022 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*

**2022**



*focus area*  
**SHELBURNE,  
MIDDLEBURY, & THE  
LOWER CHAMPLAIN  
VALLEY**

## 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. 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 indemnify and hold The Vermont Cheese 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](#)

### **Ferrisburgh**

[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 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!

railroad crossing sign (be safe!)	goat	stone wall
barn	you eating cheese	hiking trail sign
someone fishing	any farm sign	sign with animal image on it

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## A CLOSER LOOK

Get out and visit the farm! Enjoy a farm walk in this region! You can learn more about what farms are hosting walks here: <https://www.diginvt.com/places/category/farm-walks>

**To complete this clue:** Take a pic of yourself on your walk!

**Recommendation:** We recommend you sure to check with the farm (either by calling or visiting its website) to see if you need to make any kind of reservation or follow special instructions to visit them at this unique time! Most times the answer is no, though we know that some are trying to limit how many people visit at one time - and thus requiring reservations, which are easy enough to set up online!

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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 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/>

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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

Frederick Law Olmsted's feel for landscape architecture has touched locations far and wide, including the US Capitol grounds, the Biltmore Estate, and NYC's Central Park. According to the National Park Service, "his style of landscape design reflected his desire to ... produce an effect on the whole human organism. He believed that such service to human needs, and not simply the creation of decoration, should underlie all art." In this clue, we celebrate Olmsted's ability to read land and its impact on the human experience at one of his Vermont-influenced locations: Shelburne Farms.

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>

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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

Chris Santella's book "Fifty Places to Bike Before You Die" was developed based on recommendations and contributions of expert adventure cyclists from around the country. The Champlain Valley was given a place on in the list alongside locations like Glacier National Park, California Wine Country, Grand Canyon North Rim, Blue Ridge Parkway, and Oregon's Crater Lake! In this clue, we'll celebrate some of the best cycling in the country! Need route ideas? Try here: <http://champlainvalleybikeroutes.weebly.com>

**To complete this clue:** Take a selfie/pic of yourself and your bike en-route!

**Are you a touring cyclist looking for a bigger cycling adventure?** Consider planning some inn-to-inn travel routes for yourself!

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## SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

The area around Lake Champlain has a number of unique features: It flows north, is about a third of the size of Rhode Island, was one of the US great lakes for less than a month in 1998, is home to the world's oldest communal ocean reef (you can find 450 million year old fossils around it), is the 8th largest naturally occurring body of fresh water in the continental US, and also is considered as the location with the lowest point within the 6 million acre Adirondack Mountain Range.

**To complete this clue:** Take a picture of yourself at any location where you can cross from VT into NY (Hint: there are both ferry and bridge crossings in this region!)

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