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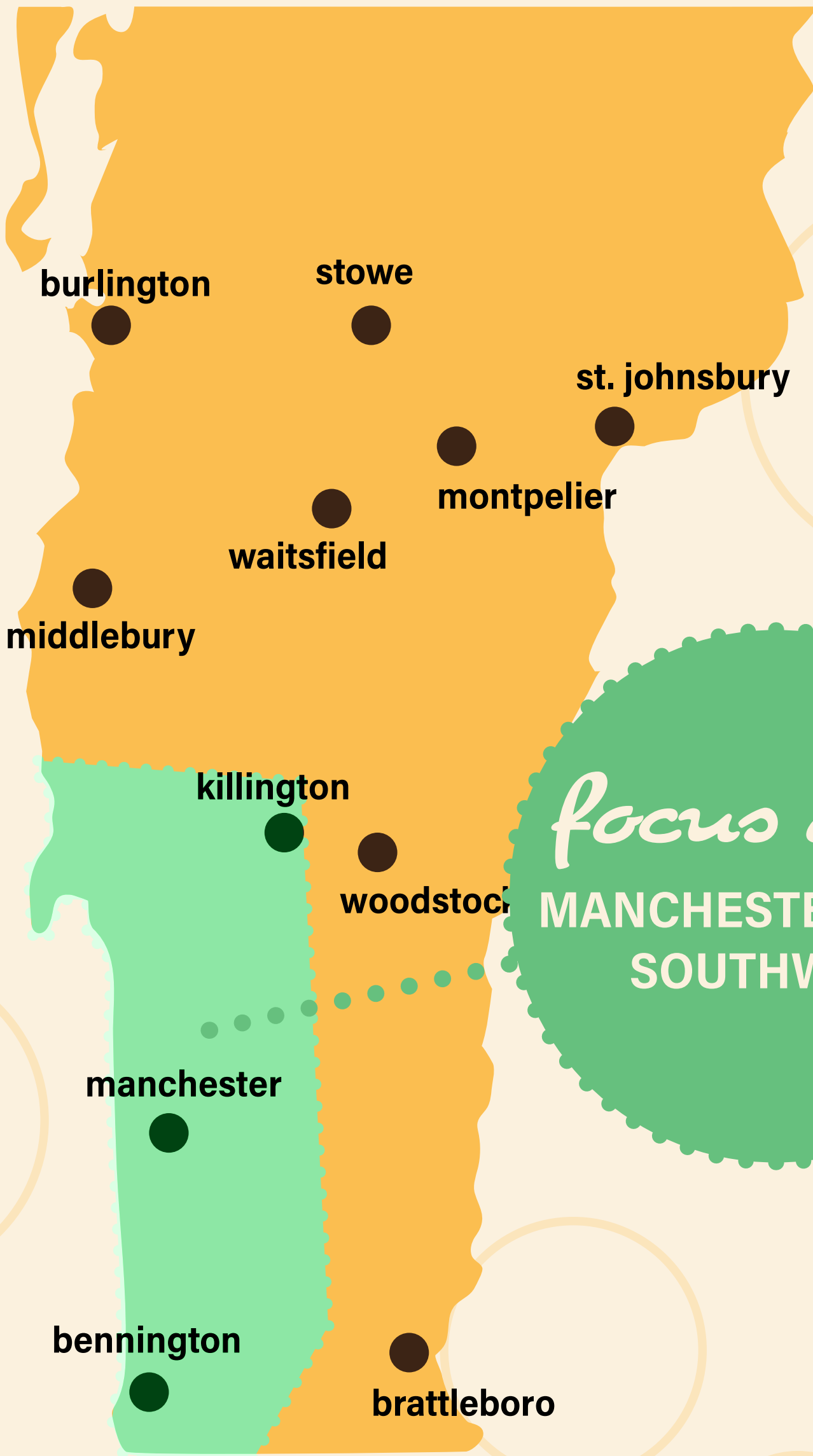
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THE  
**hunt**

**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.



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**MANCHESTER & THE  
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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. 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!*

**In this region, the best way to get it is to buy it 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.

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**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!

object with date older than 1850 on it	sunset	sign with a picture of Vermont on it
hiking trail sign	you eating cheese	object with an animal on it
farming field	cow	dirt road

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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:** Provide the HINT 1 on the HINT 2 where Robert Frost 's HINT 3 is in HINT 4 HINT 5.

## WORD HINTS

1. Singular version of the "things" that surround the word corkscrew on the historic marker that you'll find on Main Street just south of the Bennington Museum
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.

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## A CLOSER LOOK

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3. Find the Vermont historic on the Iron Gate of the Bennington Museum; 5th line (after the title), fifth word
4. Fourth full paragraph in the Joint Resolution found on the side of Old First Church. Fourth full paragraph, first sentence, 2nd through 5th words
5. The location of clue 4

**Insider Tip:** For HINT 4, you will find yourself in a cemetery known for its beautiful headstones. We encourage you to stroll around and give these works of art a look!

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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 LAST 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 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!

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## LEG STRETCH & LEARNING STOP

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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## PICNIC TIME...

Pack up some Vermont cheese and visit Dorset to do one of the following:

- Walk through Cutler Memorial Forest and take a picture of you and your cheese on one of this trail system's bridges – big or small it doesn't matter
- Visit and take a pic of you, your cheese, and the 110 year old Pinnacle Tower

Both are beautiful ways to enjoy this stunning rural area!

*Insider tips: It might be buggy during summer... consider bug repellent AND your sunscreen! You can find trail maps for both here: <https://dorsetvt.org/Cutler&Pinnacle.php>*

*And you can find cheese using the cheese location listing in the beginning of this clue packet!*

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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) The far southeast region of Vermont is also called The Shires - beautiful, natural and inspiring! For this clue, get out of the car and stretch your legs by exploring any trail in this region; you can see many listed in the Hiking & Snowshoeing section of this page: <https://www.bennington.com/soar>

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

Southwestern Vermont boasts a number of historic sites that host cheesemakers! Visit a site that is over 70 years old (doesn't have to be a cheesemaker, though they sure are tasty to visit!).

**Insider tip:** You can find these sites (and all the cheesemakers in this area) using the Vermont Cheese Trail here: <https://vtcheese.com/vermont-cheese-trail-map/>

**To complete this clue:** Take a pic of yourself at the site you visit with something that shows its age!

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