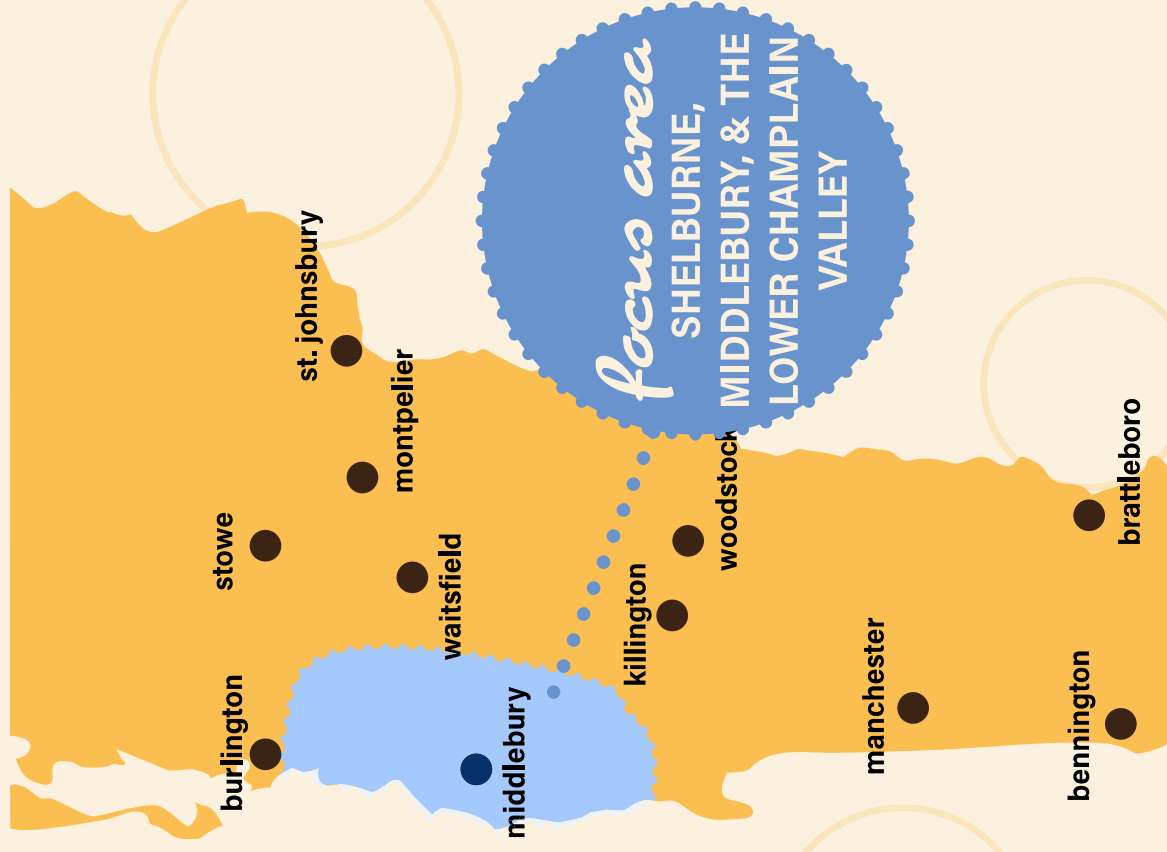




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#### INSTRUCTIONS You must complete:

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.

## 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](#)

### **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** Complete and submit the answer sheet at the end of this packet!

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 (continued...)



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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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### IN THREES!

Take a pic of one of your team members with these items (3 pics total) to complete this clue.

**Item 1:** the (WORD 1) (WORD 2) at (WORD 3) (WORD 4)

**Item 2:** the (WORD 4)

**Item 3:** the giant yellow item uphill from Item 1 and Item 2's location though River(word5) (WORD 6)

WORD 1: Longest river that is entirely contained in Vermont

WORD 2: 12 inches is one

WORD 3: town name, college name, and snow bowl name in this region

WORD 4: another word for autumn, plus s

WORD 5: opposite of back

WORD 6: when in a parking lot, you are there to \_\_\_\_\_ the car



## A CLOSER LOOK

### FARMS BY FOOT

Get out and enjoy a farm walk in this region! It's a great chance to stretch your legs and see one of the biggest industries in Vermont firsthand! 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! Most times the answer is no - but it helps to confirm that!



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## FIND IT...

Visit a local cheese shop (see list earlier in our clue packet of where to go) and find 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 FIRST NAME.

**To complete this clue:** Share a pic with the cheese you found!

Not a requirement - but fun: Eat your cheesily named companion...the cheese, not the person.

**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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CLUE 6

**GET ARTY**

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



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CLUE 7

**LEG STRETCH & LEARNING STOP**

Charlotte has some gorgeous trails that pass right through fields and meadows - giving you a first hand walk through the countryside in this pretty area. For this clue, explore one of these trail options. Both are great for taking a dirt bike on or walking. Take a pic of your outing to complete this clue.

Village Loop Trail: <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/charlotte-village-loop-trail>

Charlotte Town Link Trail: <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/charlotte-town-link-trail>



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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**

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/paleozoicvermont-143627957/>

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# THE hunt 2023 ANSWER PACKET

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\* IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS TO ENTER INTO THE PRIZE DRAWING - PLEASE CIRCLE WRITE THEIR NAMES, EMAILS, AND MAILING ADDRESSES ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM. IF THE ADDRESS IS THE SAME AS ABOVE - YOU CAN JUST WRITE "SAME AS MY 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):**

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|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BURLINGTON & NORTHWEST | <input type="checkbox"/> MONTPELIER, ST. JOHNSBURY, & NORTHWEST KINGDOM | <input type="checkbox"/> MIDDLEBURY, SHELburnE, & LOWER CHAMPLAIN VALLEY | <input type="checkbox"/> STOWE, MAD RIVER VALLEY, & CENTRAL RT.100 CORRIDOR | <input type="checkbox"/> MANCHESTER, BENNINGTON, & SOUTHWEST | <input type="checkbox"/> WOODSTOCK, UPPER VALLEY, & SOUTHEAST |
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**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: IN THREES! Attach your three winning pictures!
- Clue 4: A CLOSER LOOK Send us your pic
- Clue 5. FIND IT! Share your pic, and if you were to share something else, share that here too: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 Attach your picture; If you were to share something else, share that here too: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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