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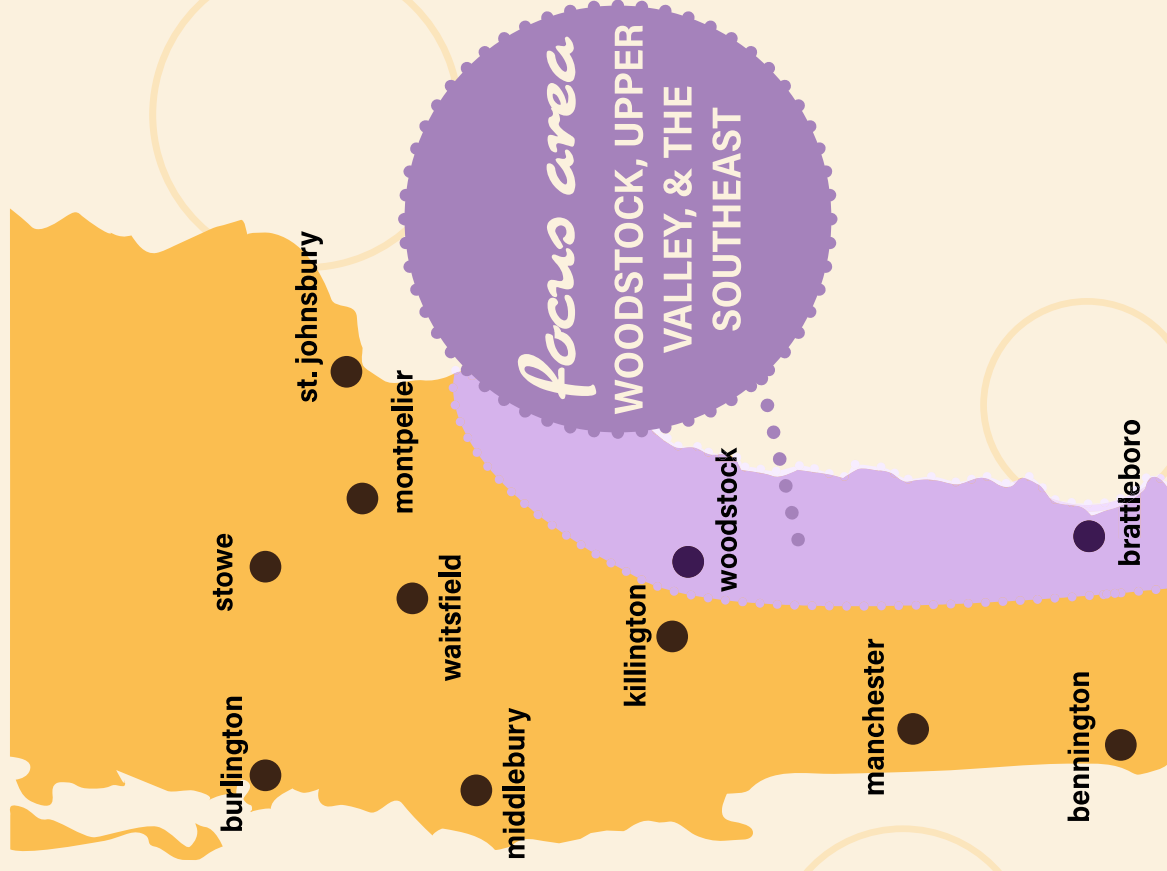
INSTRUCTIONS You must complete:

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.

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focus area WOODSTOCK, UPPER VALLEY, & THE SOUTHEAST

burlington
stowe
montpelier
st. johnsbury

middlebury
waitsfield

killington

woodstock

manchester

bennington

brattleboro

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

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PROBLEMS ALONG THE WAY

Email us at 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!

Off of I-91

[Brattleboro Food Co-op](#) (Brattleboro)

[COOP Food Store](#) (White River Junction)

In Woodstock

[Woodstock Farmers Market](#) (Woodstock)

Directly from local cheesemakers

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

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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...)



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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CLUE 2

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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CLUE 3

IN THREES!

Take a picture of one of your team members with the objects on the tic tac toe card until you have three in a row – diagonally, across, or up and down!

bumper sticker with Vermont (image or text) on it	sheep	covered bridge
sign with word "farm" on it	you eating cheese	barn
tractor of any kind	stone wall	dirt road

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A CLOSER LOOK

Visit the Cow Tunnel at Retreat Farm in Brattleboro.

To complete this clue: Take a pic of at least one team member there!

Insider tip: Continue on to explore a beautiful trail that will take you to the waterfront. You can find the farm's trail map here: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/607b3ceb2bb5706ee3f23066/t/60cf163eacc7d86e530342b5/1624184383102/2021RetreatFarm_TrailMap_Web.pdf

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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 LAST LETTER of any team member's FIRST NAME and

(b) the FIRST LETTER of any team member's FIRST NAME.

To complete this clue: Share a pic of a team member with the cheese you found!

(Tell the store you're in that you're there to do The Vermont Cheese Council's Cheese Hunt - they like knowing we sent you there!)

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

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CLUE
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GET ARTY

Pick one:

(1) Head to the Path of Life Sculpture Garden in Windsor! Take a pic with your favorite sculpture/item in the garden to complete this clue! Is it the giant sculpture people? The maze? Please check the website for hours and know that there is a fee to enter - Last we checked, this was: \$6 for 13+, \$3 for ages 3-12, free for those under 3. Website: <https://greatriveroutfitters.com/news-and-events/welcome-to-the-path-of-life-sculpture-garden>

Insider tip: Towns all along I-91 in this region of Vermont are packed with great cooperative grocery stores – all of which

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CLUE
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GET ARTY

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have a great selection of locally-made cheeses! Find them and other spots to get cheese using the listing in the beginning of this clue packet.

(2) Visit the bronze giants of Randolph: The tails of Whale Dance. This sculpture by Jim Sardonis is one of few spots where you can stand alongside two giant whales' tails while looking out on the mountains here in Vermont. Take a photo of yourself with these giants to complete this clue!

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THE hunt *southeast* CLUE 7

LEG STRETCH & LEARNING STOP

Explore the Upper Connecticut River Valley area of this region by doing ONE of the following:

1. Hike Eagle's Bluff from the Cross Rivendell Trail and get a birds eye view of Lake Morey.
Neat fact: Lake Morey has the longest plowed outdoor skating loop in the US in winter.
2. Stroll through the woods to find the Grand Canyon of Norwich.
3. Take a paddle on the Connecticut River and look for eagles or herons. Dartmouth Outdoor Club offers canoe and kayak rentals.

To complete this clue: Take a picture of your team on this adventure!



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PICNIC TIME...

Pack up some Vermont cheese for this one!

Enjoy the shade of sugar maples and 400-year-old hemlocks, while you pass through covered bridges and alongside rambling stone walls - by visiting Vermont's only national park!

To complete this clue: Walk its gardens, climb up to its south peak, loop the pogue, or find another way to enjoy this beautiful landscape - and take a picture of at least one team member with your cheese on your adventure!

Insider tip: There are many places to swing by and grab cheese in this region; to find one, consult the list of places to find cheese that is at the start of your clue packet!



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TAKE IN THE VIEW

Solve my riddle below and a pic at my top from the road or take the 1/2 mile trail to the bottom to take a pic from the rocks to complete this clue.

At around 165 feet,

I'm the deepest of my kind,

not just in Vermont, but all of New England, mind.

I go under the Route in this region where

its name matches the number of sides on a square.

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SEE SOMETHING UNIQUE

To complete this clue, capture a pic to prove you're seen the elusive Vermontasaurus. Everyone always needs proof of these kinds of things.

Very Vermont.

A podcast about the creature for you while driving there: <https://ournewenglandlegends.com/podcast-205-the-vermontasaurus> <https://ournewenglandlegends.com/podcast-205-the-vermontasaurus>

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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):

<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