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*Southwest*  
THE  
**hunt**

**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 [hunt@vtcheese.com](mailto:hunt@vtcheese.com)

## *finding cheese glorious cheese!*

Locations in this region where you can find local cheeses:

### **Pawlet**

[Mach's Market](#)

### **Get it directly from a cheesemaker:**

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/trail/>

## 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/trail>. 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/breweries-beer-trails/create-your-own-trail>

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## 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!

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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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...

Pack up some Vermont cheese and visit the 110 year old Pinnacle Tower in Dorset. Take a picture of you and the tower to complete this clue!

*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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## 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

TIME TO HIT THE SLOPES

Mt. Snow, Stratton, Bromley, Okemo, Killington, and even the smaller hills are all options to consider for this one! To complete this clue, take a pic of yourself at the top of one of the peaks in this area.

*Insider tip: Most you can hike up - and find trail listings online/at their sites. Some have lifts or gondolas you can take in the summer to enjoy the mountain air at the top with more ease!*

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## PICNIC TIME...

Vermont has quarries all through it! On this stop, you'll explore the Gettysburg Quarry Hike - a climb that takes you through the forest to the Quarry Lookout. Visit Art's Bench for a little rest - and share a pic of you, any cheese you find yourself snacking on, and the view!

Trail map link - yellow trail is longer but with a more gradual climb; blue trail is referred to as "relentlessly steep": [https://dorsetvt.org/uploads/3/5/3/5/35356792/owls\\_head\\_brochure\\_hawks\\_pass\\_trailhead\\_2022\\_1.pdf](https://dorsetvt.org/uploads/3/5/3/5/35356792/owls_head_brochure_hawks_pass_trailhead_2022_1.pdf)

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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!

Take a drive up the Equinox Mountain Skyline Drive (we love the view and want to just note that the drive requires a fee!).

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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!).

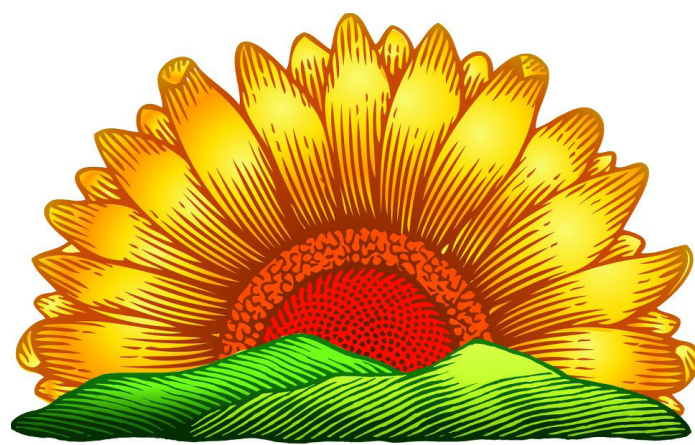
**Insider tip:** You can find these sites (and all the cheesemakers in this area) using the Vermont Cheese Trail here: <https://vtcheese.com/trail/>

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

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