

Historic Sites in Vermont
(Each Town has their own History Too!)

Addison County
(Central)

Mt. Independence State Historic Site



Mount Independence on Lake Champlain in Orwell, Vermont, was the site of extensive fortifications built during the American Revolutionary War by the American army to stop a British invasion.

472 Mount Independence Rd.

Orwell, Vermont 05760

(802)948-2000

http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/mount_independence

Approximately 45 minutes west of the Middlebury Inn

Chimney Point State Historic Site



Chimney Point on Lake Champlain in Vermont is one of the earliest, most intensely settled, and most strategic sites in the Champlain Valley, with human habitation dating back as far as 9,000 years ago. Exhibits and special events present the story of the three early cultures in the Chimney Point area - Native American, French Colonial and early American.

7305 Vt. Route 125

Vergennes, VT 05091

(802) 759-2412

<http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/chimneypoint>

Approximately 40 minutes north from the Middlebury Inn

Rokeby Museum



Like many historic houses, the farmhouse at Rokeby grew several times over the years. The original structure, now at the back, was built by the Dakin family in the late 1780s and purchased by the Robinsons in 1793. They added the large, Federal Style front block in 1814. The change in the roof line visible on the front of the house marks the last addition, made in 1893. Today, the house is fully furnished with 200 years of Robinson family belongings and vividly evokes their presence. This house and land was also used for the Underground Railroad.

4334 Rt 7

Ferrisburgh, Vermont 05456

(802)877-3406

www.rokeby.org

Approximately 30 minutes north of the Middlebury Inn

Chittenden County (North)

Shelburne Museum



SHELBURNE MUSEUM

Shelburne Museum founded in 1947, it was at first a place to preserve Mrs. Webb family's collection of horse-drawn carriages. Before long, however, she realized that she had a rare opportunity to create what she described as a "collection of collections" and "an educational project, varied and alive." Mrs. Webb found historic buildings that would provide appropriate settings for her collections, and she relocated them to the Museum grounds: houses, barns, a meeting house, a one-room schoolhouse, a lighthouse, a jail, a general store, a covered bridge, and the 220-foot steamboat *Ticonderoga*.

6000 Shelburne Rd.

Shelburne, Vermont 05482

(802)985-3346

www.shelburnemuseum.org

Approximately 45 minutes north of the Middlebury Inn

Ethan Allen Homestead



Situated on a small promontory just above the Winooski River out of reach of flood waters in Burlington's Intervale is a small, unassuming frame house. This house has stood there for 192 years. No marker identifies it; tourists do not swarm about it. This modest farm house was the last home of General Ethan Allen, Vermont's revolutionary hero. It was built by him and in it he died. Inside the Allen House you will see some of the daily tasks and skills required to survive on the Vermont frontier, as well as an introduction to Ethan's philosophical writings and land speculation activities. Experience the compact conditions and gain a new understanding of the lives of our 18th Century counterparts.

1 Ethan Allen Homestead 2
Burlington, Vermont 05408
(802)865-4556

www.ethanallen.com

Approximately 1hour north from the Middlebury Inn

Old Red Mill and Museum



Chittenden Mills - the "Old Red Mill" - in Jericho, Vermont was declared a National Historic Site in 1972. It is one of two remaining mills out of eight that were once sited on the Brown's River's seven water privileges in Jericho. The Chittenden Mills at site number 2 has the longest and most interesting history.

Rt. 15
Jericho, Vermont 05465
(802)899-3225

www.jerichohistoricalsociety.org

Approximately 1.5 hours north of the Middlebury Inn

Franklin County (North)

President Chester A. Arthur Historic Site



In 1881, Vermonter Chester Alan Arthur was sworn in as the nation's 21st President. The son of an impoverished Baptist minister, Arthur was born in a small temporary parsonage. He became a lawyer who advocated for civil rights and as President, a champion of civil service reform.

Chester Arthur Rd.

Fairfield Town Of, Vermont 05450

(802)828-3051

<http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/arthur>

Approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes north of the Middlebury Inn

Washington County (North East)

Vermont Granite Museum



The Vermont Granite Museum was founded by a coalition of over 300 Central Vermont citizens in 1994 as way to preserve the story and memories of our community's granite industry. Since that time we have worked relentlessly to salvage the historic Jones Brothers Manufacturing plant and turn it into a museum. Our building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We are still under development which means that we are working hard to complete the construction of the museum while, also hosting guests and giving tours, designing exhibits, presenting events, and teaching workshops. We especially welcome the opportunity to host group visits.

Call Scott McLaughlin at 802-476-4506 to arrange a special museum visit

7 Jones Bros Way

Barre, Vermont 05641

www.vtgranitemuseum.org

Approximately 1hour 30 minutes north east from the Middlebury Inn

Sullivan Museum



The Sullivan Museum and History Center welcomes visitors to explore this rich 200-year history in a 21st-century, state-of-the-art facility. Engaging exhibits, artifact displays, audio and visual installations bring the story of Norwich and its alumni to life.

158 Harmon Dr.

Northfield, Vermont 05663

(802)485-2183

<http://academics.norwich.edu/museum>

Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes north east from the Middlebury Inn

Orange County (East)

Senator Justin Smith Morrill Homestead



The Justin Smith Morrill Homestead is the historic Carpenter Gothic home of United States Senator Justin Smith Morrill in Strafford, Vermont, and was one of the first declared National Historic Landmarks, in 1960. The homestead is a Vermont State Historic Site owned by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, a state agency.

214 Justin Morrill Memorial Hwy

Strafford, Vermont 05072

(802)765-4484

www.morrillhomestead.org

open for tours from May to October

Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes east of the Middlebury Inn

Rutland County (South)

Wilson Castle



The castle's construction began in 1867. In 1939, a radio engineer named Herbert Lee Wilson, came to Vermont. He was a pioneer in the AM radio field and built radio stations all over the world. He was looking for a new location to build another station and a summer home for his family. He bought the castle & installed radio station WEWE in the old stable, which remained in operation until just recently. When America joined WWII in 1941, Herbert Wilson joined the Army Signal Corps, from which he retired in the 1950's as rank of Colonel. He retired to the castle, and in 1962, opened it for tours.

2708 West St.

Proctor, Vermont 05765

(802)773-3284

www.wilsoncastle.com

Approximately 1 hour south from the Middlebury Inn

Hubbardton Battlefield



Here, on the steamy morning of July 7, 1777, the Green Mountain Boys and others stayed behind as a rear guard to slow the advance of the Redcoats so the main American force would have time to retreat. On these green hills, the Americans made a defiant stand. Though outnumbered, the Americans successfully halted the British, and retreated southward, winning successful battles later that year at Bennington and Saratoga.

5696 Monument Hill Rd.

Castleton, Vermont 05735

(802)273-2282

<http://historicsites.vermont.gov/directory/hubbardton>

Approximately 45 minutes south of the Middlebury Inn

Windsor County (South East)

Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial



Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial is a granite obelisk on a hill in the White River Valley. Which marks the spot where Joseph Smith was born on December 23, 1805. The monument was erected by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which recognizes Smith as its first president and founding prophet.

357 Lds Ln.

South Royalton, Vermont 05068

(802)763-7742

www.lds.org

Approximately 1hour 30 minutes south east from the Middlebury Inn

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park



The park is named for George Perkins **Marsh**, author of **Man and Nature (1864)** and one of the nation's first environmental thinkers. It is also named for Frederick **Billings**, a 19th-century lawyer and railroad entrepreneur who bought the property from the Marsh family and who was deeply influenced by Marsh's conservation thinking. Billings established a progressive dairy farm and **professionally managed forest** on the property. His granddaughter Mary French **Rockefeller** and her husband Laurance Spelman Rockefeller sustained Billings' practices in forestry and farming during the latter half of the twentieth century.

54 Elm St.

Woodstock, Vermont 05091

(802)457-3368

www.nps.gov

Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes south east from the Middlebury Inn

President Calvin Coolidge State Historical Site



The Calvin Coolidge Homestead District at Plymouth Notch preserves many of the historic buildings that Coolidge knew in his youth: his birthplace, his boyhood home, the church that he attended, the homes of relatives and family friends, and the hall above his father's old store, which he used as his office during the summer of 1924 and others. Coolidge and his wife lie amid seven generations of Coolidges in the town cemetery.

3780 Rt. 100a

Plymouth, Vermont 05056

(802)672-3773

https://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/presidents/calvin_coolidge_homestead.html

Approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes south east from the Middlebury Inn