Waterfalls of Addison County

Abby Pond Cascades - A series of cascades that drop almost 100 feet and are tucked under a thick canopy, this gem of a waterfall is just a short hike in. Make sure to head to the bottom of the falls, below the bridge, to get the best view.

Hancock, VT
Approximately 12 minutes, 4.5 miles from the Middlebury Inn

Bartlett Falls - is the large waterfall in the gorge of the New Haven River as it descends into Bristol. The 14' falls plunges into a deep pool with many ledges. Above the falls, the river slides over and around large, sloping bedrock ledges that span the width of the river. The locals call this Circle Current. In high water, the current rages over them. Besides, the falls are a short way downstream from here. As a bonus, there is a small feeder stream above the falls that makes a stairstep dash into the wild New Haven River.

Bristol, VT
Approximately 30 minutes from the Middlebury Inn

Bristol Memorial Park Falls - The best view of this waterfall is from the narrow bridge that is perched in the middle of the gorge. From this bridge, you will see both a side view of the impressive upper plunge and the lower horsetail, which falls into an oyster shaped rock surface. Framing the two falls into a single photograph can produce great results. Beginning directly under the bridge and continuing downstream is the very narrow 50-foot long gorge. The creek is condensed drastically
here, often resulting in roaring sounds of water. Bristol Memorial Park Falls is impressive on its own, but its proximity to nearby Bartlett Falls means it should absolutely not be skipped.

Bristol, VT
Approximately 30 minutes from the Middlebury Inn

Moss Glen Falls of Granville, a roadside attraction featured in nearly every photographic portrait of Vermont ever published. The second is the focus of this chapter. This waterfall is a gorgeous horsetail with thin streams of water which choose their path down a slightly angled rock face.

Granville, VT
Approximately 40 minutes from the Middlebury Inn

Texas Falls has long been a favorite Green Mountain National Forest attraction; a waterfall visited by many and seen in books and photographs by thousands more. Managed by the U.S. Forest Service, wooden fencing surrounds the flume and falls, and the only views are from a boardwalk trail, which you are asked not to stray from. If you drive up the road a small distance you will find picnic tables to sit at and have a nice lunch.

Hancock, VT
Approximately 30 minutes from the Middlebury Inn
The top horsetail at the Falls of Lana snakes down through a gorge into a stunning and deep swimming pool. This pool has little to no current at all, and with minimal tree coverage overhead, is highly exposed to the sun's rays. The lower sections of this waterfall are equally beautiful, but it is much more difficult to get a strong perspective of them. This section of falls consists of horsetails and cascades winding down through a gorge into another tempting pool.

Salisbury, VT
Approximately 25 minutes from the Middlebury Inn

State Prison Hollow Falls is a pretty and unobstructed three-tiered horsetail drops a total of about 15 feet between large boulders on one side and ledge on the other. The falls don't have much exposure to the sun since they are located in a deep ravine.

Starksboro, VT
Approximately 40 minutes from the Middlebury Inn

Bittersweet Falls is one of the easily-viewed falls. Although highly seasonal, Beaver Brook takes the stage during the spring with a tumbling two-sided plunge, each side dropping 18-to-20 feet. In low-water conditions, a thin ribbon of water is seen falling among a wall of moss on only one side.

Weybridge, VT
Approximately 20 minutes from the Middlebury Inn