

## ON YOUR WAY NORTH

### Ben & Jerry's Factory Tour

[benjerry.com/about-us/factory-tours](http://benjerry.com/about-us/factory-tours)

Tours August 14 thru October 22, 9 AM – 6 PM & October 23 thru December 31, 10 AM – 5 PM. Tours start at least every 30 minutes. Visit the Ben & Jerry's Waterbury Factory and learn how Ben & Jerry's gets so much deliciousness into every scoop! Take the 30-minute guided factory tour and learn how they make ice cream and put their values into action at every step of the process.

## ALSO IN THE AREA

Visit Waterbury, VT [discoverwaterbury.com](http://discoverwaterbury.com)

Visit Stowe, VT [gostowe.com](http://gostowe.com)

## IN THE BURLINGTON, VT AREA

### Shelburne Museum [shelburnemuseum.org](http://shelburnemuseum.org)

May 1 – December 30 Open Daily: 10 AM – 5 PM.

Plan for at least a 1/2 day to view some of the 150,000+ American folk & decorative art items and historic buildings. October exhibits: Sweet Tooth: The Art of Dessert, Hooked on Patty Yoder. 2017 on-going exhibits: Upstream with Ogden Pleissner, Dorset House Decoy collection, Pieced Traditions: Jean Lovell quilt collection.

- *Special NELA conference admission discount for out-of-state applies to family members/partners. \$17/adult, \$12/child (5–18) with copy of online registration receipt.*
- *VT Resident (w/license): \$14, VT Child (ages 5–18): \$7*
- *Active military free with ID.*

### Vermont Teddy Bear Factory [vermontteddybear.com](http://vermontteddybear.com)

Winter/Spring Season (Oct. 17th – May 26th)

Bear Shop Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Winter/Spring Season Tour Times: 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM (No production on the weekends or any day after 4:30 PM.) In 1981 the founder opened a cart on Church Street in Burlington and began selling Teddy Bears that he made in his garage. Now bears big and small are lovingly created in a variety of themes sent to new homes all around the world.

### ECHO, Leahy Center for Lake Champlain [www.echovermont.org](http://www.echovermont.org)

Year-round from 10 AM – 5 PM.

ECHO's mission is to educate and delight people about the Ecology, Culture, History, and Opportunities for Stewardship of the Lake Champlain Basin. Exhibits include aquariums, terrariums, National Geographic Theater and hands on exhibits on science and ecology.

## IN THE BURLINGTON, VT AREA

### Ethan Allen Homestead [ethanallenhomestead.org](http://ethanallenhomestead.org)

Open daily 10 AM – 4 PM.

Ethan Allen was an unusually flamboyant backwoodsman-turned-statesman from Connecticut. He was one of the early inhabitants of Burlington and is best known for the capture of Fort Ticonderoga at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War and his leadership of the Green Mountain Boys. 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.

### Queen City Ghost Walk

[queencityghostwalk.com/Ghost-Tours.html](http://queencityghostwalk.com/Ghost-Tours.html)

Queen City Ghostwalk is Vermont's original haunted history tour – the only tour in Vermont led by a published author of the paranormal. Thea Lewis, Vermont's Queen of Halloween, has been scaring up Burlington's history since 2002. Madmen, murderers, shipwrecks, railroad tragedies – Vermont's got plenty of ghosts to explore.

### Burlington History Tours [burlingtonhistorytours.com](http://burlingtonhistorytours.com)

Hear fascinating facts and stories of the Champlain Valley and Burlington through the ages, from long before the site was first spotted by Samuel de Champlain in 1609, the years around the War of 1812, how it grew from a hamlet to a village, then a town and finally a city in 1865, and up until today.

### Vermont Farm Tours [vermontfarmtours.com/overview](http://vermontfarmtours.com/overview)

Offering an on-farm cheese making workshop & a private half-day and full-day driving tour to local vineyards. Can accommodate groups as small as two people or as large as 50+ people, and are happy to customize a tour to fit your interests and budget.

### Spirit of Ethan Allen Lake Champlain Cruises [soea.com](http://soea.com)

The standard, 90-minute narrated cruise, filled with fun facts about the lake, its history and its inhabitants, is worth the price of admission, especially for those who've never ventured out on Lake Champlain. Refreshments are available on board.



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## WHAT TO DO FOR FREE!

### Lake Champlain Chocolate Factory Tour

[lakechamplainchocolates.com/about-us/visit-our-factory](http://lakechamplainchocolates.com/about-us/visit-our-factory)

30 minute tour for ages 7+. Tours begin on the hour, Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 2 PM. (Self-guided tours after 3 PM).

Lake Champlain Chocolates' factory tour is seated – no walking involved! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the chocolate (yes, tasting will be part of your experience here).

### Walk Church Street Marketplace [churchstmarketplace.com](http://churchstmarketplace.com)

Church Street is a brick lined pedestrian street mall four blocks long in the center of downtown Burlington. Vermont's award-winning open air mall is a hub of activity where you'll find historic architecture, year-round festivals, street entertainers, music and over 100 places to shop and dine. Smoke-free. Free Wifi.

### Burlington Waterfront

[churchstmarketplace.com/go/waterfront-park](http://churchstmarketplace.com/go/waterfront-park)

Downtown waterfront and community park with 900 feet of lakeshore, a boardwalk, and swinging benches make this a great place to sit and watch some of the beautiful sunsets that Burlington has to offer. The waterfront also has access to the bike path which connects around Lake Champlain. (bicycle rentals available).

### Bicycle or Walk Around Lake Champlain

[enjoyburlington.com/venue/waterfront-park](http://enjoyburlington.com/venue/waterfront-park)

Burlington's Waterfront Bike Path is a 7.6 mile recreational route that runs from the southern end of Burlington at Oakledge Park to the northern end at the Winooski River, where it connects via the bike path bridge to the Colchester Bike Path. The Bike Path rides along the Lake Champlain shoreline, offering wonderful views of the lake and the Adirondack Mountains to the west ([champlainbikeways.org/directions/#vtbikeways](http://champlainbikeways.org/directions/#vtbikeways)).

Bicycle rentals available at [localmotion.org/trailside\\_center](http://localmotion.org/trailside_center) & [northstarsportsvt.com/bike-rentals](http://northstarsportsvt.com/bike-rentals)

### Oak Ledge Park [enjoyburlington.com/venue/oakledge-park](http://enjoyburlington.com/venue/oakledge-park)

A universally accessible circular tree house distinguishes this South End city park, which also has a playground, beach, tennis and bocce courts, and a picnic shelter. Visitors can also access the nearby Earth Clock at Blanchard Beach. Its 14 imposing granite slabs stand in a 43-and-a-half-foot circle, right off the bike path. Constructed in 2007 by grassroots nonprofit Circles for Peace, it functions as a clock, compass, calendar and sundial, and hosts solstice ceremonies and sacred circle dances.

## South Burlington Parks



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