

## TASTER'S TOUR OF NORTHERN VERMONT

*This day trip is filled with spectacular scenery and several places to tour, shop, and enjoy the flavors for which Vermont is famous.*

The trip's first stop is St. Johnsbury. Turn left onto VT-18 North and travel 7 miles to the intersection of US-2. Turn left onto US-2 West. *Maple Grove Farms*, (**NOT** a maple farm) - a seasonal gift shop w/ maple candy, salad dressings, & other maple-related foods. **True maple farms are coming up**. Continue on US-2 West over the bridge to the 3-way stop. Turn left onto Railroad Street and then right onto Eastern Ave; turn left at the top of Eastern Ave. and follow the signs for US-2 West, which winds its way out of St. Jay.

US-2 west continues to Danville. Along the way, visit **From Barrel to Bottle** a local shop of fine wine, specialty foods, and full liquor store.

Just past West Danville on US-2 West, look to the left to find **Goodrich's Maple Farm**. This is the real deal. Sap boiled right here to make some great syrup. Tours are available.

Now it's off to Cabot. From Goodrich's Farm, turn right onto US-2 East for just a short distance and look for a small sign that says CABOT. Turn left onto this road (Danville Hill Road) and have faith. Just a short way up, on the right, is the home of **The Birdman**, Edmond Menard. Stop in and watch Edmond cut birds out of wood to make most interesting pieces of art.

Continue up Danville Hill Road for 3.4 miles and enjoy some spectacular scenery as you make your way to Cabot Center. Once in Cabot Center, bear left onto VT-215 and find **Cabot Creamery** on the left. Stop in for the factory tour and enjoy the samples. **Neat tip: Just 2 mins from Creamery, visit Harry's Hardware at 3087 Main St. Enjoy a VT craft beer or glass of wine while shopping in this very cool store.**

Now it's off to Montpelier. Head Southwest on VT-215, continue to US-2 West and then turn right onto VT-14 North to find **Bragg Farm Sugarhouse**. **MUST get their homemade Maple Ice Cream!** Now continue to downtown **Montpelier** -- VT-14 South and then right onto US-2 West and continue for just about 5 miles. Turn right onto Main Street.

Enjoy the talents of the culinary students at the **Main Street Bar & Grille**, **Sarducci's** is a great place for Italian fare. Downtown Montpelier has some neat little shops & eateries. You may also want to tour our gold-domed state house and the **Vermont History Museum**. Beer lovers will enjoy the **Three Penny Taproom** at 108 Main Street for great brews and bites. After departing downtown Montpelier, get back onto US-2 West to highway I-89 North. Follow to Exit 10 and head north on VT-100, heading to **Waterbury**. Along this route you'll find the following:

- **The Prohibition Pig** ~ Beer lovers must go here! Fantastic craft beer selections, great lunch spot – BBQ & more. (23 South Main St.)
- **Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory** ~ take a tour and visit the sampling room;
- **Early Vermont Antiques** ~ a neat store tightly packed with some interesting collectibles;
- **Ziemke Glass Blowing Studio** ~ blowing glass daily except for Wednesdays. Watch beautiful items be created before your eyes. **MUST SEE**
- **Green Mountain Coffee Roasters** ~ good stop for those who enjoy these luring aromas; No tour offered
- **Cold Hollow Cider Mill** ~ the best apple cider, apple butter, HUGE selection of VT made products too good to miss. A Vermont wine tasting room is also located at Cold Hollow Mill. **You must taste the cider donuts!**

As you travel along VT-100, look northwest for a view of Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak at 4393 feet.

VT-100 leads to the village of **Stowe**, once referred to as the "Aspen of the East" and Stowe Mountain. For fans of "The Sound of Music", you'll find **Trapp Family Lodge and Trapp Brewery & Bierhall**. Then, there's the village of Stowe itself. In the village of Stowe next to Mac's Market, is **Laughing Moon Chocolates**, an award-winning chocolate kitchen that offers daily chocolate dipping demonstrations at 2pm. There are too many other shops to list here so we recommend your next stop to be the **Visitors' Center** for a village map. There are gift and craft stores, art galleries, quilt and antique shops, and restaurants galore. Craft beer enthusiasts should not miss the famous **Alchemist Brewery** (home of Heady Topper) at 100 Cottage Club Rd (open Tues-Sat 11:00 am– 7:00pm).

If you are into craft beers, there are a few more great stops before you head home. Follow VT-100 North through Morrisville to find **Rock Art Brewery** and **Lost Nation Brewing**.

At the traffic circle, take VT-15 East. **You now have 2 options: head home or head to Hill Farmstead Brewing.** To head home, stay on VT-15 East and follow it to US-2 East back through Danville, St. Johnsbury, and to VT-18 South to RHI.

To head for Hill Farmstead, at the traffic circle, follow VT-15 East for about 15 miles to turn left onto VT-16 North for about 8 miles. Turn left onto Taylor Rd then right onto Jaffin Flats and continue to Hill Rd to find **Hill Farmstead Brewery**. To get home from Hill Farmstead, get back onto VT-16 North and follow to VT-122 South for 14.5 miles; slight right onto Center Street to Back Center Rd to US-5 North. Then it's right on Red Village Rd for 1.5 miles and right on Severance Hill Rd for 4.6 miles. Turn right onto US-2 West for just under 2 miles and then left onto VT-18 North for just under 7 miles to the Inn.