

# TOP 10 SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

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## A QUECHEE HOT AIR BALLOON CRAFT AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Quechee, June 15-17  
[www.quecheeballoonfestival.com](http://www.quecheeballoonfestival.com)  
 802-295-7900

Featuring 20 balloons with five flights scheduled throughout the festival, and additional tethered rides during the day. Enjoy continuous music and entertainment for all ages, along with 100 craft artisans and vendors.

## B PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Plymouth Notch, July 4, 10-5 pm  
[www.historicsites.vermont.gov](http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov)  
 802-672-3733

Commemorate the birthday of the only U.S. President born on Independence Day! A Naturalization Ceremony for new U.S. citizens, followed by a noon march to the cemetery where a wreath from the White House is placed at the President's grave site. Tour the historic village, BBQ, birthday cake, wagon rides, craft demonstrations, children's games, old-time music, and a marathon reading of Coolidge's autobiography.

## C STOWEFLAKE HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

Stowe, July 6-8  
[www.stoweflake.com/activities\\_balloon\\_festival.aspx](http://www.stoweflake.com/activities_balloon_festival.aspx)  
 802-253-7355 x 5538

Let your spirit soar as over 25 hot air balloons fill the sky. View breathtaking launches, enjoy live entertainment all while sitting back and relaxing with offerings in the beer and wine garden. Balloon rides and tethered rides available, as well as a children's area.

## D MAD MARATHON, MAD HALF AND RELAYS

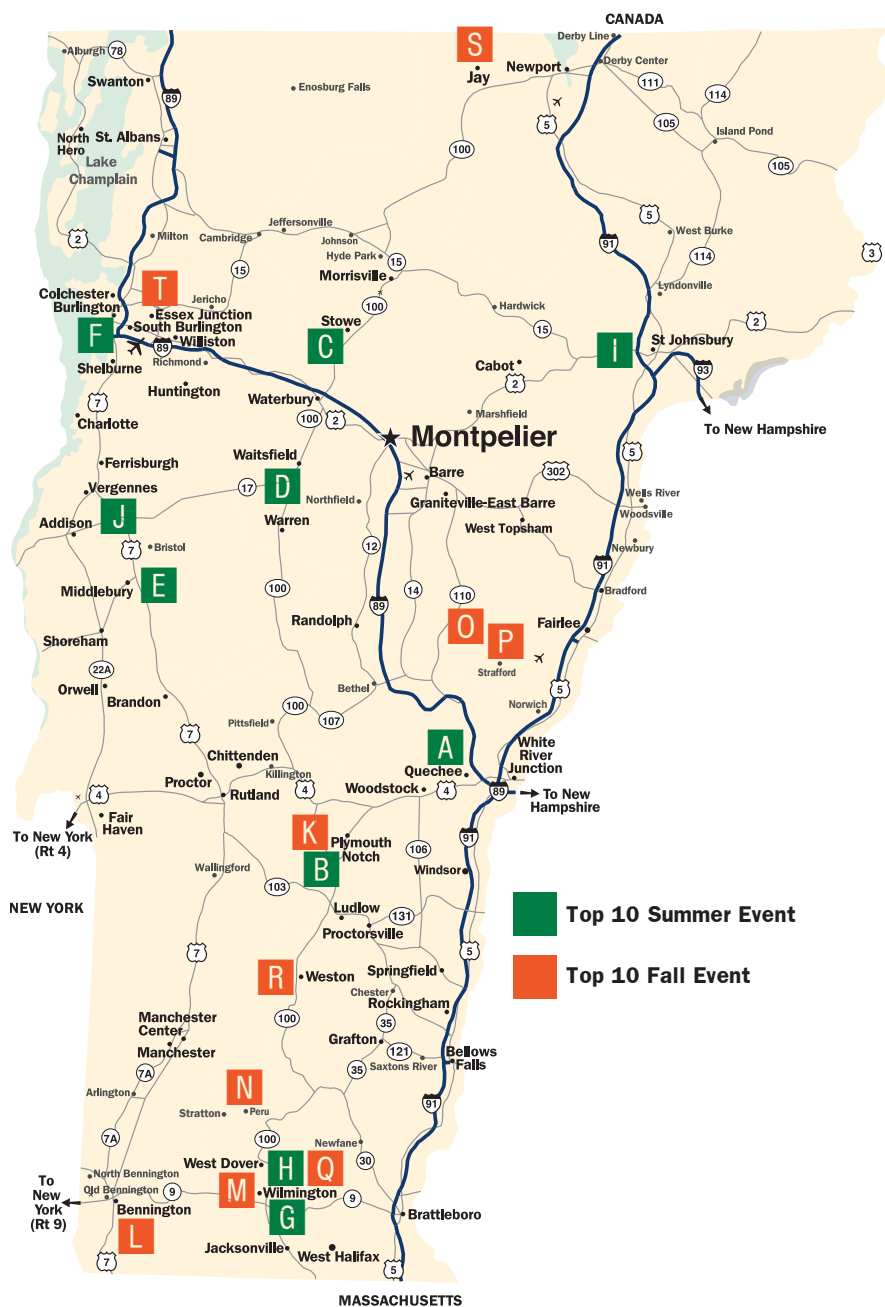
Waitsfield & Warren, July 8, 7-3 pm  
[www.madmarathon.com](http://www.madmarathon.com)  
 802-363-9863

26.2 miles of brilliant landscapes with panoramic views of the Green Mountains, runners enjoy seeing working homesteads, vast acres of summer crops, barnyard animals, curious cows and majestic horses. Runners from all 50 states and 30 countries! A three-day family experience with a concert, the Kids Rainbow Run, along with our EXPO.

## E MIDDLEBURY SUMMER FESTIVAL ON-THE-GREEN

Middlebury, July 8-14  
[www.festivalonthegreen.org](http://www.festivalonthegreen.org)  
 802-462-3555

Presenting 17 acts over seven days, under a tent in the unique natural amphitheater of Middlebury's Village Green. Music, magic,



marionettes and a street dance with the Vermont Jazz Ensemble. It's the finest way to spend a summer's afternoon or evening, and it's FREE!

## F VERMONT BREWERS FESTIVAL

Burlington, July 20-21, 12-4 pm and 5:30-9:30 pm  
[www.vermontbrewers.com](http://www.vermontbrewers.com)

One of the premier beer festivals in the world, held on the Burlington waterfront overlooking the Adirondack Mountains. Promoting and strengthening the culture of craft brewing in Vermont, we welcome 46 brewers to this two-day event. Enjoy Vermont beer and special guest brewers in one of the most beautiful spots in the state.

## G DEERFIELD VALLEY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Readsboro, Whitingham, Jacksonville, Wilmington and Dover, July 27-August 5  
[www.visitvermont.com](http://www.visitvermont.com) • 802-464-8092

Over 70 events! 300 gallons of Jell-O to play in, a Blueberry Parade & Craft Fair, and Blueberry Splash with bands on pontoon boats on Lake Whitingham, a block party and pie eating contest, Blue Eyed Contest, blueberry inspired menus, cocktails, blue light specials, hikes, story hours, jam sessions, tie dye parties, family nights and blue dot sales. We celebrate our agricultural heritage and paint the town blue!

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## **H** BLUEBERRY BASH AT MOUNT SNOW

West Dover, July 28, 12-5 pm

[www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com) • 800-245-SNOW

A new addition to the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival, offering backyard games, live music, BBQ, beer and more. Challenge your family and friends to games of cornhole, Kan Jam or horseshoes, and let your kids take on the obstacle course. Don't miss the water balloon toss, tug-of-war or epic Blueberry Jell-O Pie contest, with a grand prize of a season pass to Mount Snow.

## **I** DOG MOUNTAIN SUMMER DOG PARTY

St. Johnsbury, August 4, 12-4 pm

[www.dogmt.com](http://www.dogmt.com) • 800-449-2580

It's the dog days of summer—beat the heat and bring Fido! A bounce house for kids, raffle with door prizes, dog contests, vendors, food carts and live music. Plenty of room to run and play; enjoy Dog Mountain's open leash policy from the pastures and ponds, to the whimsical art gallery.

## **J** ADDISON COUNTY FAIR AND FIELD DAYS

New Haven, August 7-11, 9 am-11 pm

[www.addisoncountyfielddays.com](http://www.addisoncountyfielddays.com)

802-545-2557

Family Fun Since 1948. Vermont's premier agricultural event includes rides, animal shows, children's barnyard and extensive historical exhibit, demonstrations, great food, entertainment, demo derbies, tractor pulls, and lots of opportunities to visit with friends old and new. Join us at the Fair for the quintessential Vermont experience.

## **K** PLYMOUTH FOLK & BLUES FESTIVAL

Plymouth Notch, September 1-2, 2-5 pm

[www.plymouthfolk.com](http://www.plymouthfolk.com) • 802-672-3773

Stars from Vermont and nationally known musicians team up for a two-day festival of folk and blues music performed in the pure country air of historic Plymouth Notch, birthplace of the 30th U.S. President. Wagon rides, children's crafts and face painting. Vermont Food Bank drive, and barbecue add to the festivities. Musicians include: Jay Ottaway, Julia Mark, Seth Adam, Cricket Blue, Alice Howe, and Dan Weber.

## **L** SOUTHERN VERMONT GARLIC & HERB FESTIVAL

Bennington, September 1-2, 10-5 pm

[www.lovegarlic.com](http://www.lovegarlic.com) • 802-447-3311

Over 200 vendors feature "garlic-inspired" booths. Food vendors incorporate garlic into menus. Enjoy the live music, beer and wine garden, and demonstrations of planting/growing garlic, olive oil information,

cocktail preparation, etc. Kids activities too (Roaming Railroad rides, etc.). The Festival is perfect for gardeners, garlic lovers or just someone looking for something to do.

## **M** VT WINE & HARVEST FESTIVAL

West Dover and Wilmington

September 20-23

[www.thevermontfestival.com](http://www.thevermontfestival.com)

802-464-8092

Set in the picturesque southern Vermont mountains during peak foliage, the Festival celebrates the finest wineries, distilleries, specialty food, artists and crafters in Vermont. The four-day event features a Wine and Soup Stroll through historic downtown Wilmington, a Grand Tasting event at the foot of Mount Snow Resort, wine pairing dinners, the Vermont Wildlife Festival and so much more.

## **N** PERU FAIR

Peru, September 22, 9-4 pm

[www.perufair.org](http://www.perufair.org)

The Fair begins with a parade down Main Street, featuring antique cars, alpacas, entertainment and local service groups. Something for all ages, with over 120 local food and craft vendors, numerous entertainment groups and the renowned Village Green Pig Roast. At this old-fashioned country fair, enjoy local and exotic foods, music and a crisp fall Vermont day.

## **O** VT SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL

Tunbridge, September 29-30

[www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com](http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com)

802-685-3267

Celebrating small farms and natural fibers, with over 70 vendors offering fleece and yarn, fiber animals, hand-spinning and fiber crafting supplies, and handcrafted farm and fiber products, including local meat and cheese. Contests, fiber arts classes and demonstrations, shepherd workshops, herding and shearing demos and a fleece sale, plus maple creemees and local music. Set amidst the rolling hills of Tunbridge during peak fall foliage.

## **P** 19TH CENTURY APPLE & CHEESE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Strafford, September 30, 11-3 pm

[www.morrillhomestead.org](http://www.morrillhomestead.org)

802-765-4288

Celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday with our Harvest Festival at the Justin Morrill State Historic Site. Meet live farm animals, make cider in an antique press and play period games and crafts. Taste heirloom apples, artisan Vermont cheeses, Vermont ice cream and homemade apple pie. Face painting, live music, apple pie contest with prizes, Fairy Village, hiking, Valley Quest, gardens, exhibits, icehouse and pond, and tour of historic home deco-

rated with gingerbread designs. Admission includes lunch.

## **Q** MOUNT SNOW OKTOBERFEST

West Dover, October 6-7, 11-5 pm

[www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com) • 800-245-SNOW

Oom-pah music provides a fitting backdrop to our famous schnitzel toss, keg toss, yodeling and stein-holding contests, apple slingshot, and of course, tons of beer and German fare! Don't miss the breathtaking Vermont foliage, best seen from a scenic chairlift ride. Pumpkin painting, a corn maze and bouncy house keep the kids entertained, and the 44th Annual Harvest Arts and Crafts Show (10-5 pm) is a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping.

## **R** WESTON CRAFT SHOW

Weston, October 5-7, 10-5 pm

[www.westoncraftshow.com](http://www.westoncraftshow.com)

802-336-0083

Featuring 47 juried artisans from around the state, showing the very best Vermont has to offer. Historic Weston Playhouse is the perfect place to highlight these inspired works, as all three floors are filled with everything from photography and blown glass to wood toys and fine furniture. All proceeds support historic preservation in Weston.

## **S** BEAN AND BREW FESTIVAL

Jay, October 13, 12-6 pm

[www.jaypeakresort.com](http://www.jaypeakresort.com) • 802-488-2611

Some of the finest locally-roasted coffees coupled with New England's finest beers. Enjoy sampling while listening to live music and playing lawn games; this event is kid and family friendly. Try beers from breweries like: Harpoon, Narragansett, Queen City, Kingdom Brewing, Zero Gravity, Citizen Cider, Long Trail, Redhook, Kona, Widmer, Omission, Goose Island, Blue Point, Covered Bridge, Fiddlehead, Left Coast/Lucky Buddha, Crazy Mountain, 14th Star and others. Tickets available at [www.jaypeakresort.com](http://www.jaypeakresort.com).

## **T** NIGHTMARE AND SPOOKYVILLE VERMONT

Essex Junction, October 19-20, 26-27

[www.nightmarevermont.org](http://www.nightmarevermont.org)

802-355-3107

A unique Halloween event combines live stage combat, an original theatrical story line, and all the best in interactive scares and special effects, created by an all-volunteer crew. Each year is a brand new experience: evil fae, zombies, werewolves, demons, serial killers and cannibal clowns have graced our halls. Enjoy Spookyville, our children's show, with interactive stories and kooky characters to get children in the "spirit" of Halloween.