RASPUTITSA SPRING CLASSIC
Burke, April 18
www.rasputitsagravel.com
Two friends decided to create a gravel road race in the most untouched, remote section of Vermont, known as the Northeast Kingdom. Today, the Rasputitsa Spring Classic has grown to be one of the best gravel road races attracting riders from over 30 states, six provinces and four countries.

QUECHEE HOT AIR BALLOON CRAFT AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
Quechee, June 19-21
www.quecheeballoonfestival.com
Over 20 balloons, with five flights scheduled throughout the weekend, along with balloon glows on Friday and Saturday at dusk. Tethered balloon rides and continuous live music and entertainment for all ages. 100 craft and commercial vendors. Enjoy samples from 15 food trucks, and a beer and wine garden.

MAD MARATHON, HALF & RELAYS
Waitsfield & Warren, July 12
www.madmarathon.com
With courses designed to showcase the rural and unique setting of the Mad River Valley. Runners wind through 26.2 miles of brilliant landscapes. During the weekend, also enjoy a concert on the Mad River Green (Friday), kids’ fun runs on Saturday, and Mad Carbo dining throughout the valley (Saturday evening).

MIDDLEBURY SUMMER FESTIVAL ON-THE-GREEN
Middlebury, July 12-18
www.festivalonthegreen.org
The perfect “Vermont-y” thing to do in the summer: 17 acts in 7 days under a tent at the Middlebury Recreation Park. Various music genres, plus magic, marionettes and more. And it’s FREE!

5TH ANNUAL BLUEBERRY BASH
West Dover, July 25
www.mountsnow.com/events/calendar
A day of various backyard games, live music, a blueberry-themed BBQ, beer and more. Games are spread out around the festival venue, and organized events for some true competition, along with a fun, small obstacle course for the kids. Admission and activities are all free.

HARPOON BBQ FESTIVAL
Windsor, July 25-26
www.harpoonbrewery.com
We’re celebrating summer at Harpoon Riverbend Taps & Beer Garden the best way we know how: with beer, friends, live music and some of the best BBQ. Here’s the deal: competitive BBQ teams from all over New England compete to be crowned the Grand Champion, which earns one lucky team a ticket to the Jack Daniels World Championship Invitational BBQ.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS
Brattleboro, June 13, July 18, August 29
bmcvt.org
Brattleboro Music Center and Retreat Farm kick off the series on July 13, with a free performance by BMC’s Brass Quintet at the Farm. August 17 will be Celtic musicians Becky Tracy and Keith Murphy, and September 28 with the Windham Orchestra. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs, and picnic dinner; enjoy food truck fare, craft beers and maple creemees.

GREEN MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS & ROOTS FESTIVAL
Manchester, August 13-16
www.greenmountainbluegrass.com
Our festival showcases the genre’s top artists alongside the best of Vermont-based food vendors and service providers. Four day event includes a main stage, dance tent, camping, kids’ activities, local food trucks, Vermont craft libations, and interactive experiences with local businesses, all in a magical mountain setting.
BURKE FALL FESTIVAL
East Burke, September 26
www.burkevermont.com/fall-foliage-festival.php
Events include a parade at 10 am, BBQ, kids’ area with bounce houses, arts and crafts and more, horse drawn wagon rides, farm animal petting zoo, a craft show from 9 - 3 pm, live music at the gazebo and more.

PERU FAIR
Peru, September 26
www.perufair.org
This annual fall event begins with a parade featuring antique cars, entertainment and local service groups. Over 120 local food and craft vendors, numerous entertainment groups, and the Village Green Pig Roast. Enjoy local and exotic foods, music at this old-fashioned country fair.

WESTMORE MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE
East Charleston, September 26
westmorechallenge.northwoodscenter.org
One day. Five mountains. 26 miles. “The most spectacular (and challenging) trail run in Vermont.” VTSports.com. This mountain marathon hike highlights the best features of the Northeast Kingdom during peak fall foliage. Popular with hikers and runners alike, it’s a fun challenge for groups and families, ages 8 to 80. Attendance is capped to protect trail health. Register early!

DOG MOUNTAIN FALL DOG PARTY
St. Johnsbury, October 3
www.dogmt.com
A host of activities for the whole family. Enjoy delicious eats from local food trucks, foot-tapping live music, pet-friendly vendors, a bounce house for the kids, lawn games, door prizes and, of course, Dog Mountain’s famous dog contests!

VT SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL
Tunbridge, October 3-4
vtsheepandwoolfest.com
Celebrating small farms and natural fiber with over 80 vendors offering fleece and yarn, fiber animals, hand spinning and fiber crafting equipment and supplies, and hand-crafted wool items. Local meat, cheese and maple products. Contests, fiber arts classes and demonstrations, shepherd workshops, herding and shearing demos.

HARVEST FEST
Stratton, October 9-12
www.stratton.com/things-to-do/events/columbus-day-weekend
Stratton’s Harvest Fest fills the Village with endless family fun. Enjoy live music, hayrides, scenic lift rides, mountain top yoga, mountain biking, Zero Gravity Beer Pairing Dinner, annual Brewfest featuring Vermont craft breweries, Chili Cook-off, and the North Face Race to the Summit. Sunday brings the music-loving crowds back to the main stage with the Indigo Girls.

TOP 10 FALL EVENTS

BREWERS FESTIVAL
West Dover, September 5-6
www.mountsnow.com/events/calendar
A renowned celebration of beer, music and food. Nearly 50 different breweries will be on hand, pouring their beers and ciders from 100+ different taps. A huge BBQ, along with vendors whipping up waffles, pizza and tacos. Live music on-stage.

PLYMOUTH FOLK & BLUES FESTIVAL
Plymouth Notch, September 5-6
www.plymouthfolk.com
A Labor Day Weekend highlight! 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. Wagon rides, children’s crafts and face painting.

TRAPP FAMILY LODGE OKTOBERFEST
Stowe, September 19
www.trappfamily.com/oktoberfest
Join us from 11 am to 7 pm at the von Trapp® Brewing Bierhall & Restaurant for a day featuring live music, lawn games and plenty of Oktoberfest Lager. A ceremony to protect trail health. Register early!

SPRINGFIELD VERMONT STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL
Springfield, September 19-20
springfieldsteampunkfest.com
A different theme each year. Vendors, artists, live entertainment, a children’s program, a photo booth and food/beverage. Activities include teapot racing, tea duel gram, a photo booth and food/beverage.

STROLLING OF THE HEIFERS
Bennington, September 5-6, 2020
www.bennington.com/garlicfest
802-728-9878
The Garlic & Herb Festival is a labor of love that is organized by a group of local residents who have the passion and desire to promote and celebrate the small farms within Bennington County. It is a day filled with fun activities, food, vendors, music, and traditional New England fun.

DEERFIELD VALLEY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL
Readsboro, Whitingham, Jacksonville, Wilmington, Dover
July 24-August 2, 2020
www.deerfieldvalleyblueberryfestival.com
802-464-8092
The Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival is a celebration of the blueberry and all the good food and fun that come with it. It features a variety of events, including a blueberry pie contest, blueberry jam contest, blueberry harvest festival, and a blueberry bake sale.

SOUTHERN VERMONT GARLIC & HERB FESTIVAL
Bennington, September 5-6, 2020
www.bennington.com/garlicfest
802-447-3311
The Southern Vermont Garlic & Herb Festival is a celebration of the garlic and herb plants that are grown in the region. It features a variety of events, including a garlic and herb cooking contest, a garlic and herb bread baking contest, and a garlic and herb salsa making contest.

NEW WORLD FESTIVAL
Randolph, September 6, 2020
www.newworldfestival.com
802-728-9878
The New World Festival is a celebration of the cultural diversity of the region. It features a variety of events, including a cultural dance performance, a cultural music performance, and a cultural food festival.

SOUTH END ART HOP
Burlington, September 11-13, 2020
seaba.com 802-859-9222
The South End Art Hop is a celebration of the art scene in the South End neighborhood of Burlington. It features a variety of events, including an art walk, an art show, and an art sale.

TUNBRIDGE WORLD’S FAIR
Tunbridge, September 17-20, 2020
www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com
800-889-5555
The Tunbridge World’s Fair is a celebration of the agricultural heritage of the region. It features a variety of events, including a farm animal parade, a farm animal show, and a farm animal sale.

TIME-HONORED EVENTS OF VERMONT

These outstanding and enduring events are worth the trip, no matter what time of year. The following events have been awarded Top 10 status at least ten times.

STOWE WINTER CARNIVAL
Stowe, January 23-26, 2020
stowewintercarnival.com
802-777-5510
The Stowe Winter Carnival is a celebration of winter sports and activities. It features a variety of events, including a snowboard competition, a snowmobile race, and a snowmobile cross-country race.

VERMONT MAPLE FESTIVAL
St. Albans, April 24-26, 2020
www.vermontmaplefestival.com
802-524-5800
The Vermont Maple Festival is a celebration of the maple syrup industry. It features a variety of events, including a maple syrup tapping competition, a maple syrup tasting, and a maple syrup syrup-making workshop.

BURLINGTON DISCOVER JAZZ FESTIVAL
Burlington, early June 2020
discoverjazz.com 802-863-7992
The Burlington Discover Jazz Festival is a celebration of jazz music. It features a variety of events, including a jazz concert, a jazz music competition, and a jazz music workshop.

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL
Essex Junction, June 25-27, 2020
www.vqf.org 802-872-0034
The Vermont Quilt Festival is a celebration of quilting and fiber arts. It features a variety of events, including a quilt show, a quilt sale, and a quilt-making workshop.

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