

DISCOVER THE
Connecticut River Byway
 OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

A WARM *Welcome* TO ALL

Welcoming
 Towns

Quaint Villages

Beautiful
 Scenery

Friendly
 People

Historic Sites

Family
 Attractions

Covered
 Bridges



The Connecticut River Byway runs through 53 communities, features ten waypoint centers, and stretches over 500 miles of roads on both sides of the river in New Hampshire and Vermont. It was designated a National Scenic Byway in 2005. For more information visit ctriverttravel.net.



Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge

New England's River, the Connecticut River, is the natural bridge that unites New Hampshire and Vermont for over half of the waterway's journey from the Canadian border to the Atlantic Ocean. The history of New England's longest and most powerful river reaches back into time. It is the story of clashing continental plates and glaciers, of the Abenaki people living lightly on the land and of colonial settlement in villages among fields and forests whose architectural distinction still shapes the valley today.

We invite you to explore our friendly valley on the Connecticut River Byway, a network of scenic roads throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. Ten waypoint communities along the route will provide helpful information, guide you to a variety of dining and lodging options, and serve as a starting point for explorations and adventures in the valley and beyond. Come celebrate the traditions and riches of the Connecticut River Valley – its vivid history, deeply rooted farming heritage, cultural vigor and array of recreational adventures, all in a natural setting of unparalleled beauty.

Stay with us for a few days, a week or a lifetime.
 We look forward to welcoming you,

Jim Douglas, Governor of Vermont
 John Lynch, Governor of New Hampshire



WHERE *Life* MOVES AT A MORE CIVILIZED PACE

Discover the Connecticut River Byway—over 500 miles of scenic, winding, two-lane roads bordering the Connecticut River and linking Vermont and New Hampshire.

The route has the distinguished honor of being a National Scenic Byway, recognized for its scenic, historic, natural, recreational and cultural qualities.

While the roads themselves link the two states, the Connecticut River is the natural wonder that unites New Hampshire and Vermont. This mighty river flows through northern forests, fertile flood plains and historic towns and villages – connecting people and communities on its way to the sea. The boundary between New Hampshire and Vermont has been marked by the river’s western bank for over three centuries, but while the river physically separates the states it is also the feature that binds them. Smaller rivers, brooks and streams flow into the mighty Connecticut River, further connecting towns and villages and their people.

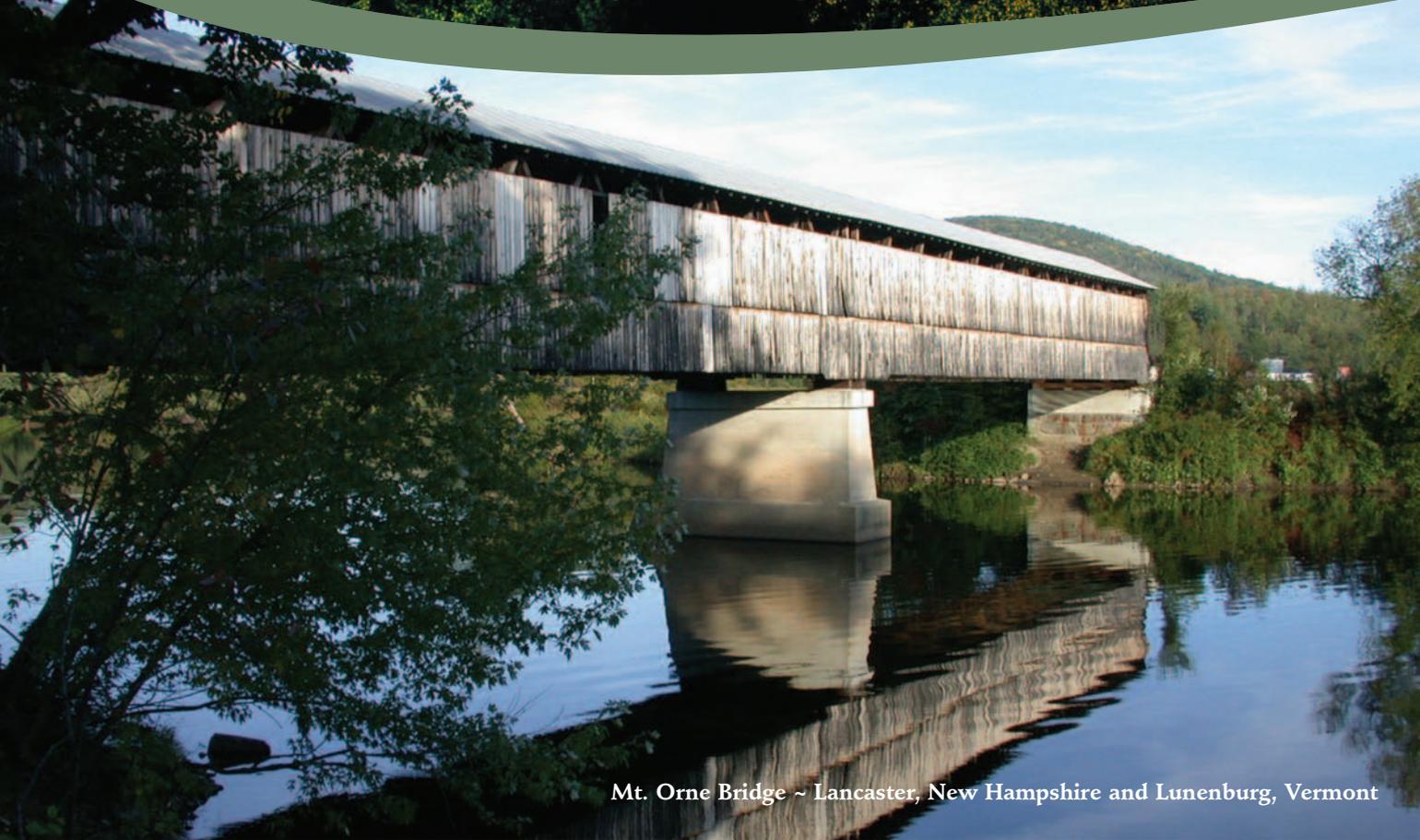
The river brought life to the valley centuries ago, providing rich soil for farming, power for industrial mills, a means of transportation, and served as a vital resource for dozens of settlements along its banks. These towns and villages are thriving today, and their residents still look to the river as a vital part of everyday life. People from both sides of the river are dedicated to preserving, promoting and interpreting the region’s natural, historical and cultural features. This shared appreciation transcends the political border between the states.

The region harkens back to a simpler time. Sure you’ll find modern-day conveniences here, but you’ll also discover breathtaking scenery, quaint towns and villages and a feeling of peace. Come visit and experience the cultural diversity, seasonal traditions and deeply rooted heritage of this enchanting area. With over 50 historic communities along the Byway, you’ll be immersed in beauty at every turn.

Visit us online at ctrivertour.net or call 1-877-CTRIVER for more information.



THE *Perfect* NEW ENGLAND SUMMER DRIVE



Mt. Orne Bridge ~ Lancaster, New Hampshire and Lunenburg, Vermont

The Connecticut River Byway is the perfect route for enjoying outdoor adventures and scenic destinations.

A summer drive along the Byway is truly a unique experience. Enjoy unspoiled views as you cruise down tree-lined, winding roads that hug the river on both sides. Experience life at a slower pace as you stroll through quaint towns and villages. Pack a picnic for a journey back in time on historic carriage roads and forested trails.

If boating is your activity of choice, bring your own to one of over 70 boat launches along the Byway, or rent a canoe or kayak for a memorable trip down the river. As you motor, row, paddle or swim, you'll share the river with eagles, osprey, peregrine falcons, wild trout, migrating waterfowl and other wildlife. At the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee, you'll come eye to eye with live birds of prey, stroll along wooded trails, and enjoy a variety of educational programs and guided hikes.

For the adventurous, Pisgah State Park – New Hampshire's largest – is located at the southern end of the Byway and boasts over 13,300 acres of land encompassing seven ponds, four highland ridges and numerous wetlands. Explore Maidstone farther north – the most remote of Vermont's state parks – filled with vast, unspoiled views. The park's deep, clear lake is perfect for lake trout and salmon fishing. Visit Kingdom Trails in Vermont, featuring an extensive multiple-use trail system with mile after mile of winding singletrack, long-forgotten cart roads, broad fire roads and scenic country roads. Don't miss the Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in the Nulhegan River basin in the northeast corner of Vermont, established to protect the watershed and its inhabitants. The Nulhegan is the centerpiece of 72,000 acres of protected land, offering a habitat for many rare species of birds and plants and a range of outdoor opportunities in a vast setting of bogs, freshwater wetlands and spruce fir forests.

Whatever activities you choose, you'll find something for everyone along the Connecticut River Byway. Set up camp at one of many state parks or choose from a variety of places to stay throughout the region. Hosts at the byway resource centers are fonts of information about wildlife viewing sites, the best hiking trails and where to explore the valley's wealth of history and culture.

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Tree-lined
Roadways

Vibrant
Towns

Fishing

Boating

Wildlife
Watching

Hiking &
Biking Trails

Campgrounds

Golfing

Fall Foliage

Antiquing

Covered Bridges

Hiking Trails

Fall Festivals

Pick-Your-Own

Roadside Farmstands

Waterfalls

WHERE *Mother Nature* LOVES TO SHOW OFF

Fall is perhaps the most glorious of seasons in the Connecticut River Valley. Marvel at nature's palette as leaves turn vibrant red, orange and yellow along the river and roadways.



Rent bicycles or bring your own and explore miles of scenic trails along the Connecticut River Byway.

Enjoy a brisk hike through the forest in the crisp autumn air. Stop at a roadside farmstand or an orchard where you can pick your own apples or pumpkins and sip fresh pressed cider. Spend a day exploring the back roads through quiet villages and bustling towns. Hunt for antique store treasures, the perfect souvenir or anything else that catches your fancy. Many shops in the region specialize in locally-made products, crafted with pride and ranging from fine furniture and quilts to pottery, jewelry and more. Fairs throughout the season welcome visitors with agricultural displays, concerts, midway rides and good old-fashioned New England fun. Many villages host annual festivals on traditional village greens where townspeople still gather to share a sense of community.

Discover the 56 wooden covered bridges found along the Byway. Wind your way from state to state on the four

covered bridges that span the Connecticut River, including the Cornish-Windsor bridge, the longest wooden covered bridge in the U.S. at 460 feet. You'll experience postcard-perfect New England scenery along the way, from weathered wooden fences and timeless old barns to rolling pastures and lush cornfields in the rich soil of the river valley.

The sights, sounds and smells of autumn in New England bring visitors back time and time again. Why not begin a new annual tradition with your family? Our friendly lodging hosts will welcome you year after year. When you visit the Connecticut River Valley, you'll truly connect with the heart of New England; a moment in time where the clock ticks a little bit slower and the faces are a little friendlier.

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Waits River, Vermont



A FRESH *Snowfall* BLANKETS THE COUNTRYSIDE



*Each season offers a unique experience
in the Connecticut River Valley, and winter is no exception.*

The winter months are truly a magical time here in the valley. Our residents celebrate a proud heritage of diversity – diversity of people and cultures, but also the diversity of changing seasons. Winter settles over the region, bringing a quiet serenity each year and reminding us of nature’s cycles and the rhythm of life.

There are countless winter activities to enjoy along the byway. Harvest your own Christmas tree at a tree farm and have it shipped home. Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride through freshly fallen snow or ice skate on a frozen pond. Visit one of our many winter festivals and holiday events. Settle in at a welcoming bed and breakfast or comfortable country inn, and feel the warmth and hospitality of the people in this area. Sip hot chocolate in front of a cozy fire and contemplate the idea of staying here forever.

If winter tranquility indoors isn’t your pace, set your sights on the mountains. The region offers plenty of exciting winter recreation for the entire family. Cruise down skiing and snowboarding trails for all ages and skill levels at dozens of ski areas throughout the region. Many mountains also offer snow tubing, terrain parks and special events. If you prefer to carve your own trails, explore the valley’s backcountry on snowshoes or cross-country skis. And don’t forget your camera. Sweeping vistas of snow-covered mountains are a sight you’ll want to remember and share when you return home.



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Holiday Events
& Festivals

X-Country and
Downhill Skiing

Snowboarding

Snowshoeing

Shopping

Sleigh Rides

Wildlife
Tracking

Snowmobiling

Cheese Makers

Dairy Farms

Maple Sugar Shacks

Farmers Markets

Farm-to-Table Dining

Restored Mill Buildings

Historic Homes

Country Stores

DEEPLY-ROOTED *Traditions*

The Connecticut River Valley prides itself on a rich history of agriculture, conservation and responsible land use.

Agriculture and responsible land use continue to be a vital part of life in the Connecticut River Valley. Come experience the farming traditions of the region, evidenced by our many farmstands, agricultural fairs, and flourishing orchards and fields. Historically, logging was also a significant part of the area's heritage and timber continues to be harvested today in ways that respect the land and used by local artisans and craftspeople. A growing trend of voluntary land conservation is widespread in the valley, permanently protecting land from development and preserving the working landscape of both farms and forests.

This area boasts the richest agricultural soils in New England, permitting a long growing season and making farming an important part of life along the river. Maple syrup, apples, corn, berries and pumpkins are abundant here, and you'll find many opportunities to taste the region's bounty. Pick your own produce right from the fields, or enjoy a farm-to-table experience where renowned chefs creatively incorporate local

farmers' crops into gourmet meals at area restaurants, inns and B&Bs. For a hands-on experience, the Billings Farm Museum in Woodstock, Vermont, provides a glimpse into the history of rural life as well as a chance to learn about dairy farming practices. Workshops, demonstrations and special events are offered throughout the year at Stonewall Farm in Keene, New Hampshire, an educational facility and working dairy farm. In Stewartstown, the Poore Family Farm Homestead Museum offers a window into life on a north country hill farm.

Don't forget to bring a taste of the Connecticut River Valley home with you. Stop at an authentic country store where you'll find a plentiful array of locally made cheeses, maple products, homemade jams and jellies, fresh-picked produce and more.



Classic red barns dot the countryside, a symbol of the area's long standing agricultural tradition.

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Bath, New Hampshire



ART, HISTORY & HERITAGE LINK OUR *Past & Present*



Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, New Hampshire

In addition to a strong agricultural tradition, the people of the Connecticut River Valley take great pride in their artistic and cultural heritage.

With scenery so beautiful, the area has been drawing artists and innovators with high standards of excellence from across the nation for centuries. The American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont, celebrates the ingenuity and creativity of local machine tool designers during the past two centuries. The museum boasts the nation's largest collection of historically significant machine tools and is housed in the building that was the birthplace of the country's modern system of precision manufacturing.

Come relax at the magnificent former home, lush gardens and art-filled studios of sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens in Cornish, New Hampshire, preserved as a National Historic Site and open seasonally.



Admire architectural styles of the late 19th century in the historic district of Bellows Falls, Vermont.

The St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, a renowned public library and art gallery in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, is a National Historic Landmark showcasing a collection of Hudson River School paintings. Among the finest cultural centers in the region is Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, with its Hood Museum of Art and Hopkins Center, a leading venue for the performing arts.

Today there is a large community of talented artists on both sides of the river. Numerous art galleries, open studios, artists' lofts in converted mill buildings and museums provide the opportunity to view and purchase works of art inspired by this beautiful region. Preserved and restored theaters and opera houses host world-famous performances in many towns. As a memento of your visit choose from a variety of handmade goods crafted with great pride and skill, from fine furniture to handblown glass, pottery, quilts, jewelry and more.

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Fine Crafts
people

Open Studios

Art Galleries

Historic Sites

Science
Museums

Family
Attractions

Balloon Rides

PLAN YOUR *Journey*

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Explore the Connecticut River Valley online at ctrivertour.net. Our travel itineraries of various lengths and routes will help you plan the adventure of a lifetime. Find lodging and dining options for a romantic weekend or a weeklong road trip with the kids. Up-to-date event and attraction listings help add to the adventure.



Waypoint Communities & Chambers of Commerce

A unique feature of the Connecticut River Byway is a network of ten waypoint visitor centers. You'll find exhibits, rest facilities, and information on local history, things to do, attractions, dining and lodging. Chambers of commerce and allied organizations can help you plan an unforgettable trip. Some chambers are located right at the waypoint centers.

COLEBROOK, NEW HAMPSHIRE

North Country Waypoint and Visitor Center
Route 3 Rest Area, Colebrook
North Country Chamber of Commerce
800-698-8939
www.northcountrychamber.org

LANCASTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Great North Woods Welcome Center
25 Park Street, Lancaster
603-788-3212

Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce
Lancaster
877-788-2530
www.northerngatewaychamber.org

ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT

St. Johnsbury Welcome Center
51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury

Northeast Kingdom Chamber of Commerce
800-639-6379
www.nekchamber.com

Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce
603-444-6561
www.littletonareachamber.com

WELLS RIVER, VERMONT

Wells River Welcome Center
5 Railroad Street, Wells River
802-757-2319 or 802-757-3220

Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce
802-757-2549
www.cohase.org

HAVERHILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alumni Hall Cultural and Interpretive Center
75 Court Street, Haverhill Corner
603-989-5500

Lower Cohase Chamber of Commerce
(See above)

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VERMONT

White River Junction Visitor Center
100 Railroad Row, White River Junction
802-281-5050

Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce
800-295-5451
www.hartfordvtchamber.com

Greater Lebanon Chamber of Commerce
603-448-1203
www.lebanonchamber.com

Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce
603-643-3115
www.hanoverchamber.org

WINDSOR, VERMONT

Windsor Waypoint Visitor Center
3 Railroad Avenue, Windsor

Windsor-Mt. Ascutney Region Chamber of Commerce
802-674-5910
www.windsorvt.com

CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Claremont Waypoint Visitor Center
14 North Street, Claremont
603-542-7030
www.claremontnh.com

Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce
603-543-1296
www.claremontnhchamber.org

BELLOWS FALLS, VERMONT

Bellows Falls Waypoint Center
17 Depot Street, Bellows Falls

Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce
802-463-4280
www.greatfallschamber.org

Springfield Chamber of Commerce
802-885-2779
www.springfieldvt.com

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT

Brattleboro Chamber of Commerce
180 Main Street, Brattleboro
877-254-4565
www.brattleborochamber.org