

Our Favorite Outdoor Activities:

- **E-bike Rentals.** We recommend [Woodstock Wheels](#), in Woodstock, VT. With an ever-growing list of pre-planned routes covering all experience levels, Woodstock Wheels will provide you with maps and detailed information about each route, as well as all the equipment you need to have a safe (and scenic!) ride.
- **Hikes.** Vermont boasts quite a few gorgeous hiking trails. From a family-friendly climb up Stowe Pinnacle and Spruce Mountain, to longer hikes up Camel's Hump and Mt. Mansfield, or waterfall trails like Moss Glenn Falls in Stowe, you can find a trail fit for any experience level.
- **State Parks.** Our personal favorite state park is [Groton State Park](#). It's just 40 minutes from our farm! With a nature center, family-friendly hikes, sandy beaches, boat rentals, bike trails, and ice cream, there's something for the entire family to enjoy.
- **Local Farmer's Markets.** Vermont hosts approximately 85 weekly farmer's markets across the state. Each market has its own character and specialty. [Click here](#) for a list of local markets.
- **Bike Trails.** Vermont has several [paved recreational paths](#) and [rail beds](#) for easy cycling. The more adventuresome cyclist may enjoy the continuous dirt trail that runs from Canada, through Vermont to the Massachusetts border called [VTXL](#). This planned bike trail shows you the best of Vermont through rolling hills, countryside, to river banks to more strenuous climbs. Our farm is just a mile or so away from the mid-point of the trail. Bike the entire trail or do portions of it using our farm as your base.
- **SKI!** Vermont has multiple alpine and Nordic ski options! Don't overlook the smaller ski resorts either! They tend to be favorites of the locals with less crowds. Our personal favorites are [Bolton Valley Ski Resort](#) (smaller, family friendly) and Trapp Family Nordic Center (trails for all abilities and just gorgeous scenery.)
- **Apple Picking in the fall.** Vermont has several pick your own orchards. Our personal favorite is [Peck Farm Orchard](#).
- **Berry Picking.** Oh goodness, if you time your Vermont farmstay during berry picking season, you will have a real treat!! [Cedar Circle Farm](#) has several picking seasons allowing families to come pick their own strawberries and blueberries.



Arts in Vermont

- **[Vermont Symphony Orchestra](#).** Vermont's symphony orchestra performs across the state year round. In the summer, they do an outdoor concert series that should be on everyone's bucket list! Take a picnic dinner and enjoy music under the stars.
- **Ballet in Vermont.** Ballet Vermont is dedicated to making dance accessible across all generations. They offer walk in classes and workshops for all ages and ability levels year round. In the summer months, you will find their dance company performing on FARMS! [Farm to Ballet](#) brings classical ballet to families outdoors on farms across the state. The performance tells the story of farming in Vermont.



- **Vermont ART.** The Vermont Art Council hosts an artisan [open studio weekend](#) each year. It is a wonderful time to visit artists in their home studios.
- **Fiber Art classes.** Kim offers [private and group fiber art](#) and natural dye classes in the barn studio at VT Grand View Farm in the warm weather months.



Our Favorite Indoor/Outdoor Activities:

- [Rock of Ages Granite Quarry.](#) Rock of Ages offers guided tours of their working quarries, self-guided tours of their factory where granite is sculpted and polished, and a visitor's center with gift shop. Here you will learn all about the history of Granite in Vermont and find both indoor and outdoor activities. It's a one-of-a-kind tour experience not to be missed! Call ahead for a tour schedule.
- [The Montshire Museum of Science.](#) This hands-on museum is dedicated to discovery and education! The Montshire is full of inside and outside hands on interactive exhibits that are fun for the whole family.
- [Billings Farm.](#) Learn about the history of agriculture in Vermont at this historic working farm and museum. Check their website for hours and special events.

Our Favorite On-Farm Activities - Right Here at Grand View Farm:

- **Help us do chores!** You're staying on a working farm - and that means there's almost always something going on! Ask a member of the Goodling family if you can help do chores or participate in any animal activities.
- **Take a Class.** Learn something new and create something beautiful! Kim is an experienced felter and teacher, and offers customized felting classes by appointment. Contact her to book your custom class!
- **Go for a Stroll.** Our farm is surrounded by miles of dirt roads and woodsy trails, perfect for walking, hiking, and cycling (bring your own bike). We can recommend a route for you!
- **Have a campfire and roast marshmallows!**
- **Bring your bikes and go for a ride.**
- **Snow shoe in the winter.**
- **Star gaze.**
- **Have a cookout.** Our guests have access to a gas grill.

