

VERMONT FOR KIDS:

Places to visit, things to see, stuff to do in Central Vermont



Did you know that the largest working deep-hole granite quarry in the world is in Vermont? You can find it in Barre. Just drive up to **Rock of Ages**. They give tours, so you can see it!

www.rockofages.com/tourism

Barre Gray Granite is very important to Barre. You'll see statues and a lot of other things carved from *Barre Gray* all over Barre.

Some are very beautiful; some are...well...maybe a little quirky. See if you can find these:

(Don't forget to look at Hope Cemetery, too.)



Visit Montpelier, the smallest state capital in the country. Come see the **Vermont State House** topped with its iconic golden dome and Ceres, the Roman goddess of Agriculture. The State House is the seat of the Vermont government. If you

want, you can even take a tour to learn more about its history, explore its big, decorated rooms, and sit in the seats where the government meets!.

(If that's not your thing, there's a trail in back of the State House that will take you up to Hubbard Park!)

www.statehouse.vermont.gov

(pssst - If you decide to go To Hubbard Park, we want you to know - it's okay to climb the tower.)



At the **Vermont Granite Museum** in Barre, there are lots of activities for you: you can create a clay model, do some stone etching, build your own machine, play on the

climbing wall, or rent one of the pedal cars!

www.vtgranitemuseum.org



This sculpture in Barre is called **Youth Triumphant**.

Behind him is a whispering bench. Here's how it works -

if you sit on one end and your brother or sister, your friend, or your Mom or Dad sits on the other end and they whisper to you, you can still hear what they say!

Why don't you give it a try?

Going for a hike? **The Millstone trails** in Barre Town snake around the old granite quarries! There are a lot of cool things to see there (including a sculpture park!)



Fill out a special form documenting your adventure and you'll receive this cool

badge and some stickers!

www.millstonetrails.org/events/millstone-trails-badge-challenge



Want to get connected with some toads, take a walk and listen for bird songs, or play with butterflies? Visit the **North Branch Nature Center** in Montpelier.

www.northbranchnaturecenter.org

Be sure to stop by the **Vermont Historical Society Museum**.



This museum preserves the past for use by present and future generations. You'll find it in the Pavilion Building, near the State House.

www.vermonthistory.org

When you're in Montpelier and you're thirsty, we have water. Do you need a bathroom?

Yup, we've got those, too.

Do you want to know what else there is to do?

Just stop in at the **Capital Region Visitor Center** on State Street in Montpelier. We love visitors. 😊



We have two 8th-generation maple sugar farms in Central Vermont: the **Morses** and the **Braggs**. The Abenaki people who lived here before Vermont was settled taught the ancestors of these families how to make maple sugar. If you're visiting Vermont in the summer, be sure to have a maple creemee. If you're here in the spring, have sugar on snow. Yum!!

www.morsefarm.com

www.braggfarm.com



If you're taking a walk around downtown Montpelier, be sure to stop in at **Woodbury Mountain Toys**. It's a great place to explore and it's family friendly (parents are welcome, too.) You might just find that souvenir

you've been looking for. Their motto is: "Come in and play with us." Sure, sounds like fun!

www.woodburymountaintoys.com



On rainy days, snowy days, and sunny days, **the library** is always a great place to



visit. Kellogg Hubbard Library in Montpelier and the Aldrich Library in Barre have really nice children's sections.

www.aldrichpubliclibrary.org

www.kellogghubbard.org



Speaking of books, **Bear**

Pond Books in Montpelier and **The Next Chapter Book Store** in Barre would also love to have you visit them.

www.bearpondbooks.com

www.nextchapterbooksvt.com



Oh, and we don't want to forget the **Twin City**

Family Fun Center. It's right on US Route 302 between Barre and Montpelier. You can bowl or play laser tag and there's an



arcade room with tons of games.

www.twincityfamilyfuncenter.com

Do you like to play **mini golf**? We have just the place for you. Lots of Balls is a seasonal 18-hole championship miniature golf course on Route 100 in Duxbury. You can have fun there from mid-May until Mid-October.



www.lotsoballsminigolf.com

Here in Vermont, we used to build covers over our wooden bridges to keep them free of snow, sleet, and



ice so they would last longer. You can find a lot of **covered bridges** in Vermont - but in Northfield Falls, there are 3 covered bridges all within $\frac{1}{4}$

mile of each other. There's a 4th one just down the road called *Slaughter House Bridge*. Ew! Yuck!



On Saturdays in the summer from noon to 2:00, you can take a cow-themed train ride, say "Hi" to Koko and Amigo and have pizza at the **Hartshorn Organic Farm** in Waitsfield.

www.hartshornfarm.com

Cabot Cheese is made in Cabot, VT. They have LOTS of samples to try, a video about cheese-making, and really great people to talk with if you have questions you'd like to ask



about cheese. (Cabot is a small town about 45 minutes from Barre or Montpelier.)

www.cabotcheese.coop