



TOP 10 SUMMER EVENTS

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.

JULY 3RD INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Montpelier, July 3
www.montpelierlive.org/july3

The capital city's largest festival, with dozens of activities. The fun begins at 3 pm, with fun and games in the Family Olympics on the State House lawn. The Montpelier Mile Road Race begins at 6 pm and kicks off the July 3rd Parade. Join us on the State House lawn for food, a music concert and spectacular fireworks show!

WATERBURY ARTS FEST AND FRIDAY NIGHT BLOCK PARTY

Waterbury, July 10-11
www.waterburyartsfest.com

The Friday Night Block Party is held in the historic downtown with a live band, beer garden, food trucks and dancing under the stars. On Saturday, 100 artists and craftspeople create a vibrant open-air arts market. Interspersed are food vendors and main stage performances all day, including kids' activities and demonstrations.

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

Battleboro, 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.



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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 activities for kids, traditional Austrian fare and plenty of Oktoberfest Lager. A ceremonial Oktoberfest Keg Tapping will take place by members of the von Trapp family, with music and games to follow.

SPRINGFIELD VERMONT STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL

Springfield, September 19-20

springfieldvtsteampunkfest.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 dueling, Steampunk crafts, Stellafane telescope tours, panels and a fashion show.



STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL, SPRINGFIELD

STEVEN KOSHERMAN

BURKE FALL FESTIVAL

East Burke, September 26

www.burkevermont.com/fall-foilage-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.northwoodcenter.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.

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

VERMONT MAPLE FESTIVAL

St. Albans, April 24-26, 2020

www.vermontmaplefestival.com

802-524-5800

STROLLING OF THE HEIFERS

Brattleboro, June 5-7, 2020

www.strollingoftheheifers.com

802-246-0982

BURLINGTON DISCOVER JAZZ FESTIVAL

Burlington, early June 2020

discoverjazz.com 802-863-7992

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL

Essex Junction, June 25-27, 2020

www.vqf.org 802-872-0034

DEERFIELD VALLEY BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Readsboro, Whitingham, Jacksonsville,

Wilmington, Dover

July 24-August 2, 2020

www.vermontblueberry.com

802-464-8092

VERMONT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Mad River Valley

August-Labor Day, 2020

valleyartsvt.com 802-496-6682

SOUTHERN VERMONT GARLIC & HERB FESTIVAL

Bennington, September 5-6, 2020

www.bennington.com/garlicfest

802-447-3311

NEW WORLD FESTIVAL

Randolph, September 6, 2020

www.newworldfestival.com

802-728-9878

SOUTH END ART HOP

Burlington, September 11-13, 2020

seaba.com 802-859-9222

TUNBRIDGE WORLD'S FAIR

Tunbridge, September 17-20, 2020

www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com

800-889-5555