TOP 10 WINTER EVENTS



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND AT **BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM** Woodstock, November 29-December 1 billingsfarm.org, 802-457-2355

Discover how Thanksgiving was observed in rural Vermont in the 1890s. Costumed interpreters demonstrate preparing traditional Thanksgiving fare in the kitchen. Enjoy a cup of spiced cider before boarding the wagon for a ride around the farm. Hands-on activities for all ages.

VERMONT HOLIDAY FESTIVAL Killington, December 6-7 www.vtholidayfestival.com, 802-422-5722

The 15th annual Festival at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel; families can meet Santa or take a horse drawn sleighride. Stroll the indoor forest of 100 beautifully decorated trees and enter the raffle to take one home. Enjoy the vendor village while listening to the children's choir.

VERMONT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL Essex Junction, December 6-8 vermontinternationalfestival.com

802-863-6713 A unique celebration of the cultures that reflect Vermont's communities. Find crafts from all over the world, ethnic foods, and international music, dance and stories. Cultural and ethnic organizations provide information and their programs with exhibits and demonstrations.

COOLIDGE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Plymouth Notch. December 7 historicsites.vermont.gov/calvin-coolidge 802-672-3773

Step back in time and enjoy the traditions of the season; visit the President Calvin Coolidge Birthplace, decorated as it would have been in 1872 when he was born. Vermont storyteller Willem Lange at 11:00, sleigh rides, old-time music, craft demonstrations, chocolate making with The Chocolatorium, special postal cancellation, and children's holiday activities.

WOODSTOCK'S WASSAIL WEEKEND

Woodstock, December 13-15 www.woodstockvt.com, 802-457-3555

Join us for the magic of twinkling lights, sleigh bells and seasonal music. Horses, riders and wagons dressed for a 19th century holiday parade-and of course a special guest! Bonfire, carols and wassail on The Green, plus over 400 luminaries and a Vermont artisan market. House tours of historic homes in Woodstock Village, Christmas stories and a cappella music, cello by candlelight and a Messiah Sing on Sunday.

HARRIS HILL SKI JUMP Brattleboro, February 15-16 www.harrishillskijump.com, 802-254-4565

Vermont at its winter best! Join the tradition of ringing cowbells and cheering on an international field of competitors as they fly off New England's only Olympic-size ski jump. Climb up and listen to the sounds of soaring. Music, food, bonfire and heated beer tent. A 98-year-old Vermont tradition.

MEMPHREMAGOG WINTER SWIM FESTIVAL Newport, February 28 - March 1

www.kingdomgames.co

85 swimmers in Lake Memphremagog (12 ft. lanes cut in ice) from 18 states and two Canadian provinces, South Africa, Scotland, Spain and Columbia competing. The only winter swim in ice in all of the Americas!





THE VERMONT OPEN SNOWBOARD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL Stratton, March 13-15 www.stratton.com/things-to-do/events/thevermont-open, 800-STRATTON

The annual 3-day, 6-event Vermont Open; watch snowboarders jump from Rail Jam to Retro Pipe. Riders from ages 6 to 66 vie for \$20,000 cash and prizes. Visit with vendors, meet legends, enjoy live music, fireworks and book signings. Vintage snowboard displays, late night parties; the Vermont Open is for all.

SMUGGLERS' NOTCH MAPLEFEST Jeffersonville, March 21-April 5 www.smuggs.com/pages/winter/promotions/maplevacation.php, 877-260-6187

Visit local sugarhouses for tours about the time-honored process of maple syrup making. Fill each day with maple themed activities: sugar-on-snow tasting, snowshoe and walking treks, specialty food and beverage sampling, dining at area restaurants and more. MapleFest delivers your sweetest vacation memories ever!

POND SKIMMING/WALL OF FAME Warren, April 4 www.sugarbush.com/events-calendar 802-583-6349

Take the plunge across a 120 foot pond at the base of Lincoln Peak. Whether you get wet or spectate from the crowd, be sure to participate in this annual rite of spring. Sugarbush's Pond Skim is one of, if not the longest, continuously operating pond skim events in the country. Once you're all dry, stop by the Gatehouse Lodge and celebrate Sugarbush legends as we induct the 2020 members of the Sugarbush Wall of Fame.



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TIME-HONORED EVENTS OF VERMONT (CHRONOLOGICALLY LISTED)

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 www.stowewintercarnival.com 802-777-5510

VERMONT MAPLE FESTIVAL

St. Albans, April 24-26, 2020 www.vtmaplefestival.org 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 www.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, Jacksonville, 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 www.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 www.seaba.com 802-859-9222

TUNBRIDGE WORLD'S FAIR

Tunbridge, September 17-20, 2020 www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com 800-889-5555