

IN JUST ONE DAY . .

You can visit several world-class museums and fascinating local historical sites that are short walk from downtown Hanover or within a half-hour drive.

Explore the unique natural history of the Upper Valley, or get back in touch with the rich heritage of our region.

(Drive times are from downtown Hanover.)

Art and Heritage

The Hood Museum of Art, Hanover, NH

The Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College is one of the oldest and largest college museums in the country. The award-winning building designed by Charles Moore and Chad Floyd of Centerbrook Architects was completed in 1985, yet the museum's collections stretch back to 1772, three years after Dartmouth College was founded. The 40,000-square-foot postmodern building includes ten main galleries.

Dates and Hours:

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sunday, 12 noon-5 p.m.

The museum is closed on Mondays

Admission:

The museum is free and open to the public.

Lewis Family Homestead, Norwich, Vt.

Located at 277 Main Street in Norwich, Vt., the homestead is maintained by the Norwich Historical Society. The 1807 house contains a collection of Norwich documents, maps, photographs, textiles, furniture, and hand tools. The society conducts genealogy and land deed research. There are excursions, Old Home Day activities, a Christmas tea, lectures, and local television panel discussions.

Dates and Hours:

Year-round on Wednesdays, 2 pm-4:30 pm, Saturdays, 9 am-noon, and by appointment.

Admission:

Free.

The Billings Farm & Museum, Woodstock, Vt. (25 minutes)

Billings Farm keeps alive the spirit and values of Vermont's rural past. The farm dates back to 1871, when native Vermonter, Frederick Billings, set out to build a farm and forestry operation that would serve future generations as a model of wise stewardship. His farm flourished, and today, is still a first-class working farm, operating with a museum of Vermont's rural heritage. The Billings Farm & Museum is an operating partner of the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, the only national park to tell the story of conservation history and the evolving nature of land stewardship in America.

Dates and Hours:

Open daily, April 28 through October 31, 10 am to 5 pm. Weekends in November including Thanksgiving weekend, December weekends and December 26 - January 1 10 am to 4 pm. Weekends in January and February, Sleigh Ride Weekends: Martin Luther King and Presidents' weekends, 10 am to 4 pm

Admission:

Adults: \$10

Over 62: \$9; Students (13-17): \$8; 5-12 yrs: \$6; 3-4 yrs: \$3; Billings Farm & Museum members: Free. (Major credit cards accepted.)

Science and Natural History

The Montshire Museum of Science, Norwich, Vt (5 minutes)

The Montshire is a hands-on museum located in Norwich, Vermont, offering over 60 exciting exhibits relating to the natural and physical sciences, ecology, and technology. The building is located on a 110-acre site near the Connecticut River, and the Museums' outdoor environment is a large part of the visitor experience. Science Park is a two-acre exhibit area in a beautiful, park-like setting. Also outside is a network of easy-to-moderate walking trails for visitors of all ages and fitness levels. The Montshire Museum is an official visitor center for the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.

Dates and Hours:

Open daily 10 am to 5 pm all year

Admission:

Adults: \$9

Children 3-17: \$7

Children under 3: Free

Vermont Institute of Natural Science (20 minutes)

The spectacular new VINS Nature Center opened to the public on June 12, 2004. Located next to one of New England's natural wonders, the Quechee Gorge, the VINS Nature Center includes a state-of-the art Raptor Exhibit, displaying one of North America's finest collections of birds of prey. Visitors can now get eye to eye with Snowy Owls, Peregrine Falcons, Red-tailed Hawks, Bald Eagles and other birds of prey. From May to October, visitors can also see a variety of raptors demonstrating their flying and hunting skills during our Predators of the Sky Program. A new VINS Nature Shop, an Education Building with classrooms and restrooms, and a system of nature trails leading to the adjacent Vermont State Park and Quechee Gorge can also be found at the VINS Nature Center.

Dates and Hours:

Every day from May 1 to October 31: 10 am to 5

November 1 to April 30: 10 am to 4 pm (Wed - Sun)

Open daily during holiday and school vacation weeks.

Admission:

Adults: \$8

Children 3-16: \$6.50

Children 2 and under: free