

Summer Activities in Berlin, Vermont, and our greater Central Vermont Community

What's on your list to do this summer? Here are some suggestions, many of them right here in Berlin!

Take a hike up Irish Hill – wear some sunscreen and a hat, bring a picnic!

Walk or bicycle around Berlin Pond – it is five miles around, bring a water bottle!

Go for a **paddle on Berlin Pond** (non-motorized boats only) – there is a new access area.

Plant a garden, using seeds or starter plants. If you don't have room for a garden bed, much can be grown in containers. Perhaps plant a few items to help the bees!

Have a **PICNIC** at **Friendship Park** on Muzzy Road off VT Route 12, or at the **Dog River Natural Area** (near the Riverton Fire Station) – there are picnic tables at both areas.

Berlin has several **Farm Stands** where you can buy some fresh food. There is a separate “Local Foods & Agricultural Listing”

Community Potlucks at Capital City Grange are held monthly. All are welcome. Bring something to share. 6612 VT Rte 12 here in Berlin. Find details at: <http://capitalcitygrange.org>

Fresh Ice Cream can be found at Wayside Restaurant, Bakery & Creamery! 1873 US Route 302, Berlin.

Spend at least one evening **STAR GAZING**. For some tips go to Eye on the Sky:

<https://www.fairbanksmuseum.org/planetarium/eye-on-the-night-sky> and Six Ways to Explore the Nighttime Sky with Your Kids: <http://www.mykidsadventures.com/discover-astronomy-for-kids>

Playground at the Berlin Elementary School, stop by with your kids and check out the school garden.

Kellogg-Hubbard Library (KHL) has a special summer reading program. Berlin residents qualify for a library card at the KHL <https://www.kellogghubbard.org/get-a-library-card>

Free Museum Passes can be borrowed at Kellogg-Hubbard Library and typically include free admission at: Shelburne Farms, Vermont History Museum, VT State Parks, VT Historic Sites, Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, American Precision Museum, and reduced admission at ECHO Aquarium and Shelburne Museum. More details at: <https://www.kellogghubbard.org/museum-park-passes>

Venture Vermont Outdoor Challenge – complete activities, document with photos, when you reach 250 points receive a free day entry into the Vermont State Parks for the rest of the season and the entire next season.

<https://vtstateparks.com/venture-vermont.html>

Vermont History Trek for kids and families of all ages, record points earned, when you've visited at least two historic sites and earned 150 points, you'll receive a Vermont History Trek baseball cap plus free admission to Vermont State Historic Sites for the rest of the year and all of the next year

<https://www.vermontvacation.com/~media/files/pdfs/cultural%20heritage/history-trek-journal-download.ashx?la=en>

Good Citizen Challenge – a fun and educational summer project for kids. Earn points for completing civic-themed activities designed for ages 9 to 14 although the Challenge is open to all Vermont K-12 students.

Those who earn at least 251 points will win a Good Citizen medal and be invited to meet state officials at the State House in Montpelier. <https://goodcitizenvt.com>

Concerts in Currier Park, weekly, located on Park Street / Academy Street

<https://www.thebarrepartnership.com/currier-park-concerts>

Independence Day Celebrations – always check for current information on these dates!

- Saturday before 4th of July – “Not Quite Independence Day” in Waterbury
- July 3rd Parade & Celebration in Montpelier
- July 4th Parade & Celebration in Randolph (if the 4th lands on a Sunday they change the date)

Barre Heritage Festival lots of great free entertainment <https://www.thebarrepartnership.com/barre-heritage-festival>

Explore **Hubbard Park**, there are trails, a tower to climb, shelters with picnic tables, and more: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/238/Hubbard-Park>

QuarryWorks Theater in Adamant – FREE local production, the theater only holds 50 people so be sure to make your reservation in advance. <https://quarryworks.org>

Friday Night Cookouts in Adamant are a fundraiser for the Adamant Co-op. Pay by the serving, dinner usually costs \$10 - \$12 per person Seating available or bring a chair or blanket to sit on the lovely lawn by the waterfall. <https://www.adamantcoop.org>

Vermont 251 Club – Visit all 251 towns, cities, and gores and you'll become an honorary member. What a good reason to travel all around our beautiful state! <https://vt251.com>

Attend a **Mountaineers** Game in Montpelier – root, root, root for the home team!” <http://thevermontmountaineers.pointstreaksites.com/view/thevermontmountaineers>

Thunder Road International Speedbowl – the nations site of excitement! Watch a stock car race They can also be seen on Floracing TV but it's more exciting in person! Many of them are on Thursdays, a few on the weekends and sometimes Mother Nature causes an event to be moved. <https://www.thunderroadvt.com>

Circus Smirkus travels around the state and one of their shows, typically in August, is held in Montpelier on the high school grounds <https://www.smirkus.org/about-big-top-tour>

The Dairy Creme on lower State Street in Montpelier has a yummy variety of creemees and other tasty treats. <https://www.dairycreme.com>

Used Musical Instrument Sale – annual event in August presented by Central Vermont Share the Music, Inc and is held at Bethany Church, 115 Main St. Montpelier. <https://www.sharethemusicvt.org>

For more information on what is happening in Berlin and beyond, look for the Berlin, Vermont facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Berlin-Vermont-205922199452224> and ask to join the “Berlin News to Know” email list to receive news about twice a month, contact berlinnewstoknow@gmail.com
Please be in touch with suggestions of activities to add.

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