

THE FISCHER ARTS GUIDE

OUR FAVORITE SPOTS IN AND AROUND CHESTER, VERMONT



We love our home. Around us, there are so many ways to enjoy the outdoors, as well as some good food and drink. We want to share some of our favorites, and also provide a more comprehensive guide to the area.

We'll take you through our favorite adventures on the weekend - from breakfast, to a hike - and then a fun evening beverage -

And on the last page, find a comprehensive Eat-Shop-Stay Guide to Chester with all amenities in town as well as a map.

Enjoy!



Fischer Arts
102 The Common, Chester, Vermont
fischer-arts.com

Start with Breakfast

The Country Girl Diner

Cozy up to the counter in The Country Girl Diner - an authentic Silk City Silver dining car. The daily specials are amazing, and people from all over the Okemo Valley come to feast. Our favorite - the breakfast quesadilla. Powers us for hours.
Address: 46 VT-103, Chester, VT

The Southern Pie Cafe

The breakfast sandwich is deeeelicious... not to mention other goodies, like beautiful quiches and great coffee. And who says you can't have pie for breakfast? The pies are legendary. We can't go a week without the triple berry.
Address: The Chester Green (our next door neighbors!)



Need to Pack a Lunch ?

Heritage Deli and Bakery

Find sweet treats as well as sandwiches and salads to take with you on your trip.
Address: 642 VT-103, Chester, VT

The Southern Pie Cafe

Yes, they are in the guide twice - but for a good reason! Giant sandwiches with fresh ingredients. And again - pie travels well - just saying...
Address: The Chester Green (our next door neighbors!)



Take a Hike!

Brookside Trail, Downtown Chester

Right in the heart of town is a lovely, easy walk (approximately 1 mile) through the woods, by the river - on the wonderfully maintained Brookside trail.

Trailhead: Just across from the Chester Green, behind Brookside Cemetery. Head to the back of historic cemetery to the bridge that begins the trail.

Butternut Hill Trail

This is a moderate to advanced trail that starts with an immediate steep incline, but it isn't long before you reach a stunning view (with adirondack chairs, no less!).

The hike is 1.9 miles. Along the hike are many well-labeled tree species, which is also unique. On the east side, the Connector Trail connects to the Lost Mine trail.

Trailhead: The parking lot is located on the intersection of Reservoir Road and Lovers Lane in Chester.

Green Mountain Trail

This is a 1.8 mile trail that winds by the Williams River. The trail is located on the east side of Chester, by the high school.

Trailhead: The fields of the Green Mountain Union High School, off of VT-103, east of town.

Lost Mine Trail

You will find this 2-mile loop trail in Chester's 550-acre Town Forest. Enjoy hardwood groves, mossy clearings, streams, as well as a historic mine. The trail involves some uphill climbing, therefore parts are moderate.

Trailhead: From VT-11, follow Reservoir Road for approximately 1 mile. Turn right onto Water Farm Road. The trailhead is 0.3 miles up the road on the right.

How about some shopping?

A comprehensive guide to shopping - from fine art and gifts to antiques - can be found on the last page of this guide.



Take a short drive to get a snack...

MKT, Grafton Vermont

It's about a 10 minute drive outside of town, but one of our favorite stops to grab a snack (or something more substantial). MKT is an old-fashioned general store with a modern feel. There are lots of wonderful choices - from baked goods, to sandwiches - but also prepared meals. Bonus: Grafton sure is pretty... and you can visit the Grafton Cheese Company just down the road.

Address: 162 Main St. Grafton, VT

It's the weekend, after all - maybe you prefer an "adult beverage?"

MacLaomainn's Scottish Pub

If you want a cozy place to enjoy a pint, or maybe a whiskey flight, this is the spot. Plus, you can get a plate of bangers and mash to soak it all up.

Address: 52 S Main St, Chester, VT

Meditrina Wine and Cheese

A lovely shop with an extensive selection of wonderful wines and beers, along with a ton of expertise to help guide you. Get a fantastic bottle of wine to enjoy at your cozy inn. Meditrina also hosts wine tastings on weekend keep an eye out on social media for special events.

Address: 295 Main Street, Chester, VT

Main and Mountain

This wonderful cocktail bar is out of town, next door in Ludlow, but we had to mention it. From an impressive (and extensive) drink menu, to small bites and outdoor fire pits... it's a great place to visit and unwind.

Address: 112 Main Street, Ludlow, VT

Winner Winner - it's time for Dinner

A complete guide to dining and lodging in town is on the last page of this guide.

But below, we compiled some favorites. Admittedly we travel a bit to most of our favorite evening spots. We love the short drives down Vermont Country roads to some unexpected destinations. *Side note: In Vermont, reservations are strongly recommended (hint hint).*

The Left Bank at the Weston

France has made it to Southern Vermont, indeed. A beautiful restaurant (it's located in a lovely inn) with wonderful food. Steak Frites with an amazing glass of red? Sure. Step it up for caviar tasting? You bet. Add my favorite cocktail, the French 75, and I am in heaven.

Address: At The Weston, 630 Main St, Weston, VT

Homestyle Hotel, Ludlow

This lovely spot offers locally sourced and seasonal ingredients and beautifully prepared family-style dinners...and to add, some of the best service we have ever had. Eat inside or on the porch. In addition to great food, they have a fantastic cocktail menu (their sister location, Main and Mountain, is across the street).

Address: 119 Main St, Ludlow, VT

The Pizza Stone, Chester

A local favorite, especially for live music and a great beer. Very family friendly with a relaxed vibe. The pizza is amazing. Our favorite is the "loaded baked potato".

Address: 291 Pleasant St, Chester, VT

Phelps Pub at the Grafton Inn, Grafton

In the colder months you can cozy up to their two large fireplaces and enjoy the upscale pub menu (including great local beers) in a cozy atmosphere. Their burger nights are a must-do.

Address: 92 Main St, Grafton, VT

The Wunderbar, Bellows Falls

We love the Wunderbar. A welcoming (but incredibly unique and modern) atmosphere, and amazing, eclectic small plates. And the cocktails... crafted with love. We tend to be frequent visitors.

Address: 22 Rockingham Rd, Bellows Falls, VT

The Copper Fox, Springfield

We recently brought a large group of friends to the Copper Fox - and they were wide-eyed with delight. Wonderful plates of food thoughtfully sourced from local vendors.

Address: 56 Main St #1, Springfield, VT

And to rest your head...

A complete guide to lodging in town is on the last page

- But below we share a few favorites in and around town

Inn Victoria

This cozy, romantic B+B right in town, walking distance to many of the spots in this guide. The owners of the inn are known for their generous hospitality (and breakfasts!)

Address: 321 Main St, Chester, VT

The Weston Vermont

Want to get a bit pampered? The Weston is a country inn in Weston that recently underwent a complete renovation, with a spa and a french restaurant.

Address: 630 Main St, Weston, VT

The Grafton Inn

A historic landmark in the center of the charming town of Grafton, about 10 minutes from Chester. Wonderful food (and a lovely, a cozy pub) in a truly beautiful location.

Address: 92 Main St, Grafton, VT

The Stone Hearth Inn and Eatery

Chester is home to this newly renovated historic farmhouse inn. The building dates from 1810, with 5 acres of gardens. The tavern is being renovated - we are excited to head over soon!

Address: 698 Vt Route 11 W, Chester

The Inn Between

This charming inn, steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty, offers a perfect blend of rustic charm and modern comforts. The tavern on-site is about to open - and we are looking forward to visiting soon!

Address: 1834 Simonsville Rd, Andover, VT 05143

The Fullerton Inn

Want to stay in downtown Chester? This inn is right on the green, with a restaurant in-house.

Address: 40 The Common, Chester, VT 05143



Shopping in Chester

- CG:** Chester Candy Company
- VB:** Chester Hardware and Mercantile
- 14:** Collected; Antiques and Gifts
- CG:** Common Street Market
- CG:** Community Art Garden
- SV:** DaVallia Art and Interiors
- RT:** Down to the Roots Dispensary
- VB:** Endless Creations Pottery
- 5:** Erskine's Grain + Garden
- CG:** Fischer Arts: Art, Books + Gifts
- CG:** Hugging Bear 4 Ever
- CG:** Kit Kat's Embroidery
- CG:** Matilda and the Three Bears
- CG:** Meditrina Wine + Cheese
- CG:** Sage Jewelry + Gifts
- CG:** Sharon's on the Common
- CG:** Six Loose Ladies Yarn+Fiber
- 6:** Smitty's Chester Market
- 1:** Smokeshire Design
- CG:** Songbird Wellness Herbal Apothecary
- RT:** Stone House Antique Center
- SV:** Stone Village Market
- 14:** Sugar Bobs Finest Kind Maple House
- VB:** The Bargain Corner
- 8:** The Framery of Vermont
- CG:** The Maple Room
- SV:** Vermont Picker Antiques
- 8:** Williams River Gallery
- 11:** Wisdom River Designs Jewelry

Lodging/Dining in Chester

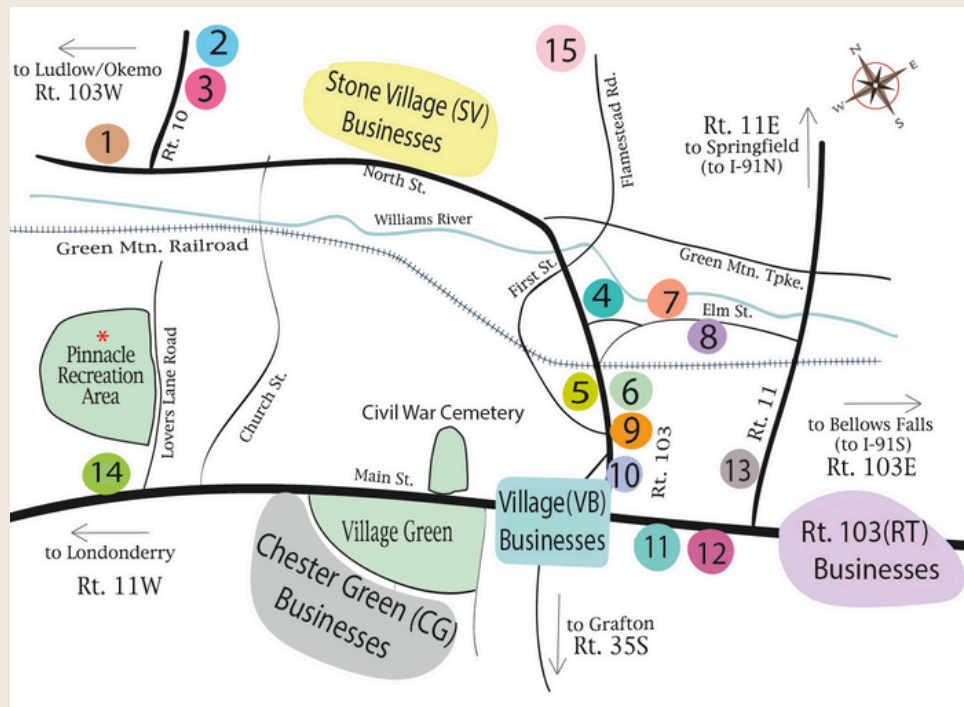
- 12:** Country Girl Diner
- CG:** Fullerton Inn
- RT:** Heritage Deli + Bakery
- CG:** Inn Victoria
- VB:** MacLaomainn's Scottish Pub
- RT:** Maria's Mexican Takeout
- 13:** Pizza Stone
- CG:** Rose Arbour B+B, Tea Room, and Gifts
- RT:** Smoking Bowls Takeout
- CG:** Southern Pie Cafe
- 14:** Stone Hearth Inn

Services in Chester

- 10:** AFS Wealth Management
- CG:** Barrett + Valley Associates
- RT:** Burtco Self Storage
- VB:** Dakin + Benelli PC
- 7:** Gussie's Place
- VB:** Lawrence + Wheeler Insurance
- VB:** Ronald J Theissen CPA CFP
- VB:** Sarah Vail, Attorney
- 2:** S.B. MacDonald Guitars
- 4:** Terrigenous Landscape Architecture
- 9:** Vermont Hardwoods

Health and Wellness in Chester

- 11:** Body + Sole Wellness
- CG:** Eclizp Salon + Spa
- CG:** Equipoise Occupational Therapy and Yoga
- 10:** Made to Move Pilates
- 3:** QuinnEssential Physical Therapy
- CG:** SAMA Yoga Studio
- 6:** Salon 2000
- CG:** Songbird Wellness and Herbal Apothecary



Additional Recommendations for Lodging and Dining - a short drive outside of town -

Grafton:

- The Grafton Inn
- MKT General Store

Weston:

- The Weston
- The Left Bank

Ludlow:

- Homestyle Hotel
- Main and Mountain

Bellows Falls:

- The Wunderbar

Andover:

- The Inn Between
- Which Way Tavern

Springfield:

- The Copper Fox