

Things to do in and around Randolph

in the **Green Mountain State**

Randolph is beautiful, family-friendly community of 5,000 located in the geographic center of spectacular Vermont. While small by most people's standards, Randolph has a lot of commerce, an outstanding hospital and schools, and plenty for vacationers to do and see.

Below are just some of the things you can do in Randolph and the surrounding area while visiting Vermont for the Last Mile Ride. With the affordable room rate Vermont Technical College is offering Last Mile riders (see our Lodging link for more information on this), we're hoping you might extend your stay and get to know our lovely community. Here's a bit of what we have to offer:

Shop our downtown

Randolph and the surrounding area are home to some terrific shops, many of which are locally owned and operated. Cover to Cover Books (728-5509), the Blue Moon Boutique (728-4321) and Belmains (728-3781) department store all on Main Street in beautiful downtown Randolph are great examples.

Get in a round of golf

Montague Golf Club (728-3806) is an 18-hole course right in Randolph's downtown. Located at the end of Randolph Avenue, it features a practice area and green, a links-style back nine, a pro shop and a newly renovated clubhouse with food, beverages and a lounge. Or get into the swing of golf season at Randolph's driving range, located just off Interstate 89 across from the Mobil gas station.

Catch a movie

The Playhouse (728-4012) on Main Street in Randolph is an old-fashioned theater offering new releases. Call to hear what's playing, viewing times and prices.

Take a swim

Vermont Technical College (728-1000) is home to an outstanding workout facility, Shape, which features an indoor pool. The pool and fitness center are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1-6 p.m. on Sunday. The Randolph public pool, run by the Boys and Girls Club (728-3010) is open from 12-1 p.m. weekdays for adults, 1-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday is open swim, 5-7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday is family and open swim time.

Vermont's rivers and lakes also make for some terrific swimming, at your own risk, of course. A branch of the White River runs through Randolph's recreation

area. Other popular options include Sunset Lake in Brookfield's Pond Village and Silver Lake, part of a state park, about 20 minutes south in Barnard.

Hit the lanes

Valley Bowl (728-4525) on Prince Street in Randolph offers a quiet get-away on hot days or night of family. Play a game or two and enjoy the Valley Bowl's dining options. Summer hours are limited, however, so call ahead. Prince Street is just after the bridge as you come into Randolph on Route 12.

See a show

Randolph is home to Chandler music hall and gallery (728-9878). Chandler is a historic, town-owned facility offering outstanding performances and gallery shows. The Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival is playing on Aug. 16, the night of our ride. Call Chandler or visit www.chandler-arts.org for lots more information.

Dine out

There are several places to eat in downtown Randolph and lots more in the surrounding area. In Randolph, options include Patrick's Place (728-6062), the Randolph Depot (728-3333), Three Bean Café (728-3533), the Three Stallion Inn (728-5575), Village Pizza (728-9677), East Garden (728-3288), China Garden (728-4488) and the Bare Mexican (728-6579).

Like eating outside? Onion Flats (234-5169) and Toziers Restaurant (234-9400) in Bethel are great options for outdoor dining. In Brookfield, Ariel's Restaurant (276-3939) is well known for its up-scale cuisine, and, for a quaint lunch that's worth the drive, visit the Rochester Café and Country Store (767-4302). Eaton's Sugar House (763-8809) in Royalton is best known for its hearty breakfasts.

Please call for directions and hours. Some establishments are open from breakfast and lunch only. Others are closed on Mondays.

Cruise the countryside

Vermont is known for its extraordinary natural beauty. Pick up a free map of the state at any welcome center or rest area, choose a route and take a cruise. Rolling hills, green mountains, rivers, working farms, covered bridges and much more await you.

Worth the drive

If you've not been before, one spot that is particularly worth the drive is Quechee Gorge. The gorge stretches 165 feet down to the Ottauquechee River below U.S. Route 4 and is striking. (You won't miss it. It's just three miles off Interstate 89's Exit 1). The area also features a Vermont Institute of Natural Science (359-5000) raptor center, a shopping village and the 611-acre Quechee State Park (295-2990).

All Vermont phone numbers begin with an 802 area code.

If you're a business owner or manager who would like your establishment included on our listing, please call us at (802) 728-2284 to request to be added.