



Vermont EV Itinerary – Central Vermont Fall Foliage Tour

Every fall, Vermont Mountains and Valleys turn into a striking array of red, yellow, green, orange and gold. Those from both near and far travel throughout the state searching for the elusive breathtaking peak and enjoying the unique Vermont culture.

Electric Vehicles are becoming more and more popular both in Vermont and across the country. Locally, the charging infrastructure is rapidly growing. As of fall 2014 there are over 40 public locations online. This guide lets you experience the incredible beauty and interesting attractions of Vermont while guiding drivers on a trip with easy access to charging stations. With almost 80% of Vermont covered by forests, there are many beautiful spots around Vermont. This tour takes you through beautiful Washington and Lamoille County.

Resources:

Before sending you off into the woods, there are a few resources and information that will be helpful for the trip. This information will help you adapt and tailor a drive to your vehicle and interests. These resources will also help you

Parks and Nature

Vermont State Parks:

Learn about the numerous Vermont State Parks and the outdoors activities and adventures inside each unique one. Call 1.888.409.7579 or go to <http://www.vtstateparks.com/index.htm> for more information.

Nature Centers:

Nature Centers are great places to learn about the local ecosystem and geographic area. Often crewed by some of the most passionate and knowledgeable scientist of the region they can be a great place for families and individuals alike. Not to mention these centers are often located in serene, lush and gorgeous areas.

Little River State Park and Nature Center - <http://www.vtstateparks.com/htm/littleriver.htm>

North Branch Nature Center- <http://www.northbranchnaturecenter.org/>

Green Mountain Club Visitor Center - <http://www.greenmountainclub.org/page.php?id=31>

Planning—Tools

Charging Station Websites and Apps:

ChargePoint - https://na.chargepoint.com/charge_point

PlugShare - <http://www.plugshare.com/>

Yelp local reviews - <http://www.yelp.com/>

Google Maps Engine - <https://mapsengine.google.com/map>

AAA - <http://www.northernnewengland.aaa.com/>

Hotels with EV Charging Available

Vermont has several lodging options if you are looking to spend the night, a few of which are along or near this route. Many other hotels and lodging locations may allow or provide charging for overnight guests on request.

Establishment	Type	Location	EV Plug Type
<u>Brattleboro North KOA</u>	<u>Campgrounds & Cabins</u>	<u>Brattleboro</u>	Wall Outlet (120v), NEMA 14-50
<u>Courtyard Marriott Burlington</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Burlington</u>	4 EV Plug (J1772) in municipal garage nearby
<u>Hotel Vermont</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Burlington</u>	4 EV Plug (J1772) in municipal garage nearby
<u>Lake Morey Resort</u>	<u>Resort Lodging</u>	<u>Fairlee</u>	2 NEMA 14-50 outlets
<u>Smugglers Notch Resort</u>	<u>Resorts, Family Friendly</u>	<u>Jeffersonville</u>	Wall Outlet (120V)
<u>Killington Grand Resort Hotel and Conference Center</u>	<u>Resort Lodging</u>	<u>Killington</u>	2 EV Plug (J1772)
<u>The Equinox Resort</u>	<u>Hotel, Resort Lodging</u>	<u>Manchester</u>	Wall Outlet (120v), NEMA 14-50
<u>Inn at Weathersfield</u>	<u>Inn, Bed & Breakfast</u>	<u>Perkinsville</u>	Wall Outlet (120V)
<u>Holiday inn Express Springfield</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Springfield</u>	Wall Outlet (120V)
<u>Green Mountain Inn</u>	<u>Hotel, Resort Lodging</u>	<u>Stowe</u>	2 EV Plug (J1772)
<u>Stowe Mountain Resort</u>	<u>Resorts, Ski Lodge</u>	<u>Stowe</u>	2 EV Plug (J1772) and 2 NEMA 14-50 outlets
<u>Basin Harbor Club</u>	<u>Summer Resort, Pet Friendly</u>	<u>Vergennes</u>	EV Plug (J1772) and Tesla HPC
<u>West Hill House</u>	<u>Bed & Breakfast</u>	<u>Warren</u>	EV Plug (J1772)
<u>Hermitage Inn</u>	<u>Bed & Breakfast</u>	<u>West Dover</u>	Wall Outlet (120V)
<u>Woodstock Inn</u>	<u>Inn</u>	<u>Woodstock</u>	Wall Outlet (120V)

Local Tourism Sites

Montpelier Alive - <http://www.montpelieralive.org/>

Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.central-vt.com/>

Lamoille Region Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.lamoillechamber.com/>

Stowe Area Association - <http://www.gostowe.com/>

Waterbury Tourism Council - <http://www.waterbury.org/>

Vermont Fall Weather

For Central Vermont's weather in September and October is relatively mild. The days are often slightly cool and dry. The temperature average high is 72 and a low of 48 with a monthly rainfall of 3.4 inches. With the large amount of rain, high and low temperatures like the rest of the year anything can come out of the sky.

If you have lived in Vermont for a long time, you know Vermont weather is never decidable. Vermont residents live by the saying, "If you don't like the weather, wait a half an hour". So if you are planning to explore Vermont, plan for everything.

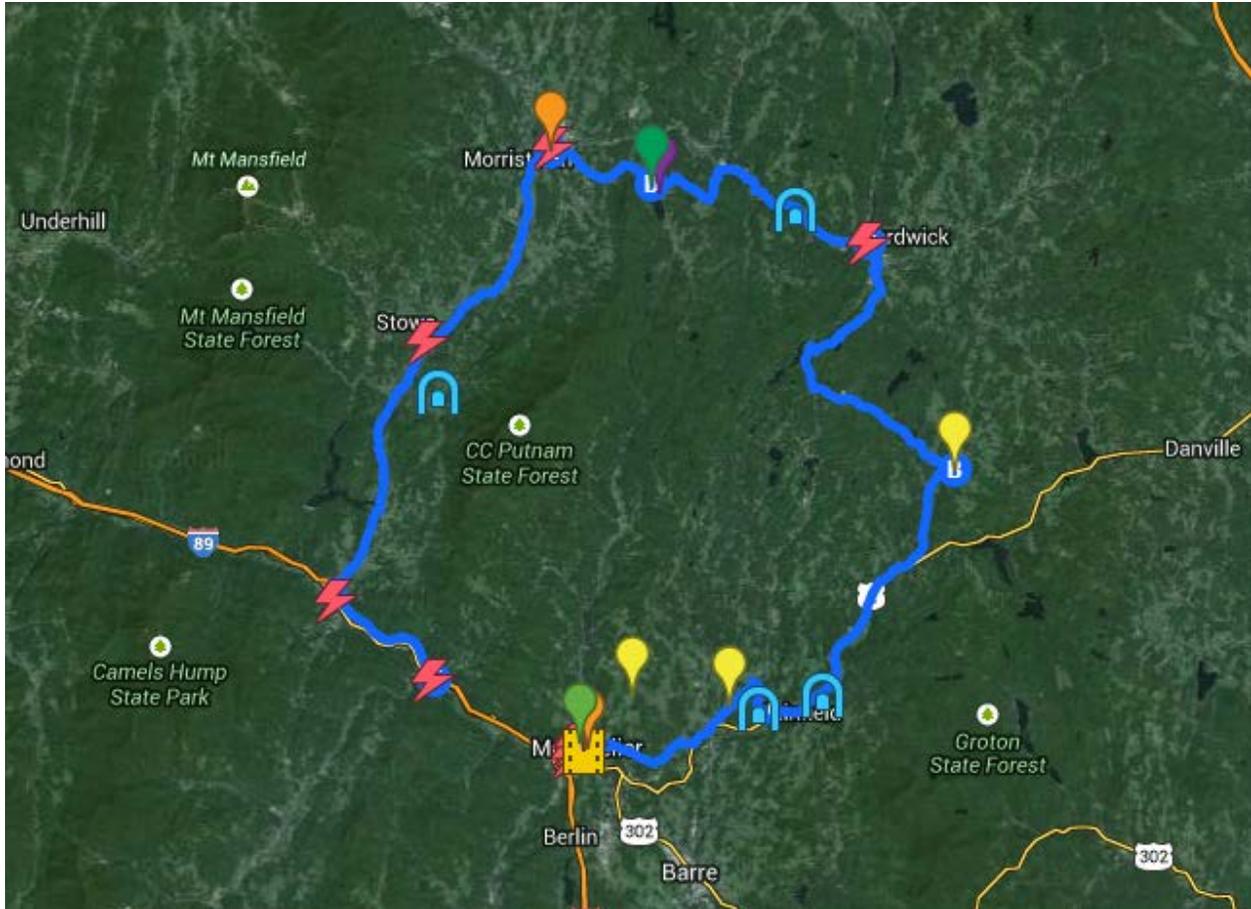


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Trip

Distance: about 80 miles

Total Driving Time: 2 ½ hours

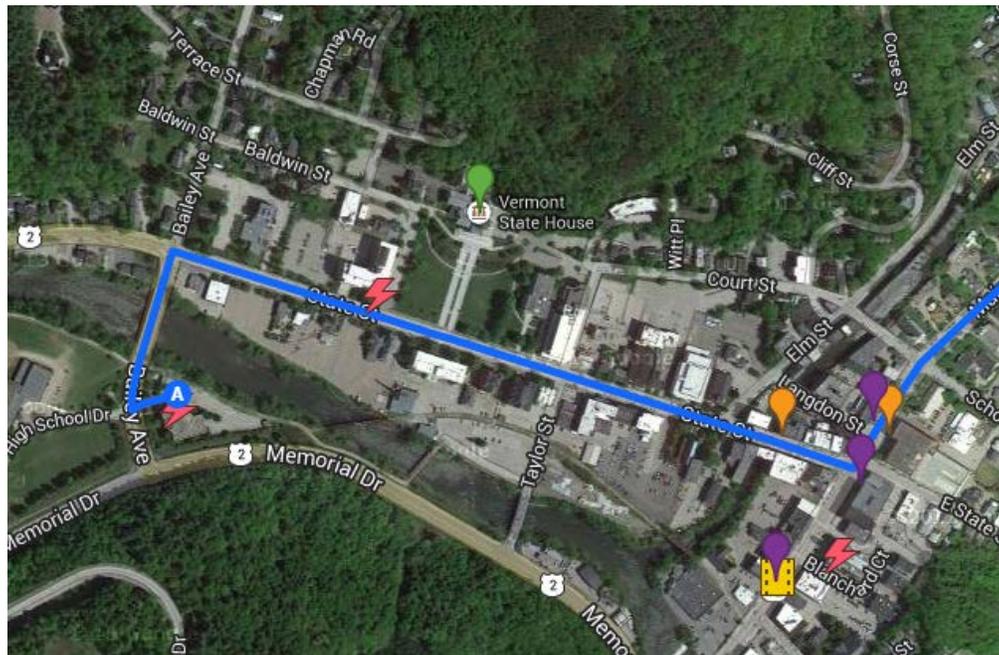


Link: <https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=zIDmwHz0LFZ8.kjrhYvBsHLyE>

Start: Montpelier

Depending on where you are coming from, you may want to start your route with a charge at the VSECU charging station or other locations situated around Montpelier. The VSECU charging station is located at VSECU offices in Montpelier on 1 Bailey Ave in the parking lot. There are 2 EV Plug (J1772) and a CHAdeMO DC Fast Charger available (ChargePoint fees may apply). While you are charging, stroll around the smallest capital city in the country, Montpelier, VT. Downtown Montpelier has both amazing food and shopping so while your vehicle charges up, enjoy!

If you are hungry stop in at find a crepe that fits your taste at [The Skinny Pancake](#) or grab a cup of in-house roasted coffee at [Capitol Grounds](#). If you are more interested in shopping, peruse through [Bear Pond Books](#) or [Rivendell Books](#); find your next outdoors hobby at [Onion River Sports](#); or explore arts and music at [Vermont Violins](#) and [The Drawing Board](#). Or if you have extra time, check out the [Savoy Theater](#) for daily showing!



Option 1:

After charging up continue turn right onto State Street and travel past the Vermont State House. After a half mile turn left onto Main Street. When you reach the traffic circle, continue straight on to stay on Main St and continue on Main Street for a little less than a mile. Next turn onto turn right onto Towne Hill Rd which will end at Route 2 East. Turn left onto US-2E and after a take the 2nd left onto VT-14 N. There are a number of turns but this route will take you through some back roads

Option 2:

Route 2 Route: After charging up head east on US Route 2 until you reach East Montpelier where you will turn left onto VT Route 14 north.

Bragg Farm

A about a mile down VT-14 N, Bragg Farm Sugarhouse and Gift Shop will be located on your left. The Bragg Farm has an ice cream parlor with our famous maple soft serve creamies and milkshakes, maple syrup taste testing, maple walking trail, maple gift shop and beautiful mountain views.

From the maple farm continue to travel on VT 14, until you see Coburn Road on your right. Head south on Coburn Rd, passing underneath the Coburn covered bridge. This bridge, dating back to 1852, is a Queenpost 69 foot path crossing over the Winooski River. This road will bring you back to US Route 2.

Capot Creamery

Once you meet up with US Route 2 again, turn left to continue east. You will go through Plainfield, the home of Goddard College. Soon after you will pass another covered bridge, this time to the right. Martin is a unique bridge as it has a cattle gate in the middle. Located along the Winooski River, this bridge is a perfect location for some brilliant foliage photos.

In Marshfield turn left on VT-215. This road will take you to Cabot, the home of Vermont's famous Cabot Cheese. If you like cheese, you will definitely enjoy the [Cabot Cheese Visitors Center](#). Here you can take a guided tour to find out all the ins and outs of making Cabot Cheese and follow up the tour by sampling all the varieties of Cabot Cheese you just learned about. Make sure you check out the sales! Sometimes the store has a huge sale on your favorite cheese!

Back Roads

After filling up on free samples of cheese and stocking up your cupboard, you can choose to roam through the hills, rivers, lakes and forests or continue on VT-215 until you reach Route 15. If you would like to take the back roads, check out the route below.

Back Roads Route:

Head north-east on Main St (VT-215) towards Elm Street and take the 1st left onto Elm Street. After a third mile take a right onto Bothfeld Hill Road and continue on this when it turns into Cabot Rd and goes by West Hill Pond and arrives at VT-14 in Woodbury. At

this intersection, turn right to go on VT-14 N. After a mile and a half take a right onto Buck Lake Road. After 5 miles, turn left onto Mackville Road which will take you back to VT-14. Turn right to go north. This will merge into VT-15W.

This route takes you through a gorgeous area of Vermont that lights up with the colors of maples, beech and cherry.

If you are in need of a charge, [Lamoille Valley Ford](#) in Hardwick has a level 2 charging station, only open during business hours. If you cannot make it to Morrisville or Stowe before a charge, definitely call (802) 472-5967 and they will help you charge up.

Continue on VT-15W towards Wolcott, after about 6 miles take a left onto Elmore Pond Road to get from VT 15 to VT 12, then take a right on VT-12.

Elmore Mountain

Northeast Lamoille County is home to the town of Elmore with a fabulous mountain and lake. The features, both with the same name as the town, Lake Elmore and Elmore Mountain, turn this quaint town into the aptly nicknamed “Beauty Spot of Vermont”. Located at the north of the Lake is a well-kept State Park open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Get out your hiking boots! This impressive mountain is an easy 3.4 mile hike and takes less than 3 hours. The trail lot is located inside the State Park and may have a fee of \$3. Looking for a hike after Labor Day, no fear! The trail and parking are still open.

At the top there are two landmarks; the fire tower and Balance Rock. Climb up the fire tower; to the north you will see Jay Peak and the Canadian border, to the east the White Mountains, and to the west Mountain Mansfield. Balance Rock is a boulder perched at an angle on a ledge. At a trail intersection you will have signs pointing to the landmarks. If you only have time for one, definitely choose the fire tower!

Morrisville - Stowe

Continue on VT-12 N towards Morrisville. Continuing straight you will merge onto Route 100 going South in Morrisville. If you need a charge, Morrisville has recently installed a level 2 charging station located downtown. While charging up, dine at the local eats music house, [Bees Knees](#).

In Stowe, there are other options to charge up. The most convenient is a level 2 charging station located behind the [Green Mountain Inn](#). Downtown there are a number of great restaurants to choose from while waiting for your vehicle to charge. Inside the Green Mountain Inn is [The Whip](#) which offers a menu bursting with Vermont foods. Across the street, [Harrison's Restaurant and bar](#) offers a large selection of beer and wine along with a great menu.



Warning: during foliage season you may need to plan ahead and schedule a reservation.

Continuing down Route 100 will lead you to Interstate 89, an easy route back to Burlington or Montpelier. Along the way, there are a few famous landmarks you might want to plan into your day. [The Ben and Jerry's Factory](#) is Vermont's number one tourist destination, and for a reason. The Flavor Graveyard and factory tours make a trip to an ice cream factory even sweeter. [Cold Hollow Cider](#), with its cold samples and expansive store make it a great stop to stock up on cider, jams and donuts.

Final Charge Options before Heading Home!

If you need one last charge before heading home, there are a number of options including the stations in Stowe and Morrisville. Closer to interstate 89 the Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Café and Visitor Center in Waterbury also has a level 2 charging station. In Middlesex, the Red Hen Bakery complex has level 2 and a DC fast charger to quickly charge up your vehicle for a relaxed ride home.

This EV oriented trip is a fun way to experience the rugged mountains, tranquil forests, and rich valleys in central Vermont. This drive is a perfect experience for those wanting to see the foliage carbon free. We hope you enjoy your trip!