

ROCHESTER, VERMONT

Vermont Ski Chalet



A guide to your stay

vermontskichalet.com

904 AUSTIN HILL RD | ROCHESTER, VT



A few thoughtful house rules.

Thank you for helping keep the chalet lovely for every guest.

Settle in and enjoy your stay. If anything spills, breaks or needs attention, please message us through Airbnb.

01 **Quiet hours**

10 PM - 8 AM. Please keep voices, music and outdoor noise low.

02 **Registered guests only**

Only guests included in your reservation are permitted. No parties or events.

03 **No smoking or vaping indoors**

Thank you for keeping the chalet fresh for everyone.

04 **Care for the chalet**

Please use coasters, wipe up spills promptly and leave furniture in its original place.

05 **Mind the loft stairs**

Children and pets must be supervised by an adult on the loft staircase.

Tap to join the Wi-Fi

Hold your phone close to the Wi-Fi plaque, then follow the prompt to connect. Need a hand? Message us through Airbnb.

Outdoor doorbell cameras

We respect your privacy. Two outdoor Ring doorbell cameras, one at each entrance, record video and audio for security purposes only.



For a comfortable stay.

A little preparation makes a good evening even better.

By the fire

01 Before lighting

Fully open the flue/damper. Open a nearby window or door slightly to provide airflow before lighting, and keep it ajar while the fire burns.

02 While enjoying the fire

Keep the flue/damper open. Never leave the fire unattended, and keep children and pets away.

03 When the fire is finished

Close the flue/damper only when the fire is completely out and all embers and ashes are cold.

If smoke enters the room

If a small puff of smoke while lighting the fireplace sets off the smoke alarm, stop adding fuel and keep the damper open. If safe, open doors and windows to air out the room, then message your host. Never disable alarms. For a carbon monoxide alarm, heavy or persistent smoke, an uncontrolled fire, or an uncertain cause, leave immediately and call 911.

Safety essentials

Two fire extinguishers: one in the kitchen and one in the living room.

First aid kit: in the bathroom vanity.

Pizza night

01 Stay & clear the area

A responsible adult must stay with the oven. Keep children and pets away. Before lighting, clear loose leaves and other flammable materials.

02 Preheat, then bake

Let the oven and stone fully reach the temperature in the oven instructions. Then lower the flame and use the pizza peel to place your pizza inside.

03 Finish safely

Follow the oven instructions for operation and shutdown. Let the oven cool completely before covering.

The Hinoki ofuro tub

Plain water only, please. No bubble bath, scented oils, bath salts or other additives; they can damage the natural wood.

Your winter route

In winter, approach via Access Rd rather than Austin Hill Rd. Austin Hill Rd is steep and can be difficult to climb in snowy conditions. Plan your route before setting out.

AROUND THE CHALET



Good food. Daily essentials.

Useful village stops, country diners and a little live music.

ROCHESTER VILLAGE | DINING & ESSENTIALS**Maple Soul**

13 School St, Rochester
maplesoulvt.com | 802-967-8064

Farm-to-table comfort food with Southern influences. A good downtown dinner choice; reserve ahead and check current service days.

Village Grocery

67 North Main St, Rochester
GROCERIES & EVERYDAY FOOD ESSENTIALS

Pick up groceries, beverages and the basics for your stay. Also a convenient village stop for breakfast or lunch supplies.

The Hardware at Rochester

56 North Main St, Rochester
802-767-4200

Hardware, housewares and practical supplies, plus UPS shipping and drop-off. If something at the chalet needs attention, contact your host.

DINERS & OTHER NEARBY TABLES**Creek House Diner**

1837 River St, Bethel | Routes 12 / 107
802-234-9191

An old-fashioned breakfast-and-lunch stop with breakfast served all day, homemade soups and maple creemees. Check opening days before you leave.

Tozier's Restaurant

2678 River St, Bethel | Route 107
802-234-9400

A classic roadside restaurant for seafood and comfort food, with seasonal window service. Best treated as a warmer-season option; call to confirm it is open.

The Wild Fern

Route 100, Stockbridge
facebook.com/TheWildFern

A small café and music venue for pizza and intimate live shows. Check the current food and music schedule; reserve ahead for concerts.

The Original General Store

3963 Route 100, Pittsfield
theoriginalgeneralstore.com

An easygoing breakfast or lunch stop with pancakes, sandwiches and coffee, plus Vermont foods and gifts. Handy when heading south toward the ski areas.

Your base: 904 Austin Hill Rd, Rochester, VT. In winter, return via Access Rd.
Check current opening days and live directions; mountain-road travel times vary.

AROUND THE CHALET



A taste of Vermont.

Berries, apples, maple and cheese, with room to take it slowly.

SUMMER-EARLY FALL | GENTLE WALKING

Sunshine Valley Berry Farm

Rochester | 129 Ranger Rd

Pick blueberries or raspberries in season, or browse the farm stand for berries, honey, jam and local maple products. Grassy lanes make this a gentle outing; check current picking conditions first.

vermontberries.com

LOCAL MAPLE SHOP | CALL AHEAD

Mom & Pop's Maple

Rochester | 3425 Brandon Mountain Rd

A nearby stop for Vermont maple syrup, candy, cream and gifts. Call ahead to plan a visit or ask about a tour. Active boiling depends on the season and weather.

momandpopsmapple.com | 802-767-3731

YEAR-ROUND / SPRING | GENTLE

Silloway Maple

Randolph Center | 1303 Boudro Rd

Tour a working sugarhouse and sample maple syrup. Tours run year-round; boiling is weather-dependent, usually March to mid-April. Browse maple sweets or enjoy a seasonal creemee.

sillowaymaple.com

Harvests and farm hours change with the season. Check picking conditions before visiting. Gentle outings can still involve steps or uneven ground; ask about access if needed.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER | GENTLE WALKING

Happy Valley Orchard

Middlebury | 217 Quarry Rd

Pick apples, sip fresh cider and enjoy cider doughnuts on an autumn outing. Prefer less walking? Visit the shop instead. Picking availability depends on the harvest; check before setting out.

happyvalleyorchard.com

FARM SHOP | GENTLE

North Hollow Farm Store

Rochester | 1831 VT Route 100 N

Stock up for dinner at the chalet with local beef, pork, eggs, milk and maple syrup. Seasonal maple creemees are a sweet extra. This is a farm shop rather than a farm tour.

vermontgrassfedbeef.com

CHEESE & MAPLE | GENTLE / OPTIONAL WALK

Sugarbush Farm

Woodstock | A farther farm outing

Sample cheese and maple syrup, explore sugarhouse displays, or take a woodland walk. The shop has steps; ask about car-side samples if needed. Call about road conditions in winter and mud season.

sugarbushfarm.com



AROUND THE CHALET

Find your kind of day.

Ski days, snowshoe trails and an easy afternoon close to home.

WINTER | ACTIVE

Middlebury Snowbowl

Hancock | Route 125

A smaller mountain for skiing and snowboarding, with rentals and private lessons. A good choice for learning or a relaxed ski day. Check operating days and book lessons ahead.

middleburysnowbowl.com

WINTER | ACTIVE

Pico Mountain

Mendon | 73 Alpine Dr

A single-base ski mountain with lessons and rentals for families and developing skiers. Reserve tickets, equipment and lessons online. Check the calendar: the mountain does not operate every day.

picomountain.com

WINTER | MODERATE

Rikert Outdoor Center

Ripton | 106 College Cross Rd

Rent snowshoes for a woodland outing or try a Nordic ski lesson. Ask staff for a short route suited to your group. Effort varies by trail; passes and suitable snow conditions are required.

rikertoutdoor.com

WINTER | ACTIVE

Killington Resort

Killington | Killington Rd

Try a first-timer lesson or explore a larger mountain if you already ski. Book ahead and follow the meeting location in your confirmation; adult and youth lessons can meet at different bases.

killington.com

ANY SEASON | GENTLE

A slower afternoon in Rochester

Rochester | North Main St & the village green

Browse current exhibitions at BigTown Gallery, then take a leisurely stroll around the village green. Pair it with dinner at Maple Soul or groceries for a quiet evening at the chalet. Check gallery opening days.

bigtownvermont.com

Check snow conditions, opening days and lesson reservations before setting out. Choose terrain suited to your group and allow extra time on winter roads.



AROUND THE CHALET

Fresh air, in every color.

Foliage drives, lakeside afternoons and walks at your own pace.

FALL HIGHLIGHT | GENTLE

Foliage by car

Hancock / Granville / Middlebury Gap

Follow Route 100 north through Hancock and Granville Gulf; stop at Moss Glen Falls in Granville. Or take Route 125 west over Middlebury Gap. Color varies with elevation and weather.

fpr.vermont.gov | Granville Gulf

SPRING-FALL | GENTLE TO MODERATE

Texas Falls

Hancock | Off Route 125

See the cascades, or add the 1.2-mile woodland loop (about an hour). The longer trail has uneven footing. Stay on marked paths; no swimming or entering Texas Brook.

fs.usda.gov | Texas Falls

SPRING-FALL | GENTLE

Robert Frost Trails

Ripton | Route 125

Read poetry among woods and fields. The 0.2-mile loop beside the parking area is designed for universal accessibility. Choose that short circuit or continue farther; check current surface and access conditions.

fs.usda.gov | Regional hiking guide

SUMMER | GENTLE / OPTIONAL PADDLING

Branbury State Park

Salisbury | Lake Dunmore

Pack a picnic for the lakeside lawn and sandy beach. Canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals add a more active afternoon when available. Day-use fees and seasonal operating dates apply.

vtstateparks.com | Branbury

SUMMER-FALL | ACTIVE

Silver Lake hike

Route 53 | South of Branbury

A sustained uphill walk: about 3.2 miles return and 850 feet of climbing. Start at Silver Lake South / Falls of Lana parking. Best for confident walkers; bring water. This is not Silver Lake State Park.

fs.usda.gov | Silver Lake trail

SEASONAL CALENDAR | GENTLE

Billings Farm & Museum

Woodstock | A farther day trip

Meet farm animals and explore Vermont rural-life exhibits at your own pace. Add a walk around Woodstock if you like. Check the opening calendar; outdoor paths can be gravel and uneven.

billingsfarm.org

Gentle does not always mean step-free. Spring mud, snow and storms can affect access. Use marked trails and check current closures. Foliage timing varies; plan flexibly.



Four seasons. Four good days.

Easy combinations, with room to change your plans.

SPRING

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A little maple, close to home.

Call Mom & Pop's Maple to arrange a visit, then pick up local ingredients at North Hollow Farm Store. Return to the chalet for an easy lunch. Ask ahead if you would like to see maple boiling in season.

KEEP IT EASY | Browse the shops at your own pace.

SUMMER

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Berries & a waterfall stop.

Start at Sunshine Valley Berry Farm when picking is open, or browse the farm stand. Pick up picnic supplies in Rochester, then head to Texas Falls in Hancock for the cascades. Add the woodland loop if your group feels like walking.

KEEP IT EASY | Skip the longer loop and its uneven footing.

AUTUMN

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Apples over Middlebury Gap.

Take Route 125 west over Middlebury Gap toward Happy Valley Orchard in Middlebury. Pair fall views with apple picking, cider and doughnuts. Check the harvest before leaving; foliage color varies with the weather and elevation.

KEEP IT EASY | Visit the orchard shop instead of picking.

WINTER

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Snow time, then a good dinner.

Choose a ski day at Middlebury Snowbowl or a snowshoe outing at Rikert Outdoor Center. Book equipment, passes or lessons as needed. Return to Rochester for dinner at Maple Soul, with a reservation made ahead.

KEEP IT EASY | Ask Rikert staff for a short route for your group.

Pick one plan and leave time to linger. Check opening days, bookings and conditions. See earlier pages for addresses and websites. In winter, return via Access Rd.

AT YOUR OWN PACE



A slower kind of getaway.

For rainy mornings, restful afternoons and unhurried days.

A RAINY-DAY OUTING

Breakfast, then back home.

Choose breakfast or lunch at Creek House Diner in Bethel or The Original General Store in Pittsfield. Check opening days first. Head back for a hot drink and a quiet afternoon at the chalet.

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A GENTLE VILLAGE VISIT

Art, dinner & village time.

Browse an exhibition at BigTown Gallery in Rochester, then plan dinner at Maple Soul. Choose one stop or both, and allow time to linger. Check opening days and reserve dinner ahead.

Dining & village art | pages 5 & 7

NO PLANS REQUIRED

A good day to stay in.

Make a hot drink, settle in with a book, or enjoy a plain-water soak in the Hinoki ofuro tub. Pick up ingredients at North Hollow Farm Store or Village Grocery for an easy supper, and let the rest of the day unfold slowly.

Find it in this booklet

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Less walking may still involve steps or uneven ground. Check access if needed.

VERMONT SKI CHALET



Make a little room for mountain time.

A quiet morning. A good meal. A new favorite view.
We hope you find a little of each during your stay.

NEED ANYTHING DURING YOUR STAY?

Please message us through Airbnb.

Thank you for being our guest.

vermontskichalet.com

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