

Bennington
Downtown & Area

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Shops with Character

Bennington Bookshop. Bennington's independently owned bookstore. Wi-Fi. Main Street, Bennington.

Bennington Potters. World-renowned, handmade pottery. Owned and operated by Sheela Harden '69. County Street, Bennington.

Bringing You Vermont. Restaurant and general store featuring local Vermont goods. Main Street, Bennington.

Camelot Village. Antiques, candles, cheeses, syrups. Route 9, Bennington.

Fiddlehead at Four Corners. Gift shop meets gallery. Owned and operated by Joel Lentzner '91 and Nina Lentzner '91. Main Street, Bennington.

H.N. Williams Store. General store with Vermont-made goods and a full deli. Family owned and operated since 1840. Dorset, VT.

Hawkins House. Handmade gifts and jewelry. North Street, Bennington.

Mountain Goat. Fine outdoor clothing and gear for serious adventurers and casual wanderers. Manchester Center, VT.

Northshire Bookstore. Everything you want in a bookstore: great staff picks, regional books and products, and vinyl. Manchester Center, VT.

**Extensive designer outlet shops are 25 minutes north of Bennington, in Manchester Center. The Crossgates Mall and Colonie Shopping Center are 45 minutes west, in Albany, NY.*

Grab a Bite

CAFÉS + BAKERIES
Bakkerij Krijnen. Authentic Dutch bakery famous for its stroopwafels. Daily soups, breads, and European pastries. Main Street, Bennington.

Brown Cow Café. Espresso, lattes, cappuccino, soups, sandwiches, and more. Serving Brattleboro-based Mocha Joe's coffee. Owned and operated by Amy Blomquist Buckley '83. Main Street, Bennington.

South Street Cafe. Coffee, tea, espresso, lunch, and dessert. Wi-Fi. South Street, Bennington.

PUBS + COCKTAILS
Kevin's. North Bennington's favorite sports bar and restaurant. Main Street, North Bennington.

Madison's Brewery. A micro-brewery serving lunch and dinner. Main Street, Bennington.

Safford Mills Inn and Café. B&B, martinis, appetizers. The oldest house in Bennington Village, circa 1774. Main Street, Bennington.

CASUAL DINING
Blue Benn Diner. A 1945 Silk City classic serving New England diner staples. Named one of the "21 Best Diners in America" by *Thrillist*. North Street, Bennington.

Fuji Asian Bistro. Popular new restaurant close to campus, with a hibachi grill and sushi menu. Northside Drive, Bennington.

Lucky Dragon. Chinese food. A highly frequented establishment with reliable offerings. Main Street, Bennington.

Pangaea Lounge. Lighter fare innovations and a full bar. Prospect Street, North Bennington.

Papa Pete's Diner. A local favorite for breakfast and lunch. Route 9, Bennington.

The Publyk House. Vermont dining with a spectacular view. Hardwood Hill Road, Bennington.

Two Brews Cafe. Breakfast, crepes, sandwiches, vegan/vegetarian options. North Street, Bennington.

Your Belly's Deli. American food, sandwiches. Pleasant Street, Bennington.

FINE DINING
Allegro. Fine Italian dining. Serving dinner only. Main Street, Bennington.

The Grille at Mount Anthony Country Club. American fine dining, seasonal menu. Country Club Drive, Bennington.

Pangaea. "A fine dining salve for those used to the flawless choices in Manhattan."
—*The New York Times*.
Prospect Street, North Bennington.

QUICK + DELICIOUS
Cilantro. Fresh Mexican food served in a casual environment. South Street, Bennington.

Holy Cow Frozen Yogurt. Satisfy your sweet tooth with rotating flavors of self-serve frozen yogurt. Main Street, Bennington.

Lil' Britain. Authentic British fish and chips. North Street, Bennington.

Marigold Kitchen. Pizzeria featuring locally sourced ingredients. Main Street, North Bennington.

Powers Market. North Bennington's oldest neighborhood deli. Wi-Fi. Main Street, North Bennington.

Ramunto's. New York-style brick oven pizza, subs, and entrees. Sports bar with more than 21 beers on tap. Main Street, Bennington.

The Great Outdoors
SKIING + SNOWBOARDING
Bromley Mountain. Voted first for family-friendly skiing, 46 trails on 300 acres. Peru, VT.

Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort. The only mountain resort in North America to generate its energy using wind power. Hancock, MA .

Mount Snow. 135 trails, 633 acres, serviced by 26 lifts. West Dover, VT.

Stratton Mountain Ski Resort. 600 acres of top-ranked terrain, 94 trails, and 11 lifts. Stratton, VT.

GOLF
The Golf Club at Equinox. Named one of the "Top 75 courses in the U.S." by *Golf Digest* and the "#1 Golf Course in Vermont" by *Golfweek*. Manchester, VT.

Mt. Anthony Country Club. Voted one of the "Best Places to Play" by *Golf Digest*. Country Club Drive, Bennington.

HIKING
The Mile-Around-Woods. A 1.4-mile scenic road nearby the historic Park-McCullough House that features views of farmland, wildflowers, and undergrowth. Woods Ln, North Bennington.

Robert Frost Trail. Running from Lake Paran in North Bennington to the Robert Frost Stone House Museum in Shaftsbury, this 2-mile footpath offers views of deep woods, breathtaking waterways, and surrounding mountains. 121 VT-7A, Shaftsbury.

The Long Trail continues the Appalachian Trail along the crest of the Green Mountain National Forest. Find the closest trailhead at Bald Mountain, accessible down Harbour Rd, Woodford.

For History Buffs

Bennington Battle Monument. Commemorating the Battle of Bennington, which occurred on August 16, 1777, and is considered to be the turning point in the Revolutionary War. 15 Monument Circle, Old Bennington.

Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. The former summer estate of Robert Todd and Mary Lincoln. 1005 Hildene Rd, Manchester.

The Old First Church and Robert Frost's Grave. Robert Frost is buried in the cemetery at this historic church. 1 Monument Ave, Old Bennington.

Park-McCullough House. One of the finest and best-preserved Victorian mansions in New England. 1 Park St, North Bennington.

Robert Frost Stone House Museum. Robert Frost wrote "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" at this historic property, which is maintained by Bennington College. 121 VT-7A, Shaftsbury.

Arts, Culture, and Entertainment

Bennington Cinemas. Seven-screen movie theater offering new releases. \$5 matinees before 5 PM daily. 125 Phyllis Ln, Bennington.

Bennington Museum. The Bennington Museum features the Bennington Modernism Gallery with work included by former faculty members Pat Adams, Sir Anthony Caro, Paul Feeley, Jules Olitski, and Helen Frankenthaler '49. 75 Main St, Bennington.

Dorset Theatre Festival. Regional summer stock theatre at the Dorset Playhouse. Led by Artistic Director and Bennington College faculty member Dina Janis. 104 Cheney Rd, Dorset.

Hathaway's Drive-In Theater. A family tradition since 1948! Drive-in offering double features of new releases. 4762 NY-67, North Hoosick, NY.

Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA). One of the largest centers for contemporary visual and performing arts in the country. The massive museum complex offers fine dining, gift shops, antiques, a micro-brewery, and a café. North Adams, MA.

Oldcastle Theatre Company. Year-round professional theatre and acting classes. 331 Main St, Bennington.

Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute. Boasts an extraordinary collection of Renaissance to late 19th-century French Impressionist paintings. Williamstown, MA.

Williamstown Theatre Festival. Regional summer stock theatre on the campus of Williams College.



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To Downtown Bennington

1. Take College Drive to campus entrance

2. Turn left onto Vermont 67A

3. Continue onto Vermont 7A S/ Northside Dr

4. Turn right onto US-7 S/North St

5. Turn left onto Main St

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THE BARN

Erich Fromm, Howard Nemerov, Peter Drucker, and Pulitzer Prize-winning poets W.H. Auden and Theodore Roethke all kept offices here. Today it houses faculty, administrators, and classrooms. It is also home to Barn East Gallery, an exhibition space for student work, and the Bookstore, where you can pick up Bennington gear.

COMMONS

Commons is ripe with history: E.E. Cummings gave his first public reading here; Martha Graham's *Letter to the World* premiered on the third-floor stage; Bob Dylan performed twice on that same stage, as did Joan Baez; writers and thinkers of every stripe—from Ralph Ellison to Buckminster Fuller to Shirley Jackson—gave talks and readings in the lounge. Currently, Commons is undergoing a comprehensive renovation. Upon its completion in Summer 2019, Commons will house ADA-accessible classrooms and other learning spaces, expanded and modernized dining facilities, a new north entrance, a new bakery and cafe, bookstore, post office, and additional social spaces.

COMMONS LAWN

Commons Lawn offers one of southern Vermont's most breathtaking views—dubbed the End of the World. This is where modern dance was born, and it was the backdrop and gathering space for leading abstract expressionists in the '50s and '60s, while today it is the stage ground for contemporary bands performing during the College's Sun-fest music festival. The houses that border the lawn were home to Bret Easton Ellis '86, Pulitzer Prize-winner Donna Tartt '86, MacArthur fellow Jonathan Lethem '86, Michael Pollan '76, and award-winning writer Kathleen Norris '69.

CROSSETT LIBRARY

A "no-shushing" library, Crossett's lively intellectual culture, architecture, and student-focused approach is led by an ALA award-winning librarian. Crossett's collection is driven by student and faculty recommendations and is home to diverse titles and rare collections.

STUDENT CENTER

A multi-use complex with garage-style doors opening onto a terrace for open-air concerts and performances. Student dining is located here during the renovation of Commons.

HELEN FRANKENTHALER '69 VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (VAPA)

Open 24/7, VAPA is not just a building but a hub of campus activity and work. VAPA boasts studios of every kind, four performance theater spaces, and a screening room. It is here that some of the country's most acclaimed visual and performing artists created some of their earliest work—including Tim Daly '79, Anna Gaskell '92, Justin Theroux '93, and Emmy Award-winners Melissa Rosenberg '86 and Peter Dinklage '91.

ELIZABETH COLEMAN CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC ACTION (CAPA)

Designed by award-winning architects Tod Williams and Billie Tsien, CAPA is a state-of-the-art, green, academic facility blending the studio of the artist, the laboratory of a scientist, the workshop of a craftsman, and the think tank of a policy wonk.

DEANE CARRIAGE BARN

A performance and exhibition space, the Deane Carriage Barn was where Jackson Pollack held his first retrospective in 1952.

JENNINGS MUSIC BUILDING

Thought to be the inspiration for Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House*, Jennings today provides fertile ground for music-making at the College. The building houses a robust music library and recording studio, as well as several classrooms and music faculty offices. Jennings is where former faculty and musical pioneers Bill Dixon, Milford Graves, and Otto Luening taught; and where alumni bands Mountain Man, Real Estate, The Spinto Band, and others began some of their most influential work.

MEYER RECREATION BARN

A fitness center equipped with weight and cardio equipment, a rock-climbing wall, yoga studio, and sauna. It is located next to the College's award-winning biomass facility, which supplies the campus with heat from locally sourced wood chips, drastically reducing the College's overall carbon output.

THE STICKNEY OBSERVATORY

Equipped with high-powered, state-of-the-art, computer-controlled telescopes—enhanced by the campus' lack of light pollution—the Stickney Observatory is ideal for night-sky observation.

DICKINSON SCIENCE BUILDING

Students test the laws of physics, build machines, explore amphibian mating behavior, compute and conceive laws of large numbers, and tease out genetic abnormalities here.

SHINGLE COTTAGE

Now a student residence, the Cottage was once home to literary giants and former faculty members W.H. Auden, Kenneth Burke, Robert Frost, and Theodore Roethke.



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- ACADEMIC/ADMINISTRATIVE
 - 1 Cricket Hill/Admissions Office
 - 2 The Barn/ Administrative Offices
 - 3 Tishman Lecture Hall
 - 4 Dickinson Science Building
 - 5 Crossett Library
 - 6 Biomass Maintenance Building
 - 7 Stickney Observatory
 - 8 Deane Carriage Barn
 - 9 Jennings Music Building
 - 10 Frankenthaler '49 Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA)
 - a Margot Tenney Theater
 - b Lester Martin Theater
 - c Greenwall Auditorium
 - d Martha Hill Dance Theater
 - e Usdan Gallery
 - f Kinoteca
 - 11 Coleman Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA)
 - a Symposium
 - b Lens
 - c Residences
 - COMMUNITY LIFE
 - 14 Commons
 - 15 Student Center
 - 16 Tennis and Basketball Courts/Soccer Field
 - 17 Meyer Recreation Barn
- Student Houses
Faculty/Alumni/Guest Housing
Architectural Award-Winners
- Parking

