

Summer 2018 in Berlin, Vermont and our greater Central Vermont Community

Summer is already underway, what's on your list to do this summer? Here are some suggestions for activities, many of them right here in Berlin! (To use the links, go to the Resource Center page of the Town website to find this post under "Local Links" <http://www.berlinvt.org/resource-center>)

- Take a hike up Irish Hill - wear some sunscreen and a hat, bring a picnic!
<http://www.berlinvt.org/community/recreation/irish-hill-trails>
- Walk or bicycle around Berlin Pond – it is five miles around, bring a water bottle!
- Go for a paddle on Berlin Pond (non-motorized boats only) - there is a new access area.
- It's not too late to plant a garden, using seeds or starter plants. If you don't have room for a garden bed, much can be grown in containers. Perhaps plant a few items to help the bees!
- Enjoy some outdoor music at Fresh Tracks Farm Vineyard & Winery with their Summertime Music Series, twice a month on Fridays. Bring a chair or a blanket. Rain or shine, it will move indoors if necessary. <http://freshtracksfarm.com>
- Have a picnic - at Friendship Park on Muzzy Road off VT Route 12, or at the Dog River Natural Area (near the Riverton Fire Station) - there are picnic tables at both areas.
<http://www.berlinvt.org/community/recreation/dog-river-natural-area>
<http://www.berlinvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Friendship-Park.pdf>
- Buy some fresh food at one of Berlin's farm stands - check out their websites (and facebook pages) but better yet stop by to see the variety they carry.
 - Burelli Farm off Muzzy Road in West Berlin – <http://www.burellifarm.com>
 - Dog River Farm on VT Rte 12 – <https://www.dogriverfarm.com> (even creamees with fresh fruit!)
 - Ellie's Farm Market on VT Rte 12 in West Berlin – <https://www.facebook.com/Ellies-Farm-Market-Gift-Shop-Cider-Mill-134592046591819/>
 - Rogers Farmstead on VT Rte 12 in Berlin – <https://rogersfarmstead.com>
 - Wicked Bines Farm on Marvin Road off US Rte 2 in Berlin – <https://www.wickedbinesfarm.com>
- Monthly community potluck at Capital City Grange, first Saturday of the month, 6pm. All are welcome. Bring something to share. 6612 VT Rte 12, Berlin <http://capitalcitygrange.org> (Ask about free use of the Grange for Berlin residents when space is available)
- Join Wayside Restaurant to celebrate their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, July 29th with a free ice cream social, 6:30pm (their own ice cream!) followed by fireworks.
<https://www.waysiderestaurant.com>
- Spend at least one evening star gazing. For some tips go to Eye on the Sky: <https://www.fairbanksmuseum.org/planetarium/eye-on-the-night-sky> and Six Ways to Explore the Nighttime Sky with Your Kids <http://www.mykidsadventures.com/discover-astronomy-for-kids>
- Stop by the Berlin Elementary School for the kids to use the playground, check out the school garden, and remember there is a Little Free Library for a new book to read. July 16th at 10am Kellogg-Hubbard Library Story Time will be at Berlin Elementary School.
- Kellogg-Hubbard Library - kids can register for the "Libraries Rock!" reading challenge between June 23rd & July 7th and enjoy special programs during the summer. Will your summer reading be curled up in a chair, on a blanket under a tree, or perhaps in a hammock?! Berlin residents qualify for a library card at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library <http://kellogghubbard.org/library-info/52-getting-a-card>
- Free museum passes can be borrowed at Kellogg-Hubbard Library (and other libraries) by those with a library card. Passes offered at Kellogg-Hubbard include free admission at: Shelburne Farms, Vermont History Museum, VT State Parks, VT Historic Sites, Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, Billing Farm & Museum, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, at both ECHO Aquarium and Shelburne Museum there is reduced admission. <http://kellogghubbard.org/borrow-a-museum-park-pass>

- Venture Vermont Outdoor Challenge - complete activities, document with photos, when you reach 250 points receive a free day entry into the Vermont State Parks for the rest of the 2018 season and the entire 2019 season. https://vtstateparks.com/assets/pdf/2018_venture_vermont.pdf
- Vermont History Trek for kids and families of all ages, record points earned, when you've visited at least two historic sites and earned 150 points, you'll receive a Vermont History Trek baseball cap plus free admission to Vermont State Historic Sites for the rest of this year and all of next year. <https://www.vermontvacation.com/~media/files/pdfs/cultural%20heritage/history-trek-journal-download.ashx?la=en>
- Good Citizen Challenge - a fun and educational summer project for kids. Earn points for completing civics-themed activities designed for ages 9 to 14 although the Challenge is open to all Vermont K-12 students. Those who earn at least 251 points will win a Good Citizen medal and be invited to meet state officials at the Statehouse in Montpelier. <https://goodcitizenvt.com>
- Capital City Band Weekly Concert, Wednesday, June 13 - August 15 7pm. This is a free, outside event at 111 State Street, Montpelier. Bring your camp chairs or blanket.
- Wednesdays until August 15 is the Currier Park Summer Concert Series takes place in Barre, bring a chair or blanket. Schedule can be found at: <https://www.barrecity.org/currier-park-concert-series.html>
- Independence Day Celebrations – June 30th is Waterbury's "Not Quite Independence Day" celebration that includes a parade & fireworks; July 3rd Montpelier celebrates with events on the Statehouse lawn, food & craft vendors, a music concert, activities outside the library, free swimming at the pool, parade at 6pm, & fireworks. Randolph's celebration is on the 4th of July.
 - Waterbury - <http://waterburynqid.com>
 - Montpelier - <https://montpelieralive.org/156/Independence-Day---July-3rd>
 - Randolph - <http://www.whiterivervalleychamber.com/july-4-parade>
- Explore Hubbard Park, there are trails, a tower to climb, shelters with picnic tables, and more. <http://www.montpelier-vt.org/238/Hubbard-Park>
- Barre Heritage Festival July 25 - 29, lots of great free entertainment <https://barreheritagefestival.org>
- Attend a local production - they're FREE in Adamant at the QuarryWorks Theater. The theater only holds 50 people so be sure to make your reservation in advance! <http://quarryworks.org>
- Drive to some Vermont towns you've never visited. Are you a member of the Vermont 251 Club? Visit all 251 towns, cities, & gores and you'll become an honorary member. <http://www.vt251.com>
- Visit the Vermont Granite Museum in Barre, keeping in mind that Berlin has a strong history of granite. <http://www.vtgranitemuseum.org>
- Attend a Mountaineers Game in Montpelier – "root, root, root for the home team!" <http://thevermontmountaineers.pointstreaksites.com/view/thevermontmountaineers>
- Watch a stock car race at Thunder Road International Speedbowl in Barre. There is nothing like attending these races in person! Of note, this fall for the first time in the event's 56-year history, the Vermont Milk Bowl will be airing on national television! <https://www.thunderroadvt.com>
- Enjoy a Circus Smirkus show, in Montpelier August 15-17 (W-F) 1pm & 6pm, buy tickets in advance as they usually sell out. <http://www.smirkus.org/about-big-top-tour>
- The Dairy Crème on lower State Street in Montpelier has a yummy variety of creemees and other tasty treats. <http://www.dairycreme.com>
- Saturday, August 25 9am - 1pm - 22nd Annual Used Musical Instrument Sale presented by Central Vermont Share the Music, Inc. & held at the Bethany Church, 115 Main St, Montpelier <https://www.sharethemusicvt.org>

For more information on what is happening in Berlin and beyond look for the **Berlin, Vermont facebook page** www.facebook.com/Berlin-Vermont-205922199452224 and ask to join the "Berlin News to Know" email list to receive news about twice a month, contact: corinnestridsberg@gmail.com (last updated: 6/12/18)