

July 2026

Fireworks, festivals, and full summer swing — your guide to the Deerfield Valley's biggest month near Mt. Snow.

Things to do near Mt. Snow, VT · July 2026 · Deerfield Valley Inn

EVENTS

HIKING

DINING

FAMILY

BREWERIES

ATTRACTIONS

July 2026 Events

CONFIRMED DATES

★ JULY 2 · WILMINGTON'S BIG NIGHT

Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks — Hayford Field

The valley's main 4th of July event — food trucks, cotton candy, live music, bounce houses, and fireworks at dusk. Free shuttle (the MOOver) runs from Howe Farm Field and the Wilmington Town Garage starting at 6 PM, so parking isn't a worry. Rain date July 10.

Thursday, July 2 · 6–10 PM · Hayford Field, 1 School St., Wilmington · Free

JULY 3 · RIGHT NEXT DOOR

Mount Snow Independence Day Fireworks

A second, closer fireworks show at the Mt. Snow Main Base Area — live music, games, and food & drink leading up to the show. The easy option if guests don't want Wilmington traffic.

Friday, July 3 · 6–9 PM · Mt. Snow Main Base Area · Free · mountsnow.com

AMERICA 250 · JULY 24–25

"1776" — The Broadway Musical

Deerfield Valley Players present the Tony-winning musical "1776" at Memorial Hall as part of Wilmington's America 250th celebration — a special-occasion show for the semiquincentennial summer.

July 24–25, 7 PM · Memorial Hall, Wilmington · Tickets at Bartleby's Books

FREE · SUNDAYS IN JULY

Summer Concerts in Dover Park

Free outdoor concerts right in Dover all summer — a short walk or drive from the Inn and a perfect low-key evening after a day on the trails.

Sundays, 2–8 PM · Dover Park · Free

OPENS JULY 9

Manchester Music Festival

52nd season of this renowned chamber music festival, Thursday evenings at the Southern Vermont Arts Center through August 6 — an elegant evening ~35 min away.

July 9–Aug 6, Thursdays · SVAC, Manchester · Ticketed

EVERY WEEKEND

Wilmington Antique & Flea Market

Southern Vermont's largest weekend market in full midsummer swing — antiques, collectibles, jewelry, plants, and artisan crafts on 10 acres. A great Saturday morning before a hike or afternoon on the lake.

Sat & Sun · 236 VT-9, Wilmington · Free

🇺🇸 July 2–5 is the valley's busiest weekend — two fireworks shows back to back! 2026 is also America's 250th anniversary, so Wilmington has extra events all month — ask the front desk for the full schedule.

Hiking & Outdoors

ALL SKILL LEVELS · FREE

Mt. Olga Fire Tower

360° views of VT, MA & NH — best hidden gem near the Inn. Best at sunrise or sunset in July heat.

0.6–1.8 mi

200 ft

loop

elev.

EASY

Valley Trail · Dover to Wilmington

Flat 5-mile path, mostly shaded — a nice escape from midday summer sun.

5 mi

Flat

one way

terrain

EASY

Mt. Snow Summit Trail

Hike up or ride the Bluebird Express chairlift (Fri–Sun). Cooler at elevation — a great July escape.

3.5 mi

1,700 ft

round trip

elev.

MODERATE

Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail

Former rail bed along the Deerfield River — bring suits, swim spots along the way.

2 mi

Flat

one way

terrain

EASY

Peak summer — start early to beat the heat. Carry extra water & bug spray on wooded trails.

Restaurants & Dining

WILMINGTON & WEST DOVER

Dot's Restaurant

CLASSIC DINER · \$

Open from 6 AM under the famous neon sign. Perfect trail-day breakfast — huge portions, a true Wilmington landmark.

Try: **Berry-Berry Pancakes**

1846 Tavern & Restaurant

AMERICAN TAVERN · \$\$ · WEST DOVER

Historic stagecoach stop right on Rte. 100. Hand-cut steaks, fresh seafood, Vermont craft beer, and live music in a candlelit setting.

Try: **Prime sirloin or salmon BLT**

Valley Craft Ales

BREWERY + PIZZA · \$\$

Historic Old Red Mill (1828) on the Deerfield River. Summer deck open over the river — perfect for July evenings.

Try: **Seasonal summer ale**

19 South Main

BRICK OVEN · \$\$

Brick oven pizza, comfort mains, seasonal cocktails. Live music evenings through summer.

Try: **Seasonal cocktails**

La Casita

MEXICAN · \$\$

Tucked behind The Anchor — flautas, burritos, and the margaritas Wilmington locals drive across town for.

Try: **Flautas + margaritas**

Anchor Seafood Restaurant

SEAFOOD · \$\$

Fresh seafood beloved by locals — excellent haddock and lobster rolls, cozy atmosphere even landlocked.

Try: **Lobster roll or haddock**

Breweries & Taprooms

VERMONT CRAFT BEER COUNTRY

LOCAL FAVORITE · WILMINGTON

Valley Craft Ales — The Old Red Mill (Est. 1828)

Brewery, live music venue, and New Haven-style pizza inside Wilmington's most iconic historic building. Large summer deck over the Deerfield River, core beers plus seasonal cider on tap. Open daily lunch to 8 PM.

18 North Main St., Wilmington · Pizza + craft beer + live music weekends

TAPROOM

Beer Naked Brewery

A crowd favorite near Wilmington — excellent craft beers, outdoor seating, relaxed vibe perfect after a day on the trails or the lake.

DAY TRIP · JULY 17-18

Vermont Brewers Festival, Burlington

The 32nd annual festival — three tasting sessions of the best Vermont brewing, with stunning Lake Champlain views. 21+, rain or shine. A great excuse for a Burlington day trip.

Family Activities & Attractions

ALL AGES

WATER

Lake Whitingham

8-mile lake with kayaking, paddleboarding, jet skiing & swimming. Peak season — Wards Cove is the best swim spot. Just 15 min away.

Wilmington · Rentals available

FARM

Adams Farm

Vermont farm wagon rides and petting zoo — goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas & draft horses. Peak summer season.

Wilmington · Seasonal

MT. SNOW

Bluebird Express Chairlift

Ride to 3,586 ft for panoramic views and a welcome break from summer heat. Fri-Sun all month.

Mt. Snow base · Ticketed · Fri-Sun

BIKE

Mt. Snow Bike Park

Lift-served downhill trails, beginner to double black diamond. Eastern States Cup competition July 12-13 — fun to watch even if you don't ride.

Mt. Snow · Weekends

GOLF

Mt. Snow Golf Club — Fairways Restaurant

18-hole course plus Fairways Restaurant, the largest outdoor dining space in the Deerfield Valley. Live music Sat 5-7 PM & Sun 1-3 PM.

Mt. Snow · Open daily

VILLAGE

Downtown Wilmington

Stroll the Deerfield River, browse Bartleby's Books, pop into artisan shops — everything on charming Main Street.

Main St., Wilmington · Free

 **Coming in August** — the Vermont Blueberry Festival wraps up, Manchester Music Festival continues, and Green Mountain Bluegrass & Roots kicks off mid-month. Ask the front desk for the August 2026 guide!