

August
2026

Ten days of blueberries, a country fair, and
mountain music — the valley's sweetest month
near Mt. Snow.

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

BLUEBERRY FEST

EVENTS

HIKING

DINING

BREWERIES

FAMILY

The Vermont Blueberry Festival

JULY 31 – AUG 9 · 18TH ANNUAL

★ THE VALLEY'S SIGNATURE EVENT

Ten Days of All Things Blue — Wilmington, Dover, Jacksonville & Whitingham

Dozens of blueberry-themed events across the valley, coordinated by Boyd Family Farm and the Deerfield Valley Chamber. Restaurants run blueberry specials, shops mark blue-tag sales, and Boyd Farm's famous "Fields of Blue" tarp art display returns. Pick-your-own fields open daily.

Full schedule & times: vermontblueberryfestival.com · 802-464-8092

FRI JUL 31	Opening Street Fair · Jacksonville The festival kicks off with live music, a local vendor market, and activities for all ages.
SAT AUG 1	The Blueberry Parade · Route 100, Dover Right past the Inn! Face painting, music, jugglers and giant balloons, Town Office to American Flatbread. Craft & kids fair on Rte. 100 in West Dover, and a Teddy Bear Picnic with Bill Shontz after the parade.
SUN AUG 2	Musical Boat Extravaganza & Pancake Breakfast Four bands play from pontoon boats floating on Harriman Reservoir — listen from the shore. Rotary Pancake Breakfast at Twin Valley Elementary that morning.
TUE AUG 4	Blueberry Bingo Back on the schedule this year as a fundraiser for the Wilmington Historical Society.
WED AUG 5	Music on the Mountain · Boyd Family Farm Live music out in the blueberry fields at the farm where the whole festival began.
FRI AUG 7	The Jell-O Slip & Slide A festival legend — 200 gallons of Jell-O at Twin Valley Elementary, with help from the Wilmington Fire Department. Bring a towel.
SAT AUG 8	Blueberry Block Party · Downtown Wilmington Hosted by Wilmington Works — live music, vendors, a pie-eating contest, and plenty more blue.
SUN AUG 9	Déjà Blue Car Show · Howe Farm Field Vintage cars from across the region plus food trucks, 10 AM–2 PM. Benefits Meals on Wheels.

Also in August

BEYOND THE BLUEBERRIES

AUG 13–16 · MANCHESTER

Green Mountain Bluegrass & Roots

Four days of world-class bluegrass and Americana at Hunter Park. 2026 lineup includes Watchhouse, I'm With Her, Railroad Earth and the Dan Tyminski Band. Multiple stages, food trucks, Vermont craft beer.

Hunter Park, Manchester · ~35 min · Ticketed · greenmountainbluegrass.com

EVERY FRIDAY · FREE

Mt. Snow Friday Block Party

Live music in the Main Base Area every Friday from 5 PM, with yard games, local food vendors and ice cream from The Scoop. Bring a chair and a leashed dog — no outside alcohol.

Fridays from 5 PM · Mt. Snow Main Base Area · Free

MID-AUGUST

Deerfield Valley Farmers' Day Fair

A classic New England country fair at Baker Field — horse and tractor pulls, livestock shows, midway rides, crafts and the beloved demolition derby. Over a century of tradition.

Baker Field, Wilmington · Confirm dates at dvfair.com

EVERY WEEKEND

Wilmington Antique & Flea Market

Southern Vermont's largest weekend market — 10 acres of antiques, collectibles, jewelry, plants and artisan crafts. Especially good during festival weekends.

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



Hiking & Outdoors

ALL SKILL LEVELS · FREE

Mt. Olga Fire Tower

360° views of VT, MA & NH — the best short hike near the Inn. Wild blueberries along the trail in August.

0.6–1.8 mi

200 ft

EASY

loop

elev.

Valley Trail · Dover to Wilmington

Flat 5-mile path, mostly shaded — the easy way to get downtown for the block party.

5 mi

Flat

EASY

one way

terrain

Mt. Snow Summit Trail

Hike up or ride the Bluebird Express (Fri–Sun). Cooler at 3,586 ft — a welcome August escape.

3.5 mi

1,700 ft

MODERATE

round trip

elev.

Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail

Old rail bed along the Deerfield River to Harriman Reservoir — swim spots along the way.

2 mi

Flat

EASY

one way

terrain

Late-summer heat peaks in August — start early, carry plenty of water, and pack bug spray for wooded trails.



Restaurants & Dining

WILMINGTON & WEST DOVER

Dot's Restaurant

CLASSIC DINER · \$

Open from 6 AM under the famous neon sign. Ask about the blueberry pancakes during festival week.

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.

Try: Prime sirloin or salmon BLT

Valley Craft Ales

BREWERY + PIZZA · \$\$

The Old Red Mill (1828) on the Deerfield River. Riverside deck, New Haven-style pizza, and a blue pour during festival week.

Try: Whatever's on the blue tap

19 South Main

BRICK OVEN · \$\$

Brick oven pizza, comfort mains and seasonal cocktails, with live music on summer evenings.

Try: Seasonal cocktails

La Casita

MEXICAN · \$\$

Tucked behind The Anchor — flautas, burritos, homemade salsas and the margaritas locals swear by.

Try: Flautas + margaritas

Anchor Seafood Restaurant

SEAFOOD · \$\$

Fresh seafood beloved by locals — excellent haddock, lobster rolls and a cozy Vermont atmosphere.

Try: Lobster roll or haddock



Family Activities & Attractions

ALL AGES

BLUEBERRY SEASON

Boyd Family Farm

Pick-your-own blueberries with fields open daily, plus the "Fields of Blue" tarp art display. The heart of the festival.

Wilmington · 802-464-5618

WATER

Lake Whitingham

8-mile lake for kayaking, paddleboarding and swimming. Wards Cove is the best swim spot — 15 min away.

Wilmington · Rentals available

FARM

Adams Farm

Wagon rides and a petting zoo with goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas and draft horses. Peak season.

Wilmington · Seasonal

MT. SNOW

Bluebird Express Chairlift

Ride to 3,586 ft for views from Somerset Reservoir to Mt. Washington. Fri–Sun through October.

Mt. Snow base · Ticketed

BIKE

Mt. Snow Bike Park

Lift-served downhill trails from beginner green to double black. Full rentals with helmets and pads.

Mt. Snow · Weekends

VILLAGE

Downtown Wilmington

Stroll the Deerfield River, browse Bartleby's Books and the artisan shops — extra lively during festival week.

Main St., Wilmington · Free

 Coming in September — the Mount Snow Brewers Festival returns Saturday, Sept 5 (12–6 PM, Main Base Area) with Vermont's top breweries, live music and food trucks. Ask the front desk for the September guide!

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