

November

— 2026

Stick season, Mount Snow's Opening Day, and Thanksgiving week in the valley.
THINGS TO DO NEAR MT. SNOW, VT · DEERFIELD VALLEY INN

📅 Opening Day & Thanksgiving Week

NOV 21–29 · SKI SEASON BEGINS

★ OPENING WEEK

Mount Snow and Stratton open, and two Turkey Trots kick off Thanksgiving

Mount Snow is targeting Saturday, Nov 21 to open the 2026–27 season, with Stratton following the day before Thanksgiving. Opening terrain depends on cold nights for snowmaking, so check the mountain report before you head out. Thanksgiving week is the valley's first big ski weekend.
mountsnow.com · Opening dates are targets, weather permitting · Book Thanksgiving dinner early

- SAT NOV 21**

Mount Snow Opening Day (target) · Main Base Area

Vail is targeting the same Saturday for Mount Snow, Okemo and Stowe. Opening terrain depends on snowmaking, with more trails added as temperatures allow. Epic Pass prices go up after Nov 15.
- WED NOV 25**

Stratton Opening Day (projected) · Lifts 9 AM–4 PM

Stratton's projected first day of its 67th winter on southern Vermont's highest peak, about 45 minutes up Route 100. Check the mountain report for confirmed lifts and trails.
- THU NOV 26**

Thanksgiving Turkey Trots · Brattleboro & Stratton · 9 AM

Brattleboro's free 3-mile Turkey Trot has run since 1975, with a 1-mile kids' race first (check-in 8–8:45 AM near the Country Club). Stratton's Gobble Gobble Wobble 5K loops the resort village; advance registration only, costumes welcome.

📅 Also in November

NEAR & DAY-TRIP

NOV 1–8 · BRATTLEBORO

Vermont Circus Festival

A week of circus shows, free community events and all-ages workshops hosted by the New England Center for Circus Arts. Don't miss the Alumni Cabaret on Sat Nov 7 at 8 PM, with performers returning from around the world.
Brattleboro · 35 min via Route 9 · necenterforcircusarts.org

SUN NOV 8 · BRATTLEBORO

Hitchcock in Vermont: The Trouble with Harry

Hitchcock filmed this 1955 dark comedy in Vermont during foliage season. The Latchis brings it back to the big screen at 2 PM, followed by a conversation about the film's Vermont connection.
Latchis Theatre, Brattleboro · 35 min via Route 9

NOV 8 & 22 · WILMINGTON

Cherry Press Printmaking Workshops

Hands-on afternoon workshops at the print studio on South Main Street: Intro to Letterpress on Nov 8 and Woodcut Printing on Nov 22, both 1–4:30 PM. A good pick for a cold or rainy day.
12 S. Main St., Wilmington · ~10 min

MON NOV 9 · WEST DOVER

Open Mic Night at Snow Republic

Local musicians take the stage at Snow Republic Brewery on Route 100, just up the road. Come for a pint and a listen, or bring an instrument and play a set.
33 Route 100 N, West Dover · 6–8 PM · Minutes from the Inn

SUN NOV 15 · NEWFANE

Fall Makers Market

Newfane's annual market of handmade work by local artists and makers, hosted by Feral by Nature. An early start on holiday shopping, with a pretty back-roads drive to get there.
Newfane · Confirm hours at the front desk

FROM FRI NOV 27 · BRATTLEBORO

Brattleboro Festival of Miniatures

Local artists and makers fill downtown with a free, townwide exhibition of miniature works, plus a holiday stroll and family events. An easy outing for the day after Thanksgiving.
Downtown Brattleboro · 35 min via Route 9 · Free

 Stick Season & Scenic Drives

LEAVES DOWN, VIEWS OPEN

SCENIC BYWAY

Molly Stark Trail · Route 9
With the leaves down, the long views open up. Stop at Hogback Mountain's 100-Mile View, then continue to Brattleboro for the Saturday market or a film at the Latchis.
Route 9 East · Free

SCENIC BYWAY

Route 100 North
Past Wardsboro toward Jamaica and Stratton. Bare hillsides show off the stone walls, old farmsteads and village steeples that summer leaves hide.
From the Inn · Free

OPENS SAT NOV 7

Brattleboro Winter Farmers' Market
The region's indoor winter market opens its 21st season: local produce, meat, cheese, maple, baked goods and crafts, with fresh greens every week.
Winston Prouty Campus · Saturdays 10 AM–2 PM

Stick season runs from the last leaves to the first lasting snow: bare ridgelines, long views and quiet back roads. Clocks fall back on Sun Nov 1, and sunset comes before 5 PM all month, so plan scenic drives for midday.

 Hiking & Outdoors

LATE-FALL TRAILS

Mt. Olga Fire Tower
360° views of VT, MA & NH from the tower, clearer once the leaves are down. Park facilities are closed for the season.

0.6–1.8 mi
loop

200 ft
elev.

EASY

Valley Trail · Dover to Wilmington
Flat 5-mile path through the valley, quiet in stick season and an easy fit for a short November day.

5 mi
one way

Flat
terrain

EASY

Haystack Mountain · Wilmington
Hardwoods and pines up to summit ledges above Haystack Pond. Trailhead on Upper Dam Rd. in Chimney Hill, off Route 9.

4.2 mi
round trip

1,025 ft
elev.

MODERATE

Hoot, Toot & Whistle Trail
Old rail bed along the Deerfield River to Harriman Reservoir, with open water views through the bare trees.

2 mi
one way

Flat
terrain

EASY

Rifle deer season runs Sat Nov 14 – Sun Nov 29. Wear blaze orange on any trail (dogs too) and stay on marked paths. Frost and early snow make rocks and leaves slick, so pack traction and finish before the early sunset.

 Restaurants & Dining

WILMINGTON & WEST DOVER · CALL AHEAD

Dot's Restaurant
CLASSIC DINER · \$
Open from 6 AM under the famous neon sign, a warm start before first chair once the lifts open.
Try: Berry-Berry Pancakes

1846 Tavern & Restaurant
AMERICAN TAVERN · \$\$ · WEST DOVER
Historic stagecoach stop on Rte. 100. Hand-cut steaks, fresh seafood and Vermont craft beer by candlelight, close to the Inn.
Try: Prime sirloin or salmon BLT

Valley Craft Ales
BREWERY + PIZZA · \$\$
The Old Red Mill (1828) on the Deerfield River. A fire-warmed room for après-ski once the season starts.
Try: Seasonal on tap

19 South Main
BRICK OVEN · \$\$
Brick oven pizza, comfort mains and seasonal cocktails, with live music on weekend 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 — the chowder is the move after a cold day outside.
Try: Chowder or lobster roll

 **Coming in December** — Santa visits Mount Snow's Main Base Lodge on Sat, Dec 12, noon–3 PM, for wish lists and family photos, and the holiday ski weeks begin. Look for the December guide on our website!