

## 36 Hours in Brattleboro, Vermont

Appearing in many national magazine's "Best Small Towns" top ten lists, Brattleboro offers visitors the experience of a quaint New England town with a hip, artsy, progressive edge. We hope you find this itinerary helpful in getting the most out of your visit.

## **FRIDAY**

- 3 PM After you cross the state line on I-97, stop by our award-winning <u>Vermont Welcome Center</u>. Kids can pretend to ride in an old gondola, learn a bit about the state, and maybe even sample some cheese or maple syrup.
- 4 PM Grab a pick-me-up at our <u>Brattleboro Food Coop</u>. This independent whole foods store offers locally grown and made products and a cafe area complete with kids' play space and mountain view.
- 6 PM Stroll across the street to <u>The Brattleboro Museum</u> to see the latest exhibits and check out the children's room. Ready for dinner? Family-friendly downtown restaurants include: <u>Echo</u>, <u>Tulip Cafe</u>, or <u>Superfresh! Organic Cafe</u> on Main St., or <u>Hazel</u> on Elliot St.
- 8 PM Savor dessert and play a game of checkers or chess at Mocha Joe's before catching a movie at our historic Latchis Theater.

## **SATURDAY**

- Grab a light breakfast at the <u>Vermont Country Deli</u> on Western Ave (Rt 9 west of downtown) or save your appetite and continue 500 yards west to The Farmer's Market -- a weekly event that includes music, a sandbox, produce and flowers, meats and cheeses, delicious prepared foods, and handcrafted wares.
- 11 AM Time for the Oak Meadow Open House. Meet teachers and staff, browse curriculum materials, make arts and crafts, and enjoy Vermont treats!
- **2 PM** Head to late lunch at any of our favorite downtown sandwich shops. Staff favorites include <u>Amy's Bakery Arts Cafe</u> and The Works.
- Visit one of our faves, <u>Top Of The Hill Grill</u>, for takout or outdoor dining. You'll love their authentic pit barbeque, homemade sides and salads, vegetarian selections, and homemade desserts.
- Worn out from a busy day? If you're staying at our local <u>Holiday Inn Express</u> or <u>Colonial Motel</u>, you can relax while your kids enjoy swimming in their indoor pools.

## **SUNDAY**

- Enjoy breakfast at the award-winning <u>Chelsea Royal Diner</u>, a classic diner built in a refurbished train car that serves up imaginative farmer's breakfast using local products. Duo is more upscale, but it offers a super kid-friendly brunch menu.
- Slept in? Enjoy a tasty brunch buffet and fabulous views at <u>The Marina</u>, on Putney Road. You can cross the street and rent a canoe or kayak at <u>The Vermont Canoe Touring Center</u> and paddle the Connecticut or West Rivers.
- Head out for some apple picking at <u>Green Mountain Orchards</u> or a kid-friendly hike up <u>Black Mountain</u>. Or, walk the <u>Retreat Trails</u> and end at <u>The Retreat Farm</u> to visit the farm animals and <u>Grafton Village Cheese</u>, where the kids can sample Vermont's own Grafton cheddar.