



How-to Series

Plan your Quechee State Park Weekend

Saturday

Breakfast, explore the park; pack lunch for the road.

Hike **Quechee Gorge** (1.5 hours/1.5 mi)
No driving necessary, you can pick up the trail to Vermont's deepest gorge right from the campground. This wooded trail includes waterfalls and pools to play in.

Visit **Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park and the Billings Farm Museum** (2 - 4 hrs.) 54 Elm St., Woodstock, VT (802)457-3368. Visit Vermont's only National Park! Learn about the land and its stewardship in a beautiful surrounding with interactive activities. You can check out a family backpack with everything you need to explore trees, art, recreation and wildlife through activities, games, guidebooks and crafts.

Or take a self-guided quest with clues and a map. Attend one of many interpretive programs, take a mansion tour or explore a real, working farm. More at Billings Farm & Museum website or Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller. Have a picnic lunch on park grounds.

Back to camp; relax in campground

Dinner, campfire, s'mores

Attend an evening park program



Sunday

Breakfast in camp

Pack lunches to go, or get food on the road

Break camp, check out of park

Visit the **Vermont Institute of Natural Science** (1.5 hours) Get up close to eagles, owls, falcons and more. Attend a live raptor show or take a Nature Audio Tours. Special programs every day.

Take a walk to the bridge and see **Quechee Gorge** from above (1/2 hour)

Visit nearby **Silver Lake State Park** (2 hours) Silver Lake State Park is a favorite family park. You can take a swim at the sandy beach or play in the state-of-art playground. Rent canoes or kayaks, take a walk along the lake. Have a picnic lunch or grab an easy bite from the park snack bar. Just show your camping tag and get in for free. Also a great place just to sit on the beach and relax a little before the drive home.

Rainy Day Options

Quechee Gorge Village
5573 Woodstock Rd., Quechee 05059
(802)295-1550

Just down the road from the park, visit a variety of stores specializing in Vermont products such as Cabot Cheese, Danforth Pewter, Quechee Country Store, The Vermont Toy and Train Exhibit and more.

Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center
223 Woodstock Ave., Rutland 05701
(802)773-3343
Indoor rock climbing

Other Options

Explore Eshqua Bog Natural Area (1 hour)
Garvin Hill Rd., Hartland 05048
(802)265-8645

Just minutes from Woodstock, you can explore a fen on an easy one mile trail that includes a 200 ft. boardwalk across the fen. The trail circles eight acres of wetlands and provides unique habitat for orchids, pink lady's slipper, green bog orchids and Labrador tea.

Hike Mt. Peg, Woodstock (2 hours)
Golf Rd., Woodstock 05091

There are many ways to reach the summit of Mt. Peg, which provides breathtaking views of Mt. Tom, the village of Woodstock and the Ottauquechee River.

Sugarbush Farm (2 hours)
591 Sugarbush Farm Rd., Woodstock, VT
05091 (802)457-1757

Visit this family-owned working farm, savor free samples of Vermont cheeses, take a tour of the sugar house and learn how maple syrup is made, walk a nature trail, make friends with the farm animals and enjoy the views!

Woodstock Recreation Center
US Route 4, Woodstock 05091
(802)457-1502

Go swimming or use the gym for a workout.

Simon Pearce Glass Blowing Mill and Pottery Shop
1760 Quechee Main St., Quechee 05059
(802) 295-2711

Watch glassblowing by expert artisans as they craft world class products.