



## 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 far, 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.