



Small Town Saturday Woodstock, Vermont

In the heart of the Green Mountains, a Christmas card-worthy village and its surrounding hamlets shine with New England charm.



Town Stats

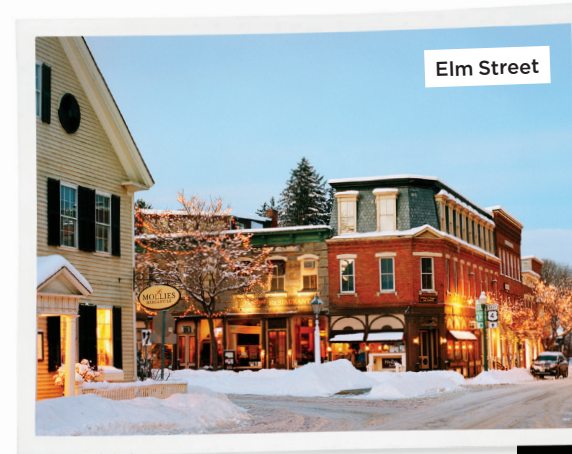
FOUNDED IN
1761

POPULATION
2,937

STOPLIGHT COUNT
Zero

AVERAGE SNOWFALL
82 inches per year,
which basically makes
it a real-life snow globe

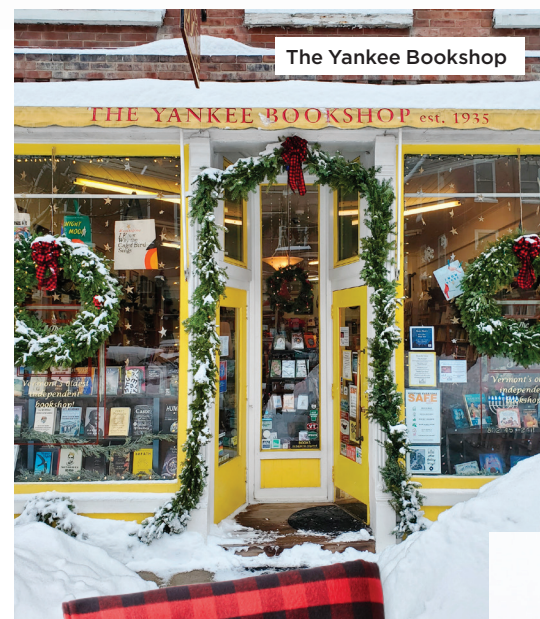
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Elm Street

“Be sure to sample the award-winning smoked Cheddar at Billings Farm & Museum...”

...and 14 more ways to spend a snowy winter’s day



The Yankee Bookshop



F.H. Gillingham & Sons

Rise and Dine: Start the morning at **Mon Vert Cafe**, which serves Vermont Coffee Company brews and breakfast specialties like the Monte Vert Cristo: ham and Cabot Swiss cheese on challah French toast with a side of local maple syrup.

Read All About It: Get the latest local news and info on upcoming events via the community bulletin board, the **Woodstock Town Crier**. Then pop by the ongoing used-book sale in the lobby of the **Norman Williams Public Library** (housed in a ca.-1884 pink sandstone building on the Green), or browse new titles on the shelves of Central Street’s **Yankee Bookshop**, Vermont’s oldest bookseller.

Stroll and Shop: Load up on stocking stuffers like maple syrup samplers, penny candy, and famous St. Emilion macaroons at the 135-year-old **F.H. Gillingham & Sons** general store. Cross the street for cozy, handcrafted clothing and blankets (far left) from town mainstay **Vermont Flannel Company**, then take a short drive to **South Woodstock Country Store**, which sells festive essentials like fresh wreaths and candles alongside lunch fare, local craft beers, and old-fashioned doughnuts.

Book a Clay Date: Make your own souvenir—and shop seriously beautiful handmade ceramics (bottom left)—during a workshop at **Farmhouse Pottery’s** flagship studio.

Hit the Trails: Cross-country ski or snowshoe the groomed grounds of **Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park** with equipment from the **Woodstock Nordic Center**. Trek to the top of **Mount Tom** for a pretty bird’s-eye view of town.

Cross the Covered Bridges: Four historic covered bridges span the Ottauquechee River, including **Middle Bridge** on Mountain Avenue, just off the village green.



Middle Bridge





Woodstock Inn & Resort

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Celebrate the Season:

Woodstock's annual **Wassail Weekend** takes place December 10-12. The celebration includes an equestrian parade, as well as holiday stories, gingerbread ornament- and candle-making, and warm cups of wassail served with cider donuts at the dairy barn of the 150-year-old **Billings Farm & Museum**. Bundle up the family for a horse-drawn sleigh ride through snow-covered pastures.

Settle In for the Evening:

Picturesque **Woodstock Inn & Resort** supplies plenty of holiday cheer with festive decor and treats like tea and cookies. For a cozy evening at the inn, visit **Richardson's Tavern** for fondue followed by games in the library.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

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Billings Farm & Museum