

Escape from New York

Because even the most loyal New Yorker needs to flee the greatest city on earth sometimes.



Woodstock, VT

Check in to a winter wonderland

Boasting classic Vermont architecture and Rockefeller roots, the historic **Woodstock Inn and Resort** is the place to stay while in town. Winter-themed spa treatments and a roaring fire keep you warm, while Nordic trail fat-tire biking and cross-country skiing on the golf course keep you active. Plus, the town's ski slopes are just a brief car ride away.

→ 14 The Green (888-338-2745, woodstockinn.com)

Hit the slopes

Woodstock's only ski hills are a bit of a misnomer: The family-friendly **Suicide Six Ski Area** offers 24 trails catering to all ages and skill levels. Established in 1936 using a simple rope tow on Hill No. 6, Suicide Six is one of the oldest ski areas in Vermont. This year introduced brand-new quad lifts and six taps of local brews at Perly's Pourhouse to enjoy après skiing.

→ 247 Stage Rd (802-457-6666, woodstockinn.com/ski-area)

Spread your wings

If you've ever wanted to get up close and personal with a bird of prey (and its intimidating talons), seize the day. **New England Falconry** puts the 4,000-year-old royal sport of falconry into the hands of those brave enough to don a glove and send a Harris's hawk flying during 45- or 90-minute sessions (\$95-\$180).

→ 4148 Hartland Hill Rd (802-457-6621, falconryatwoodstockvt.com)

Dine in the clouds

Soak in the scenery along the four-mile hilltop drive to **Cloudland Farm**, where you

INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



"Grab any pie you can at On the Edge Farmstand."
—Michael

"The local theater punches far above its weight in attracting a range of global performers."
—Ethan

"Worthy Kitchen's brisket melt is comfort food on steroids."
—Courtney

"Check out **ArtisTree's** open mic night in a cozy, renovated dairy barn."
—Kathleen



can hike the intersecting Appalachian Trail or spend time with the animals on the working cow farm. On weekends, a true farm-to-table three-course meal is made from scratch and served beside a crackling fire from inside the rustic post-and-beam restaurant featuring a side of valley views. The best part? The BYOB corking fee is only \$5.

→ 101 Cloudland Rd (802-457-2599, cloudlandfarm.com)

Catch Saturday night fever

Opened in the mid-'70s, **Bentleys Restaurant** is the town's only late-night hangout—so if you want to stay out past 11 pm, this restaurant and bar is it. On Friday and Saturday, after its day job as a pub and eatery, the venue drops its disco ball, and the dancing, live music and DJs go until 1 or 2 am.

→ 1 Elm St (802-457-3232, bentleysrestaurant.com)

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FUN FACT

Laurance and Mary French Rockefeller had the town's power lines buried under-ground to preserve Woodstock's gorgeous views.