

# Vermont

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"CHAMP"

<http://www.sec.state.vt.us/kids/champ.html>

This is Champ, our so called "Lake Monster." He lives in Lake Champlain. If you go in a boat for a ride you might see Champ come out of the water. If you take a camera you might be able to take a picture of him. If you do, you can frame the picture and brag to your friends that you saw Champ, the famous Lake Monster. You would be the talk of the town! You could even show your friends where you saw Champ!



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This is the famous Monarch Butterfly that flies all over Vermont! It is the Vermont state butterfly. It is very beautiful. If you get up close you could get a picture of it. If you are still very interested in them, you should research about them and write a book and it could be published! You would be famous!



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This is the honeybee! Make sure you are careful around them or you'll get stung. It is the Vermont state insect. Do you see the picture above? That is a great picture I got on <http://www.sec.state.vt.us/kids/symbols.html> and it shows you great ideas of a ton of other pictures you might want.

### These are some facts about Vermont!

State bird: Hermit Thrush  
State flower: Red Clover  
State tree: Sugar Maple  
State insect: Honeybee  
State butterfly: Monarch  
State fish: Brook Trout and Walleye  
State fossil: The White Whale Fossil  
State Rocks: Granite, slate and marble  
State mammal: Morgan Horse  
State beverage: Milk  
State flavor: Maple  
State motto: Freedom and Unity

**The 14 counties of Vermont are:** Grand Isle, Chittenden, Rutland, Orleans, Lamquille, Bennington, Windham, Essex, Winooski, Franklin, Orange, Washington, Addison and Caledonia.

### These are five lakes of Vermont:

Lake Champlain, Memphremagog, Whitingham, Bomoseen and Seymour.

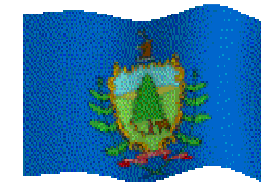
The state capital is Montpelier.

To the North, Vermont is bordered by Canada.  
To the East, Vermont is bordered by New Hampshire.  
To the West, Vermont is bordered by New York.  
To the South, Vermont is bordered by Massachusetts.



<http://personalweb.smcvt.edu/winooskimills/millshistory/flood.htm>

This is a picture of the flood of 1927. It was very wet because there were two storms and then they connected and made it even wetter. Then it started to rain, and rain, and rain and it rained for 45 hours straight!! Then the flood really kicked in and was spreading all over Vermont!! It immediately joined the river and flowing streams!! The flood then started to tear away houses and barns.



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This is our state flag. In the picture on the map there is a cow, a moose, a tree, some stumps, some bushes and some Green Mountains!

## The Audubon Center

(The three pictures in this section were taken by an Orchard School fourth grader during our field trip.)



The Audubon Center is in Huntington Vermont. It is used for many field trips because you can go for rocks, nature, camps and to learn about Indians. This is the picture of a beaver lodge at the Audubon Center. There is a hole at the top of the lodge so the beavers can breathe. There are two escape plans out and when they use them they enter the world of water and swim around. If you ever go near a beaver lodge, you could see a tail or even hear a sound as if it was a baby beaver and maybe even bubbling. You sadly might even see a part of a beaver body like a skull or a single bone. You could see that beavers are living nearby (or used to live nearby) if there are chewed up pieces of branches and bark. Beavers have also **VERY** sharp teeth and If you saw them they might scare you, so stand back.



This picture is also from the Audubon Center and it is a great picture because it is of the beautiful fall foliage we have here in Vermont. During this time of the year, the leaves turn colors. Vermont is well known for its fall colors.



This is a picture of the granite hole in the Granite Quarry in Barre, another place we took a field trip. It is 6 stories below ground and it has a very long staircase which is only used for emergencies. The quarry is entirely made of granite except there is a lake. What they do to remove a large chunk of granite is, they take a large drill and drill where they want to take it off of the wall. Then they take many bombs in cords and put them in the holes and set off the bomb and the piece of granite comes off of the wall! Granite is very hard to cut, so they need a diamond saw. The whales' tails off I 89 are made from granite also!

## CHITTENDEN!

In Chittenden County, Vermont, there is the biggest city in Vermont. That city is Burlington! The college is Burlington UVM-The University of Vermont-and all its sports teams are the Cats!! They have both men's and women's soccer teams! Also, they have lacrosse, swimming, skiing, hockey and baseball!



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vermont>

This is a map of Vermont showing the 14 counties.