

AMC's Best Day Hikes in Vermont: Explore the Green Mountain State's Natural Beauty

Nestled amidst the rolling hills and towering peaks of New England, Vermont is a hiker's paradise. With its vast network of trails traversing pristine forests, sparkling lakes, and panoramic mountaintops, the Green Mountain State offers an abundance of opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts of all levels.



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To help you plan your next hiking adventure, we've compiled a list of AMC's best day hikes in Vermont. Our selection includes a diverse range of trails, from beginner-friendly loops to challenging ascents, ensuring that there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or a first-timer, prepare to be captivated by the breathtaking natural beauty that Vermont has to offer.

Beginner-Friendly Hikes

1. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Loop



Distance: 1.7 miles

Elevation gain: 100 feet

Average time to complete: 1-2 hours

Difficulty: Easy

Description: This loop trail offers a leisurely stroll through the rolling hills and woodlands of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. Along the way, you'll pass by historic farm buildings, meadows, and a

scenic pond, making it a perfect option for families with young children or those looking for a relaxing hike.

- Trailhead: Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Woodstock
- Parking: Available at the visitor center
- Dogs: Allowed on leash
- Fees: None

2. Ethan Allen Homestead Trail



Distance: 2.5 miles

Elevation gain: 200 feet

Average time to complete: 1-2 hours

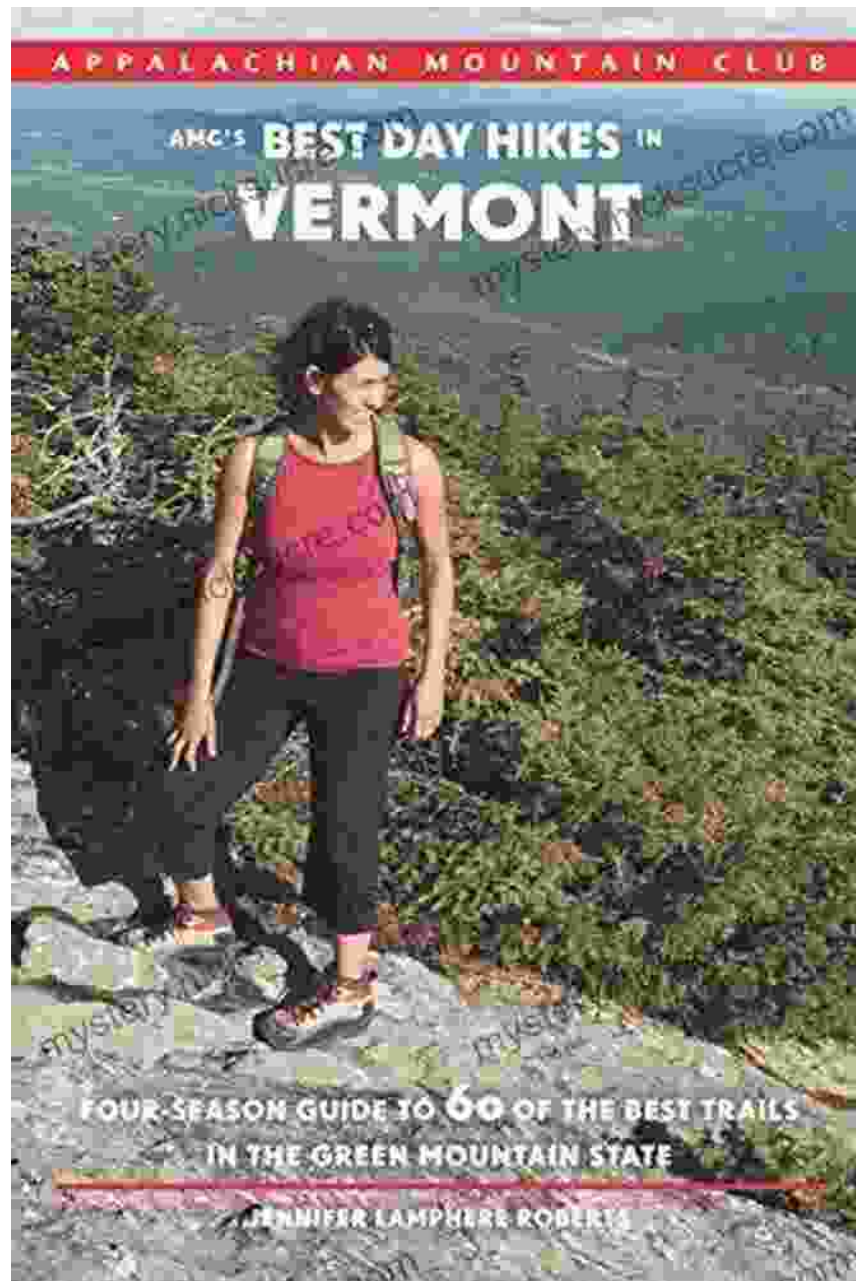
Difficulty: Easy

Description: Immerse yourself in history and nature on this trail that leads to the homestead of Ethan Allen, a renowned figure in Vermont's Revolutionary War history. The trail meanders through a mixed forest, offering glimpses of the Winooski River and surrounding countryside. It's a great choice for those interested in combining hiking with a bit of historical exploration.

- Trailhead: Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington
- Parking: Available at the homestead
- Dogs: Not allowed
- Fees: None

Moderate Hikes

3. Mount Philo Trail



Distance: 4.2 miles

Elevation gain: 960 feet

Average time to complete: 2-3 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Description: Embark on a challenging yet rewarding hike to the summit of Mount Philo, one of Vermont's most iconic peaks. The trail ascends steadily through a hardwood forest, offering glimpses of Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains along the way. The panoramic views from the summit make it all worthwhile, providing a breathtaking reward for your efforts.

- Trailhead: Mount Philo State Park, Charlotte
- Parking: Available at the park
- Dogs: Allowed on leash
- Fees: Park entrance fee

4. Camel's Hump via Monroe Trail



Distance: 6.8 miles

Elevation gain: 2,500 feet

Average time to complete: 4-6 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Description: Get ready for a strenuous but unforgettable hike to the summit of Camel's Hump, the highest peak in the Green Mountains. The Monroe Trail offers a gradual ascent through a dense forest, leading to a steep and rocky climb to the summit. The breathtaking views from the top, encompassing the entire state and beyond, will leave you in awe of Vermont's natural beauty.

- Trailhead: Camel's Hump State Park, Duxbury
- Parking: Available at the park
- Dogs: Not allowed
- Fees: Park entrance fee

Challenging Hikes

5. Mount Mansfield via Hell Brook Trail



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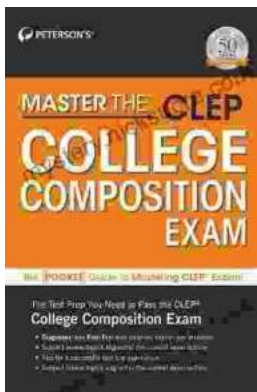
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