

BELLOWS FALLS ITINERARY

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Theme: Canals, art and industry

Link to google map of route - <http://goo.gl/maps/kJZA>

Start	Finish	Via	Some Attractions	Approx. Length (miles)	Approx. Time (minutes)	Other detours/ Attractions
Bellows Falls Byway Waypoint Center (17 Depot St, Bellows Falls, VT)	Walpole Common (near Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm St, Walpole, NH)	Go south on Depot St to cross the canal and turn right onto Canal St. Take a sharp left onto Rockingham St. After visiting the downtown area, continue to Westminster St. Take US-5 south and at Westminster Station, turn left onto VT-123 to cross the Connecticut River into Walpole NH. Turn right onto NH-12 south. Turn left onto South St at the blinking light to Walpole village. Stay right to stay on South St, then turn left onto Main St. Turn left onto Westminster St to park on the Common near Elm St.	Bellows Falls historic village (including first chartered canal in the US, Adams Grist Mill, TransCanada Fish ladder); Walpole village (including the town common and the churches, Walpole Historical Society and Old Academy Museum, Walpole Artisans Cooperative)	6.2	20	Saxtons River village and Hall Covered Bridge
Walpole Common (near Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm St, Walpole, NH)	Charlestown (near Silsby Free Library, 226 Main St, Charlestown, NH)	Take Elm St north to Main St. Turn right onto NH-12 north to North Walpole. Stay on NH-12 until you reach Charlestown.	View of Fall Mtn; View of Ascutney Mtn across the Connecticut River Valley; Charlestown historic downtown (including Town Hall on Summer St)	12.5	25	McDermott Covered Bridge on NH-123A; Prentiss Covered Bridge on Old Cheshire Turnpike; Pine St boat landing in North Walpole.
Charlestown (near Silsby Free Library, 226 Main St, Charlestown, NH)	Springfield (near Springfield Town Library, 43 Main St, Springfield, VT)	Continue on NH-12 north and turn left onto Springfield Rd (NH-11). Take the bridge over the Connecticut River and immediately turn right onto US-5. Turn right onto Old Connecticut River Rd and continue until you rejoin US-5. Continue on US-5 north and take a sharp left onto the Skitchewaug Trail (VT-143). Follow VT-143 until you reach downtown Springfield, where you turn left onto Main St (VT-11).	Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown, Hoyt's Landing, Springfield historic downtown (including the Gallery at the VAULT State Craft Center, Great Hall Gallery, Miller Art Center, Comtu Cascade Park)	13.2	30	Patch Park in Charlestown; Weathersfield Bow (continue on US-5 north); Skyline Drive and Eureka Cemetery (from Eureka Road)
Springfield (near Springfield Town Library, 43 Main St, Springfield, VT)	Bellows Falls Byway Waypoint Center (17 Depot St, Bellows Falls, VT)	Continue on VT-11 south. Before you reach I-91, take a right onto US-5 south. Continue on US-5 south to Bellows Falls by turning right when you reach the intersection with VT-103. Continue on US-5 as it becomes Atkinson St in Bellows Falls. Turn left onto Westminster St to bring you back to downtown Bellows Falls.	Look out for the Vermont's oldest one-room school house, Eureka Schoolhouse, along with the Baltimore Covered Bridge on the left off VT-11 between Springfield and US-5.	13.7	25	Toonerville Trail parallel to VT-11; Herricks Cove on Herricks Cove Road off US-5 in Rockingham; VT-103 north which connects to Rockingham Meeting House and Cemetery, Worrell Covered Bridge, Bartonsville Covered Bridge, Parker Hill historic district and Brockway Mills Gorge.
Totals (Approx)				45.6	1:40	

Websites to refer to:

Toonerville Trail <http://www.springfieldvt.com/toonerville.htm>

Eureka Schoolhouse and Baltimore Covered Bridge <http://www.historicsites.vermont.gov/eureka/index.html>

Springfield Art and Historical Society <http://springfieldartandhistoricalsociety.blogspot.com/>
Bellows Falls Neighborhood Historic District Self Guided Walking Tour http://www.bellowsfalls.org/images/bf_walkingtour.pdf
Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce <http://www.gfrcc.org>
Rockingham Arts and Museum Project <http://www.ramp-vt.org/>
Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance <http://www.bellowsfalls.org/>
Springfield on the Move <http://www.springfieldonthemove.net/>
Springfield Chamber of Commerce <http://www.springfieldvt.com/>
Walpole Historical Society <http://www.walpolehistory.org/>
Connecticut River Heritage Trail <http://www.crtc.org/pubs/heritage-trails/>
Walpole Artisans Cooperative <http://www.walpoleartisans.org/>
Gallery at the VAULT (State Craft Center) <http://www.galleryvault.org/>
Fort at No. 4 <http://www.fortat4.org/>

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