

Across the Lake 2020 – Lodging Suggestions

Hotels, Motels, and B&B: Note that Burlington and environs are a year-round tourist area. If you wait til the last minute to make arrangements, you may spend over \$150 per night in a hotel several towns away. There are usually several major events happening on our dance weekend, which drive room prices up. Rooms will fill fast; the earlier you make your reservations, the better. The hotels are within 10 min. driving time to Elley-Long Music Center (our dance hall). Cars, not feet, are best for getting around. Most hotels have heated pools; all have free parking.

SPECIAL ACROSS THE LAKE RATES? At Baymont Inn in Essex Junction; Days Inn & Quality Inn in Colchester; Holiday Inn in South Burlington. Baymont is closest to dance hall (1 mi.), then Days Inn (1.8 mi.), then Quality Inn (3 mi.), then Holiday Inn (4 mi.)

LOWER PRICES? You may find better rates online at Priceline, Travelocity, or a hotel's website (often true for Motel 6). You may get a good discount if you reserve & pay for a block of rooms w/your credit card.

OTHER OPTIONS? Try www.vrbo.com or www.homeaway.com or www.airbnb.com.

CLOSEST (1-1.8 miles; 4-5 min drive)

Baymont Inn & Suites ~ (802) 872-5200. SPECIAL RATE: \$141 + tax. Choice of 2 queens (max 4 people in room) or 1 king (max 2 people in room). Indoor heated pool, free wi-fi, fitness room, breakfast. A bit nicer, newer than Quality Inn. 27 Susie Wilson Road, Essex Jct. Reservation deadline: May 12, mention "Across the Lake".

Days Inn ~ (802) 655-0900. SPECIAL RATE: \$109 + tax. Choice of 2 full-size beds (max 4 people in room) or 1 king (max 2 people in room). Indoor heated pool, free wi-fi, fitness room, breakfast. Quieter rooms (not facing road). 124 College Pkwy (Rt 15), Colchester. Deadline: May 12, mention "Across the Lake".

NEXT CLOSEST (I-89, Exit 16, just south in Colchester Business Park, 3 mi. from hall; 5-8 min. drive)

Quality Inn ~ (802) 655-1400. SPECIAL RATE: \$109 + tax. Choice of 2 full size beds or 1 king. \$10 extra per person if more than 2 people in room. Coffee in room & lobby. Cookies in evening. Free wi-fi in all rooms, computer in lobby, fitness room, seasonal outdoor heated pool, breakfast. Deadline: May 12, mention "Across the Lake 2020" and group #3961654.

Motel 6 ~ (802) 654-6860. No breakfast. McDonald's, Burger King are next door and a Greek diner is across Rte 7 within walking distance.

PRETTY CLOSE (I-89, Exit 14E, 3/10 mile east on Rte 2. Less than 5 miles from hall; 5-8 min. drive)

Best Western Windjammer ~ (802) 863-1125. South Burlington. Cont. breakfast, high speed wireless, pool.

Holiday Inn ~ (802-863-6363). SPECIAL RATE: \$129 + tax. Choice of 2 double beds (max 4 people in room) or 1 king (max 2 people in room). Breakfast extra cost (\$10/ person). Pool, free Wifi, fitness room. 1068 Williston Rd, South Burlington. Deadline: May 12, mention "ATL".

BURLINGTON (About 6 miles from hall; 15-20 min. drive, depending on traffic)

Burlington Hostel ~ (802) 540-3043. 53 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Burlington. www.theburlingtonhostel.com

North Beach Campground ~ Tent & RVsites. On Lake Champlain. Oct-May 802-864-0123. 802-862-0942.

HOME HOSPITALITY (VERY LIMITED). Sharon Schenkel, 518-643-0310, cell 518-572-1453, lylfaceem@gmail.com

VAL'S GUIDE TO BURLINGTON, VT RESTAURANTS
to be updated May 2020

Please call first to confirm restaurant hours. For most restaurants, it's best to make a reservation.

ENTREE PRICES

\$ = \$10 & under \$\$ = \$10-\$20 \$\$\$ = \$20+

INTERESTED IN LOCAL MICRO-BREWED BEER?

Contact beer geek Tom at tom.medve@gmail.com

(1) DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

American Flatbread - Burlington Hearth - \$-\$\$

115 St. Paul St. - 802-861-2999,
www.americanflatbread.com

M-F 11:30am-3pm & 5pm-11:30pm; Sat&Sun 11:30-11:30
w/brunch til 3pm

Flatbreads (individual or large pizzas w/ crispy crust & fresh toppings), salads, desserts. Zero Gravity beer brewed on-premises. Very noisy when crowded.

Burlington Bay Market & Cafe - \$

125 Battery Street (at College St. & near Waterfront)
802-864-0110, www.burlingtonbaycafe.com

Daily, 7am-8:30pm

Tasty sandwiches & wraps, salads. Vermont microbrews on tap. Creemees (soft ice cream in a cone). Outdoor seating with view of the Lake. No reservation needed.

Burlington Farmers' Market - \$

www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org

Pine Street (old Greyhound station near Meyer's Bagels)
Sat. June 8, 8:30am to 2pm (and all Saturdays from Mother's Day thru October). Produce, ready-to-eat & reasonably-priced food, plants, cut flowers, crafts.

City Market - \$

82 South Winooski Ave. (corner of Bank Street)
802-861-9700, to order from deli for pickup 802-861-9704
www.citymarket.coop

Hot buffet & sandwiches, daily 7am-9pm;

Store hours daily 7am-11pm; deli case 7am-10pm

Grocery store (conventional/organic) with casual restaurant seating and take-out. Tasty vegan, vegetarian, and meat offerings. No reservation needed.

Daily Planet - \$\$-\$\$\$

15 Center Street (near corner of Bank and S. Winooski)
802-862-9647, www.dailyplanetvt.com

Daily 4pm-9pm (Fri & Sat til 9:30pm)

Late night menu at bar til 11pm (Fri & Sat til midnight)

Colorful, fun interior. Eclectic menu. Lighter fare, too.

Outdoor seating avail, but not much people watching.

The Farmhouse Tap & Grill - \$-\$\$

160 Bank St. - 802-859-0888, www.farmhousetg.com

M-Th 11am-11pm, F 11:30am-midnight,

Sat 10am-midnight, Sun. 10am-11pm

Farm-to-table gastro-pub that showcases local farms & food producers. Primarily comfort food, burgers, house-made charcuterie. Exemplary selection of near & far microbrews. Noisy when crowded (the norm).

Leunig's Bistro - \$\$-\$\$\$

115 Church St. - 802-863-3759, www.leunigsbistro.com

M-Th 11am-10pm, F&Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 10am-10pm.

Lounge M-Th 5pm-10pm, Fri & Sat 4-11pm, Sun 10am

A Burlington landmark/favorite. Old World/European atmosphere. Gluten free items available. Outside seating avail., great people watching. Art Deco lounge upstairs. Early bird 2-course prix-fixe meal \$20, 3pm-5:30pm daily for walk-ins. Reservations needed; none for brunch.

Pho Hong Vietnamese Restaurant - \$

Between dance hall & downtown Burlington

325 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington - 802-865-8031

Tu-Sat 11am-4pm, 5-10pm; Sun 11am-4pm, 5-9pm

Great, inexpensive food. Quick service. On Facebook.

Red Onion - \$

140 1/2 Church Street

802-865-2563, www.redonioncafe.org

Sun-Th 9am-6pm, F&Sat 9am-8pm

Over-stuffed sandwiches with made-on-premises bread, along with soup, salads, cookies. "Red Onion Sandwich" especially good. Take out avail. No reservation needed.

A Single Pebble - \$\$

133 Bank St. - 802-865-5200, www.asinglepebble.com

Th&F lunch 11:30am-1:45pm, Sat. lunch 11:30am-3pm,

Sun. Dim Sum 11:30-1:45pm, daily supper from 5pm.

Classical Chinese cuisine, but innovative. Order small plates or the Tasting Menu for a veritable feast.

The Skinny Pancake - \$

60 Lake Street (faces Waterfront, in Lake & College Bldg)

802-540-0188, www.skinnypancake.com

Sun-Th 8am-8pm, F&Sat 8am-10pm

Savory & sweet crepes plus fondue; many ingredients from local sources. Service has improved.

Area maps are available at the dance hall. Church Street in downtown Burlington is pedestrian-only for several blocks, from Main Street to Pearl Street. Restaurants are NOT within walking distance of dance hall.

Stone Soup - \$
211 College St. - 802-862-7616, www.stonesoupvt.com
M-F 7am-9pm, Sat 9am-9pm, closed Sun.
Everything-from-scratch wholesome, tasty vegan & vegetarian fare. Very "granola". No reservation needed.

Sweetwaters - \$-\$\$
120 Church Street - 802-864-9800, www.sweetwatersvt.com
Sun-Th 11:30am-11pm, F & Sat 11:30am-midnight
Outdoor seating (good people watching). Originally a bank, building dates to 1880's, w/some features intact.

Trattoria Delia - \$\$-\$\$\$
152 St. Paul Street (tucked away, south side of Main St.)
802-864-5253 (reserve >2pm), www.trattoriadelia.com
Daily 5pm-10pm
Rustic regional Italian cuisine. Romantic. Lower-priced pasta (primi). Take out avail. Great wine list.

Vermont Pub & Brewery - \$-\$\$
144 College Street (corner of St. Paul St.)
802-391-4832, www.vermontbrewery.com
Sun-W 11:30am-1am, Th-Sat 11:30am-1am
Pub fare. Beer made on premises. Outdoor seating avail.
No reservations needed, except for a large group.

(2) FOR DINER BUFFS

Athens Diner - \$
46 High Point Ctr, Colchester (near Motel 6, Quality Inn)
802-655-3455, on Facebook, daily 6am-4pm.
Original diner w/addition. Greek specialties & diner fare.

Henry's Diner - \$
155 Bank Street, Downtown Burlington
802-862-9010, www.henrysdinervt.com
Daily 6am-4pm. Family owned & operated, est. 1925.

The Parkway Diner - \$
1696 Williston Rd., South Burlington - 802-652-1155, on FB
M-Sat 6am-3pm, Sun 7am-2pm
Tasty American fare. No reservation needed.

(3) NEAR ELLEY-LONG (DANCE HALL)

Firebird Cafe - \$
1 Main St (at 5 Corners), Essex Junction - 802-316-4265
Daily 8am-3pm, www.thefirebirdcafe.com
California fusion cuisine. Tasty wraps, panini, burritos, green salads for lunch. Breakfast all day. Interesting converted 1940's gas station. Take-out available. Espresso drinks, organic loose leaf tea.

JR's Original - \$-\$\$
348 Main St., Winooski - 802-800-1513
www.facebook.com/jrsoriginal/
M-Th 11am-9:30pm, F&Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 4pm-9pm
(call to confirm Sun brunch hours 9am-2pm)
Tasty Italian specialties & pizza.

Nepali Kitchen - \$
10 Railroad Avenue, Essex Jct. - 802-876-7208
www.nepalikitchevnt.com
Tu-Sun 11am-3pm, 5pm-9pm. Sat/Sun buffet 11am-3pm.
Family-run. Nepali & Indian cuisine, from scratch. BYOB?

Ray's Seafood - \$-\$\$
7 Pinecrest Dr., Essex Junction - 802-879-3611
Daily 10am-8pm, www.raysseafood.com
Family-owned; unassuming, functional decor.

Sukho Thai - \$-\$\$
21 Essex Way # 210, Essex Shoppes & Cinema, Essex Jct.
802-878-2788, www.sukhothaivt.com
Tu-Sun 11am-8:30pm
Creative Thai dishes, some w/tasty twists. BYOB?

The Tavern at The Essex Resort & Spa - \$\$
70 Essex Way, 802-764-1489, www.essexresort.com
Mon-Th 7am-11am, 11:30-5pm, 5-10pm; F&Sat 7am-11am,
11:30-5pm, 5-11pm; Sun 8am-11pm, brunch 11-3,
3:30-10pm
Pub fare w/local ingredients. First come, first served.

Tiny Thai - \$-\$\$
24 Main St., Winooski (alongside roundabout)
802-655-4888, www.tinythairestaurant.net
M, W, Th, F 11:30am-2:30pm, 4:30-9:30pm;
Sat 11:30-9:30pm, Sun 4:30-9:30pm
Inexpensive, tasty "common dish" Thai cuisine. BYOB?

Viet Thai - \$
118 Pearl Street (Rt. 15), Essex Jct., 802-288-1688 or 1689
www.vietthaiessex.com
M-Th 11am-2:30pm, 4:30-9pm; F&Sat 11am-9:30pm
Delicious Vietnamese pho, noodle dishes, specialties,
Thai dishes. BYOB? No reservation needed.

Waterworks - \$\$\$
Champlain Mill, 20 Winooski Falls Way, Winooski
802-497-3525, www.waterworksvt.com
M-Sat 11:30am-2pm; dinner Sun-Th 5-9, F&Sat 5-10, Sun
brunch 10-3. Ask for a table with a view of the Falls. Brick
walls, old wood floors and tables, ironwork accents.
Entrees run \$20-\$30 — side dish \$5 extra! More
reasonably priced shared plates & pizza. Gets noisy.

ACROSS THE LAKE ~ JUNE 12, 13, 14, 2020

English Country Dance Weekend on the Vermont side of Lake Champlain

THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA

Additional events for the Burlington, VT area can be viewed in the calendar section of www.sevendaysvt.com

If you're a bicyclist, Burlington boasts a wonderful bike path. Rentals are available on/near the Waterfront through a non-profit called Local Motion and also from nearby bike shops on lower Main Street. The paths are nice for walking, too; you just won't cover as much ground. Especially scenic is the bike path that goes from the Burlington Waterfront to Colchester and onto "the causeway": an old railroad bed that stretches across Lake Champlain towards South Hero. Info at www.localmotion.org A bike ferry carries cyclists & pedestrians across the Colchester causeway's "Cut", a 200 ft gap, but Spring service (May 22-June 18) is limited to Fri., Sat., Sun., holidays — prices, schedule, etc. at https://www.localmotion.org/il_schedule_fares

Burlington Farmers' Market

www.burlingtonfarmersmarket.org

Former Greyhound Bus Station (near Meyer's Bagels), 345 Pine Street, Burlington
(in Burlington's artsy South End — NOT downtown Burlington)

Sat. June 13, 8:30am to 2pm (and all Saturdays from Mother's Day weekend to the last Saturday in October). It's THE place to buy or browse produce, ready-to-eat food (lots of interesting and ethnic food vendors make for great & very reasonably priced lunch grazing), plants, cut flowers, locally-made crafts (ceramics, jewelry, stained glass, Dug Nap's unusual art, to name a few offerings). Vibrant and fun. For 2020, the Farmers' Market has moved to the Old Greyhound Station on Pine Street from its original location in City Hall Park, due to construction.

Wake Robin Annual Tag Sale & Book Sale

www.wakerobin.com

200 Wake Robin Drive, Shelburne, VT

Sat. June 13, 9am to 2pm (date not confirmed as of 1/14/2020). This upscale retirement community prides itself on making their tag sale a pleasurable experience. (Where else are you offered a cup of coffee while waiting in line?) Treasures await, so get there early! Say hello to Wake Robin residents who attend a weekly English country dance class.

Shelburne Museum

www.shelburnemuseum.org

Route 7/Shelburne Road, Shelburne, VT

Daily 10am to 5pm. 2-day ticket. Unusual museum with folk art collected by Electra Havermeyer Webb. Walk across the lawn to visit a lighthouse and beautifully restored steamship (The Ticonderoga). See website for schedule of special exhibits and admission prices.

Burlington Discover Jazz Festival

www.discoverjazz.com

Downtown Burlington, various locations (mostly Church Street)

June 5-14. Daytime, 2 or more stages of live music on Church Street — often performances by local high school jazz bands. Some Church Street restaurants offer live jazz. Big names at evening concerts. Sunday gospel sing.