

SCENIC ROUTE 100S – MIDDLEBURY – ROUTE 7

Make a left out of the driveway and go to the bottom of the hill and make a left. This will take you into Waterbury on Rt. 2E. There are some fine examples of Victorian homes here. Especially interesting ones are located along Union St. Make a left just after Rt. 100N and before the overpass. Make a right at the next intersection and this will bring you back to Rt. 2. Continue through the village of Waterbury and make a right onto Rt. 100S.

Rt. 100S is a scenic route, but if you are into miniature golf watch for *Lots O' Balls* on the left and play a quick 18 holes. Look for craft and antique shops to explore.

When you get into Waitsfield, turn left at the *Bridge Street Marketplace*. There are a variety of shops on this short street with country crafts, art, and a fantastic Christmas ornament shop. Right in front of you is the easiest *Covered Bridge* to find in the entire state.

Continuing south you will go past Mad River Glen and Sugarbush ski areas. You will then get into Warren. The small village is off to the left. As you exit Warren going south on Rt. 100 look on the left for another Covered Bridge. About 10 miles south of Warren you will be on a hilly and winding part of Rt. 100. As you come down the hill there will be Moss Glen Falls on the right. There is a parking area just before the Falls, and a walkway to the falls. Signs will warn you not to stray from the path.

Continue south, enjoying the scenery, and perhaps some antiquing, to the junction with Rt. 125. Make a right and start the climb to Middlebury Gap. If you want to do some hiking, see more falls, or have a picnic you can stop at the Texas Falls Recreation Area. It's about 36 miles on Rt. 125 to the junction with Rt. 7.

Turn right onto Rt. 7N and head into the town of Middlebury, home to Middlebury College. The downtown area of Middlebury has loads of shops and restaurants. Search out Frog Hollow, a Vermont artisan's store. It is also the home to Otter Creek Brewery.

Just outside Middlebury, in Weybridge, is the *UVM Morgan Horse Farm*. This is a working farm, and guided tours are available.

As you continue north you will come to the intersection with Rt. 22. Make a left to go into the town of Vergennes. You will see signs for the *Lake Champlain Maritime Museum*. This is in a somewhat remote location on Basin Harbor Rd. Plan on at least 2 hours if you are a history or maritime buff. Then you can go back into Vergennes and visit the *Kennedy Brothers Marketplace*. Here you can find all kinds of crafts, antiques, and food.

Return to your car and continue to head North. After you pass Ferrisburgh, watch on the left for *Dakin Farm*. This is a working sugarhouse, and demonstrations and exhibits are available. You'll also enjoy samples of their meats, cheeses, and maple products.

Head North again and you will come to the *Wildflower Farm* on your left. Stop and take a tour through their acres of flowers, and browse their gift shop.

Continue North through Charlotte and you will come to the *Vermont Teddy Bear Company* on your right. Stop and take the tour, and try your hand at making a bear. Check out the "attitudes" of the bears in the gift shop. Allow an hour here.

Next you will come to the *Shelburne Museum*. This is a wonderful collection of buildings, housing lots of Americana exhibits. Make this a separate trip and plan to spend the day.

After going through Shelburne Falls, you will see signs for Shelburne Farm. Here you will find beautiful grounds, farm animals, a cheese factory, a bakeshop, and early crafts. Next door is the Inn at Shelburne Farms. If you are here at the right time of day you might want to join a guided tour. Allow at least an hour to walk the property, and enjoy the beauty of the environment, situated on the shore of Lake Champlain.

Head North again on Rt. 7 through the busy commercial stretch of the road. The Magic Hat Brewery will be off to your left. You will see signs.

Continue North and look for Denny's on the right. Make a right onto I-89 immediately. Bear right at the sign for Montpelier/Williston. This will put you onto I-89S. Get off at Exit 11. Make a right onto Rt. 2E. At the light in Richmond make a right.

The Round Church will be on the left after you cross the bridge. If it is open a docent will give you a short tour and history of the church.

Return to Rt. 2E and head back to Bolton and take the left onto the Access Road to get back to the Inn.

Total distance: 95 miles

Full day trip: 8 hours including stops and lunch

Please let us know if you discover something interesting that we have missed so that we can add it to the tour for the enjoyment of other guests