

FROM FARM TO FOWL

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This trip is Vermont nature at its best. Learn about the beginnings of agriculture at Billings Farm, see farmers hard at work while they teach you about all of their animals and how rural farming worked. Next head to meet all of our feathered friends. Hear a talk about owl, raptors, and other birds in the area. These majestic animals all come with their own stories.



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Join your guide and travel to Woodstock. Explore one of the finest operating dairy farms in America and a museum of Vermont's rural past — your gateway to Vermont's rural heritage. **Billings Farm** features many aspects of farm work. Get to know the Jerseys, sheep, horses, oxen and chickens. The authentically restored **1890 Farm House**, the center of the farm and forestry operation a century ago, features the farm manager's office, family living quarters and creamery, where 5,000 pounds of butter were produced annually. Hop on the **farm wagon**, pulled by a team of **draft horses**, for a ride around the farm.

By this time, you will have certainly worked up an appetite. Board the coach and travel off to lunch.

After lunch, board the coach and head to **VINS**, the **Vermont Institute of Natural Science**. Its mission is to motivate individuals and communities to care for the environment through education, research, and avian wildlife rehabilitation. The VINS Nature Center includes 17 raptor exhibits that **house hawks, eagles, vultures, falcons, owls and ravens**. The facility



also has a nature shop, a classroom, several nature trails, a behind-the-scenes animal support facility and a new exhibit consisting of frogs. There is also a **flight simulator**, where a visitor can feel as if one is flying. One role VINS takes on is to bring birds back to health and release them back to the wild. Your visit includes a guided tour and a **30-minute live bird program**.

Depart Quechee after your visit and travel to your hotel.



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