



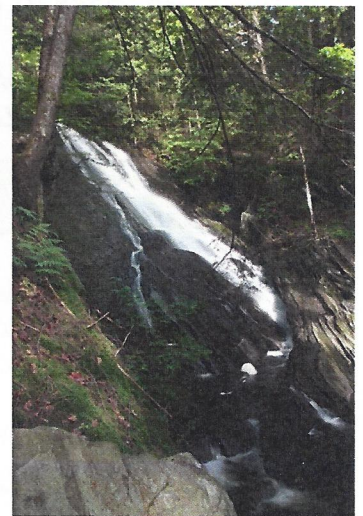
# Waterfalls, Gorges & Swimming Holes

## THUNDERING BROOK FALLS

Hike along a boardwalk and trail to the sixth tallest waterfall in Vermont. At high water it is a magnificent 140-foot cascade through a steep and narrow cataract.

The Appalachian Trail is marked by white-blazed trees and rocks all the way from Springer Mountain, Georgia to the mountain known as Katahdin in Maine. Along this route are hundreds upon hundreds of spur trails, often leading to marvelous natural features that cannot be seen from main trail. Thundering Brook Falls is one such diversion.

With a total drop of about 125 feet, these falls are undeniably fantastic. The principal waterfall here is the 80-foot lower falls, which horsetail above and past an observation deck elevated two stories above the brook. Do not overlook the 22-foot upper falls-also a horsetail-which is camera-friendly in any water conditions



**Address:** 2295 River Rd, Killington, VT 05751 (11 minute drive)

**Length:** 0.3 miles one way

**Surface:** Packed Earth/Dirt, Boardwalk/Bog Bridging

**Web Info:** <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/thundering-falls>

## QUECHEE GORGE



Some 13,000 years ago, during the Ice Age, Quechee, like most of our continent, was covered by a glacier. As the glacier receded from the ocean waters, the melting waters cut away the bedrock ridge that has become VT's most spectacular natural wonder, Quechee Gorge. Enjoy beautiful vistas 168 feet above the Ottaquechee River, have a picnic overlooking the falls or eat at the snack bar. Enjoy hiking or walking the trails along the mile-long chasm.

**Address:** 5966 Woodstock Road, Quechee, VT 05059 (43 minute drive)

**Length:** 1.5 mile network

**Surface:** Packed Earth/Dirt

**Web Info:** <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/quechee-state-park-trails>



## TEXAS FALLS



Texas Falls has long been a favorite Green Mountain National Forest attraction. Views are from a boardwalk trail. The best view is from the bridge that crosses the stream. From this view you will see two small plunges with a deep green-blue pool between them. Both plunges are of equal beauty, as they flow through a narrow ravine. Because of the beauty and the compactness of the gorge walls both sets of plunges look more like a flume rushing downstream.

**Address:** Hancock VT (just off route 125) (46 minute drive)

**Length:** 1 mile

**Surface:** Packed Earth/Dirt

**Web Info:** <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/texas-falls>

## WARREN FALLS

With pools of crystal clear water ranging in depth from 1 to 10 feet; Warren Falls' prehistoric boulders serve as diving platforms at heights for everyone to enjoy, making cliff jumping a true past-time.

**Address:** 3919 VT-100, Warren, VT 05674 (58 minute drive)

**Web Info:** <http://www.madrivervalley.com/listing/warren-falls>



## MOSS GLEN FALLS

Two of the most charming waterfalls in VT have the same name. There is Moss Glen Falls of Stowe, and there is Moss Glen Falls of Granville, a roadside attraction featured in nearly every photographic portrait of Vermont ever published.



This waterfall is a gorgeous horsetail with thin streams of water which choose their path down a slightly angled rock face. The falls start out by bubbling down over some short steps before spreading out to dance down into a light teal pool about 20 feet wide.

**Address:** Granville VT (50 minute drive)

**Length:** 0.2 miles

**Surface:** Packed Earth/Dirt, Gravel/Crushed Stone/Cinder, Boardwalk/Bog Bridging

**Web Info:** <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/granville-gulf-reservation>



## BUTTERMILK FALLS



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**Address:** Ludlow, VT (31 minute drive)

**Length:** 1.1 miles

**Web Info:** <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/vermont/buttermilk-falls-trail>

## BARTLETT FALLS

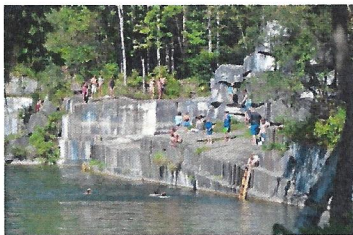
There are many extraordinary features of Bartlett Falls including a 40-foot wide, 120-foot long sparkling pool below the falls. With its inviting yellow-green waters, and depths ranging from ankle-deep to well over-your-head, this pool has been known to attract 500 people a day! The second is the falls themselves. A block-style falls, about 15 feet in height, drops over a broad overhanging ledge, creating a large alcove behind the falling water.



**Address:** 23-655 Lincoln Rd, Bristol, VT 05443 (1 hour, 22 minute drive)

**Web Info:** <http://discoverbristolvt.com/bartletts-falls/>

## DORSET QUARRY



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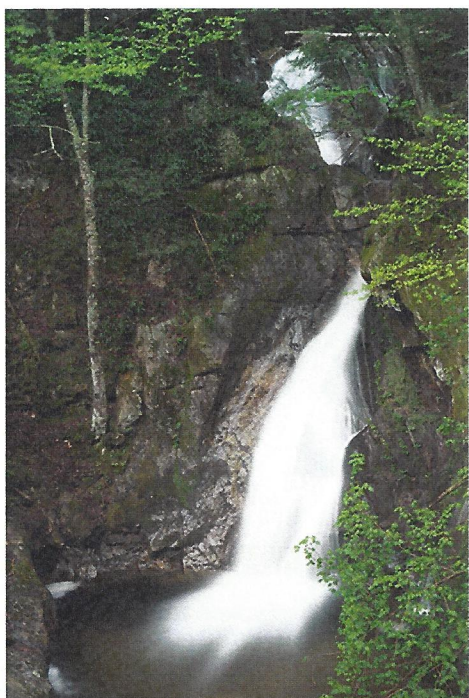
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**Address:** (1 hour, 9 minute drive)

**Web Info:** <https://roadtrippers.com/us/dorset-vt/attractions/dorset-marble-quarry>



## BULLY BROOK CASCADE



If you are up for an adventure and want your own little piece of unspoiled heaven, this is the hike and waterfall for you! The falls are split into two segments, and a giant pothole lies between them. The bottom portion of the falls drop 30-feet as a gorgeous angled-horsetail into a jelly-bean shaped deep pool. The falls are surrounded by towering 80-foot gorge walls that are almost completely vertical. The falls lie within the Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area, which is named after the well-liked former Vermont governor and senator.

There are several trails that stem from the parking area. To start, follow the blue-blazed Keewaydin Trail, which begins at the far end of the parking lot. After hiking for 75 feet, fork right and follow the trail as it ascends gradually. The brook will be on your left but is out of view most times. After 0.1 mile, the trail begins ascending steeply. After 0.4 mile, you should see the falls on the left through the trees about 150 feet away. A short, rough path leads to an improved viewpoint of the falls. Unfortunately, a moderately difficult

and steep scramble further down the ravine is required to earn the best view

**Address:** White Rocks Recreational Area, Wallingford (44 minute drive)

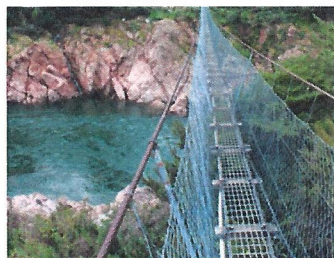
**Length:** 1.7 miles (not appropriate for children new to hiking)

**Surface:** Packed earth/dirt

**Web Info:** <https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/white-rocks>

<http://www.newenglandwaterfalls.com/vt-bullybrookcascade.html>

## CLARENDON GORGE (THE SWINGING BRIDGE)



What makes this waterfall special is the shaky public-use suspension bridge. This 30-foot long bridge resides directly above the small cascades that can be seen here within Clarendon Gorge.

Mill River offers at least three separate sections of falls and cascades worthy of mention. The upper falls are seen below the bridge along a combined section of the Long and Appalachian Trails.

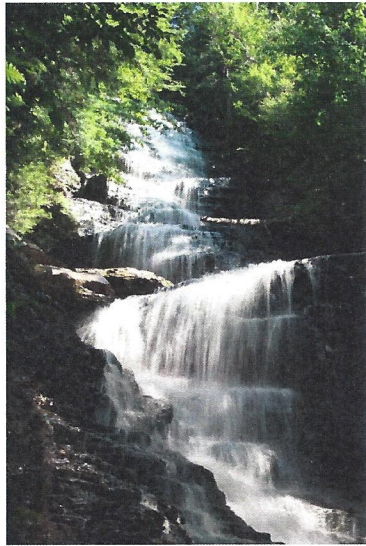
The lower falls thrashes through a tan-colored gorge. This gorge is a popular swimming hole with deep yellow/green pools. All 8 feet of the small cascades are best seen by walking down the many paths after you cross the bridge.

**Address:** Clarendon, VT (37 minute drive)

**Web Info:** <http://www.newenglandwaterfalls.com/vt-clarendongorge-lowerfalls.html>



## LYE BROOK FALLS



Lye Brook Falls is a steep, seasonal waterfall. Near the top of the waterfall, portions of the falls are somewhat hidden by rocks and trees. Sunlight penetrates this waterfall because of its western exposure. At the top there are larger step cascades that start out narrow and spread as the water finds its way down over the rock surfaces. About halfway down, most of the water condenses into a strong angular horsetail, while other trickles of water hop down the smaller steps alongside the horsetail.

The hike to the falls is an enjoyable one, as long as you are comfortable with a bit of a climb. Experts consider this as one of the great introductory family hikes you can take in the state.

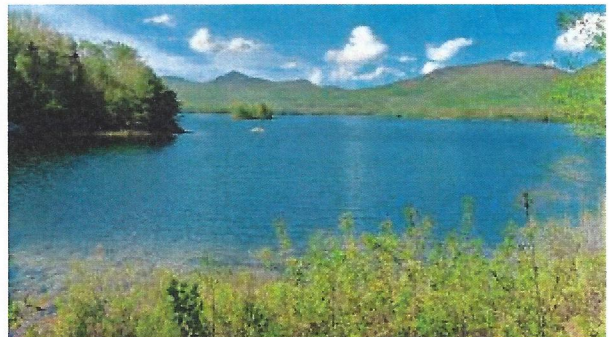
**Address:** Manchester, VT (1 hour, 4 minutes)

**Length:** 4.3 miles

**Web Info:** <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/vermont/lye-brook-falls-trail>

## CHITTENDEN RESERVOIR

Chittenden Reservoir is tucked away between Pittsford and Killington in a rural area surrounded by the Green Mountain National Forest. A favorite among outdoor enthusiasts, the reservoir is especially popular for canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Several miles of trails around the lake are used for cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, hiking and horseback riding. The area is also a haven for moose, bald eagles, loons, deer and ducks. It's a nice spot for exploring the outdoors any time of year.

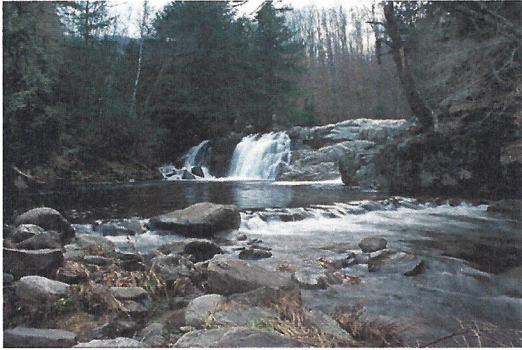


**Address:** 210-216 Dam Road, Chittenden (29 minute drive)

**Web Info:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chittenden,\\_Vermont](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chittenden,_Vermont)



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