Welcome to the Town of Whitingham and Jacksonville Village

We invite you to become acquainted with our beautiful, historic town by taking a tour to the Historic Markers that are dispersed throughout.

Start the tour at the Municipal Center, 2948 VT Route 100, Jacksonville • There is plenty of parking available, picnic tables and the first historic marker, titled "Municipal Center and North River Creamery". When you exit the parking lot turn right onto Vermont Route 100S; at the first intersection turn left onto Gates Pond Road. Just a short jaunt up the hill, at the dam, you'll find the "Mill Hill" marker 2. Next, head back down the hill. Note the historic buildings still on the hill including the North River Hall home to Stone Soldier Pottery. Along the river you may see glimpses of building foundations from the past. At the intersection of Gates Pond Road and VT Route 100 6 you will find the Jacksonville General Store, where you may stop in for sandwiches, drinks, snacks or their renowned fresh cuts of local meat. Next door is Spoonwood Cabin Cheese Shop and Wine Bar, featuring our village cheesemaker and sommelier, who are crafting local, organic, handmade cheese and offering the most diverse wine selection in the valley.

Site is a short "side trip" down VT Route 112 bringing you to Honora Winery and J'ville Brewery, where you can sample local brews and wines. Just beyond the winery, is our local gas station, First Stop, offering fuel, service and a convenience store. Continue your tour up the hill on VT Route 100S for approximately 2 miles. At the crest of the hill turn left onto Goodnow Road, continue straight to Town Hill Road. You will come to Town Hill Common, a lovely town park and ballfield with stunning views, a picnic area, playground and outdoor grilles. The "Town Hill" marker is here. If you look hard, you'll find the Brigham Young Monument.

Also on this site are stones indicating the site of the Capt. Winn House, the sesquicentennial (150 years) marker and the War Memorial Honor Rolls. After exploring what Town Hill has to offer and enjoying the beautiful views north and west, continue south down Town Hill Road, where you'll see Lake Sadawga, a body of water known for its great fishing and its floating island. Not long after you pass the boat launch area you will arrive at the intersection of VT Route 100, where you'll turn left. You will pass the Sadawga Dam (on left), Sawyer Mansion (on right) and come to the Whitingham Church on your left. At this intersection, turn left onto Stimpson Hill Road. In this area 60 you will find the "Green Mountain Hall" marker, the hall itself, which houses the Whitingham Historical Society and in the adjacent field, School House #9. Across from the church at the bottom of Stimpson Hill, you will find Whitingham Antiques and a post office. Nearby, you will also find the marker for "Brigham Young Birthplace".

If you want to take a quick swim, the Harriman Reservoir is just a few hundred yards down Route 100. Take your third right onto Brick House Road and the first left into the boat launch area . Just another quarter mile farther along Route 100 is a peninsula (if you reach Dam Road you've gone too far). There is parking, paddle boat launch facilities, trails, picnic areas and grilles . At the end of the peninsula is a great swimming spot! Now take a right out of the parking lot and your first right onto Dam Road and travel about 2 miles to see the Glory Hole , an unusual spillway shaped like a spectacularly large Morning Glory. In times of high water, it is amazing to witness, handling thousands of gallons of water.

To return to your car (if you left it at the Municipal Center), go back down Dam Road and turn left onto VT Route 100N and continue into Jacksonville, rounding the corner at Jacksonville Store, to the Municipal Center, a few buildings up on the left.

We hope you enjoyed this jaunt!

WHITINGHAM HISTORIC TOUR



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