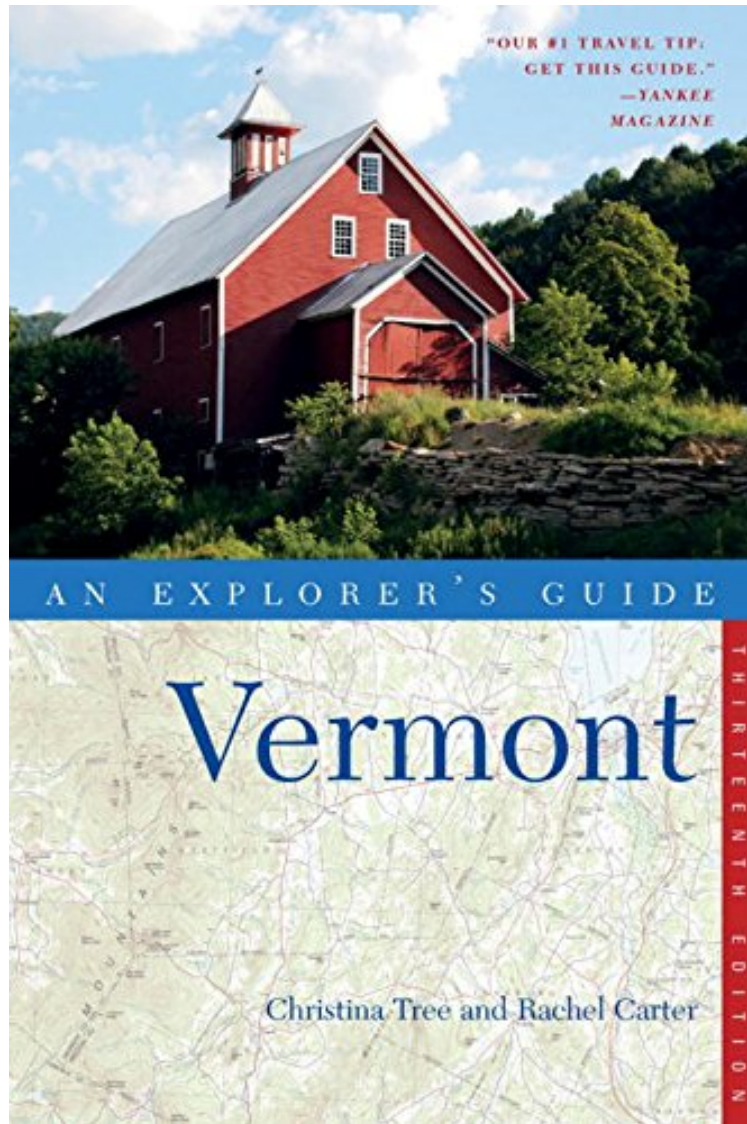


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Christina Tree, Rachel Carter : Explorer's Guide Vermont (Thirteenth Edition) (Explorer's Complete) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Explorer's Guide Vermont (Thirteenth Edition) (Explorer's Complete):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The West Virginia of the NorthBy Jon L AlbeeDon't misunderstand me. By comparing Vermont to West Virginia I'm suggesting the most complimentary aspects. Both states are

distinctively rural, covered with rolling green mountains and pastureland, populated with hospitable people, contain progressive small cities, and provide an enormous ensemble of outdoor activities and local craftsmanship. Both states have four magnificent seasons. Both were on the frontier of their respective colonies. Considering that this book is well-known as THE authority on Vermont travel, I was disappointed with the omissions and the general lack of quality I observed in the previous (12th) edition. I'm happy to report that this edition puts the Vermont guide right back on track. Listings are up to date, and the historical and cultural contexts have been enhanced. Everything you expect to be here is. The coverage of the state is particularly comprehensive, with all areas, from Bennington to the Northeast Kingdom, presented in fine detail. The listings for fine lodging locations are particularly good, as are the listings for local artisans such as cheese, beer, syrup, and craft makers. Lovers of historic architecture and covered bridges will appreciate the details provided herein. What makes this book really stand out, however, is that it captures what is truly unique about the state. It includes a good section on rural farm-stays, for example. It's relatively detailed concerning the many skiing options, and it has a nice radar for spotting interesting "counter-cultural" sites and locations. There simply isn't a better travel guide available to this small state. The number of reviews on this page from Vermont residents should prove the comprehensiveness and credibility of the book.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. In-depth guide book
By AKristi
This is a thick, comprehensive guide book with lots of info on scenic drives, dining and lodging, entertainment, local history, outdoor activities, and more. The maps are plentiful and very detailed - I found several small towns and villages in this book that aren't mentioned in other tour books. While this book isn't exactly what I needed to plan my Vermont vacation (I'm more interested in the quirky sites included in Moon's Vermont small-enough-to-fit-in-my-purse handbook), it's definitely a resource I'll keep around for future trips.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. detailed and comprehensive, but not enough guidance
By Joe the Critic
I can see why Vermont residents like this book so much -- it is very detailed and comprehensive. Everything is there, but you won't get find much in the way of ratings, reviews, or advice. It's a bit like the phone book, except that this one is for an entire state. There are no stars or other metrics to rate hotels or restaurants, and no recommendations of where to stay and what to avoid. Perhaps the authors didn't want to offend the locals. My other criticism is that there are no color photos, while the numerous black and white photos are small, badly printed, and not well photographed. All in all, not a bad guide book, but it could be better.

The definitive guide to the Green Mountain State Christina Tree and new coauthor Rachel Carter have more lovingly than ever updated the Explorer's Guide to Vermont, especially since floods in August 2011 caused by Tropical Storm Irene devastated so many of the communities, businesses, iconic covered bridges, and scenic backroads in the state. As these towns and storefronts rebuild, so have Tree and Carter This 13th edition of Explorers Guide Vermont reviews hundreds of dining and lodging options from the remote reaches of the Northeast Kingdom to quaint Manchester and bustling Burlington. The authors offer great recommendations for the most rewarding spots to visit artists studios, farmers markets, historic sites, and more and highlight the best biking, hiking, swimming, winter sports, horseback riding, fishing, and paddling. Enjoy four seasons of events and activities; whether you're a visitor or a resident, you've got to get this guide!

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