

Greater Burlington Tour

This tour will encompass a visit to the Joseph C. McNeil Station, a 50 MW wood-fired electrical generating station located in Burlington. McNeil Station has been in the forefront of developing and using sustainable biomass harvesting practices and is often cited as an example of “how to do it right.” You will see from the inside how the use of low-grade wood benefits woodland owners, electrical consumers, and the environment.

Our next stop will be at Dakin Farm in Ferrisburg. You’ll see how time-honored skills and century-old traditions combine with the most modern smokehouse facilities to produce ham, cheddar cheese, Pure Vermont Maple Syrup, and other specialty foods known the world over for their unique flavor and wholesome goodness. The Farm offers a very generous supply of free samples to whet your appetite.

Our last visit of the day will be to the Shelburne Museum where you can enjoy a box lunch provided before setting off on your self-guided tour. This is one of the nation's finest, most diverse, and unconventional museums of art and Americana. Over 150,000 works are exhibited in a remarkable setting of 39 exhibition buildings, 25 of which are historic and were relocated to the Museum grounds. Requires moderate walking.