

BENNINGTON FALL WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 9/24

1:00-7:00 pm / WELCOME & REGISTRATION / Flagpole

2:00-5:00 pm / OPEN OFFICES / The Barn

Have a question for Bennington staff? Our offices of Financial Aid, Student Life, Academic Services, and Career Development & Field Work Term are looking forward to meeting with you.

5:00-7:00 pm / DINNER ON YOUR OWN / Off-campus

Please take this opportunity to explore restaurants in North Bennington, Bennington, and the surrounding Southern Vermont area. Suggestions for local businesses are provided in the downtown guide.

7:00-8:30 pm / ROBERT FROST AND THE ROAD TO POETRY

Bennington Museum (off-campus) 75 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont

The Robert Frost Stone House Museum at Bennington College, in partnership with the Bennington Museum, presents an evening with *The New York Times* Book Review poetry critic David Orr, author of *The Road Not Taken*, *Finding America in the Poem that Everyone Loves and Almost Everyone Gets Wrong*.

SATURDAY 9/25

11:00 am-6:00 pm / WELCOME & REGISTRATION / Flagpole

11:00 am-2:00 pm / BRUNCH / Commons Dining Hall & Commons Tent

Dine alfresco with your student and enjoy a student favorite provided by Chef Steve Bohrer and the Dining Services team. \$12 per guest; may pre-register or pay at the door. As per the College's COVID-19 guidance, guests will go through the Dining Hall to get their meal, but must eat outdoors under the tents in front of Commons or on Commons Lawn.

1:00-2:15 pm / CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT LAURA WALKER AND COLLEGE LEADERSHIP / Commons Tent (Rain location: Greenwall)

Join President Laura Walker, Chair of the Board of Trustees Nicholas Stephens, Provost Maurice Hall, and Bennington's senior leadership for a Q&A.

2:00-5:00 pm / LAWN GAMES FOR STUDENTS / End of the World

Enjoy outdoor games amid the stunning autumn backdrop of the Green Mountains.

2:00-5:00 pm / CRAFTS FOR STUDENTS / Student Center

Bennington students are invited to get creative in this crafty afternoon event.

SATURDAY continued

2:30-4:00 pm / FACULTY WORKS / Commons Tent (Rain location: Greenwall)

Get a taste of a Bennington education through this variety of faculty presentations:

2:30-3:00 pm / **Drama/Improv Workshop** with faculty member **Dina Janis**

3:00-3:30 pm / **Mathematical Modeling** with faculty member **Kathryn Montovan**

3:30-4:00 pm / **Literary Reading** with faculty members **Paul LaFarge** and **Jenny Bouilly**

2:30-4:00 pm / ELIZABETH COLEMAN VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD / CAPA Symposium

Meet performer, healthcare clown, and Healthy Humor co-founder Deborah Kaufmann '74, the 2021 recipient of this award, which recognizes a distinguished member of the Bennington community whose innovative and inspirational leadership is advancing civic and cultural life and improving the lives of others.

3:30-4:30 pm / CAMPUS TOURS / Meet at Flagpole (for in-person option)

Choose your own Bennington adventure! Meet at the flagpole for guided tours from admissions staff and interns, or embark in a self-guided tour through Bennington's campus, using the provided signs and QR codes to dive into the Bennington experience.

3:30-4:30 pm / OPEN STUDIOS VISIT / VAPA

Use the map included in your packet to explore the variety of artforms shaped in VAPA during this self-guided tour! Artwork and works-in-progress will be happening throughout the building. In Martha Hill Dance Theater, enjoy videos of Dance student work in Martha Hill, and in Usdan Gallery, see an in-progress exhibition of alumni work from Senior Shows throughout the years.

3:30-4:30 pm / BENNINGTON BIRD WALK / Meet at Flagpole

Enjoy a leisurely stroll around campus to meet some of our favorite feathered friends and learn more about studying Biology at Bennington. *Binoculars will be provided.*

3:30-6:30 pm / PURPLE CARROT FARM WORKDAY / Purple Carrot Farm

Explore this student-led, experimental approach to small-scale agriculture. Tour the farm, and purchase fresh produce to bring a bit of Vermont home with you.

5:00-7:00 pm / HARVEST DINNER / Commons Dining Hall & Commons Tent

Share a meal with your student and savor the rich variety of local produce and offerings, as prepared by Chef Steve Bohrer and the Dining Services team. \$18 per guest; please pre-register and remember to bring the meal ticket included in your packet. As per the College's COVID-19 guidance, guests will go through the Dining Hall to get their meal, but must eat outdoors under the tents in front of Commons or on Commons Lawn.

SUNDAY 9/26 on back

Dive into these student-suggested itineraries to curate a full Sunday together. For even more ideas for fun local activities, browse the downtown guide included in your Fall Weekend packet.

TOP LOCAL HIKES

THE MILE AROUND WOODS / North Bennington, Vermont

The Mile-Around Woods is suitable for all skill levels, features beautiful views, and is comprised of a 19th century carriage road, multiple woodland trails, and fields that once belonged to a dairy farm until the early 20th century.

STRATTON MOUNTAIN / Stratton, Vermont

Stratton Mountain features various hikes for all skill levels on southern Vermont's highest peak, where the storied Long and Appalachian trails share a route.

LYE BROOK FALLS TRAIL / Manchester, Vermont

Located in the 15,680-acre Lye Brook Wilderness, a century ago railroads, charcoal kilns, and sawmills could be found here. Once heavily logged, the land has now returned back to its natural state.

LOCAL SHOPPING

APPLE BARN AND COUNTRY BAKESHOP / 604 US Rt 7S, Bennington, Vermont

The Apple Barn has been a family tradition for Southern Vermont households and the surrounding area for years. Try their baked goods and cider made from freshly picked apples from the farm. Open 8:30 am–4:30 pm.

THE VILLAGE CHOCOLATE SHOPPE / 471 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont

The Monty Family creates fresh chocolates, fudge, truffles, buttercrunch, and more in their candy kitchen. Once there, you can make the acquaintance of Benny and Molly, two moose crafted from 100 pounds of chocolate each. Open 12:00-5:00 pm.

NORTHSHIRE BOOKSTORE / 4869 Main Street, Manchester, Vermont

This large, 10,000 square foot general bookstore was founded in 1976 and has something for everyone. Visitors will also find an assortment of gifts, local Vermont goods, and a cafe within its walls. Open 10:00 am-7:00 pm.

HISTORY

BENNINGTON BATTLE MONUMENT / 15 Monument Circle, Old Bennington, Vermont

This monument is a 306-foot-high stone obelisk, completed in 1889, commemorating the 1777 Battle of Bennington during the American Revolutionary War. Visitors can glimpse long-range views from its observatory level at 200 feet. Open 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

HILDENE: THE LINCOLN FAMILY HOME / 1005 Hildene Road, Manchester, Vermont

Set on 400-acres, the historic estate of Robert Lincoln offers beautiful gardens, tours, a restored 1903 Pullman car, floating boardwalk paths, and a farm that produces excellent cheese. Open 10:00 am-4:30 pm.

ARTS & CULTURE

BENNINGTON MUSEUM / 75 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont

The Bennington Museum explores the culture of southern Vermont, eastern New York state, northwestern Massachusetts, and southern New Hampshire in all its forms, from the 18th century to the present. Open 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE / 225 South Street, Williamstown, Massachusetts

The Clark's collection features masterpieces of European and American painting, sculpture, and decorative arts from the Renaissance to the early 20th century. Advanced tickets are required and can be purchased at www.clarkart.edu. Open 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

MASSACHUSETTS MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (MASS MOCA)

1040 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Massachusetts

With vast galleries and a stunning collection of indoor and outdoor performing arts venues, MASS MoCA is one of the largest and liveliest centers for contemporary art in the United States. Bennington students get in for free with their Bennington ID! Advanced tickets are recommended and can be purchased at www.massmoca.org. Open 10:00 am–5:00 pm.

ROBERT FROST STONE HOUSE MUSEUM & POETRY TRAIL

2121 Vermont Rt 7A, Shaftsbury, Vermont

Stewarded by Bennington College, this is a literary landmark where Frost resided from 1920 to 1929, during which time he composed "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." A walking trail encircles the property, spotted with signs featuring his poetry along the way. Open 10:00 am–4:00 pm.

APPLE PICKING

TERRY'S ORCHARD / 55 Houghton Lane, Bennington, Vermont

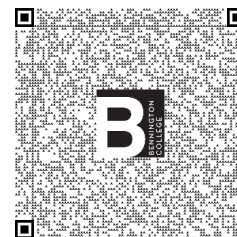
Terry's Orchard has been in continuous cultivation since 1776. Its founders, the Harwood family, developed the orchard and accompanying cider business as a family operation, continuing through four generations for 182 years. Open 9:00 am–5:00 pm.

FALL FOLIAGE DRIVES

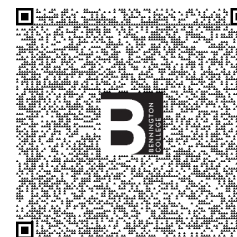
Enjoy one of these colorful Sunday drives around the countryside. Scan the QR codes below to load the routes in Google Maps.



**BENNINGTON AND
SHAFTSBURY LOOP**
20 miles



**KELLY STAND ROAD
TO GROUT POND**
64 miles



**THE ROUTE 7A
ROUTE 100 LOOP**
102 miles