

A Suggestion for Summertime Adventuring

VERMONT'S 251 CLUB

With summer soon approaching many of you are probably dreaming of spending more time outside. If you are unfamiliar with Vermont's 251 Club, summer vacation is a good time to get to know what it is and maybe even get involved.

The 251 Club is for people who love Vermont and want to learn more about it by visiting various areas of the state. The club gets its name from the 251* towns and cities in Vermont a member tries to visit. And when they say visit, that is exactly what they mean. Driving through a town and checking it off your list doesn't count. After all, you can't get to know a place from your car. You should get out and talk to a resident, have a picnic lunch, or take a walk. Do whatever you can to make Wolcott or Grafton or Sudbury or whatever other place you are visiting stick in your memory.

The 251 Club does not require proof of a member's travels. It is enough that they have visited and enjoyed some part of Vermont. However, it may be fun for you to document your travels. Keep a journal of your adventures. Press a flower from your trip to Pomfret or some other place. Mark the places you have visited on a road map.

Take photographs. Some members have an interesting way of keeping track of where they have been. They mail themselves a post card from every town or city they have visited. The post mark on the card is their record of where they have been and when.

Membership in the 251 Club is open to anyone regardless of age. In fact, one of the club's active members a few years ago was a teenager from Barre who visited many of the 251 cities and towns in the state on his bicycle!

If you are interested in joining people from all over the United States and Canada who share a love for the Green Mountain state and want to learn more about it, membership in the 251 Club might be just right for you.

*There are actually 255 communities in Vermont: 237 towns, 9 cities, 3 townships, 3 gores, 2 unorganized towns, and 1 grant. The club does not include either grants or gores in its total giving us the 251 that the club uses for its name.

