

Charlotte Land Trust



summer scavenger hunt

explore the conserved farms and open spaces of Charlotte

The Charlotte Land Trust works to conserve the natural and agricultural lands of Charlotte for present and future generations. Have fun with this scavenger hunt and experience first hand some of the benefits of conservation around town.

Complete at least 5 of the 15 activities listed below between July 4th and August 4th to be entered into a raffle. Send an email to charlottelandtrust@gmail.com to let us know what activities you completed and what you learned.

We will choose two lucky winners to receive a Charlotte Land Trust hat, berries and flowers from Adam's Berry Farm and a \$10 gift card to the Old Brick Store.

*Visit a farmstand
in Charlotte*

*Can you find a
fruit or vegetable
that's new to
you?*

*Hike Raven's
Ridge*

*Visit the rock
outcropping
called
"The Oven"*

*Take a trip to
Philo Ridge Farm*

*They have a
unique breed of
cows. Do you
know what it is?*

*Visit Charlotte
Park and
Wildlife Refuge*

*What kind of
birds do you see
and hear?*

*Visit Adam's Berry
Farm*

*Can you find Mt.
Philo, Mt. Abe and
the Adirondacks
Stay for berry
picking and
popsicles*

*Go to
Clemmon's
Family Farm for
one of their
summer events*

*Take a walk
through Williams
Woods*

*Find a Shagbark
Hickory Tree*

*Walk the Town
Link Trail from
State Park Rd and
Rt 7.*

*What crop do
you see there?*

*Count the cows at
Grass Cattle Co.*

*How many do you
see? Do they look
different than the
cows at Philo
Ridge?*

*Visit Sweet Roots
Farm and find the
special place to
take your picture*

*Were you a
blueberry or
sunflower?*

*Make a pancake
breakfast*

*What did you
make?
What was grown in
Charlotte?*

*Ask a librarian to
help you find out
how many dairy
farms are in
Charlotte.*

*How many were
there 10 years ago?
20 years ago?*

*Pack a picnic
and take the trail
up to Head Over
Fields' picnic
perch.*

*Can you see the
lake?*

*On your summer
adventures, can you
spot any round bales
or square bales in
the fields of
Charlotte? Where
are they and what
do you notice?*

*Can you make a
Charlotte burger?*

*How many
ingredients does
your burger have
from farms and
food producers in
Charlotte?*

Hints & Facts for Your Hunt

Farmstands: Visit <https://www.charlottegrange.org/the-charlotte-farm-map> for a map of Charlotte farms. The Grange is a national group started in 1867 to promote agriculture and rural communities. Charlotte has a Grange located on Spear Street across from Spear's store.

Raven Ridge: This wild area on the border of Monkton and Hinesburg has calcareous cliffs, outcrops and caves, vernal pools, shrub swamps, cattail marshes, seeps, plus streams like Lewis Creek.

Philo Ridge Farm: Belted Galloways, a Scottish breed of beef cattle known for a white band across their body, dot the fields of this farm. They have a shaggy double coat that protects them from the cold.

Charlotte Park & Wildlife Refuge: This park has 290 acres of early successional woodlands, meadows and pastures that provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. Birds you might see and hear include warblers, vireos, kestrels and hawks.

Adam's Berry Farm: Besides fantastic views this farm has 15 acres of blueberries and grows 25 varieties which all taste and look different. Be sure to ask which variety you picked.

Clemmons Family Farm: One of the largest African American owned farms in VT, this is one of 22 museums, cultural sites and historical markers on Vermont's African American Heritage Trail.

Williams Woods: An easy 1.2-mile trail loops through a rare clayplain forest. The shagbark hickory, with its shaggy, peeling bark can grow up to 100 feet tall. Its timber is prized for making tool handles, athletic equipment and furniture.

Town Link Trail: This trail connects Mount Philo with the co-housing development off Greenbush Road. The goal for the trail is to eventually extend from the town beach to the east village. The crop you'll find is related to Vermont's growing wine industry.

Grass Cattle Company: Two types of cattle—Angus and American Wagyu—rotate between this farm's pastures many times a week in order to keep the grasses and soil healthy and fertile.

Sweet Roots Farm: Formerly known as the Charlotte Berry Farm, this farm has been run by Jane and Dan MacLean since 2021. Besides berries they now also grow vegetables.

Pancakes: You may be able to find ALL of the ingredients for a locally grown pancake breakfast. Flour, eggs, berries, maple syrup, milk and bacon are available from our local farms. Check farmstands, Old Brick Store, Spear's Store and Shelburne Market.

Dairy: Visit the library to help you do some research into dairy farms in Vermont. Dairy was once the predominant type of farming in town. Today there is only one dairy farm in Charlotte - in 2017 there were 11 dairy farms in Charlotte.

Head Over Fields: This farm's picnic spot has views of Lake Champlain. You may also spot Dylan Preston's cows. Similar to this farm, Dylan purchased his 101 acre farm at Guinea and One Mile roads with the help of the Charlotte Land Trust.

Hay Bales: Many fields around town grow hay and forage crops. Square hay bales are often used for horses, goats and other small ruminants while round bales are used to feed cows.

Burgers: You may need to bake your own buns, but otherwise an all local burger including meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion should be easy to source. Do you like mayonnaise? Try making it with local eggs.

