



Meet In Vermont - It's in Our Nature!

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Matt Lauer stated on the Feb. 21 live broadcast of NBC's Today Show from Sugarbush, Vermont, that "Vermont tops the list of the country's greenest states with lower carbon dioxide emissions and more money spent per person on energy efficiency than anywhere else." Vermont Convention Bureau members embrace this lifestyle and run their businesses with many unique green initiatives. Here's a spotlight on a few!

Woodstock Inn & Resort:

The Woodstock Inn & Resort's environmental vision was first fostered by founder, Laurence Spellman Rockefeller, who was a pioneer in restoring landscapes. The Woodstock Inn & Resort is working towards certification from Green Hotels in the Green Mountain State and has a number of green practices, including utilizing green cleaning products, installing water saving shower heads and toilets, energy efficient lighting and a wide ranging recycling program. The resort's four-diamond culinary team supports local food suppliers and farmers by procuring locally produced products. Guest room amenities and gifts are produced by local companies Thistle Hill Soap and Simon Pearce Glass. For more information: www.woodstockinn.com.

Smugglers Notch Resort:

Smugglers Notch Resort, famous for their family programs in winter, summer and fall, has been recognized by SKI Magazine, Family Fun Magazine and Conde Nast Traveler, among others. The resort offers many environmental stewardship policies such as wildlife and habitat protection, energy efficiency, recycling, water quality and conservation. In addition, their unique guest programming includes a walking tour of the resort's storm water control ponds and rain garden to illustrate how storm water runoff is controlled and used to water plants. Guests receive information they can use at home. Other guest programs offered are "Where's the Bear?" and "Our Forest Heritage", which address habitat issues and the Vermont environment. For more information: www.smuggs.com.

Inn at Round Barn Farm:



The Inn at the Round Barn Farm, a perfect example of green living, was once a working dairy farm and is now a beautifully restored inn hosting weddings, business meetings and social events. The inn is certified as a Green Hotel in the Green Mountain State. Look for their Green Wedding Tips on their website; many of these ideas can be used for green meetings as well. The Inn was featured on CBS News in a Green Wedding Special. For more information: www.theroundbarn.com.

Courtyard Burlington Harbor:

The new Courtyard Burlington Harbor by Marriott on the Burlington Waterfront has established environmental awareness and conservation as a way of life in the operation of the hotel. Waterless urinals each save 40,000 gallons of water per year and the hotel's linen re-use option saves thousands of gallons of water each month while producing considerable energy savings. The hotel's comprehensive recycling program reduces its contribution

to the waste stream by at least 30%. For more information:
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/btvd-t-courtyard-burlington-harbor/>

To view the rest of the Vermont Convention Bureau's green members, please click here:

<http://www.vermontmeetings.com/Vermont/greenmeeting.asp>

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