

The Shires of Vermont Byway is named for the scenic region it passes through from Vermont's southern border with Massachusetts to its northern point where it intersects with the Stone Valley Byway in the heart of Manchester. This ribbon of road, US Route 7 from Pownal to Bennington, and VT Historic Route 7A from Bennington to Manchester, is the historic stretch that has connected the communities of the north shire and south shire for centuries. Historically, a "shire town" was a county seat otherwise known as the governmental center of the county.



The new Shires of Vermont Byway links the existing Molly Stark Byway (Route 9, in the Southshire) and the Stone Valley Byway (Route 30, in the Northshire), to afford travelers a complete route through our region and is part of an almost complete circuit of byways across the entire state.

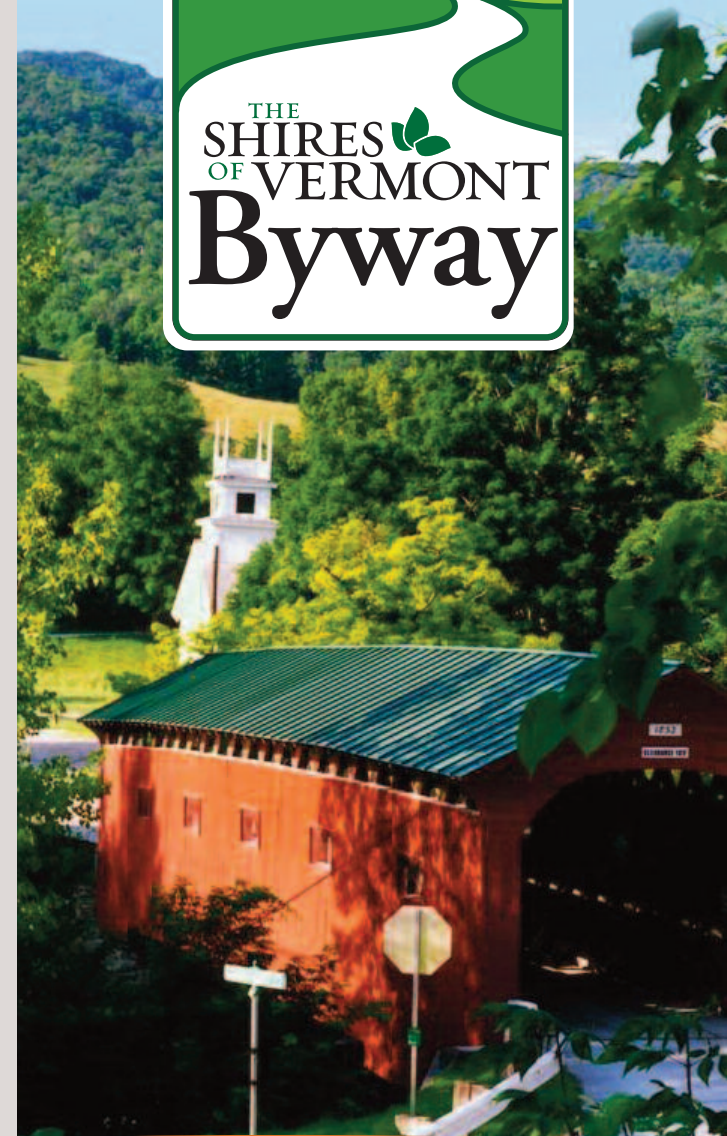
The Shires of Vermont Byway winds its way from south to north through the scenic towns of Pownal, Bennington, North Bennington Village, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester Village and Manchester Center for approximately 75 miles including side trips.

The people of The Shires of Vermont Byway's region are grateful to live in and share with others the abundant recreational resources, proud agricultural heritage, rich arts and culture community and robust entrepreneurial spirit evident there. The same region that the likes of Green Mountain Boy's leader, Ethan Allen; presidential son, Robert Todd Lincoln; writer, Dorothy Canfield Fisher; illustrator, Norman Rockwell; poet, Robert Frost, and many others called home, now beckons to byway travelers to discover.

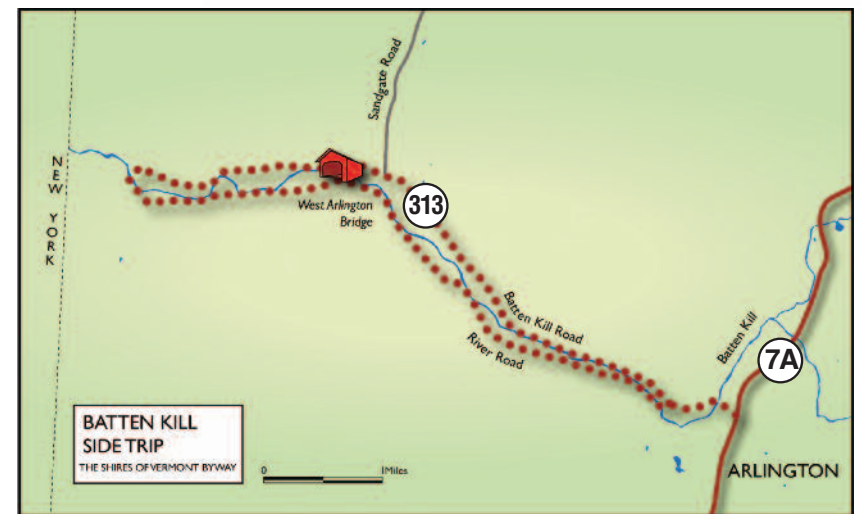
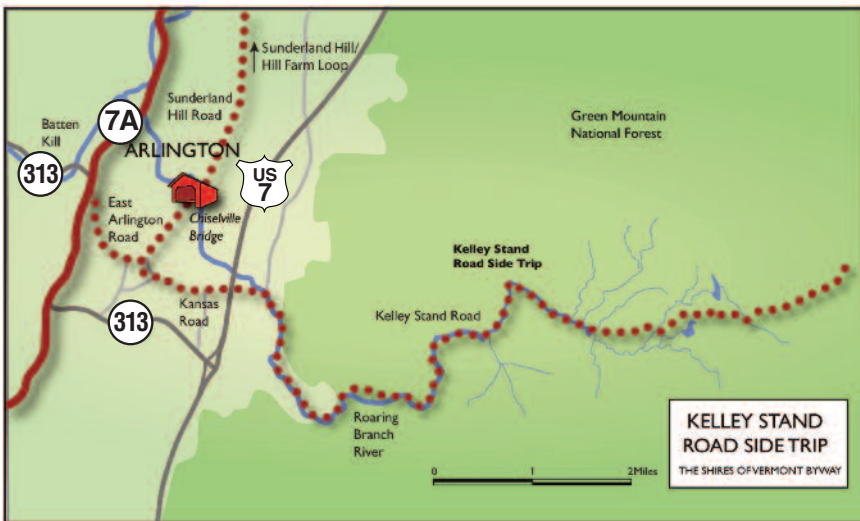
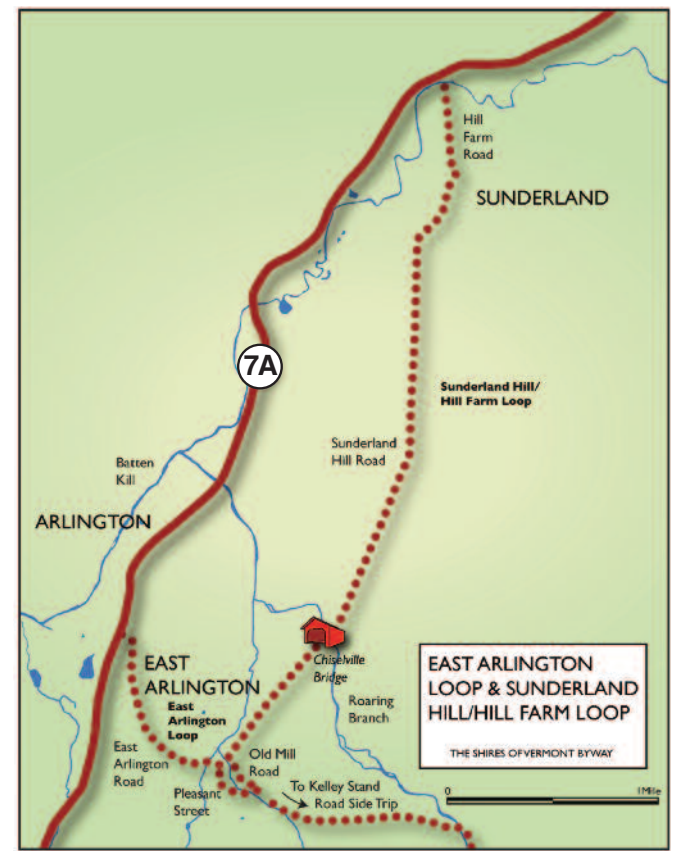
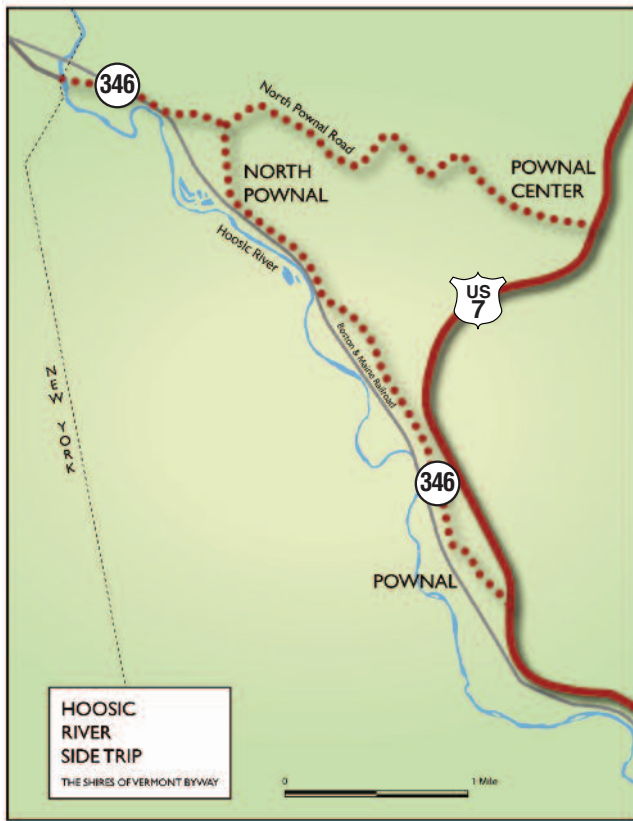
To learn more about Vermont Byways, visit [www.vermont-byways.us](http://www.vermont-byways.us)



## Driving Tours







**NOTE:** Kelley Stand access may be limited due to road washout from Tropical Storm Irene. Connection to Long Trail and Grout Pond not expected until 2013.

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