

Vermont Covered Bridge Tour

Back by popular demand is the Vermont Covered Bridge Tour. This tour was started several years ago by Mike Hendy, and is being redone to give newer members an opportunity to take part and to give earlier participants who did not complete the tour an opportunity to finish. Mike has a limited supply of pins to be awarded to those who complete the tour, available until the supply runs out. Since this was run as a "chapter fund raiser" if you have not already made one, a five dollar (\$5) donation is required to take part.

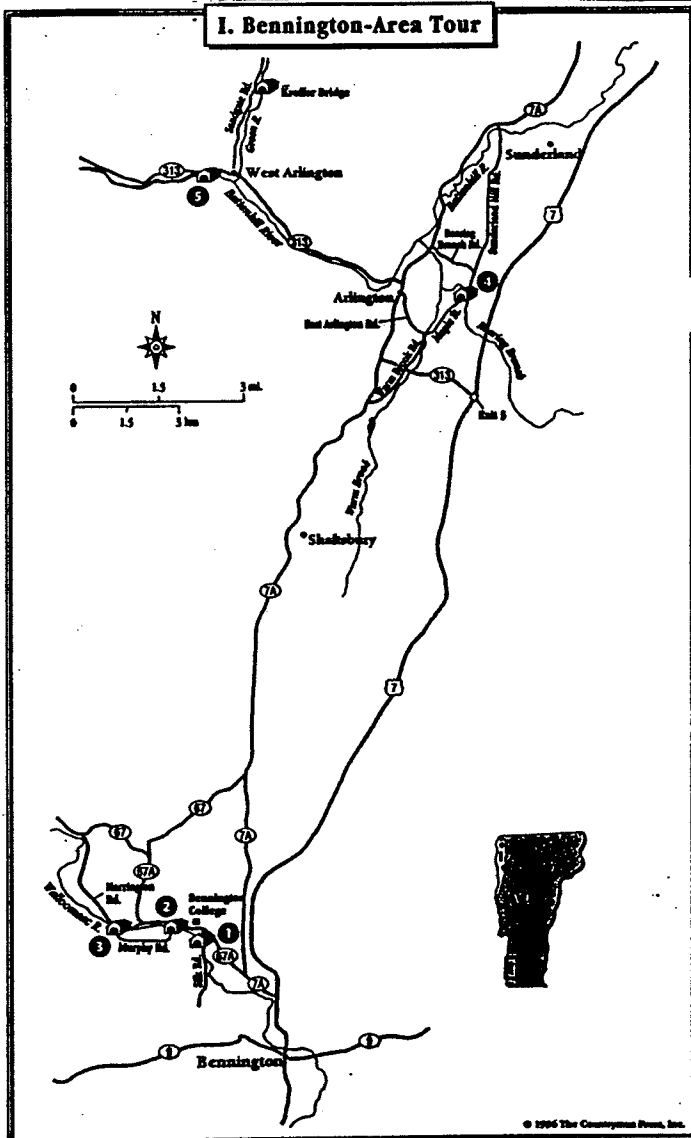
Using *Covered Bridges of Vermont* by Ed Barna as a source, Vermont has 106 covered bridges, including those shared with New Hampshire and those built according to historical principles in the modern era. Using this book as a reference, included in the tour package is a brief description of how to find each bridge. Each bridge visit should be documented by as simple a thing as keeping a record of time and date for each bridge, or more recommended, by a photograph of each bridge including your bike when possible. A third suggestion, my choice, is to carry a video recorder to capture the image of each bridge and its surroundings.

As a second part to this tour, the "1999 Challenge" is to find as many covered bridges as you can that are not included in this list. Include the name of the bridge if applicable, the town, the road it is on or near, and a brief description, approximate size, color, water way it crosses.

Since most of Vermont's covered bridges are not on the state highways, this tour will get you off the main roads and allow you to pause and enjoy the beauty that is rural Vermont. So get out

there and **Cross Some New Bridges**

I. Bennington-Area Tour



1 Bennington Area

1. **SILK BRIDGE**; junction of rte 7A & 67A. Go west 1 mile turn left onto Silk Road. Bridge is 0.2 miles south of 67A.

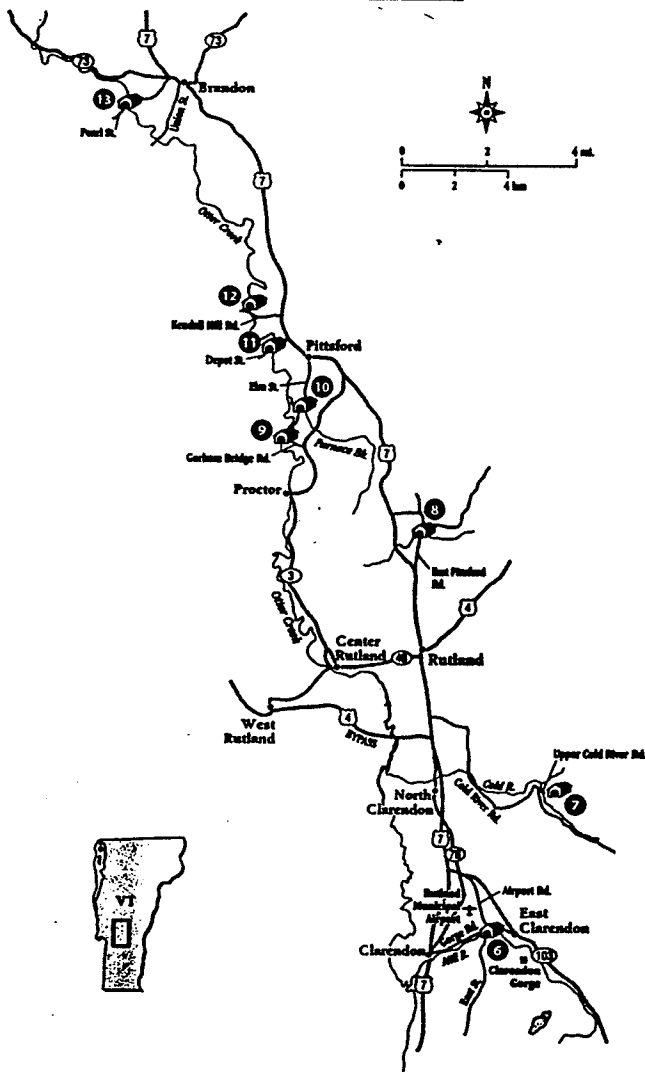
2. **PAPER MILL VILLAGE BRIDGE**; junction of 7A & 67A, go 1.4 miles on 67A to Murphy Road. The bridge is visible to the south-left-side of 67A.

3. **HENRY BRIDGE**; junction of 7A & 67A go 2.1 miles on 67A to where it turns north at a four way intersection. Take the southerly road, Harrington Road, 0.5 miles to Murphy Road and the bridge.

4. **CHISELVILLE BRIDGE**; from rte 7 go west 1.3 miles from exit 3 on rte 313, then at a 4 way intersection turn right on Warm Brook Road. Continue 0.6 miles until the road ends at a t-intersection with East Arlington Road. Go right on that road, the bridge is 1 mile from intersection.

5. **WEST ARLINGTON BRIDGE**; from intersectoin of 7A and 313, take 313 4.2 miles bridge is in plain sight on south side.

II. Rutland-Area Tour



2 Rutland Area

6. **KINGSLEY BRIDGE**; from intersection of 7 & 103 south of Rutland, go east on 103 for 0.3 miles turn right on Airport Road. Travel 1.4 miles to intersection of Gorge Road, turn right, bridge is 0.1 mile away.

7. **BROWN BRIDGE**; intersection 7 & 4 bypass go north on 7 0.8, turn east on Cold Road 0.8 mile watch for a shed about 8 feet from the road on the right, this used to be a bridge

9. **GORHAM BRIDGE**; from intersection of 7 & 3 go south on 3 1.9 miles turn right on to Gorham Bridge Road 0.5 mile to bridge.

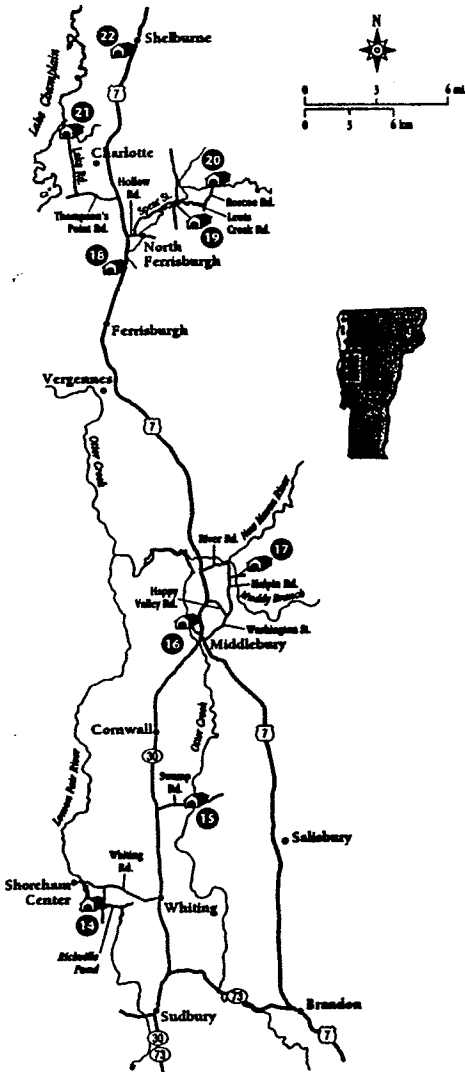
10. **COOLEY BRIDGE**; from intersection of 7 & 3 go north on 7 1 mile turn left onto Elm Street (Bridge Street). Bridge is 1.2 miles south on Elm.

11. **DEPOT BRIDGE**; heading north out of Pittsford on 7 from the yellow brick Walker Memorial Library go 0.2 mile to Depot Road on the left. The bridge is 0.7 mile

12. **HAMMOND BRIDGE**; from the Walker Memorial Library on 7 in Pittsford, go 1.1 miles north to Kendal Hill Road, known as "the truck route" turn left, go 0.3 mile

13. **SANDERSON BRIDGE**; from intersection of 7 & 73 west, go south on Pearl Street, continue to the right when road forks after crossing railroad tracks, bridge is 1.3 miles from 7.

III. Lake Champlain Valley Tour



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14. SHOREHAM COVERED RAILROAD BRIDGE;from the northerly intersection of 30 & 73 go north on 30 for 2.7 miles, turn left (west) onto Shoreham Road for 2.8 miles turn left on to East Shoreham Road(south), go 0.7 mile to the Fish & Wildlife Access Area.

15. CORNWALL-SALSBURY BRIDGE;form Cornwall go south on 30, 3.9 miles from Cornwall fire station, to Swamp Road, go left (east) 1.8 miles to bridge.

16. PULP MILL BRIDGE;from intersection of 7 & 125 go north on 7 for 0.3 mile,turn left on Elm Street 0.2 mile to T-intersection, go right on Seymour Street 0.6 mile to bridge.

17. HALPIN BRIDGE;from downtown Middlebury,go roughly northeast from Court Square traffic rotary on Washington Street 0.3 mile to a 5 way intersection, go straight across to Washington Street Extension, at 1.1 miles turn left onto Halpin Road. Go 1.5 miles turn right,still Halpin Road, go .25 mile to bridge.

18. SPADE FARM BRIDGE;unaccessible approx. 100 feet west of 7 in North Ferrisburgh 1.1 miles north of Rokeby historical marker.

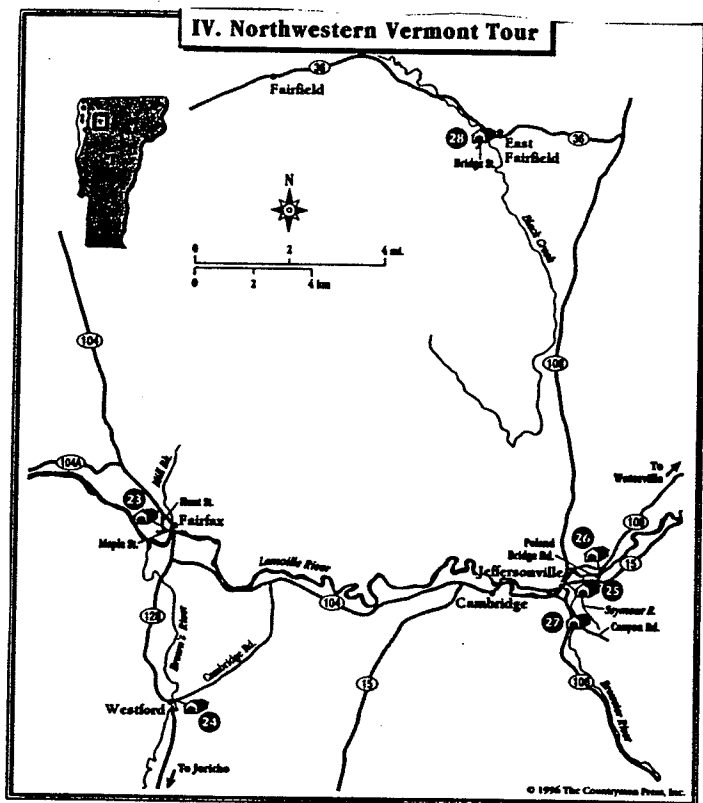
19. QUINLAN BRIDGE;from rte 7 in North Ferrisburgh go right onto Hollow Road at the crossroads where the North Ferrisburgh Post Office is on the southwest corner. Go 0.3 mile, turn left onto Mount Philo Road, go 0.5 mile then bear right onto Spear Street Extension,go 2.5 miles to bridge.

20. SEQUIN BRIDGE;from rte 7 go to and trough Quilan Bridge,. At the intersection immediately after bridge go left on Lewis Creek Road. Go 1.6 miles to T-intersection with Roscoe Road. Turn left and go 1.1 miles to bridge.

21. HOLMES OR HOLMES CREEK BRIDGE;from rte 7 in Charlotte go west on rte F5 (known as Ferry Road) 1.3 miles to Lake Road. Turn right onto Lake Road,1.8 miles to bridge.

22. SHELBURNE MESEUM BRIDGE;rte 7 in the village of Shelburne

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23. **MAPLE STREET BRIDGE**; from center of Fairfax village go west on Bridge Street 0.2 mile to bridge. When leaving go trough bridge turn right onto Hunt Street back to 104.

24. **BROWNS RIVER BRIDGE**; from Westford village take Cambridge Road 0.2 mile to bridge

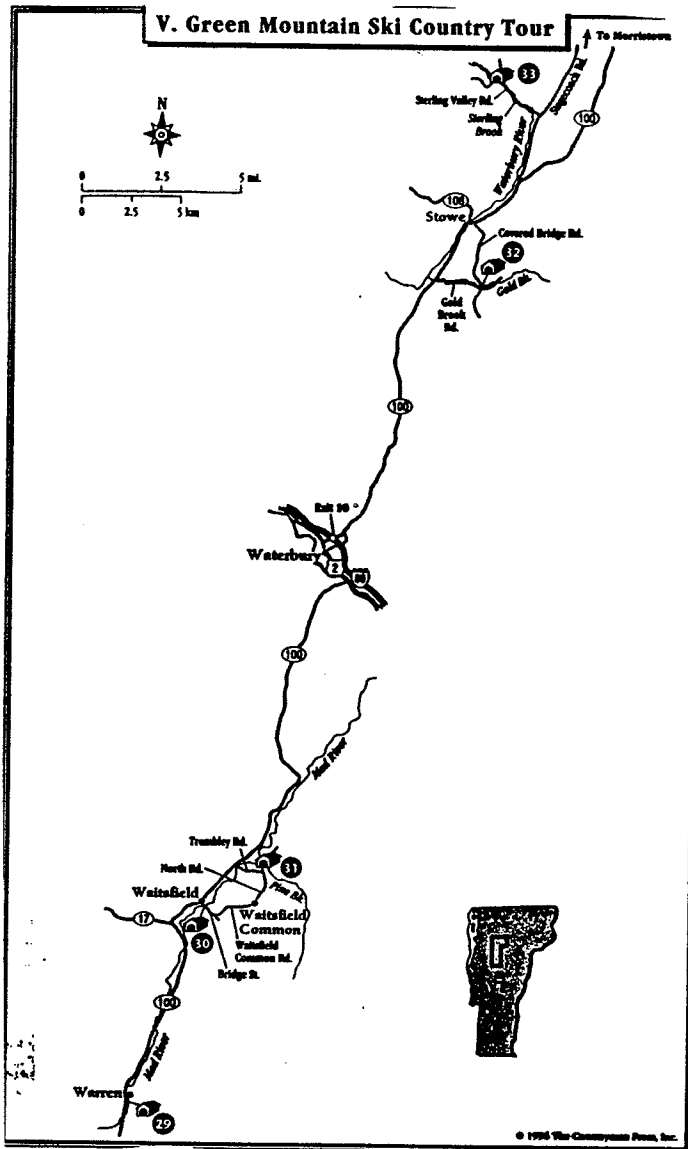
25. **GATES FARM BRIDGE**; form the east end of Cambridge village on rte 15 the bridge is in a field on the right.

26. **POLAND BRIDGE**; from intersection of 15 & 108 east, go north on 15 0.6 mile turn left onto JCT. RD TH23. Bridge is just beyond railroad tracks.

27. **SCOTT BRIDGE**; from rte 15 in Jeff go south on 108 0.5 mile, turn left onto Canyon Road, 0.1 mile to bridge.

28. **EAST FAIRFIELD BRIDGE**; from intersection of 108 & 36 go west on 36 for 3.2 miles, turn left onto Bridge Street, 0.1 mile to bridge.

V. Green Mountain Ski Country Tour



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29. WARREN BRIDGE; from intersection of 100 & 17 go south on 100 for 4.8 miles, turn left onto Main Street, go 0.4 mile to bridge.

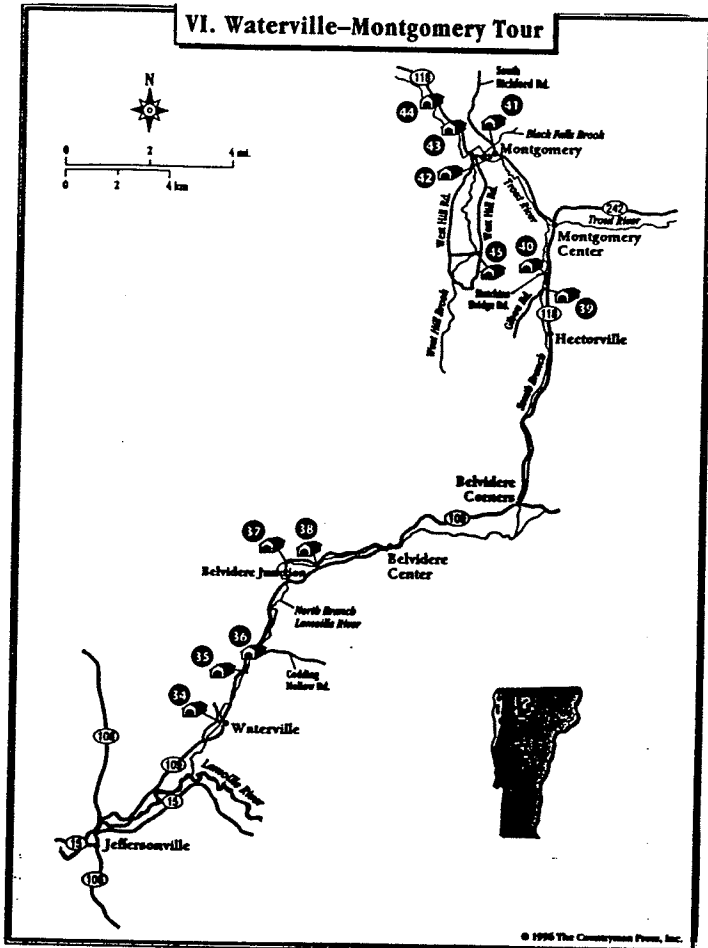
30. VILLAGE BRIDGE; from intersection of 100 & 17 go north on 100 for 1 mile, turn right onto Bridge Street, 0.1 mile to bridge.

31. PINE BROOK BRIDGE; from intersection of 100 & 17 go north on 100 for 1.8 miles, turn right onto Trembley Road. When Trembley Road comes to a T on North Road 0.3 mile to bridge.

32. EMILY'S BRIDGE; from intersection of 100 & 108 in Stowe go south on 100 for 1.8 miles, turn left onto Gold Brook Road. At 0.3 mile (4 way inter.) Go left staying on Gold Brook Road for 1.0 mile at another 4 way intersection Bridge is immediately to the left on Covered Bridge Road.

33. RED BRIDGE; from intersection of 100 & 108 go north on 100 1.8 miles, turn left onto Stagecoach Road. Go 0.7 mile, turn left onto Sterling Valley Road, go 1.6 miles to bridge.

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34. **CHURCH STREET BRIDGE**; from intersection of 108 & 109 take 109 for 4.3 miles, take the street to the left 0.1 mile to bridge

35. **MONTGOMERY BRIDGE**; take 109 north to Waterville. The bridge is just to the east of highway, 1.2 miles north of Waterville town hall.

36. **CODDING or KISSIN' BRIDGE**; from the Montgomery Bridge in Waterville, go 0.5 mile north on 109, then turn right on Coddington Hollow Road, 0.1 mile to bridge.

37. **MILL BRIDGE**; on 109 heading north from Waterville, go 1.5 miles from the Waterville Elementary School, turn left and go 0.5 mile to bridge.

38. **MORGAN BRIDGE**; from the intersection of the road to Mill Bridge and 109, continue north 0.9 mile on route 109, then take a road to the left to the bridge.

39. **GIBOU ROAD BRIDGE**; from intersection of 109 & 118 take rte 118 north 6.4 miles, turn left onto Gibou Road 0.1 mile to bridge.

40. **HUTCHINS BRIDGE**; from the intersection of Gibou Road & 109 go

north on 109 for 0.4 mile, turn left onto Hutchins Bridge Road, 0.2 mile to bridge.

41. **FULLER BRIDGE**; from the intersection of 118 & 242 take 118 north 2.3 miles to where the main highway swings to the left go straight ahead on South Richford Road 0.1 mile to bridge.

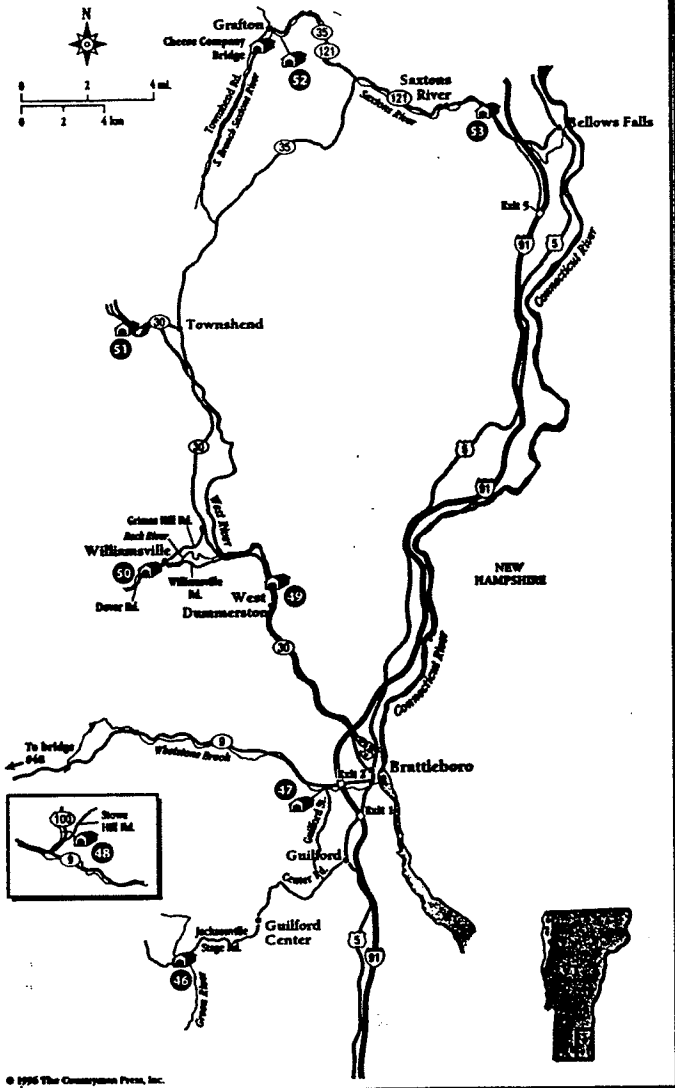
42. **COMSTOCK BRIDGE**; the bridge is about halfway along Comstock Road, which forms a loop connecting twice with 118 on the west end of Montgomery village.

43. **LONGLEY BRIDGE**; from Montgomery town green go 1.1 miles west on 118, the bridge is on the left.

44. **HOPKINS BRIDGE**; from Longley Bridge go 1.4 miles west on 118 bridge is in plain view on the left.

45. **CREAMERY BRIDGE**; on rte 118 about half a mile west of the main intersection in Montgomery, there are three concrete and steel bridges in a row, very close to each other. Two roads go south from rte 118, one between the first and second modern bridges, the other between the second and third bridges. Take the second road, town highway 11. Go 2.6 miles to an intersection and turn left (Creamery Bridge Road). This abandoned road gets worse and worse, so don't go too far. About 0.7 miles there is a good parking area before the road goes downhill. The bridge is a short walk away along the road.

VII. Brattleboro-Area Tour



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46. **GREEN RIVER BRIDGE**; from rte 5 in Guilford, take the Guilford Center Road southwest about 4 miles to Guilford Center, then another 0.6 miles south to a fork. Take the road to the right, Jacksonville Stage Road, another 2.4 miles to the bridge.

47. **CREAMERY BRIDGE**; from exit 2 on I-91, take route 9 west a little more than 0.3 mile and the bridge will be close to the highway on the left.

48. **HIGH MOWING FARM BRIDGE** from the intersection of 100 & 9 take rte 100 north 0.5 mile to where Stowe Hill Road angles off to the right. Go about 1.2 miles and the bridge should be visible in the fields to the south.

49. **WEST DUMMERSTON BRIDGE**; from the intersection of 5 & 30 take rte 30 north for 7 miles. Bridge is next to rte 30.

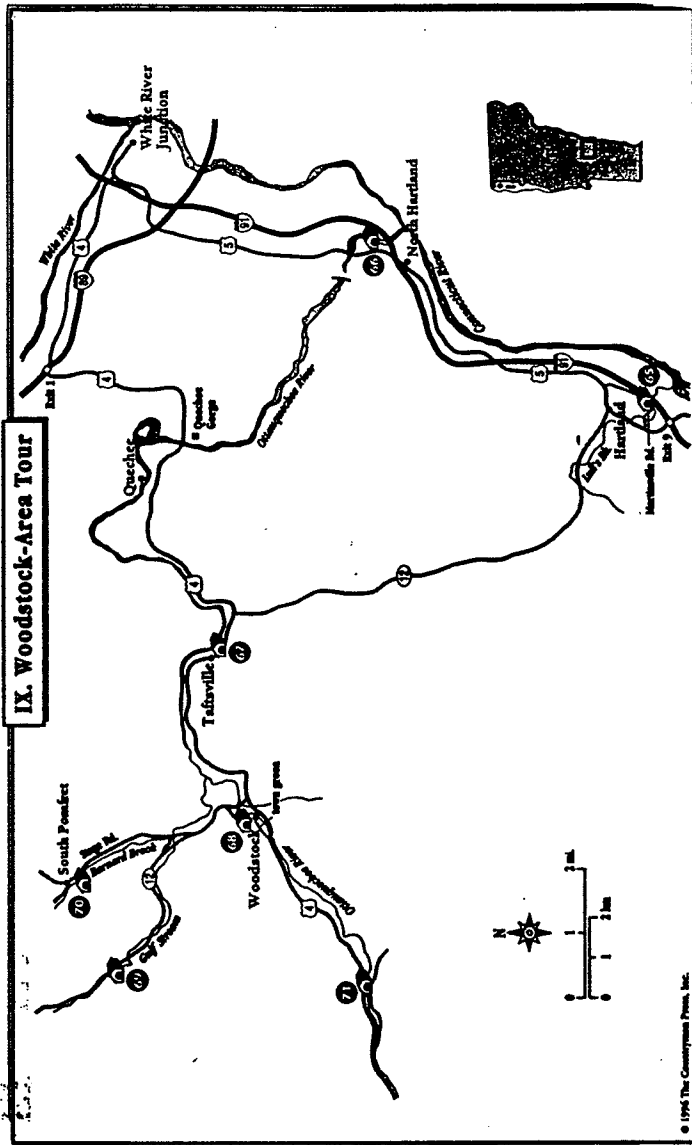
50. **WILLIAMSVILLE BRIDGE**; go north on rte 30 past West Dummerstone Bridge. Rte 30 makes a sweeping turn to the left. Then look for a road to the left Williamsville Road. Take Williamsville Road 1.9 miles to a T intersection, go left on Grimes Hill Road. Go 0.3 mile to a fork in the road, go left onto Dover Road 0.3 mile to bridge.

51. **SCOTT BRIDGE**; from intersection of 30 & 35 go south on 30 for 1.5 miles, bridge is on the right.

52. **KIDDER HILL BRIDGE**; from the intersection of 35 & 121 in the village of Grafton, go west and turn left onto Kidder Hill Road. 0.2 mile to bridge.

53. **HALL BRIDGE**; from intersections of 5 with 12 & 121 in Bellows Falls take 121 west 3.2 miles, the bridge is on the right.

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65. MARTINSVILLE BRIDGE; from exit 9 on I-91 take rte 5 north 0.4 mile, turn right onto Martinsville Road, 0.6 mile to bridge.

66. WILLARD BRIDGE; from exit 9 on I-91 take rte 5 north to Mill Road. Turn right onto Mill Road, at 0.2 mile there's a somewhat complicated street intersection in which Mill Road goes both left and right, and Depot Road goes right just after Mill Road goes left. Stay all the way to the left on Mill Road, and the bridge will appear almost immediately after you pass a hydroelectric station.

67. TAFTSVILLE BRIDGE; from the intersection of 12 & 4 take rte 4 west towards the village of Woodstock 0.5 mile, bridge is on your right.

68. MIDDLE BRIDGE; take route 4 to where it circles the green in the center of Woodstock. River Street is just to the north of the green, and the bridge is less than 0.1 mile from the green, visible from rte 4.

69. FRANK LEWIS BRIDGE; from the junction of 4 & 12 in the center of Woodstock take rte 12 north for 3.7 miles. The bridge is set back in a field on the left side of the road.

70. SMITH BRIDGE; from the junction of 4 & 12 in Woodstock village take 12 north for 1.1 miles to where 12 forks to the left. Take the right fork, Stage Road. Go 1.8 miles, and you will see the bridge set back in a field on the left.

71. LINCOLN BRIDGE; take rte 4 west from Woodstock village green 3.2 miles, bridge is on the left.

