

3-Day Itinerary for Families with Kids in Southern Vermont

Day 1: Manchester Magic & Nature Play

Morning:

- **Breakfast at Up For Breakfast** (Manchester) – Cozy spot kids love for pancakes and maple sausage.
- **Visit Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home** – Tour gardens, see farm animals, and walk the kid-friendly forest trail with views of the valley.
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Midday:

- **Picnic at Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park** – Let kids run wild at the playground or feed ducks at the pond.
- **Stop by Northshire Bookstore** – One of New England's best independent bookstores with a charming children's section.

Afternoon:

- **Equinox Valley Nursery (seasonal)** – Perfect in fall for hayrides, pumpkins, and warm cider donuts.

Evening:

- **Dinner at The Copper Grouse** – Upscale comfort food with a family-friendly twist.
- **Stay overnight:** [Kimpton Taconic Hotel](#) (pet- and kid-friendly with outdoor fire pits and lawn games)

Day 2: Snow or Sun Fun at Bromley Mountain

Winter Itinerary:

- **Morning Snow Tubing at Bromley Mountain** – Book a 2-hour tubing session; tubes and magic carpet lift included.
- **Lunch at Bromley Lodge Cafeteria** – Family-friendly, fast, and filling.
- **Afternoon ski/snowboard lesson** – Group or private options available for ages 3+.

Summer Itinerary:

- **Ride the Alpine Slide** – Kids over 3 will love racing down the mountain.
- **Try the Giant Swing or Climbing Wall** – Adventure zone designed for families.
- **Cool down with maple soft serve at the base lodge café**

Evening:

- **Dinner at Johnny Seesaw's (Peru)** – Cozy, lodge-style restaurant with a great kids' menu and fire pit for s'mores.

Overnight Recommendation:

- **Seesaw's Lodge** – Cottages with bunk beds, ideal for families

Day 3: Museums & Animal Encounters in Woodstock

Morning:

- **Drive to Woodstock (about 1 hour)**
- **Explore Montshire Museum of Science** – Interactive science exhibits, water play zone (in warmer months), and nature trails.

 [Montshire Museum](#)

Midday:

- **Lunch in Norwich or picnic at the museum**

Afternoon Options:

1. **Billings Farm & Museum** – Pet cows and goats, take a wagon ride, and explore hands-on history exhibits.
2. **VINS Nature Center** – Meet live birds of prey and walk the treetop canopy walk.

Evening:

- **Dinner in Woodstock at Worthy Kitchen** – Casual, local comfort food and a play area outside.

Optional Overnight:

Stay at **506 On The River Inn** – Offers family rooms and a game room.