

# Springfield

## Vermont



Called “the Cradle of Inventions” and “Precision Valley” Springfield has given birth to numerous worthwhile inventions. Springfield is also known as “The Birthplace of Amateur Telescope making”, and hosts the annual Stellafane convention.



### MUST SEE ATTRACTIONS AND GALLERIES



**The Eureka School House** is the oldest one room school house in the state. Built in 1790 it is located on Route 11 East of the town of Springfield.

**Gallery at the VAULT** located in downtown Springfield showcases the work of 250 juried Vermont crafts makers.

**The Miller Art Center** Houses a collection of antique toys manufactured in Springfield in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.



### SUGGESTED TOUR



Within easy walking distance downtown Springfield is a must see.

After leaving the Hartness House enjoy a leisurely stroll down the hill to the center of town. With most major architectural styles from the 19<sup>th</sup> century represented Springfield is a beautiful place to visit. While downtown be sure to visit **Von Barga’s Diamonds and Jewelry** known for classical as well as innovative designs featuring fine diamonds in gold and platinum settings.



Also stop into **Black River Used Books** where you can always find something to read. After walking through the local stores continue up the street and you will come to a series of waterfalls named **ComTu** by the local Indians meaning “Great Noise”. These not only provided most of the power to local industries but also enable the river to drop over 110 feet in an eighth of a mile span. If you would like to travel a little further afield in Springfield you can drive 6 miles to **Hartness State Airport**. This airport was established in 1920 and was the first airport in the state of Vermont. It was at this airport that Charles Lindbergh landed in 1927 and where James Hartness became one of the first 100 licensed pilots in the United States.

Of Course, when you get back to the **Hartness House** please spend some time looking over our very famous inn and the beautifully landscaped grounds. Also be sure to look over our Equatorial Turret Telescope built in 1910. James Hartness began this project in 1908 and when completed it was one of the first tracking telescopes in the United States.

