

Be an Eclipse Ambassador

I have an informal poll going with some of my friends. Will we see a trickle of visitors in town this coming weekend and Monday of the solar eclipse, or will it be a wave? As the Vermont adage goes, “hard tellin’ not knowin’...”

Whatever happens, we’ll be ready to welcome folks from near and far who find themselves here for this unusual event. Let ‘em know that Hardwick is not just in the zone of totality, it’s a uniquely beautiful, historic, friendly, quirky, rugged, fun, naturally-blessed, culture-rich, deep-rooted and awesome community that we’re proud to call home. A place they should visit again (especially outside mud season).

If you get the chance, maybe help someone out with local info—where to shop for food and other essentials or not-so-essentials, where to eat, get gas or a cup of coffee, go for a walk, play with their kids, chill out, etc. Maybe tell ‘em that’s the Lamoille River, it flows into Lake Champlain (and flooded last July, if they ask about the porch hanging over the riverbank downtown). Tell ‘em about how Hardwick used to be granite central, about our long history of agriculture and all the cool farming and food activity happening now. Tell ‘em we’re in the northern highlands (aka Northeast Kingdom) and how that makes us a little different and special from the rest of Vermont—landscape and culture. Tell ‘em it’s the tail end of maple syrup season and to take home a local gallon.

The main thing is to be friendly and patient! If there’s more confusion at the blinking yellow light than usual, don’t sweat it, just point nicely and tell them they can go. Keep calm and Hardwick on.

Historic Hardwick

- **Jeudevine Library**, 93 North Main—Built in 1896 by the widow of Alden Jeudevine, the richest man in town. His friend, L.D. Hathaway donated the books, and it was called the Jeudevine and Hathaway Library.
- **Town House**, 127 Church—Built in 1860 to house the private South Hardwick Academy and the town offices. The school moved out in 1892. It was renovated in 1893 into a theater and called the Opera House.
- **Civic Standard** building, 42 South Main—Built around 1860, it held a “tin shop” (hardware store) until 1908 when the Hardwick Gazette moved in and stayed for more than 100 years.
- **Memorial Building**, 20 Church—Built in 1911 to hold municipal offices downstairs and public gathering space upstairs as a memorial to the Civil War veterans of Hardwick. The jail was in the basement.
- **Jeudevine Mansion**, 64 North Main— Finished in 1873 by Alden Jeudevine who “spared no expense”
- **Hardwick Inn/Centennial Building**, 4 South Main—While the current building was built in 1876, an inn of some sort was located on that spot long before the Civil War.
- **Atkins Field/Granite Sheds**, Granite Street—Woodbury Granite Company created a “little city” of cutting sheds which cut the stone for literally hundreds of buildings from Maine to Idaho.
- **The Depot**, 47 Depot St—Built in 1882, it had a waiting room for men, a separate waiting room for women.

Fun Facts

1. Hardwick was chartered in 1791 when the Vermont Republic (its own country!) became the State of Vermont.
2. The Village put electric lights on Main Street in 1896 and paved the street in 1910.
3. The now-closed pedestrian bridge was built in 1915. It lasted for 105 years. A new bridge is planned this year.
4. Sam Daniels, owner of a foundry in what is now the Daniels Block, occasionally paid his workers in silver dollars, so merchants would appreciate how much his business contributed to the local economy.
5. Lorraine Hussey, who ran a women and children’s clothing store on Main Street, once chased a shoplifter home, went into her house, and retrieved the stolen goods from under the living room couch.
6. In the 1940s and 1950s, campers from Camp Wapanacki, a camp for blind children just over the Wolcott line, walked the five miles into Hardwick every Tuesday to shop on Main Street. A bus took them back to camp.
7. In the 1940s, good students could legally skip two days of school each week to earn money picking potatoes.
8. The Hazen Union girls won back-to-back state softball championships in both 1974 and 1975.
9. Hazen Union can be a little “wild” about sports. The boys baseball team were state final runners-up in 2022. The boys basketball team made it to the state finals each of the last three years, winning in 2022.
10. The Hazen Wildcats girls basketball team are 2024 state champions, we’re still beaming.

Attitude

Relax, have patience, be flexible--enjoy the eclipse

Watching Monday's Eclipse

Partial eclipse 2:15-4:30 pm. Total eclipse 3:27-3:30 pm

Jeudevine Library is hosting an event at Memorial Park (Church St.), 2ish

The Depot/Hardwick Historic Society will also be open Monday 1-5 pm

If no other plans, Hazen is a good place to send people to watch.

Traffic Info

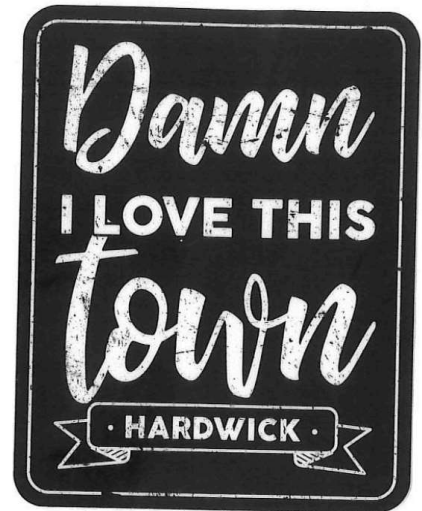
Vermont/New England 511 System

PHONE - call 511, follow voice prompts, 24/7

ONLINE- 511vt.com/newengland511.org (same website).

Waze - ONLINE - waze.com/live-map/

APP - download via Google Play or Apple App Store



Portable Toilets/Bathrooms

- Two portable toilets located to the left side of the **Clip Joint**

Encourage people to use Clip Joint portable toilets, but **if necessary**

- Front Seat has an ADA-accessible bathroom, 7:00 am-3:00 pm daily
- American Legion bathrooms (front entrance) will be open Monday only after 2:00 pm
- An additional portable toilet is located next to the Village Restaurant, but primarily for their use
- Additional bathrooms, esp. for people with special needs, baby-changing, etc. **call/text 802-557-4577**

Locals/Staff Parking

If it's NOT BUSY downtown, park wherever. If it's BUSY, do us all a solid, park off NORTH MAIN & enjoy a nice walk

- Church Street
- Northern Counties Dental Center (Sat-Sun Only)
- Creamery Road/Town Garage
- Hazen (AAU bball Sat-Sun, no school Monday)

Overflow Parking for Visitors

- Hardwick Elementary (AAU bball Sat-Sun, no school Monday)
- Daniels Building (across river) via North Main to Highland Ave
- St. Norbert Church (NOT Sat, Sun after 10 am, Mon all day)

Restaurants

The Cork & Fork—upscale pub-style menu, great atmosphere, local ingredients, **Sat 4-9p, Sun 4-8p**, closed Mon

Village Restaurant—local institution, ultra-satisfying home-style breakfast + lunch menu, **Sat-Sun 6a-3p, Mon 6a-2p**

Front Seat—coffee central, breakfast sandwiches, brkfst burritos, soup, paninis, croissants, cookies, **Sat-Mon 7a-3p**

Positive Pie—wood-fired pizza, salads, soups, small plates, pasta, entrees, **Sat 12-8:30 p, Sun, 12-8p, Mon 4-8p**

House of Pizza—classic family-style pizza joint, soups, breakfast pizza! donuts! **Sat 10a-9p, Sun-Mon 10a-8p**

Yummy Wok (take-out only)—extensive variety of Chinese dishes, 100% veg. oil, no msg, **Sat 11a-9p, Sun 12-9p**

Groceries + Grab n Go

Buffalo Mountain Market (the Coop)—sandwiches, wraps, soup from scratch, salads, **Sat-Sun 8a-6p, Mon 8a-7p**

Tops—supermarket, deli, prepared sandwiches, salads, grab-n-go, **Sat-Mon 7a-9p**

Walgreens—grocery section, personal care products, pharmacy (check hours), **Sat 9a-8p, Sun 9a-5p, Mon 8a-8p**

Dollar General—misc. snack and grocery items, **Sat-Mon 8a-9p**

Convenience Stores, Fuel, Food To-Go

Kwik Stop & Deli-Vt 14/15—gas, grinders md2order, pizza-whole/slice, tenders, **Sat 5a-9p, Sun 6a-8p, Mon 5a-9p**

Jiffy Mart/Exxon—**Sat 5a-10p, Sun 6a-9p, Mon 5a-10p** **M&M Bev/Gulf**—gas, pizza, finger food, **Sat-Mon 5a-9p**

Other Happenings

Angel Outfitters Thrift Shop Rummage Sale—United Church lower level, 216 South Main, **Fri 1-7p, Sat 9a-4p**

AAU basketball tournament—Hazen Union + Hardwick Elementary, **Sat-Sun 7a-7p**