SoRo and Surrounds: Get to Know VLS’s Hometown

Wedged between rolling green hills, South Royalton, Vermont may not be world-famous—but it’s packed with hidden gems. Here’s where to find them.

1. VLS’s Environmental Law Center is headquartered in historic Debevoise Hall.
2. Our go-to co-op, South Royalton Market is filled with quality groceries from near and far.
3. Head to First Branch Coffee for the espresso drinks; stay for the tacos and live music.
4. Don’t miss Worthy Burger’s famous patties.
5. Local farmers sling goods on the town green each Thursday during Royalton Farmers Market.
6. Sample local suds at “nanobrewery” Brocklebank Craft Brewing.
7. Follow a forest trail and take a dip at Old City Falls.
8. Rent tubes at Sharon Trading Post and float down the White River.
9. Hike less than two miles from campus to Kent’s Ledge for impressive views of the surrounding hills.
10. A group of small farms hosts Feast & Field Market, a weekly gathering with live music and farm-to-table food and drink.
11. Summertime-only Bethel Drive-In theater has been showing films al fresco since 1954.
12. From karaoke to cribbage tournaments, there’s always something going on at friendly Babe’s Bar.

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