

## What Makes Vernon A Special Place To Live?

Vernon's 10-year 'Plan of Conservation and Development,' completed in 2012, includes a section on our Community Character. The Vision for our Community Character is that, "Vernon will retain those natural features, cultural features, and elements that make us unique." It's our Community Character that make Vernon a special place to live and work and that differentiates us from other area towns.

What makes Vernon a Special Place is our cultural activities, open spaces, hiking trails, historic villages and downtown, and museums. Most of these are there for you to enjoy thanks to a number of non profit organizations run by volunteers. Are you aware of all that they offer you and your family?

The Vernon Volunteers' Collaboration came together to support our organizations and help you learn more about what is available and how you can get involved and support them.

- Did you know Vernon is home to the oldest Civil War Museum in Connecticut?
- Have you ever wanted to show your children what farm life was like?
- Are you curious about Vernon's long and colorful history?
- Have you and your family taken advantage of the art exhibits around town?
- You've explored some of the trails, but are you aware we have over 35 miles of them?
- Have you taken advantage of the guided hikes - some with a nature focus and some with a history and archeology focus?
- Have you taken your family to a 4-H fair?
- Do you have a passion for gardening?
- Would you like to learn about the town and get outdoors more?
- Are you aware of the children's summer nature classes offered by the DEEP?

These and more are available to you thanks to Vernon's many and dedicated volunteers. You can learn more of what's available at **VernonVolunteers.org** where we bring together information on 11 of our volunteer organizations.

And if you want email notice of upcoming events join our **MeetUp Group** from the website.

**Vernon is a Special Place with much to offer - Get Involved!!!**  
**VernonVolunteers.org**