

Before you read about Vermont's awesome environment, you should know about our state. Vermont was the 14th state of the U.S.A. It was the first state founded after the 13 colonies in 1791 on March 4th. Vermont is called the Green Mountain State. This is because in French "Ver" means green and "Mont" means mountain. So the French named 'Vermont' the Green Mountain State. There are many special things about Vermont like the state bird, which is the Hermit Thrush. The Hermit Thrush usually looks almost like a small brown/white chickadee. Vermont also has a state flower called the red clover, even though there is a purple color. These, and other things, are very important to our environment.

Vermont is very awesome, and there are many reasons why! One of them is there are a lot of hiking trails so you can get some fresh air with your family. My family goes to Millstone trails and we see so many people we know! Me and my family really like to hike Grandview Lookout.

Another reason is Vermont has a lot of local business and farms so If you need something really fresh to make dinner you can just drive down the road. My family almost every week buys local duck and chicken eggs from a friend. The size of one duck egg was the same size as two chicken eggs!

My third reason for loving Vermont is there are so many lakes and rivers here in and that is really nice in the summer. My family would go to a lake called lake Eden and before we moved to Barre we would go there a lot. We would swim a lot, but there also are hiking trails and we would hike the trails every once and while. So all in all, Vermont is very great, and I am proud to be a Vermonter!

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