



Rutland, Vermont



The City and Town of Rutland, Vermont, are located in a wide valley between two mountain ranges: the Green Mountains on the east and the Taconic range on the west. The Town of Rutland surrounds Rutland City on all sides.

Rutland boomed with the development of the marble industry in the mid-1800s. Downtown Rutland City’s architecture was impacted by the proximity of the marble quarries, which led to marble being used extensively in the construction or embellishment of many architecturally significant buildings. Many Victorian homes of the era still stand behind the Main Street Park, and many buildings along Merchants Row and Center Street are noted on the National Register of Historic Places. Significant buildings include the Rutland Savings Bank, the Opera House, the Gryphon Building, and Merchants Row.

Rutland is home to several cultural attractions. The Norman Rockwell Museum commemorates the time that Rockwell spent in Vermont, as well as the rest of his career. The Chaffee Arts Center offers visual arts exhibitions and art classes and maintains a beautiful 1896 Queen Anne Victorian mansion that is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The Rutland Historical Society provides historical information about the area of the “old” Town of Rutland, which now includes the City of Rutland and the towns of Rutland, Proctor, and West Rutland. The restored Paramount Theatre hosts musical and theatrical performances.

The history and uses of marble are presented at the Vermont Marble Museum, which is located in nearby Proctor. The New England Maple Museum covers over 200 years of maple sugaring history and includes a tasting room in nearby Pittsford. The 19th century Wilson Castle, which was built in a blend of European styles on 115 acres, is also located in Pittsford.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Rutland City has four residential neighborhoods: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest. Some homes in the Northwest are more than 100 years old. This neighborhood also has more rental properties and more two-, three-, and four-family housing than in other neighborhoods. Although most houses in Rutland were built during the 19th century, some newer neighborhoods have been constructed, which include the area near The College of St. Joseph.

Rutland Town has an area known as Center Rutland Town that is village-like in nature and is dominated by houses that date from around 1910, several of which are on Vermont’s Register of Historic Places. Other housing ranges from farmhouses to Carmel Place, a new planned development for people 55 years or older that consists of duplexes as well as single-family homes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Rutland has 10 parks with amenities that include baseball and softball fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and an outdoor swimming pool. Pine Hill Park offers a high-level, 16-mile single-track trail system for mountain biking, running, hiking, walking, GPSing/geocaching, and snowshoeing. Giorgetti Arena is a three-season indoor facility that has an ice arena in the winter, an indoor turf field in the spring, and a skatepark in the summer.

Rutland is located near the ski slopes of the Green Mountains. Killington is the largest ski and snowboard resort in the eastern United States.

EDUCATION

Rutland City Public Schools educate 2,500 students at three primary schools (kindergarten–grade 2), an intermediate school (grades 3–6), a middle school (grades 7–8), a high school (grades 9–12), and a technical center. In addition, the school district provides a program designed to prevent high school students from dropping out of school and another for students in kindergarten through grade 12 who have had difficulties in adapting to a traditional classroom and school environment. After school and summer programs offer extensive enrichment, tutorial, counseling, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

Rutland Town has a school that serves students from kindergarten through grade 8. The town does not have a high school, so students attend one of 5 high schools in the surrounding area.

Rutland has three opportunities for higher education. The College of St. Joseph is a Catholic college that grants bachelor’s degrees and has three master’s degree programs. Community College of Vermont offers 17 associate’s degree programs and 11 career certificates. The University of Vermont Extension Campus offers agriculture and other courses in Rutland. Castleton State College is located in nearby Castleton.

HEALTH CARE

Rutland Regional Medical Center has 188 beds.

CITY STATS

2011

City Population	16,399
Town Population	4,032
County	61,289
Per Capita Personal Income, Rutland, VT (County):	\$41,233