



## FACT SHEET

Set amongst 245 acres of Vermont mountains, meadows, and ponds in the beautiful Mad River Valley, lies the historic Round Barn Farm. Originally a working dairy farm, the property has been transformed into an elegant four season vacation retreat for lovers of the arts, history and the outdoors. The Round Barn Farm is home to a beautiful countryside bed and breakfast, the Green Mountain Cultural Center, Cooking from the Heart Catering, the historic Round Barn and a newly created five acre organic farm.

**History:** The original Round Barn was built in 1910, by Clem Joslyn and used as a dairy barn until 1969. In 1986, Jack and Doreen Simko bought the Round Barn Farm and began refurbishing the 1810 farmhouse, now the Inn, before turning their attention to the historic Round Barn in 1988. This process involved jacking the entire barn up, replacing a crumbling stone foundation and adding a new roof. The Round Barn was once one of 25 in the state and now remains one of five. Today, this three level heated barn includes a lap pool in the bottom level, the “Milking Parlor” on the second floor for intimate gatherings and the top level “Hayloft” to accommodate parties of over 200. The Round Barn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Location:** The Round Barn Farm is located in Waitsfield, Vermont in the heart of the Mad River Valley. Popular among skiers, both Sugarbush and Mad River Glen Ski Resorts are within a ten minute drive of the Inn. On your way to the Inn, pass through the streets of Waitsfield where you’ll find shops, art exhibits and eateries lining the streets. Turn onto historic Bridge Street, drive through a covered bridge and head up the hill to the countryside Inn. The Round Barn Farm is a 40 minute drive south of Burlington International Airport and a 30 minute drive from Vermont’s capital city, Montpelier.

**The Inn:** Each of the Inn's 12 rooms are individually decorated, have original pine flooring and boast rich wallpapers and decorative accents. All of the rooms have private baths, cozy bathrobes, self controlled heating and air conditioning, and stunning country-side views. Gas fireplaces, telephones, and either a steam shower or oversized whirlpool tub can be found in the Inn's six luxury guest rooms. Upon arrival, visitors are welcomed with the sounds of Mozart and Vivaldi playing in the library and the smells of freshly baked cookies coming from the kitchen. During the winter months guests often gather for hors d'oeuvres in the early evening and share stories of their day. In the warmer months, afternoon tea is enjoyed on the outside terrace overlooking the perennial gardens. Breakfast is served daily from 8:30 to 9:30 in a hand hewn beam dining room off the kitchen. Fill up on fresh fruit, muffins, cottage cheese pancakes with raspberry maple sauce and herb and cheese egg strata while taking in the views of the rolling hills, ponds, and picturesque Vermont landscape.

**Green Mountain Cultural Center:** Located in the historic Round Barn, the Green Mountain Cultural Center has been dedicated to promoting the arts in the Mad River Valley for over 18 years. This non-profit organization has promoted the works of local and international artists over the years and continues to grow. The Green Mountain Cultural Center hosts the Green Mountain Opera Festival, a renowned festival featuring gala performances, a series of open rehearsals, and full length productions of works such as *The Barber of Seville*. Other programs and exhibits include the Annual Photography Exhibit, the Adamant School Concert, and the Art in the Round Barn, a juried mixed media art show now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year.

**Cooking from the Heart:** This full service event planning and catering company has been serving high quality foods in the Mad River Valley for 15 years. Available for private functions both at the Round Barn and privately owned locations, Cooking from the Heart specializes in individualized Vermont Weddings and celebrations and is a founding member of the Vermont Association of Wedding Professionals. The staff works with local florists, photographers and wedding cake specialists to create a memorable experience for the bride and groom and their friends and family. Guests of the Inn at the Round Barn are invited to learn how to cook savory hors d'oeuvres, comfort foods, and hand rolled pastas in private cooking classes offered by Executive chef, Charlie Menard. Cooking from the Heart has also published a decadent cookbook, *Recipes and Reflections*, featuring mouthwatering dishes and personal stories and anecdotes.

**Organic Farm:** This recently added five acre garden provides fresh quality organic produce for the Inn and catering company. Organic farmer and new partner, David Hartshorn, is certified under the Northeast Organic Farming Association, a non-profit organization working to promote an economically viable and ecologically sound Vermont food system. The Inn at the Round Barn Farm is a founding member of the Vermont Fresh Network, a group that works to help promote relationships between farmers and local restaurants to provide the freshest quality foods, build local economies and maintain Vermont's farming heritage.

**Attractions and Activities:** No matter what time of year, the Mad River Valley is buzzing with activities and events. During the winter months guests can enjoy a snowshoeing adventure along the Inn's marked snowshoe trail system or enjoy full access privileges at Ole's Cross Country Ski Center. Located in the heart of Vermont ski country, alpine Resorts, Sugarbush and Mad River Glen are just minutes down the road with Stowe and Killington less than an hour away. In the spring and summer hiking, fishing, biking, golfing, and horseback riding are popular activities around the Mad River Valley. Some of the best canoeing and kayaking in Vermont can be found in the Mad River that winds in and around Waitsfield. Specialty boutiques, craft and art galleries, country stores, and restaurants line the streets of downtown Waitsfield. Popular Vermont tourist destinations are all within a short drive including Ben and Jerry's, Cold Hollow Cider and Shelburne Museum.

**Reservations:** Room reservations can be made by phone by calling 802-496-2276 or online at [www.theroundbarn.com](http://www.theroundbarn.com).

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