

Cornwall Recreation
Committee presents...

Falling for Cornwall

A fun Letter Box
Search for the
whole family!!!

- For the entire month of **September 2020**
- 8 letter boxes placed with clues throughout Cornwall and a raffle for prizes upon completion of the search!
- Check Cornwall Front Porch Forum, Cornwall email, Cornwall Website: www.cornwallvt.com or contact Sue Johnson at the Town Hall (462-2775) for more information!

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Falling for Cornwall

A letterboxing adventure
about our town



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- The image that appears on the previous page was created by former Cornwall resident, Sheila Mitchinson for the Bi-centennial of the town's incorporation. Perhaps you have noticed it has been modified and is used on the T-shirts created for the Semi-sesquicentennial. Those shirts are available for purchase at the Town Hall.

Enjoy scavenger hunts?
Want to learn a few fun facts about Cornwall?
Interested in exploring your town?

- If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then welcome to "Falling for Cornwall", a letterboxing activity for participants of all ages, and sponsored by the Cornwall Recreation Committee.
- This event will be held from September 1st through September 30th.
- Read each of the following clues carefully and then visit each location.
- Once at the location, follow the directions to search for a small plastic container at the site. Inside the container you will find a pencil, a logbook and some fall leaf stickers. Record your name in the logbook and the date, then take one sticker from the container to place on the page next to the clue.
- When you have completed all 8 searches stop by the town hall and Sue Johnson will see that your name is entered into the raffle.
- Have fun discovering Cornwall and good luck! Also if you arrive at a letterbox location and find that it is missing or has been tampered with please let Sue Johnson know

Falling for Cornwall

Sticker Log Sheet

Name: _____

Contact (phone # and email): _____

DIRECTIONS: Attach a sticker from each letterbox in the corresponding row below. When you have visited all 8 sites and collected a sticker at each site, return this sheet to Sue Johnson at the Cornwall Town Hall to be entered in a raffle for a variety of Cornwall prizes.
Have fun on your Cornwall adventure!

Sticker

Location

	West Cornwall Fire Station
	Swamp Road Fishing Access
	DAR Building
	Cornwall Park
	William Slade Historic Site Marker
	Lemon Fair
	Evergreen Cemetery
	Cornwall Baseball Field

Evergreen Cemetery

- Spend a moment here to honor those who came before us. A few notable persons here are:
 - **Abram William Foote** who was a former Vermont Lieutenant Governor.
 - **Ralph Albert Foote** who was the grandson of Abram William Foote, also former Vermont Lieutenant Governor.
 - **Anna Julia Stowell Bingham** who the Cornwall Elementary School was named after.
 - **Joey Rourke** An actor and stuntman who is the half-brother of actor Mickey Rourke.
 - **Many veterans** *who served our country with honor and bravery over the past few centuries.*
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- At the Evergreen Cemetery on Rte. 74 in West Cornwall, you will find the burial site of **Julius Peck**. His grave is marked by a unique headstone, engraved with the emblem “Woodmen of the World Memorial.” If you follow the path, you will pass by this headstone. Look for the letter box at the base of the gravestone.

DAR Building

- The Samson Memorial Building was dedicated in 1915, a gift of Martha Elizabeth Samson Porter to the Mary Baker Allen Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This gift was in memory of William Samson, one of the earliest settlers of Cornwall. This iconic building was constructed of red brick, white woodwork, Vermont Marble and Vermont green slate roofing. The interior was designed with library space, a meeting room, a fireplace, a serving room and a kitchen in the lower level. It was one of the finest buildings for its purpose in the state of Vermont at that time.
- In Cornwall Village stands a historic brick building trimmed with Vermont marble. This DAR building was once our town's library. The letter box is near the entrance you would have entered to check out a book.

William Slade

- The only Vermont State Historic Site marker (sign) in Cornwall, has been erected in William Slade's honor in Cornwall Village. Hint: It's green and near the Town Hall! William Slade was born in Cornwall, attended local public schools, and graduated from Middlebury College. As well as serving as our 17th governor, he was Vermont Secretary of State, Judge of Addison County Court and a U.S. Representative from Vermont 1831-1843, where he was an outspoken opponent of slavery. He was interred at West Cemetery in the town of Middlebury, VT.
- The letter box is located 5 feet to the east of the sign, away from the road near the long grass.

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD)

North Bingham Street, West Cornwall

- The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1951 when the group purchased their first two fire trucks. At that time, this West Cornwall building was the only fire station in town, and it also served as the town garage (until the current town garage was built in late 1973-1974). The town vault and other important town items were also housed at this location. CVFD used Schoolhouse #5 on South Bingham Street for their meetings starting in 1961. This station remained the only fire station in town until the late 1980's when a town-wide fundraising provided enough funds for CVFD to purchase and renovate Schoolhouse #2 on Rte. 30. That building currently serves as the main fire station and meeting location. The West Cornwall building serves as an auxiliary fire station at this time.
- The letter box at this location can be found below Old Glory on the South side of the building.

Lemon Fair Wildlife Management Area or River

- Native Americans frequented the low-lying and placid flowing Lemon Fair River. A good portion of the Lemon Fair flood plains were probably originally covered with Champlain Valley clayplain forest; but during European-American settlement the land was cleared for agriculture. The Lemon Fair arises in Orwell and flows north along Cornwall's western edges to Weybridge where it empties into the Otter Creek.
- As you drive west on Route 125, a view of the Lemon Fair will be on the north side of the road near the bridge beyond the sharp turn. This time of the year the water is obstructed by the leaves on the trees. A drive over the bridge allows a glimpse at the water as it is traveling from Bridport through Cornwall. In some wetter times the view from West Street can show the "Fair Flats" covered with water or ice.
- This box can be found at the entrance to the cornfield as you turn on to West Street from Route 125. Find the farmer's gate and check at the south gate post.

Swamp Road Fishing Access

- The Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife maintains more than 180 developed fishing access areas throughout the state, providing public access for boat launching and shore fishing. Cornwall is lucky to have one access on Swamp Road. If you like to catch Bullhead, Carp, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Panfish, Smallmouth Bass or Yellow Perch, get your fishing license from Sue Johnson at the Town Hall and cast your line at this beautiful spot. The covered bridge at this site burned down in September 2016. It was replaced by a steel girder bridge. The covered bridge also had 4 names. It was known as: Creek Road Bridge, Cedar Swamp Bridge, Salisbury Station Bridge, and Station Bridge.
- Swamp Road Fishing Access: If you were attempting to put your boat into the water, you would notice a break in the tree line suitable for river access. Check for this box near one lone tree to the right of the access ramp.

Cornwall Baseball Field - Peet Road

- Baseball became popular in Cornwall and Addison County after the Civil War as it did in the rest of the United States. Many towns constructed baseball fields that were enjoyed by residents of all ages. Middlebury College, Norwich University and the University of Vermont were in-state rivals, as they played in the Vermont Intercollegiate Baseball League in the late 1800's. This site has been recently used by the *Addison County Men's Softball League*. It is available for "pick-up" games with friends and family. If the snow flies and the moon is bright, this land is a delightful location for a moonlight ski on a winter evening.
- As you turn onto Peet Road from Route 30, you will see Schoolhouse # 3. A parking lot is just beyond the schoolhouse. You will find this box if you step up to the plate and look over your shoulder and behind the catcher.

Cornwall Park - opposite the Town Hall on Route 30

- Judge Joel Linsley gave the park to the town. For many years a board fence enclosed the park, but the fence fell apart and has never been replaced. Look closely to find a few picnic tables inviting people to stop to enjoy a snack or a rest. The planting of the trees in the park must have been by donation, for there were elms, maples - both soft and sugar - cedars, spruce, locust and hardhack. Can you find which types of trees are still there today? In 1868 a group of Cornwall residents decided to locate the Civil War Monument on the highest rise of ground in the park, an ideal location. The granite shaft bears the words, "Cornwall Remembers." On the sides are listed the names of those Cornwall residents who lost their lives in the Civil War and World War I.
- Cornwall Park: Be careful of the busy traffic on Route 30 and walk behind the monument. This box is located on the base opposite the Town Hall.