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### WHAT TO DO

The self-guided Route des Vins de Brome-Missisquoi, (888) 811-4928, <http://www.laroutedesvins.ca/en>, was developed by the region's wine industry and local governments and covers nearly all Eastern Townships wineries, farmers and restaurants serving area wines.

Four free, self-guided bicycle tours also were developed for the Route des Vins (see website). Or try a seven-day guided or self-guided bicycle tour, including two nights' accommodations at Manoir Hovey, organized by Freewheeling Adventures, 2070 Highway 329, Hubbards, Nova Scotia; (902) 857-3600; <http://www.freewheeling.ca>. Packages from \$2,295.

Tired (or tipsy) cyclists can flag a Taxi-vélo, (877) 766-8356, to carry their bike from point to point along the Route des Vins. Cyclists can also shower, drop off gear or stay at Velo Camping, near Bedford; (450) 248-7416.

### WINERIES

**Les Pervenches**, 150 Chemin Boulais, Farnham; (450) 293-8311, <http://www.lespervenches.com>. Open for visits Wednesday-Sunday, from June 20 to Oct. 12; off-season by appointment only. Biodynamic and Écocert Canada-certified organic Chardonnays and reds.

**Val Caudalies, vignoble et cidrerie**, 4921 Principale, Dunham; (450) 295-2333, <http://www.valcaudalies.com>. Open year-round. Tours, tastings, weddings, picnics, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and apple-picking complement the production of mostly Vidal-based wines.

**Le Vignoble de l'Orpailleur**, 1086 Rue Bruce, Dunham; (450) 295-2763, <http://www.orpailleur.ca>. Open year-round for tours, tasting and events. The second-oldest winery along the Route des Vins, with a popular restaurant for lunch.

### WHERE TO STAY

**Manoir Hovey**, 575 Chemin Hovey, North Hatley; (800) 661-2421 or (819) 842-2421,

[manhovey@manoirhovey.com](mailto:manhovey@manoirhovey.com). The Townships' upper-crust inn, just east of the Route des Vins but worth a detour. In September, it will offer a tasting menu pairing its food with Les Pervenches wines.

**Auberge des Vignobles (Aux Douces Heures)**, 110 Rue du Collège, Dunham; (450) 295-2476, <http://www.inns-bb.com/doucesheures>. Rooms from \$80 a person. On the Route des Vins, this B&B's French owners serve a provençale-style dinner and breakfast using local ingredients.

**Auberge & Spa West Brome**, 128 Route 139, West Brome; (450) 266-7552; <http://www.awb.ca>. Rooms from \$165. Circa 1880 farmhouse revamped in 2005 as a destination spa and 26-room inn.

#### WHERE TO EAT

**Homei Bistro & Café**, 3809 Rue Principale, Dunham; (450) 284-0522, <http://www.homeibistro.com>. Open daily for lunch, Thursday to Sunday for dinner. Asian-inspired, with a weekly featured local wine.

**Le Tire-Bouchon de l'Orpailleur**, Le Vignoble de l'Orpailleur, Dunham; (450) 295-2763, <http://www.orpailleur.ca>. Open daily for lunch, late June to mid-October.

**Café Inn**, 264 Chemin de Knowlton, Knowlton; (450) 243-0069. Open daily. Head to the patio, overlooking a pond, for breakfast, coffee or a thin-crust pizza.

#### TO LEARN MORE

<http://www.easterntownships.org>

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