

Vermont State Flag

Green Mountain State • Capital: Montpelier • Statehood: 1791

Overview

A deep blue field with the state coat of arms: pine tree, cow, sheaves of wheat, and Green Mountains. A stag's head crowns the shield, while a banner below proclaims "Freedom and Unity." A rustic, pastoral vision of the state.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1923-06-01
Designer: Legislative adoption
Ratio: 3:5
Blue field with Vermont coat of arms centered.

Colors

#002D72 #008000 #FFD700 #FFFFFF

Symbolism

pine tree	Represents forests and independence.
cow and sheaves	Symbolize agriculture and farming tradition.
Green Mountains	Stand for the state's natural landscape.

Historical timeline

- 1791: Vermont admitted as the 14th state.
- 1923: Current design adopted.
- 1804 — Early Vermont flag similar to U.S. flag with added elements.

Notable facts

- Vermont was an independent republic before joining the U.S.
- The only state capital with a population under 10,000 (Montpelier).
- The state coat of arms is the central feature of the flag.
- A pine tree symbolizes Vermont's forests.
- A cow represents agriculture and dairy farming.
- Sheaves of wheat symbolize prosperity and farming.
- A deer's head appears above the shield as a crest.
- The motto 'Freedom and Unity' reflects balanced state values.

Seal deep dive

stateSeal
The Vermont state seal centered on a blue field.
Meaning: Vermont's natural landscape, agriculture, and independence

pineTree
A tall pine tree standing prominently in the foreground.
Meaning: Resilience, independence, and Vermont's forested environment

cow
A cow standing beneath the tree.
Meaning: Dairy farming and rural prosperity

motto
The state motto 'Freedom and Unity' displayed below the seal.
Meaning: Balance between individual liberty and collective responsibility

Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal on blue field

Complexity: 8/10

Readability: 4/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.