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No town holds Vermont's locavore credentials quite so dear as Hardwick, a small (pop. 3,200) former granite-mining town northeast of Burlington. Starting a few years back, the place basically reinvented itself as one large co-op, with vibrant community-agriculture programs, a year-round farmers' market (no small accomplishment in northern Vermont), and a program that rents kitchen space to local food producers. It also serves as the gateway to the wild, woolly Northeast Kingdom: from downtown, you're just 20 minutes from skiing in Stowe, fly-fishing near Johnson, and mountain biking in East Burke.

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