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1 Rockingham Meeting House opens for 2026 visitor
2 season

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5 The Rockingham Meeting House, a National Historic
6 Landmark, opened for the 2026 visitor season over Memorial
7 Day weekend and is welcoming visitors through Halloween.

8 Based on docent availability, the Meeting House will be
9 open for guided tours seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

10 A meeting house has stood on this hilltop since 1774,
11 organizers said in a news release, and the present building —

12 constructed by the community in 1787 — is “the largest surviving
13 eighteenth-century public building in Vermont still substantially
14 intact in its original as-built form, making it an extraordinary
15 survivor of early American civic architecture.”

16 Visitors this season can see history being actively
17 preserved. Important preservation work is underway as the
18 community prepares for major conservation construction
19 scheduled to begin in spring 2027.

20 Work taking place this season includes continuing an
21 archaeological survey, reconstructing the west driveway from
22 Meeting House Road, restoring the historic timber frame and the
23 historic graveyard picket fence, and stabilizing the building’s
24 original plaster and windows.

25 This work is made possible through support from the
26 National Park Service, the Vermont Division for Historic
27 Preservation, the Town of Rockingham, and generous supporters
28 who continue to contribute their time, talent, and treasure to help
29 protect this extraordinary landmark. The adjacent historic
30 graveyard remains open to visitors daily from dawn to dusk for
31 quiet reflection and respectful exploration.

32 For tour information, special events, or volunteer
33 opportunities, contact clg@rockbf.org or visit rockbf.org/rmh.

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