

FUN THINGS TO DO!

A GUIDE TO FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN NORTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS



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INTRODUCTION

There's nothing like planning a fun activity for the whole family to do together when time is available. There are many activities that can be enjoyed locally by all ages, even if time is limited.

A family outing can be as active as you want it to be, such as biking, strawberry picking, a swim or a nature hike. Or, it can be a relaxing afternoon picnic at a favorite park. Whatever form it takes, it is an important part of family life and an excellent opportunity for families to reconnect.

This booklet provides a sampling of things to do and places to see in Northeast Massachusetts. Admission charges and/or parking fees do apply in some cases. (Not all listings have phone numbers available.)

Please note that children should be supervised at all times in any of the settings included in this guide. These listings are strictly informational in nature and are not intended to serve as endorsements or recommendations of any kind.

Beaches

BEACHES

Cranes Beach

**Argilla Road, Ipswich, MA
(978) 356-4354 or (978) 356-4351
www.thetrustees.org**

Route 128 north take exit 20A (Route 1A north) and follow for 8 miles.
Turn right onto Route 133 east and follow for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto
Northgate Road and follow for .5 mi. Turn right onto Argilla Road

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to Sunset. Open year-round

Summer Costs: \$25.00 per car (weekends & Holidays)
Memorial Day \$15.00 per car (weekdays)
to Labor Day \$2.00 walk-ins
Parking half price after 3 p.m.
Fall, Winter and Spring \$7 daily.
Cash Only

Lower rates available for members of The Trustees of Reservations.

Lifeguards, Bathhouses, Surf Chairs and Snack Bar available
Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Call for further information on special children's activities
and events held during the summer months.

Crane Beach's annual sand sculpture competition "Sandblast!" is held
every August. This year's date is August 7th from 8 AM – 4 PM.

Forest River Park

**End of Clifton St., Salem, MA
(978) 744-0180**

Handicapped accessible.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Summer Costs: Monday-Friday \$10.00 per car
(non-resident fee)

No access to non-residents on
weekends/holidays

Family park with picnic areas & two beaches with life guards on duty.

BEACHES (CONT.)

Front and Back Beaches **Beach Street, Rockport, MA** **(978) 546-3525**

Beaches are off Rt. 127. Accessible from downtown.

All spaces at Front & Back Beach are metered. Front Beach has only a few spaces and they're often taken. Best option- park in the Park & Ride lot on Route 127 (sm. fee) & ride the trolley to the beach.

Rest rooms- in season. Near restaurants, eateries and shops. Park available across the street from Front Beach.
Lifeguards are on duty during regular beach hours in season.

Good Harbor Beach **Route 127A, Thatcher Road, Gloucester, MA** **(978) 281-9785**

Summer Costs:

Memorial Day to \$25.00 per car (weekends & holidays)

Labor Day \$20.00 per car (weekdays)

Small parking lot fills early. Limited area for non-residents.

Open year round. Lifeguards, rest rooms, showers and snack bar available Memorial Day through Labor Day. Gloucester has adopted a "Carry In, Carry Out" policy at Good Harbor Beach. Visitors should be prepared to carry any trash out with them when they leave. Beach accessible wheel chair available. Contact head lifeguard or other personnel.

Lynch Park **55 Ober Street, Beverly, MA** **(978) 921-6067** **www.bevrec.com**

Summer Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Summer Costs: Free with resident sticker.

Stickers are not necessary to park at Lynch Park between Labor Day and Memorial Day only.

Lifeguards on duty during summer. Rest rooms, snack bar, playground kayak center and picnic area available. Handicapped accessible.

BEACHES (CONT.)

Nahant Beach Reservation
Nahant Road, Nahant, MA
(781) 485-2803



Limited handicapped accessibility.

Beach is off the Lynnway and Lynn Shore Drive

Hours: dawn to dusk.

Summer Costs: There is a \$3 fee for parking.

Rest rooms, lockers, showers and snack bar available.
Lifeguard on duty during summer. Great beach for kite flying.

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
6 Plum Island Turnpike
Plum Island, Newburyport, MA
(978) 465-5753
www.parkerriver.org

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Visitor's Center: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sun. - Sat.

Take Route 495 to Route 95 South, take a right at second set of lights, go over the bridge, turn on Merrimack Street, stay on it about 7 miles. Heads right in to the refuge.

Handicapped Accessible.

Refuge Hours: Dawn to Dusk. (subject to temp. closures)

Parking: \$5.00 per car
 \$2.00 walk-ins or bicycles
 \$20 Season Passes available

No pets, vegetation picking or alcohol. Beach is closed beginning April 1st because of nesting birds. Tentative opening July 1st. Other parts of refuge do remain open during nesting season. Reminder: Greenhead fly season is mid-July to mid-August.

BEACHES (CONT.)

Salisbury State Beach
Beach Road, IA, Salisbury, MA
(978) 462-4481

Take Route 495 to Route 110 Salisbury, exit Route 1A to Salisbury Center.

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset, Starting mid April through October.

Summer Costs: Beginning Memorial Day weekend, cost is
\$9.00 per car

Camping is available at this site for \$17 per night.

Call 877-422-6762 or visit www.reserveamerica.com.

Facilities include a 484-site campground with renovated bathhouses, an extensive day-use parking lot, three new comfort stations for the beach going public with over the dune boardwalks, and a new playground and pavilion area. - No outside firewood allowed!

Singing Beach
Central Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA
(978) 526-2019

Summer Costs: \$5 Walk-in admission (under 12 free).
\$25 parking fee for non-residents Mon. – Thurs.
Parking only for residents on weekends and holidays.

April 30th is the last day non-residents can park at the beach without a fee until Sept 2nd. If you pay the \$25 parking fee you do not have to pay the \$5 walk-on fee.

Private lot available ½ mile from beach. \$20-\$25 depending on day. Beach is a short ½ mile walk from train station.

Lifeguards, rest rooms and snack bar available Memorial Day through Labor Day.

BEACHES (CONT.)

Stage Fort Park & Welcoming Center
Hough Street
Gloucester, MA 01930
(978) 281-8865

Take Route 128 North to Route 133 exit 14.
Follow 133 to Western Ave. (Rt. 127). Turn right to Hough St.

Summer Parking Costs: \$10.00 per car week-days
 \$15.00 per car week-ends & holidays

The Park consists of Half Moon and Cressy's beaches. It has an information center open during the season, rest rooms and on the grounds, a privately owned restaurant open to the public. There is a playground. Visitors can bring grills for cookouts. During the season, there are outdoor concerts and story telling. Dogs are allowed in the park but not on the beaches. Lifeguards during the season only.

Wingaersheek Beach
Atlantic Street, Gloucester, MA 01930
(978) 281-9785

Take Route 1 North to Route 128 North.
Take exit 13, Concord St., to Atlantic Street, turn right to beach.
Handicapped accessible. Surf chairs available.

Summer Costs: \$25.00 per car (weekends & holidays)
 \$20.00 per car (weekdays)

Non-resident beach stickers available for \$250 per season.
Covers Wingaersheek Beach & Stage Fort Park.
Long, wide, sandy and flat. One of Gloucester's most popular beaches. Limited parking.

No dogs allowed. Lifeguards, rest rooms and snack bar available Memorial Day to Labor Day. Gloucester has adopted a "Carry In, Carry Out" policy at Wingaersheek Beach. Visitors should be prepared to carry any trash out with them when they leave.

For all beach information, we suggest that whenever possible you call to confirm hours open and fees charged. While this information was confirmed in May, it is subject to change due to the availability of local and state funding.

Libraries

LIBRARIES

Many area libraries have museum passes available, which allow you to bring your family to a specific museum for little or no charge. Most passes are for town residents only and need to be reserved in advance. Call your local library for further information on passes as well as special children's events they may be sponsoring during the summer.

Due to various city budget issues, library hours listed may change throughout the year.

For specific information on area museums, consult the Museum section of this guide.

Andover Memorial Hall Library

***Elm Sq., Andover, MA
(978) 623-8400
www.mhl.org***

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Sundays during the summer

Passes available for Andover residents only to: Boston Children's Museum, The Discovery Museums in Acton, Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the Kennedy Library, the Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, the NE Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, the Sports Museum, the MASS State Parks pass and ZOO New England.

Limit 2 passes per month per household
Passes may be reserved on-line.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Beverly Public Library
32 Essex Street, Beverly, MA
(978) 921-6062
<http://www.noblenet.org/beverly/>

Handicapped Accessible

Hours: Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Passes available to the: Boston Children's Museum, Harvard Art Museum & Museum of Natural History, House of Seven Gables, Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the JFK Library & Museum, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, N.E. Aquarium, the Peabody Essex Museum and ZOO New England.

Some passes are branch specific. Eight passes per library card per month*.
*Some restrictions apply

Billerica Public Library
15 Concord Road, Billerica, MA
(978) 671-0948
www.billericalibrary.org



Handicapped Accessible

Hours: Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Passes available for residents to: Boott Cotton Mills, Boston by Foot, Boston Children's Museum, DeCordova Art Museum, Discovery Museums of Acton, Drumlin Farm, Harvard Museum of Natural History, House of the Seven Gables, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, NE Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo and ZOO New England.
Passes may be reserved on-line. Available for residents only.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Chelmsford Public Library (Main Branch)

25 Boston Road, Chelmsford, MA

(978) 256-5521

www.chelmsfordlibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday-Thursday	9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Passes available to: Boston by Foot, Boston Children's Museum, Davis' Farmland & MegaMaze, DeCordova Museum, Discovery Museums of Acton, Fruitlands Museum, Garden in the Woods, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, JFK Library & Museum, MASS State ParksPass, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, N.E. Aquarium, New England Quilt Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo and ZOO New England.

Passes may be reserved on-line. Limits: 1 pass per day; up to 5 passes per 30 day period; each museum only once per 30 day period.

Flint Memorial Library

147 Park Street, North Reading, MA

(978) 664-4942

www.flintmemoriallibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Closed on Saturday during the Summer.

Passes available to the: Boston Children's Museum, Imagine That, MASS State ParksPass, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, N.E. Aquarium, New England Quilt Museum, Peabody Essex Museums, and Wheelock Family Theater. Passes may be reserved by phone. A \$2 donation is requested.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Flint Public Library

**One South Main Street, Middleton, MA
(978) 774-8132
www.flintlibrary.org**

Handicapped Accessible

Hours: Monday-Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Summer Schedule:	
Tuesday, Wednesday,	
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Passes available for cardholders to: Boston Children's Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, MASS State ParksPass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Wheelock Family Theater and ZOO New England.

Gloucester Lyceum and Sawyer Free Library

**2 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930
978-281-9763
www.sawyerfreelibrary.org**

Handicapped Accessible

Hours: Monday & Wednesday	8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed
Closed on Tuesdays during the Summer.	
Closes at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays during the summer.	

Passes available for cardholders to: Cape Ann Historical Museum, Boston Children's Museum, Essex Shipbuilding Museum, Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Mass State ParksPass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, the N.E. Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Sargent House Museum and the Yankee Whale Watch.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Haverhill Library

99 Main Street, Haverhill, MA

(978) 373-1586

www.haverhillpl.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Passes available to the Boston Children's Museum, Butterfly Place, Children's Museum of Portsmouth, Currier Gallery of Art, the Discovery Museums of Acton, Imagine That, Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, the JFK Library, Massachusetts State Parks, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, the N.E. Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museums, and ZOO New England.

Passes may be reserved by phone or on-line and must be reserved in advance. Limit 2 passes per month.

J.V. Fletcher Library

50 Main Street, Westford, MA

(978) 692-5555

www.westfordlibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Labor Day thru June)
Sunday	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (January thru April)

Passes available for residents and Friends of the Library to: Boston Children's Museum, Davis' Farmland and Mega Maze, DeCordova, Discovery Museums of Acton, Drumlin Farm, Fruitlands, Garden in the Woods, Higgins Armory Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Massachusetts Parks Pass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, N.E. Aquarium, NE Quilt Museum, Peabody Essex Museums, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Tower Hill Botanical Garden, Worcester Art Museum and ZOO New England.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Langley Adams Library

**185 Main Street
Groveland, MA
(978) 372-1732
<http://langleyadamslib.org>**

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday & Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday	10:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sundays	Closed

Passes available to: Boston Children's Museum, Butterfly Place, Museum of Science, N.E. Aquarium, The Children's Museum of NH, Peabody Essex Museums and ZOO New England.

Lawrence Public Library

**51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA
(978) 620-3600
www.lawrencefreelibrary.org**

Handicapped Accessible.

Main Branch

Hours: Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Closed on Saturdays during June, July and August.

South Branch: 135 Parker Street (978)-620-3650

Hours: Monday:	10:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday:	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays during June, July and August.

Passes available to: Boston Children's Museum, Boston Sports Museum, Discovery Museums of Acton, Harvard Museum of Natural History, JFK Museum & Library, Mass ParkPass, Museum of Fine Arts. Museum of Science, NE Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museums, Wheelock Family Theater and Zoo New England. Passes must be reserved in advance.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Lynnfield Public Library
18 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA
(781) 334-5411
www.noblenet.org/lynnfield

Handicapped Accessible

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Saturdays from mid-June to Labor Day.

Passes available to the Boston Children's Museum, Harvard Art Museum, Historic New England, House of Seven Gables, Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, Peabody Essex Museums and ZOO New England.
Passes must be reserved in advance.

Lynn Public Library
5 North Common Street, Lynn, MA
(781) 595-0567
www.noblenet.org/lynn

Handicapped Accessible

Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fri., & Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed
Summer Hours:
Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Passes available to residents and Friends of Library to: Boston Children's Museum, the Harvard Museum of Natural History, the House of Seven Gables, Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, NE Aquarium, the Peabody Essex Museum, the Sports Museum and ZOO New England.

Some passes require a refundable deposit. Advance reservations recommended. Limits: 10 passes within 30 days with a limit of 2 passes per day.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Malden Public Library

36 Salem Street, Malden, MA 02148

(781) 324-0218

www.maldenpubliclibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed
Closed Thursdays	1:00 - 2:00pm
Closed on Saturdays from early-June to Labor Day.	

Passes available to the: Boston Children's Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, JFK Museum & Library, Mass ParksPass, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, Mystic Aquarium, N.E. Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museums, & Zoo New England.

Must be a Malden resident. May be reserved by phone or on-line. Limit of 1 pass per day.

Melrose Public Library

69 West Emerson Street, Melrose, MA

(781) 665-2313

www.melrosepubliclibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Sunday & Saturday during the Summer.	

Passes available to, the Boston Children's Museum, JFK Library & Museum, Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, N.E. Aquarium, Paul Revere House, Peabody Essex Museums and ZOO New England.

Melrose residents may reserve 30 days in advance. Passes can be reserved on-line. Limit: 1 pass per day limited to 5 within 30days.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Moses Greely Parker Memorial Library
28 Arlington Street, Dracut, MA
(978) 454-5474
www.dracutlibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday-Wednesday	8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed on Saturdays June through Labor Day.	

Passes available for residents and Friends of the Library to: the Boston Children's Museum, Butterfly Place, Discovery Museums in Acton, Ecotarium, MASS Parks pass, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, New England Aquarium and ZOO New England.

Passes may be booked on-line.

Nevins Memorial Library
305 Broadway, Methuen, MA
(978) 686-4080
www.nevinslibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays mid-June through Labor Day.

Passes available to the Boston Children's Museum, Currier Museum, Garden in the Woods, Imagine That, MASS ParksPass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museums, Wheelock Family Theater and Zoo New England.

Passes available for residents only. Passes may be booked on-line.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Newburyport Library
94 State Street, Newburyport
(978) 465-4428
www.newburyportpl.org



Handicapped Accessible

Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays from May to mid-Oct.	
Closes at 1:00 p.m. Saturdays in July & August.	

Passes available to the Boston Children's Museums, Children's Museum of NH, the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, MASS ParksPass, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, N.E. Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museums and Zoo New England.

Passes must be reserved in advance and can be reserved on-line.

Peabody Institute Library
82 Main Street, Peabody, MA
(978) 531-0100
www.peabodylibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Sundays Memorial Day to Labor Day.	

Passes available for the: Boston Children's Museum, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Historic New England, House of Seven Gables, Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, the JFK Library, MASS ParksPass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, N.E. Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museums, Roger Williams Park Zoo and Zoo New England.

Peabody residents may book in advance. Non-residents are 1st come 1st serve after 10:30 a.m. only.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Peabody Institute Library West Branch
603 Lowell St, Peabody, MA
(978) 535-3354

Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Peabody Institute Library South Branch
78 Lynn St, Peabody, MA
(978) 531-3380

Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Peabody Institute Library of Danvers
15 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA
(978) 774-0554
www.danverslibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday (Sept. – May) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Passes available for the: Boston Children's Museum, House of Seven Gables, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the JFK Library, New Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, England Aquarium (not available in July & August), Peabody Essex Museums and ZOO New England.

There is a limit of one museum pass per family per day. The passes are checked out on the patron's library card. Reservations may be made by telephone or in person.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Pollard Memorial Library

401 Merrimack Street, Lowell MA

(978) 970-4120

www.pollardml.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays in the summer.

Passes available for residents to the: American Textile History Museum, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Boston Children's Museum, DeCordova Museum, Discovery Museums of Acton, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Imagine That, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, JFK Library, MASS ParksPass, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, N.E. Aquarium, N.E. Quilt Museum, Whistler House Museum of Art and Zoo New England.

Passes may be booked on-line. Non-residents with a valid MA library card may borrow passes to Lowell Museums but must do so in person or by phone.

Reading Public Library

64 Middlesex Avenue, Reading, MA

(781) 944-0840

www.readingpl.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Passes available for Boston by Foot, Boston Children's Museum, Discovery Museums of Acton, Fruitlands Museum, Harvard Art Museum, Historic New England, Institute of Contemporary Art, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, JFK Library & Museum, MASS ParksPass, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, NE Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Spot Pond Boating & ZOO New England.

Passes available for residents only. May be reserved on-line.

LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Salem Public Library

**370 Essex Street, Salem, MA
(978) 744-0860
www.noblenet.org/salem/**

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Passes available for the: Boston Children's Museum, the House of Seven Gables, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts and the Peabody Essex Museums.

Call or inquire at the Reference Desk for details and availability.

Stevens Memorial Library

**345 Main Street, North Andover, MA
(978) 688-9505
www.stevensmemlib.org**

Hours:

Monday - Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed on the weekends during the summer.

Passes available to: Boston Children's Museum, Imagine That, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, John F. Kennedy Library & Museum, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts and the Peabody Essex Museum.

Only N. Andover card holders may reserve these passes in advance. Cardholders from other libraries may access these passes, on the day of use, pending availability.



LIBRARIES (CONT.)

Stoneham Public Library

431 Main Street, Stoneham, MA 02180

(781) 438-1324 (Adult Library)

(781) 438-1325 (Junior Library)

www.stonehamlibrary.org

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed Saturdays Mid-June - Labor Day

Passes available for the: Boston Children's Museum, MASS ParksPass, Museum of Science, Museum of Fine Arts, Peabody Essex Museums and ZOO New England.

Passes are available to Stoneham residents only. The passes must be reserved in advance. Reservations may be made by phone.

Tewksbury Public Library

300 Chandler Street

Tewksbury, MA 01876

Phone: (978) 640-4490

www.tewksburypl.org

Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays June-August.

Passes available to: Boston Children's Museum, Butterfly Place, Davis Farmland & MegaMaze, DeCordova Museum, Discovery Museums of Acton, Garden in the Woods, Historic New England, MASS ParksPass, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, N.E. Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museums, the Sports Museum and ZOO New England.

Passes available to Tewksbury residents only. Passes may be reserved on-line. Limits: 1 pass per family per week.

Museums and Exhibits

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS

Addison Gallery of American Art
180 Main Street, Andover, MA
(978) 749-4015
www.addisongallery.org

On the grounds of Phillips Academy.

Handicapped Accessible.

Open to All Ages. Admission is free.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Addison re-opens Sept. 7, 2010

Beauport Sleeper-McCann House
75 Eastern Point Boulevard, Gloucester, MA
(978) 283-0800
www.historicnewengland.org

Some Handicapped Accessibility.

Hours:

June 1 – mid-Oct Tues. – Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fees: \$10.00 Adults

\$2.50 Children 6-12 (Children under 6 free)

Historic NE members and Gloucester residents free.

Summer home of collector Henry Davis Sleeper. Come view this fantasy house built on the rocks overlooking Gloucester harbor. Every nook & alcove holds a composition of curiosities and architectural delights. Sleeper was a master recycler, recreating America's colonial past using doors, panels, beams, and floorboards rescued from derelict early New England homes. Guided tours on the hour. Special events include: Afternoon Teas and the Nooks & Crannies Tour (reservations required).

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Beverly Historical Society and Museum
117 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA
(978) 922-1186
www.beverlyhistory.org

John Cabot House
117 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA

Handicapped accessible.
Open to all ages.

Hours: Tues., Thurs., Fri.
 & Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Collection of Maritime and Military Exhibits.

The Reverend John Hale Farm
39 Hale Street, Beverly, MA
Saturdays from May 29 - October 30 11am - 3 pm
Please call 978-922-1186 for off-season tours

The John Balch House
448 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA

Hours: Tues. – Sat. 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 End of May – mid-October

Built in 1636, it is one of the two oldest wood-framed houses in America. The house contains interesting structural features and was also the site of a witchcraft incident.

Fees: (fees are per house)
 \$5.00 Adults
 \$4.00 Senior Citizens
 Free for Children under 16 and members

Boott Cotton Mill Museum
(See Lowell National Historical Park entry.)

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Cape Ann Historical Museum

27 Pleasant Street, Gloucester, MA

(978) 283-0455

www.capeannhistoricalmuseum.org

Downtown near City Hall. Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays and major holidays.

Museum is closed during the month of February.

Fees: \$8.00 Adults
\$6.00 Senior Citizens, Students & Cape Ann residents
Free Under 12 & Museum members

The museum exhibits the largest collection of works by Gloucester native Fitz Henry (Hugh) Lane, one of America's foremost maritime painters. Also on display is the Gloucester sloop *Great Republic*, paintings by Winslow Homer, Milton Avery & more. Other galleries display artifacts from Gloucester's proud maritime past, feature the work of Cape Ann's contemporary artists and tell the history of the area's granite quarrying industry. Visitors may also tour the adjoining Capt. Elias Davis House.

Custom House Maritime Museum

25 Water Street, Newburyport, MA

(978) 462-8681

www.customhousemaritimemuseum.org

Located near Market Square. Not Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Open May 15th to Dec. 15th

Fees: \$7.00 Adults
\$5.00 Seniors & Youth
Free Children under 12 & active military members

Designed by Robert Mills, architect of the Washington Monument and U.S. Treasury Building, the Museum maintains original artifacts from the prosperous trade era, maritime art, models of Newburyport-built vessels, trades routes and journals, and old maps showing the city's heyday.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park

51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA

(781) 259-8355

www.decordova.org

Hours:

Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Select Monday Holidays 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

September 19, 2010 join DeCordova for its first annual Family SculptureFest! Participate in Sculpture Park tours, scavenger hunts, art-making, art sale, performances community-related activities and the area's largest outdoor art exhibition. Call the Museum for current Gallery information and for information on the Summer concert series.

Fees: \$12.00 adults (to view exhibits)

\$8.00 children/senior citizens/students

Free for children under 6 & Active Duty Military & dependents

Admission to Sculpture Park free of charge outside of gallery hours

The Discovery Museums of Acton

177 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

(978) 264-4200

www.discoverymuseums.org

Includes the Children's Discovery Museum, geared for children ages 1-6, and the Science Discovery Museum. Science Museum handicapped accessible in all areas.

Children's Museum:

Tuesday - Sunday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Science Museum:

Tuesday - Friday 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Summer hours: Both museums open 7 days (excluding Monday holidays) & open Friday nights until 9:00 p.m.

Cost (includes both museums): \$10.50 per person 60+ \$9.50. Members & under 1 are free.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Essex Shipbuilding Museum & Ship Yard

66 Main Street, Essex, MA

(978) 768-7541

www.essexshipbuildingmuseum.org

A very important object in the collection is the schooner EVELINA M. GOULART which sits in the shipyard, very near the spot where she was originally constructed and launched in 1927. She is one of seven remaining Essex built schooners.

Route 128 to Route 133 for about 5 miles to the town of Essex. Museum is on the left just after intersection of 133 & 22.

Hours:

June - Oct.	Wed.- Sun.	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Nov. - May	Sun. & Sat.	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fees:	\$7.00	Adults	\$6.00	Seniors
	\$5.00	Children ages 6-12		Free for under 6

Fruitlands

Four Museums of American Art & History

102 Prospect Hill, Harvard, MA

(978) 456-3924

www.fruitlands.org



Some handicapped accessibility.

Exhibits include: Fruitlands Farmhouse, Shaker Museum, Indian Museum and the Picture Gallery. Explore the 200 acres of woodlands and meadows with four nature trails. Picnic facilities available for museum visitors. Guided tours by reservation.

Hours: Open from mid-April through mid-Nov.

Weekdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Week-ends 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Museum Fees:	\$12.00	Adults
	\$10.00	Seniors & college students
	\$5.00	Ages 5-13 (under 5 free)

Trails/Grounds only:

\$6.00 Adults & \$3.00 Children

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Hammond Castle Museum
80 Hesperus Ave., Gloucester, MA
(978) 283-2080 or 283-7673
www.hammondcastle.org



Route 1 North to Route 128 North to Exit 14 (Route 133 East),
to Route 127 South for about 1 mile. Turn left onto Hesperus Ave.

Visitors to Hammond Castle Museum are welcome to explore the castle on a self-guided tour of eight rooms including the great hall, indoor courtyard, Renaissance dining room, two guest bedrooms, the inventions exhibit room, the Natalie Hays Hammond exhibit room, the tower galleries, as well as several smaller rooms and passage ways. Visitors may also enjoy the beauty of the castle grounds and a view of the Atlantic shore line.

Not Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Spring Hours
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Summer Hours
Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
For Fall & Winter hours please call as they change frequently.

Call about special events during the Summer, in late October &
during the Christmas season.

Fees: \$10.00 Adults
\$6.00 Children
\$8.00 Seniors

Ticket sales end ½ hour prior to closing. Hours are subject
to change due to bookings of private functions.

Hammond Castle is available for overnight stays during the
summer for organized children's groups. Call for further
information.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

House of the Seven Gables

54 Turner Street, Salem, MA

(978) 744-0991

www.7gables.org

Off Derby Street, next to Pickering Wharf.

Not Handicapped Accessible. Arm chair tour on video available.

Hours: Open Daily

November –June 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

July - October 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Open week-ends in October until 11:00 p.m.

for special performances.

Closed January 1st – mid-January.

Fees: \$12.50 Adults
\$11.50 Seniors & AAA members
\$7.50 Children, ages 5-12 (Children under 5 free)

Allow minimum of 45 minutes for tour. Free parking available.

The JFK Library & Museum

Columbia Point, Boston, MA

866-JFK-1960

www.jfklibrary.org

Take route I-93 or I-95 south to Boston and onto the Southeast Expressway (route3/I-93). Take exit 15 and follow the signs to the JFK Library

Handicapped Accessible.

Free parking is available.

Hours: Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.

Fees: \$12.00 Adults
\$10.00 Seniors and Students
\$9.00 Children ages 13 to17 (under 13 free)

In 25 dramatic exhibits, you step back into the world of the Kennedy Presidency and experience an uplifting “first-hand” look at Kennedy’s life, leadership and legacy. A 17 min. introductory film is shown every 20 min. beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:55 p.m. No 2 p.m. film on week-ends.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Lowell National Historical Park

246 Market Street, Lowell, MA

(978) 970-5000

www.nps.gov/lowe

Handicapped Accessible in most areas.

Open to All Ages. Limited free parking available

From March to November, a trolley ride is available between sites free of charge. Several walking tours also available free of charge.

Visitor Center

Located in the former Lowell Manufacturing complex, the Visitor Center is the starting point for all tours. Visit the Children's Corner available as a self-guided tour during regular Visitor Center hours. Slide presentation given every 1/2 hour.

Admission free to Visitor's Center.

Hours: Summer to Labor Day 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sept-Nov. & March – June 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

December - February 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

(Sundays open at 10:00a.m.)

Boot Cotton Mills Museum

115 John Street

See operating power looms, use interactive exhibits & learn about the Industrial Revolution and the rise, fall & rebirth of Lowell.

Hours: Daily

June – mid-Oct. 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Late Fall, Spring & Winter 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fees: \$6.00 Adults

\$4.00 Students

\$3.00 Youth 6-16 (Children under 6 free)

Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit

40 French Street

Tells the human story of the industrial revolution.

Admission is free.

Hours change seasonally – call ahead

Pawtucket to the River Tours (Summer only)

Reservations required. Doesn't operate week-end of Folk Festival.

Fees: \$8.00 Adults \$7.00 Seniors/Students

\$6.00 Youth 6-16 (Children under 6 free)

Week-ends only beginning Memorial Day. Daily end of June through Labor Day. 3 different tours available. Hours vary seasonally. Call 978-970-5000 for more information.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Lawrence Heritage State Park

One Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA

(978) 794-1655

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/northeast/lwhp.htm

Handicapped Accessible.

Open daily

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free.

The Visitors Center is located in a beautifully restored 1840s boarding house. Exhibits focus on the rich immigrant history of the city of Lawrence and on the "Bread and Roses" 1912 labor strike.

Lynn Heritage State Park

590 Washington Street, Lynn, MA

(781) 598-1974

Route 1A north to Union St.- then follow the signs.

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Wednesday, Saturday

& Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free.

State-of-the-art exhibits, tours, films & outdoor programs celebrate the 300 year history of the city with a broad view of Lynn's past as "Shoe City," including a "ten footer" shoe shop. The harbor front park features mosaic murals depicting Lynn's history.

The Lynn Museum & Historical Society

590 Washington, Lynn, MA

(781) 581-6200

www.lynnmuseum.org

Hours: (Closed major holidays)

Tuesday -Saturday

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Open until 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays

Fees: \$5.00 Adults

Free for members, Lynn public school students & children under 12.

Tours daily. Changing exhibits on the history of Lynn. The museum seeks to preserve, collect and interpret Lynn's rich historical past.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Lowell Heritage State Park

160 Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell

(978) 458-8750

www.mass.gov/dcr/forparks.htm

Rte. 495 north to Lowell Connector. Follow the signs to the National/State Historic Park.

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.

A Victorian garden in the heart of the downtown, and over two miles of landscaped esplanade, summer concerts, & swimming & boating in the Merrimack River are additional attractions at this popular park.

Lowell boasts a remarkable network of nineteenth-century canals created to provide power to the bustling textile mills that operated along the water's edge. Today visitors can explore exhibits about Lowell's role in America's industrial history presented in conjunction with the Lowell National Historical Park.

New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

(978) 452-4207

www.nequiltmuseum.org

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

May- October also on Sunday 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Closed on major holidays.

5 exhibitions during season. Main gallery closed between exhibitions

Fees: \$7.00 adults

\$5.00 students and seniors

2:1 discount for WGBH & AAA members.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Orchard House

**399 Lexington Road, Concord, MA
(978) 369-4118
www.louisamayalcott.org**

Hours: (April 1st to October 31st)
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Mon. to Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(November 1st to March 31st)
Mon. to Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed January 1st-3rd and Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter.

Fees: \$9.00 Adults
\$8.00 Elders and college students
\$5.00 Children ages 6-17 under 6 free
Family rate of \$25.00 available.

30 minute guided tours of the home of the Alcotts and
Little Women author, Louisa May Alcott.

Paper House

**52 Pigeon Hill St., Rockport, MA
(978) 546-2629
www.paperhouserockport.com**

On entering Rockport follow 127 to Pigeon Cove. After the Yankee
Clipper Inn take the second left (Curtis Street) then another left on
Pigeon Hill Street to No.52 (on your right).
Limited handicapped accessibility.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily
Spring through Fall
Open for season April 1st.

Fees: \$1.50 Adults \$1.00 children
Admission on the honor system
Built in 1924 by inventor Elis Stenman, the house and its
contents are made entirely of newspaper.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Peabody Essex Museum
East India Square, Salem, MA
(866) 745-1876
www.pem.org

Handicapped Accessible. Historic houses not accessible.

Hours: Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's.

Fees: \$15.00 Adults
\$13.00 Seniors
\$11.00 Students 17+
Children to age 16 and Salem, MA residents with ID, free.

Includes admission to galleries and the historic houses. Historic houses tours April-Oct. \$5.00 additional fee for Yin Yu Tang. The Museum is a hidden treasure, with collections- ranking among the finest of their kind. Peabody Essex collections also encompass twenty-four historic buildings, including four National Historic Landmarks, five National Register buildings, and the most recent architecture acquisition, Yin Yu Tang, the only complete Qing Dynasty house located outside China.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology
Phillips Academy, Andover, MA
(978) 749-4490

Route 93 North to Exit 15 (Route 125 North) to Route 28 North. The museum is on the corner of Route 28 and Phillips Street.

Not Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
By appointment only.
Admission is free.

One of the nation's major repositories of Native American archaeological collections. Ranges from the Paleo Indian (12,500 years ago) to present day.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Salem Maritime National Historic Site

**193 Derby Street & Essex & New Liberty Sts., Salem, MA
(978) 740-1650
<http://www.nps.gov/sama/>**

Historic buildings have limited accessibility.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily
Admission is free.

The Regional Visitor Center is located at New Liberty & Essex Sts. in Salem. Be sure to see the dynamic multimedia presentation on 400 years of Essex County history. **Ranger led tours of historic sites are available for a fee.** \$5.00 adults & \$3.00 children (6 – 16) & seniors. Sites include; the Custom House, Derby House, Narbonne House, Scales House & a replica of the 1797 Salem merchant vessel Friendship. A free audio tour of Salem Maritime can be downloaded from the web site.

Salem Trolley Corporation

**8 Central Street, Salem, MA
(978) 744-5469
www.salemrolley.com**

Handicapped Accessible (2 trolleys only).

Hours: April thru October
Daily 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
March and November contact for schedule

Fees: \$15.00 Adults
\$14.00 Seniors (60+)
\$5.00 Children 6-14 (under 6 free)

Tickets are valid for the day – riders are free to disembark at any stop. Tours on the hour in and around Salem. Trolley stops at 13 historic sites. Tour begins at trolley stop on Essex St. next to the National Park Visitor's Center. Last trolley leaves National Park Center at 4:00 p.m.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

The Salem Witch House
310 Essex Street, Salem, MA
(978) 744-8815
www.witchhouse.info

The Witch House is located at the corner of Route 114 and Essex Street in downtown Salem.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mid May through early November
Extended hours certain days in October
During the off-season, tours are available by appointment.

Guided Tour: \$10.25 Adults
 \$8.25 Seniors
 \$6.25 Children, (6-14) (Children under 6 free)

The Witch House is listed on the National Register of 1675 & is the only home standing in Salem with direct ties to the witchcraft trials of 1692. The House offers tours, educational programs & historical interpretation. It is dedicated to preserving & interpreting the social history & material culture of the 17th century, as well as providing information about the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692. Watch for Eerie Evenings haunted story tellings in October.

The Salem Witch Museum
Washington Square, Salem, MA
(978) 744-1692
www.salemwitchmuseum.com



Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily
(Open until 7:00 p.m. in July and August)
Extended hours during Halloween season.

Fees: \$8.50 Adults
 \$5.50 Children 6-14 (Children under 6 free)
 \$7.00 Seniors

Series of life size figures in stage sets. Audio recreation of the 1692 witch trials. Parking is limited in front of building. Three city parking lots are within walking distance. Presentations made every half hour.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Saugus Ironworks National Historic Site
244 Central Street, Saugus, MA
(781) 233-0050
www.nps.gov/sair

Route 128 to Walnut St., and then follow the signs.
Handicapped Accessible (museum and rest rooms).

Hours: April through October
Daily: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed November through March

Free Admission and Parking.

Reconstructed 17th century ironworks which flourished on the Saugus River from 1646 to approximately 1670. Two guided tours daily from the end of May to October 31st at 11:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m.

The Schooner “Adventure”
4 Harbor Loop, Gloucester, MA
(978) 281-8079
www.schooner-adventure.org

Adventure is currently docked at Gloucester Marine Railways, Rocky Neck, Gloucester.



The Schooner *Adventure* is seeking hard-working volunteers for a wide variety of tasks. There is something for everyone and for every skill level. And no matter what your level of commitment is—be it volunteering for a one-time event or coming in every week at a regular time—*Adventure* needs your help!

Recently designated a National Historic Landmark, the schooner *Adventure* was the only American dory left in the Atlantic when she finished her fishing career in 1953. Built in 1926 in Essex, MA, the *Adventure* was known as a highliner and was the biggest money maker of all time. She is currently maintained by Gloucester Adventure, Inc. formed to maintain and restore the schooner as a living symbol of Gloucester’s rich sea-faring heritage.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm

**5 Little's Lane, Newbury, MA
(978) 462-2634
www.historicnewengland.org**

Some Handicapped Accessibility.

Hours: June 1st- Oct. 15th

Thursday - Sun 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

Fees: \$5.00 Adults
 \$4.00 for children
 \$18.00 Families

With displays of furnishings as well as excavated artifacts, the Spencer-Peirce-Little house tells the story of the daily lives of the people who lived and worked there. The interior reveals evidence of 3 centuries of use and alteration. Nature walks, family events & lectures are held at the farm year round. Newbury Community Day last Sat. in July, Family Harvest Festival held end of Sept. Vintage baseball throughout summer.

Wenham Museum

**132 Main Street, Wenham, MA
(978) 468-2377
www.wenhammuseum.org**

Route 128 North, Exit 20-A North to Route 1A North for 2.3 miles. Across from town green.

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Tuesday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed on all major Holidays.

Fees: \$7.00 Adults
 \$5.00 Children ages 1-16

Over 1,000 dolls on exhibit with games and toys dating back to the turn of the century. A museum of family life, the Wenham Museum invites visitors of all ages to explore how we have lived, dressed, worked and played from the 17th century to today. The museum also has a permanent model train exhibit, a children's interactive space as well as guided tours of the 17th century Clafin-Richards House.

MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS (CONT.)

Whittier Birthplace

305 Whittier Road, Haverhill, MA

(978) 373-3979

www.johngreenleafwhittier.com

Hours: April 7th- Nov. 30th

Wed. & Fri. 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed in Winter except for special events.

Fees: \$5.00 Adults
\$3.00 Seniors & Students over 18
\$2.00 Children under 18

The Whittier Homestead is an outstanding example of the old New England farm. Located on its original site, it is substantially the same as when the Poet lived there in 1807 until 1836. The homestead is the setting of his most famous and beloved poem Snow-Bound.

Witch Village

282 Derby Street, Salem, MA

(978) 740-2929

Hours: Daily

April – June & September 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

July & August 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

October extended hours both week-nights & week-ends

Nov. – Dec. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Jan. - March 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fees: \$7.00 Adults
\$6.00 Seniors
\$5.00 Children & Students (5 & under free)
Combination ticket available with Salem Wax Museum

The **ONLY** tour in Salem to actually touch upon the subject of Witchcraft: it's history, beliefs and practices, ancient & modern! It was created in conjunction with modern day Witches. Learn the **truth** behind the legends, superstitions and centuries of propaganda.

We suggest that families call all venues ahead for further information & to confirm schedules. Call about Summer events.

Outdoor Spaces

OUTDOOR SPACES

Bradley Palmer State Park
Route 1, Asbury St., Topsfield, MA
(978) 887-5931

Handicapped Accessible.

Fee for parking: \$5.00 at the Hamilton end
Free at the Topsfield end.

Picnic area is set in a pine grove. A paved road takes you through the park. Wading pool accessible via Hamilton entrance.

Breakheart Reservation
177 Forest Street, Saugus, MA (Off of the Fellsway)
(781) 233-0834

Not Handicapped Accessible.
Open year-round - Dawn - sunset
No admission fees. No vehicles allowed.

Great for family hiking. Supervised swimming area at Pearce Lake, one of the few fresh- water swimming spots north of Boston. Rangers conduct year-round programs that interpret the plant and animal life of the woods and ponds as well as cultural themes of the reservation's past.

Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program
Eaton Street, Lawrence, MA
(978) 681-8675
www.boatingprogram.com

Children and families can take beginner, intermediate and advanced boating lessons throughout the summer.

Hours: Boathouse is open 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days per week beginning the end of June.

Fees: (For 11 week season)
\$100.00 Individual \$150.00 Family
\$50.00 Youth (ages 9-17) or Senior

Membership includes unlimited use of watercraft and facilities and 1 three-week session of sailing lessons.

OUTDOOR SPACES (CONT.)

Halibut Point State Park

Gott Avenue, Rockport, MA

(978) 546-2997

www.halibutpointstatepark.org

Most areas Handicapped Accessible.

Hours:

Memorial Day-Labor Day 8:00 a.m. –Sunset

Labor Day- Memorial Day Sunrise-Sunset

Rest of year Sunrise - sunset

Fees: Day Parking: \$2.00

Memorial Day - Columbus Day, tours of the quarry are offered. Visitor's center is in a renovated World War II fire-control tower. The center features exhibits related to the park's natural and cultural history. There is also a small museum.

There are 2.5 miles of trails. Moderate walking. The reservation is a link in Rockport's Atlantic Path.

Harold Parker State Forest

Route 114, North Andover, MA

(978) 686-3391

Handicapped Accessible & adaptive equipment available.

Open for hiking all year.

Open for camping late May until early September.

Camp office open 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fees: Camping \$12.00

There is also a \$9.25 transaction fee to make a camping reservation.

Camp sites equipped with a picnic table and a grill. No electric or water hookups are available. The bathrooms have hot water showers and flush toilets. **Berry Pond** is no longer a DCR designated swimming area. Day time facilities at the beach area are no longer available. No outside firewood allowed!

OUTDOOR SPACES (CONT.)

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
87 Perkins Row, Topsfield, MA
(978) 887-9264
www.massaudubon.org

Route 95 to Route 1 North to Route 97 South. Take 2nd left onto Perkins Row.

Some handicapped accessible areas.
Trails open dawn – dusk Tues – Sunday & Mon. holidays

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Weekends 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 (from November - April)
Week-ends 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 (from May – October)

Fees: \$4.00 Adults
 \$3.00 Children & Seniors
Free for Mass Audubon Society members.

Canoe along the eight miles of the Ipswich River that run through the sanctuary or hike on more than 10 miles of interconnecting trails.

Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest
Trotting Park Rd., Lowell
(978) 369-6312

Not handicapped accessible.
Hours: 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 pm daily
Admission is free.



Located in three towns, this forest contains 1,140 acres including 180 acres of ponds, swamps, and wetlands. It is the probable site of a Native American village prior to colonial settlement and later was acquired to obtain granite for canals and factory foundations.

The forest has six miles of trails offering hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. Hunting is permitted in season. Park also has a boat ramp, fishing and permits non-motorized boating.

OUTDOOR SPACES

Lynn Heritage Waterfront & State Park
590 Washington Street & 154 Lynnway, Lynn, MA
(781) 598-1974

Handicapped Accessible.

Park Hours: Daily: Dawn to Dusk
Visitor's Center:
 Wed., Sat., &- Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.

3 acres of open green space on the water with a boardwalk. Exhibits and tours highlight the innovation and industry of Lynn, the turn-of-the-century shoemaking capital of the U.S.

Maudslay State Park
Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport, MA
(978) 465-7223

Limited handicapped accessibility. Please call.
Some provisions will be made.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to sunset daily.
Fees: Parking is \$2.00.

Suitable for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, horticultural walks and nature. Concert performances, craft workshops, week-end theater and children's events held throughout the spring and summer.

Middlesex Fells Reservation
4 Woodland Road, Stoneham
(617) 727-5380

Not Handicapped Accessible.
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to sunset, daily
Free parking and admission.

Special programs provided by the Friends of the Middlesex Fells. Call 781 662 2340 for program information. Special features for visitors include the Sheepfold picnic area, Bellevue Pond, Virginia Wood, and Spot Pond. There are several entrances to the reservation. Please call to see which one meets your needs. Headquarters open 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., weekdays. For information on boating at Spot Pond, call 781-979-9463 or visit www.spotpondboating.com.

OUTDOOR SPACES (CONT.)

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge
6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA
(978) 465-5753
www.parkerriver.org

Refuge Hours: Daily Dawn to Dusk.
Visitor's Center: Daily 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

From Route 95 take exit 57 and go east on Route 113. Continue straight onto Route 1A South to the intersection with Rolfe's Lane for a total of 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Rolfe's Lane to its end. Turn right onto the Plum Island Turnpike and cross the Wilkinson Bridge to Plum Island. Take your first right onto Sunset Drive to the refuge entrance.

Handicapped Accessible.

Parking Costs: \$5.00 per car
\$2.00 walk-ins or bicycles
\$20 Annual Pass

During the warmer months, the Plum Island section of the Refuge often fills to capacity. At these times public entry is restricted for several hours.

No pets, vegetation picking or alcohol. Beach is closed from April 1st to mid/late August because of nesting birds. Remainder of refuge open. Biting fly season runs mid-July to mid-August. Restrooms are located at parking lots 1 & 4.

Phillips Academy Bird Sanctuary
End of Chapel Avenue, Andover, MA
No phone

Open to All Ages.

Admission is free.

2 mile walk on wide, winding gravel paths.
Look for wild ducks and geese.



OUTDOOR SPACES (CONT.)

Thacher Island
Rockport, MA
(978) 546-7697
www.thacherisland.org



Not Handicapped Accessible.

Designated a National Historic Landmark, the twin lighthouses on Thacher Island have stood guard over the coasts of Cape Ann for over 135 years. Scenic trails take the visitor past rugged granite ledge, old graveyards, & high gravel bluffs. The North Tower, which has been restored by the Thacher Island Association, with the help of the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife, is accessible & open to the visitor. The island ramp is accessible to kayaks or small rowboats only. To make a reservation for one of the 2 guest moorings off shore contact 617-599-2590.

Membership in the Thacher Island Assoc. costs \$30 per individual & \$60 per family and gives you access to Wed. & Sat. morning boat trips to the island. Boat trips start in July and run thru the end of August. Boat trips are at 9 AM on Wednesdays & 9 & 10 AM on Saturdays.

Walden Pond State Reservation
915 Walden St., Concord
978 369-3254

Handicapped Accessible. Open to all ages.
Parking \$5.00 - Calling in advance recommended.

Park Hours: 8:00 a.m. to sunset

Walden Pond has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Year round Park Interpreters provide tours and ongoing educational programs. The Reservation includes 333 acres surrounding the pond, which is a 103 foot deep glacial kettle hole pond. 2280 acres of mostly undeveloped woods, called "Walden Woods" surrounds the pond. Lifeguards on duty Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Some parks & reservations hold special events during the summer, & fees are subject to change. You may wish to call ahead. For additional information on parks in your area, call your local Recreational Department.

Indoor Playgrounds

INDOOR PLAYGROUNDS

Imagine That!

354 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA

978-740-3187

www.imajinethat.com

Hours:

Sun. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday & Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fees: \$8.95 Children 1 and up
\$2.95 Under 1
\$1.00 Adults

The 12,000 sq. ft. space is divided into eight themed areas - an interactive farm, kid-size grocery store, construction area, playhouse, infant room, fun-filled craft room jungle-themed climbing structure and a Jurassic room. Available for parties. No outside food or beverages allowed.

INDOOR PLAYGROUNDS

One Stop Fun-Gym Mania
49 Power Rd, Westford MA 01886
978-692-9907
www.onestopfun.com

Hours:

Monday- Thursday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In Summer, indoors closes at 4:30 p.m. all days but pool is open until 7:00 pm.

Fees: \$9.99 Gym Children 1 and up (Parents free)
\$15.00 Child Pool (\$7.00 after 5:00 p.m.)
\$20.00 Combination ticket
Annual memberships available

Large indoor Playground that contains 3 stories of tubes and tunnels for climbing and exploring, a wave slide, a spiral slide and a separate newly expanded toddler area for lots of fun and adventure! Imagination Playland allows children to explore space, dress up & play limitlessly in the farm stand, construction site & thinking room. Socks are always required & NO outside beverages or food allowed.

INDOOR PLAYGROUNDS

The Adrenaline Zone at Laser Craze

**South East Entrance
1600 Osgood Street, North Andover
(978) 689-7700
www.lasercraze.us**

Turn into Osgood Landing's "South Entrance" at the set of lights across from the gas station. Proceed onwards about 200 yards. Turn into the second parking lot on the right. Go to the entrance labeled "South East Entrance / Gate 5." LaserCraze is located on the second floor of Building 30.

Hours:

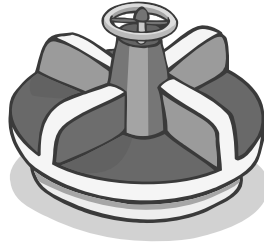
Tuesday – Thursday	10:30 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Friday	10:30 a.m. - Midnight
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - Midnight
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fees:	Children	\$8.00
	Supervising adults	FREE

The Adrenaline Zone (A-Zone) is filled with the most enormous and fun-filled inflatable play structures ever created! If you don't tell the kids that it's exercise, they'll never know this much fun is good for them!

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Socks required. No outside food or beverages allowed.

Laser Craze is a separate play area and has separate fees.



Farms/Food Production

FARMS/FOOD PRODUCTION

Brooksby Farm

**54 Felton Street, Peabody, MA
(978) 531-7456
www.brooksbyfarm.org**

Open to All Ages.

Hours: Farm - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily.
June-March
Farm stand - 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily.

Take the family to pick strawberries, raspberries and apples. Call in advance to find out what produce is in season. The Farm has sheep and goats for petting and ducks, chickens and turkeys for viewing. The farm is the location of the historic Nathaniel Felton Sr. and Nathaniel Felton Jr. homes, the Smith Barn, and the Woodland Gardens, which are operated by the Peabody Historical Society.

Hiking and cross-country skiing also available on site.

Cider Hill Farm

**45 Fern Avenue, Amesbury, MA
(978) 388-5525
www.ciderhill.com**

Route 495 east to Exit 54. Turn right and follow Rt. 150 into the center of Amesbury; go 1/3 way around the rotary and continue north on Market Street, still Route 150, one mile to Fern Ave. Turn right onto Fern.

Hours:
May 1st- end of Nov. Daily 8:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.

During the fall, there are afternoon hay rides (weekends and holidays), a sheep pen, pig pen, chickens, animal tire swings, and a hay jump. Other things to do include: finding your way through corn and hay mazes, or picking your own strawberries, blueberries, apples and pumpkins, Picnic area available. Crop schedule on web site. Sorry, no dogs allowed. Certified Organic farm.

FARMS/FOOD PRODUCTION

Connors Farms

**30 Valley Road (Rt. 35), Danvers, MA
(978) 777-1245
www.connorsfarm.com**

For tour information: (978) 777-1245.

Open for season mid-April to October 31st.
Hours: Farm open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily.

Take the family to pick strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, peaches, flowers, apples and pumpkins. Call in advance to find out what produce is in season. Containers provided free of charge. The Farm has a barnyard animal petting zoo, picnic area, hayrides and ice cream available. Don't miss their Strawberry Festival the 3rd Sat. in June. Corn maze available in September!! Maze open until 10 p.m. weekends in October. Admission fee charged for Corn Maze.

Long Hill Orchards

**520 Main Street (Rt. 113)
West Newbury, MA
(978) 363-2170
www.longhillorchard.com**

Exit 57 off Rt. 95. Left off exit, farm is 5 miles on the right.

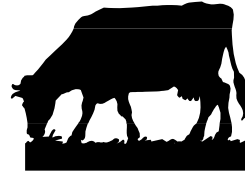
Open for season April 1st to December

Hours: Farm open 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily.

Take the family to pick strawberries, blueberries, peaches, pears, apples, flowers and pumpkins. Community Supported Agriculture program shares available. Call in advance to find out what produce is in season. Containers available if needed. The Farm has a greenhouse, barnyard animal petting zoo, picnic area with scenic views of the Merrimack River and ice cream available. Hayrides and apple blossom tours in Fall and sleigh rides and Christmas Trees in December.

FARMS/FOOD PRODUCTION

Great Brook Farm
984 Lowell Road, Carlisle, MA
(978) 369-6312



Rte. 128 north or south to Exit 31B.
Rte. 225 west to Carlisle Center. North on Lowell St.

Fees: \$2.00 parking

Hours: Park open daily sunrise to sunset.
Ice-cream stand April through October from 11 AM to dusk.

The farm and buildings at Great Brook Farm comprise a classic eastern Massachusetts agricultural landscape. The arrangement of open fields, sturdy walls, diversified woodlands and historic structures are significant images of our agricultural past. Visitor's center, pavilion, & indoor restrooms. Picnic tables provide shade relief under the pavilion and overlook a butterfly garden. During the winter months, cross-country skiing is available and one trail is lantern lit for a "moon light" experience! Ski rentals are available.

An active dairy farm operates year-round & public tours are available from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Guided barn tours available week-ends at 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm. Milking tours at 6:15 Sundays, June through August.

Green Meadows Farm
656 Asbury Street, South Hamilton, MA
(978) 468-3720
www.gmfarm.com

Handicapped accessible.

Farm open mid April through December.

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday
Winter 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday

Pick-your-own blueberries, strawberries and pumpkins in season. Floral greenhouse & firewood processing operations. Bunny rabbits and chickens. Past special events have included Strawberry, Blueberry & Harvest festivals with music, hayrides, farm art contests food and entertainment. Educational tours & workshops may be requested. Call for seasonal information. Certified Organic farm.

FARMS/FOOD PRODUCTION

Harbor Sweets

85 Leavitt Street, Salem, MA
978-745-7648 (Shop number)
www.harborsweets.com

10 minute walk from Pickering Wharf to the end of Congress St.

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday (shop only): 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
No production occurring on Saturdays.

Visitors are welcome to ask questions and look into the work area, where the molds used in Harbor Sweets' candy production can be seen. Tours are given on most Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00am. It's best to call for information. Production slows down during the summer. All visitors receive a free sample of their favorite Harbor Sweet.

Honeypot Hill Orchard

144 Sudbury Road, Stow, MA
(978) 562-5666
www.honeypothill.com

Open daily beginning mid- July through Christmas.

Hours:
Farm stand: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily
Picking: Fall 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily
Summer 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily
X-mas Trees: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

Take the family to pick blueberries, pears, & apples. Stand has fresh cider, pies & cider donuts made on premises, cantaloupes, tomatoes, pumpkins, squash, peaches & plums. Call in advance to find out what produce is in season. Visit the petting zoo or have a family picnic. Have lots of fun getting lost in the hedge maze, an exact replica of the famous 'Hampden Court' Maze in England or go on a Hayride. Hayrides available 10:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. on week-ends & 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. on week-days from early September to late October. Maze open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. No dogs allowed in fields. No credit cards accepted.

FARMS/FOOD PRODUCTION

Ingaldsby Farm
14 Washington Street, Boxford
978-352-2813

April to December.

Hours:

Farm stand:	8:00 am - 6:00 p.m. daily (peak)
& bakery	8:00 am - 5:00 p.m. daily (off-peak)
Pick Your Own	Call ahead for picking hours.

Pick your own blueberries, strawberries, apples and vegetables. PYO vegetables include: beans, peas, summer & winter squash, pumpkins, and other seasonal produce. Call to see what is in season. Containers provided, or bring your own. Children welcome with adults. Farm also has a picnic area, playground for the kids and a petting zoo. Seasonal activities also include hayrides and an Easter Egg Hunt. Farm is located one mile off Rt. 133 in West Boxford.

Morehouse's Wheeler Brook Farm
57 Jewett St., Georgetown, MA
(978) 352-8289
www.wheelerbrookfarm.net

Farm is located about 2 miles north from Georgetown center.
Open to All Ages.

Picking Season Hours:

Daily: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. beginning mid - June.

A variety of freshly picked crops including small fruits, vegetables, sweet corn and cut flowers are seasonally available. Family friendly operation includes "Pick Your Own" strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and rhubarb. Some vegetables are periodically available for PYO. Has farm animals, swings, trails, pond, sand box and picnic area that are child and family friendly. Call to find out what crops are available for picking.

FARMS/FOOD PRODUCTION

Parlee's Farm

**135 Pine Hill Road, Chelmsford, MA
978-256-2859
www.parleesfarm.com**

Open June - October.

Hours:

Farm: 7:00 am – 6:00 p.m. daily
Maze 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. week-ends
Call ahead for picking hours.

A family owned and operated working farm in Chelmsford for over 70 years. Family egg hunts in April, PYO strawberries and blueberries (call about other produce). 7 acre maze open week-ends in September & October. Special "Flashlight Nights" in the maze in Oct. Farm also has some animals for viewing. Farm also produces honey.

Russell Orchards

**143 Argilla Road, Ipswich, MA
(978) 356-5366
www.russellorchardsma.com**



Two miles from Crane's Beach.

Open to All Ages.

Hours:

May – Nov.

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

Herbs and vegetables, apples, rhubarb, berries, homemade cider, wine and cider doughnuts. Horses, sheep, pigs, ducks and other farm animals on the premises. PYO blueberries, strawberries, blackberries and raspberries. Containers provided. Special Events: June– Strawberry Festival, Aug. - Peach Festival, Nov. - Apple & Wine Festival-. Hayrides available week-ends in the Fall.

FARMS/FOOD PRODUCTION

Smolak Farms

315 Bradford Street, North Andover

(978) 682-6332

www.smolakfarms.com

Hours: Farm Stand:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Picking: (may vary seasonally, call ahead)

Open May – December

PYO peaches, nectarines, plums, strawberries, cherries, apples, pumpkins & X-mas trees. Walking trail around farm & children's playground available. Ducks and swans in pond. Goats, deer, pigs and sheep. Special events: June - Strawberry Festival, August - Peach Festival, Sept. – Country Week-end, October - the Great Pumpkin, December –stories with Mrs. Claus. Hayrides on Summer Sunday evenings 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., week-ends in Sept., Oct. & Festivals 10-4.

Stonyfield Yogurt Factory

10 Burton Drive Road, Londonderry, NH

(603) 437-4040

www.stonyfield.com

Take Route 93 North to Exit 5. Turn left on to Route 28 heading north. Follow for 2 miles, turning left onto Page Road. Take second left onto Webster Road. Follow to Burton Drive.

Visitors' Center and Gift Shop

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

At the Visitors Center, you can sample scrumptious yogurt and buy it at discount prices. You can hear about the early days on the farm; learn about Stonyfield's earth-friendly business practices; and shop for "moo-chandise". Small-group educational experiences available. Call 603-437-4040, x3270.

For more listings of "pick-your-own" farms in Massachusetts, visit www.mass.gov/agrl/massgrown/

Zoos and Animal Exhibits

ZOOS AND ANIMAL EXHIBITS

Belkins Lookout Farm & Petting Zoo

89 Pleasant St. South, South Natick, MA

(508) 653-0653

www.lookoutfarm.com

Hours:

Farm Market & Garden Center

September – Nov. 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Children's Area & PYO

May – Nov.

Week-ends 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fees: \$8.00 all ages May – Nov.

Fruit cost is additional.

A unique assortment of farm animals like Sophie the Ostrich. Plus favorites like the sheep, cows, reindeer & more! The large petting zoo is located at the children's play area & you can get inside the pen with the sheep, goats & bunnies! Other activities include pony rides, train rides and a children's maze. The small petting zoo is located just beyond the Farm Market parking lot. Also a PYO farm.

The Butterfly Place at Papillon Park

120 Tyngsboro Road, Westford, MA

(978) 392-0955

www.butterflyplace-ma.com

Located 40 minutes north of Boston and 5 miles from the Nashua, NH border on the Westford / Tyngsboro town line.

Handicapped accessible.

Hours: March 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

April – August. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sept. – Oct. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fees: \$12.00 Adults
 \$9.00 Seniors (65 years and older)
 \$7.00 Children ages 3-12 (under age 3 free)

At any given time, the atrium may contain up to 500 butterflies representing as many as 50 different species from around the world. Best to go on sunny days.

ZOOS AND ANIMAL EXHIBITS

The Buttonwood Park Zoo

425 Hawthorn St., New Bedford, MA 02740

(508) 991-6178

www.bpzoo.org

Rt.93 to Rt. 24 South to Rt. 140 South. Cross Route 6 on Brownell Avenue to Hawthorn St. Turn left on Hawthorn; take next left.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily
Gates close at 4:30 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years Day

Fees: \$6.00 Adults
\$3.00 Children 3 to 12 years (Children under 3 free)
\$4.50 Seniors & teens

Nearly 200 species of animals are represented at the Zoo. With just a few exceptions, all of the animals carry out the zoo's theme, "From the Berkshires to the Sea." The focus is on the land & water-based wildlife of Massachusetts, with special emphasis on creating the natural habitats in which the animals actually live. An AZA accredited Zoo.

Capron Park Zoo

201 County Street, Attleboro, MA

(508) 222-3047

www.capronparkzoo.com



Handicapped accessible.

Route 95 to route 123 East. Zoo is located on route 123.

Hours: April – October 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily
November – March 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years Day

Fees: \$5.50 Adults
\$3.75 Seniors & Children 3 to 12 years (under 3 free)
Special rate for Attleboro residents

Exhibits include Asian wildlife, tropical rainforest, nocturnal animal building, Australian animals and a small African animal collection with a rare white lion. No outside food or drink permitted. Concession stand open weather permitting. An AZA accredited zoo.

ZOOS AND ANIMAL EXHIBITS

Davis Farmland & Mega Maze
Redstone Hill Road, Sterling, MA
(978) 422-MOOO (6666)
www.davisfarmland.com

Located on Route 62 in Sterling
Handicapped accessible.

Facility opens for season mid-April, weather permitting.
Daily weather decision is made by 8 am.

Hours:

Mid-April – late May	9:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. daily
Mem. Day– Labor Day	9:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m. daily
September- Mid-October	9:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Thurs.-Sun.
Mid-October to end of Oct.	9:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Fees:

\$19.95 Ages 2-59
\$16.95 Seniors (60+ years)
Children under age 2 free
Rates lower in Spring & Fall

Davis Farmland is home to the nation's largest exhibit of endangered farm animals. A 7-generation family farm, Davis Farmland is home to such species as the rare Jacob Sheep and the critical San Clemente Goat. Discovery exhibits are developmentally appropriate for children ages 2-8 and include animal play, water and sand play and many more. Pony rides are available for an additional fee. Week-day events include: bottle feeding, egg collecting and more. Picnic area, on-site café, ice cream and playground available. Apple picking begins in September – reduced price for apples with paid admission. Special events most week-ends.

A separate attraction, the "Mega Maze" operates across the street. The "Mega Maze" opens in August and is a giant maze cut into a cornfield. Maze is designed by world class maze designer Adrian Fischer. Appropriate for ages: 4 and up. Call (978) 462-8888 for more information. Combination tickets with Davis Farmland available. Adults - \$27.90, Children & Seniors - \$24.90, ages 2-4 \$18.95. Combo tickets can be used on separate days.

ZOOS AND ANIMAL EXHIBITS

Drumlin Farm

**208 South Great Rd, Lincoln, MA
(781) 259-2200**

Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: March through October
Tuesday - Sunday, & Monday holidays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
November through February.
Tuesday - Sunday, & Monday holidays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Non-members Fees: \$6.00 Adults
 \$4.00 Children 3-12 & Seniors
 (under 3 free)

Massachusetts Audubon property with 180 acres of pastures, fields, woodlands and ponds. Experience life on a working New England farm, complete with pigs, horses, cows, and more. Take a hayride along the farmyard trail and enjoy the sights and sounds of farm animals (see baby animals seasonally).

Franklin Park Zoo

**One Franklin Park Road, Boston, MA
(617) 541-LION
www.zoonewengland.com**



Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily Oct. - March
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays April - Sept.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. weekends & holidays

Fees: \$14.00 Adults
 \$8.00 Children 2-15 (under 2 free)
 \$11.00 Seniors

Visit "Kalahari Kingdom", "Serengeti Crossing", the "Tropical Forest" "Franklin Farm", the "Outback Trail", "Tiger Tales" or "Giraffe Savannah". Picnic areas available. For information on special events Call 617-541-LION, option 3. An AZA accredited zoo.

ZOOS AND ANIMAL EXHIBITS

Southwick Wild Animal Farm
2 Southwick Street, Mendon, MA
(800) 258-9182
www.southwickzoo.com

Off Route 16.
Handicapped accessible

N.E.'s largest zoo, Southwick's is privately owned and funded. Shows begin on Mother's Day. Special shows include: "Elephants-Fun Facts", "Muttville" and live animal presentations. Camel, pony and elephant rides available. Picnics allowed. Rides open at 11:00 a.m.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Mid-April – October

Fees: \$18.75 Adults
\$12.75 Children (3-12) & Seniors
Children under three free
\$152 Family fun pass (16 general admissions)

Stone Zoo
149 Pond Street, Stoneham, MA
(781) 438-5100
www.zoonewengland.com

Next to Spot Pond Reservoir.
Handicapped Accessible.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily Oct. - March
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays April - Sept.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. weekends & holidays

Fees: \$19.50 Adults
\$13.50 Children 2-15 (under 2 free)
\$13.50 Seniors

Zoo highlights include: snow leopards, jaguars, Treasures of the Sierra Madre, Yukon Creek, the Touchable Barnyard and the Black Bears exhibit. Picnics allowed in designated area. For information on special events call 617-541-LION, option 3. An AZA accredited zoo.

ZOOS AND ANIMAL EXHIBITS

Wolf Hollow
Route 133
114 Essex Road
Ipswich, MA
(978) 356-0216
www.wolfhollowipswich.org



Handicapped Accessible.

Recommended age group: 5 & up

Hours:

Saturday and Sunday
Gift shop

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Open until 3:00 p.m.

Structured presentation is at 1:30 Ticket sales begin at 1:00 p.m.
It is suggested that you arrive prior to the presentations as capacity is limited. (Jan. - Feb., presentation on Sunday only)

Available to groups of 20 or more Monday through Friday
by reservation only.

Open year round, weather permitting.

Fees:	\$7.50	Adults
	\$5.00	Seniors
	\$5.00	Children 17 & under

Wolf Hollow is a non-profit organization established in 1990 to teach people about the importance of the wolf in the wild. Wolf Hollow offers a unique opportunity to view gray wolves in as natural a setting as possible. Come see how they interact with their pack members and live in a social unit very similar to human families.

Your local MSPCA or Animal Shelter also may welcome visitors. Some hold special children's events as well. Call for further information.

Days at Home

DAYS AT HOME

- ☼ *The summer is a beautiful season to pack up the family and take a day trip to the beach, a museum, or visit a friend who lives near a local pond. But the day will arrive when the outing is canceled, the weather is overcast and rainy, or you have decided you would rather stay at home. What will you do with the children? Here are some suggestions that you might enjoy!*
- ☼ *Fill a cake pan with water, put it on the kitchen floor, and watch your toddler splash!*
- ☼ *Have a rainy day inside picnic! Turn all the lights on in your family room, lay out a blanket, and pack your picnic basket. One parent even provided sound effects by playing a cassette tape of nature recordings borrowed from the library. Don't forget your sunglasses!*
- ☼ *Have a mask making day, using paper bags or boxes. The giant paper leaf bags make wonderful costumes and provide children with a large surface for decorating. You can supply the crayons, markers, bits of cloth or any other items that may help them in decorating these works of art. Give them a theme to get them started. Outer space creatures, dinosaurs, wizards and knights of the round table are great favorites, depending upon your child's age. Your school-age child may want to create a play using their costume.*
- ☼ *Collect some large rocks and use tempera paint to turn them into treasures. Cover with clear acrylic craft paint so they won't smudge.*

DAYS AT HOME (cont.)

- ☼ *To keep cool on a hot and sultry day, build an igloo out of Styrofoam packing squares. Your school-age child may enjoy building a miniature igloo out of sugar cubes.*

- ☼ *Help your school-age child start a summer journal, with pages devoted to such topics as "Books I Have Read", "Silly Activities", "Exciting Adventures", "Family Fun". If your child is unsure about writing, start with illustrations and short descriptive phrases.*

- ☼ *Make Great Goop for some silly, slimy fun. Combine 1 pt. cornstarch with 1 pt. water in a lg. measuring cup. Add some food coloring if desired. Pour mixture into a lg. plastic tub & begin to experience its unique properties and surprises*

- ☼ *Have your children help you re-arrange their toy shelves. Give them boxes or plastic containers to help sort and categorize. Have them take a bath with those toys that need a good wash!*

- ☼ *Take the sleeping bags out of the attic and camp out on the living room floor.*

- ☼ *Pick up a washing machine box at the local appliance store, and turn it into a castle. Help your children make windows and a door, and let them decorate to their hearts delight. This can double as a puppet show theater. Use up your single socks for puppet making! Top it off with peanut butter and jelly "dragon" sandwiches cut out of a dinosaur cookie cutter!*

DAYS AT HOME (cont.)

- ☼ *Have your older school-age child adopt an elderly neighbor. Do the neighbor's flowers need watering? Does their waste can need to be taken in from the road?*

- ☼ *Choose a book, and read several pages a night as a family. Have your older child read to their younger sister or brother.*

- ☼ *Fill an empty coffee can with water. Give the children clean paint brushes, and let them go outside and paint the house, the fence or the cement stairs.*

- ☼ *Find a cool, grassy spot upon which to lie down and go "cloud cruising", finding shapes and faces in the clouds above.*

- ☼ *No-Cook Playdough: great for making dinosaur tracks or whatever! In a bowl mix 1 cup cold water w/1 cup salt, 2tsp. oil & some powdered paint or food coloring. Work in 3 cups flour & 2TBS cornstarch until mixture reaches a bread dough consistency. Put on a cutting board & knead. Use to model as you would clay.*

- ☼ *Catch a lightning bug in a jar. Bring it inside and watch it light up your children's room as they drift off to sleep.*

- ☼ *Be silly and have a backwards day. Have your children wear their clothes inside out, and serve breakfast for dinner!*

- ☼ *Remember, some of the best adventures and most memorable summer experiences you and your child may have can happen right at home!*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In addition to these listings, you may wish to consult the "Calendar" section of the Boston Globe (published every Thursday), the Boston Parent's Paper (on line at <http://boston.parenthood.com>) or the "North Weekly", or "North West Weekly" supplements to the Boston Sunday Globe. All are excellent sources for information on upcoming family oriented events. Below is a list of helpful organizations which may offer additional resources:

- **Appalachian Mountain Club: (617) 523-0655**
www.outdoors.org
- **Massachusetts Department of Agriculture**
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114
Bureau of Fairs: (617) 626-1742
www.mass.gov/agr/
- **Department of Conservation and Recreation:**
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500 Boston, MA 02114
(617) 626-1250
www.mass.gov/dcr/forparks.htm
- **The National Park Service- www.nps.gov**
- **New England Orienteering Club: (781) 648-1155**
www.newenglandorienteering.org

The sponsoring agencies also provide community based services for families and children. To find out more information about the various services provided please visit:

Child Care Circuit
www.childcarecircuit.org

Lynnfield, Reading & North Reading Partnership for Children
www.partnership4children.net

Peabody Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant
www.peabody.k12.ma.us

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Free Fun Fridays Calendar – Summer 2011

Free Admission available on the following dates to the venues below

July 29

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - 308 Congress St – Boston

*SHAKESPEARE ON THE COMMON - Boston Common - Boston

August 5

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART - 101 Northern Ave - Boston

August 12

JFK LIBRARY & MUSEUM - Columbia Point - Boston

STONE ZOO - 149 Pond Street - Stoneham

August 19

*BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS - Free ferry transportation; 408 Atlantic Ave - Boston

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN EASTON - 9 Sullivan Avenue - Easton

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME - 1000 West Columbus Avenue - Springfield

August 26

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE - 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road - Sturbridge

*NEW REPERTORY THEATRE - 321 Arsenal Street - Watertown

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