



What's HOT from MOTT

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What's Hot from MOTT is a monthly media publication highlighting events happening throughout the state in the coming month. It is produced by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT), the state agency dedicated to promoting Massachusetts as a leisure destination. A complete list of events, attractions, outdoor activities, and accommodations is available on our web site: massvacation.com. In addition, we are always available for media interviews regarding Massachusetts tourism. For more information contact Beth White at beth.white@state.ma.us or (617) 973-8508.

Spring Classics

▪ Patriots' Day Celebrations

The day starts at sunrise with the annual re-enactment of the famous battle that began the Revolutionary War. After the battle, the towns of Lexington and Concord host a variety of Patriots' Day activities. Don't miss the pancake breakfasts, 5-mile road race and the Popular Patriots' Day parade. All-day events will also take place at The Old Manse in Concord.

Concord & Lexington

April 20-21

978-369-6993

781-862-2480

www.lexingtonchamber.org

www.nps.gov/mima

▪ Williamstown Jazz Festival

Enjoy the music of nationally acclaimed jazz greats; music, film & dance. Intercollegiate jazz festival & children's programming

Williamstown

April 9-17

800-214-3799

www.williamstownjazz.com

- **Liberty Week at Battleship Cove**

A festival of patriotic exercises and fun-filled educational workshops for the entire family. Free with admission to Battleship Cove. The Fall River Carousel will be open for this event.

Fall River

April 14-18

508-678-1100

www.battleshipcove.org

Out and About

- **Spring Camping in Massachusetts State Campgrounds**

From the Berkshire Mountains to camping on an island within site of the Boston skyline, the Massachusetts state campgrounds have an exciting experience for you. Many state campground facilities open in early April. Come enjoy your forests and parks during the quiet season. To make a reservation at any of the 28 campground facilities visit www.reserveamerica.com or call 877-422-6762. For a list of state campgrounds and opening dates, visit the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's website at www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/camping.htm

- **Earth Day Festival**

Celebrate the earth at Garden in the Woods in Framingham! Free admission, tours, slide shows and family activities including live animal shows and nature demonstrations.

Framingham

April 26

508-877-7630

www.newfs.org

- **Sheep Shearing Festival**

It's a real country fair! Sheep shearing, herding, dog demonstrations, crafters, craft sales, musical entertainment, children's wagon rides and food. Mansion tours optional.

Gore Place, Waltham

April 26

781-894-2798

www.goreplace.org

- **Annual Daffodil Festival**

Millions of blooming daffodils transform the island into a brilliant yellow paradise. Events include Annual Antique and Classic Car parade, tailgate picnic, hiking, fishing and bird watching.

Nantucket

April 25-27

508-228-1700

www.nantucketchamber.org

- **Draft Horse Plow Match**

Bring the whole family to this exciting event featuring competition among New England draft horse clubs in walking and sulky plow, as well as sheep shearing, wagon rides and much more.

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Newbury

April 26

978-462-2634

www.historicnewengland.org

- **Swan Boats**

Opening day for one of the most popular attractions in the city. Take a relaxing ride on an historic swan boat at the Boston Public Garden lagoon. Open daily through September 21.

Boston

April 19

617-522-1966

www.swanboats.com

- **Martha's Vineyard Fiber Fest**

Join the Island sheep, goat and alpaca farmers in a celebration of the spring shearing. Demonstrations, fiber workshops and lots of unique, hand-spun yarn available for sale.

The Ag Hall, West Tisbury

April 19

845-625-7075

A Sporting Chance

- **The 112th Boston Marathon**

The oldest marathon in America and the largest single-day event in New England. Cheer the runners along the 26.2 mile course from Hopkinton to Boston's Back Bay.

Boston

April 21

617-236-1652

www.bostonmarathon.org

- **Opening Day at Fenway Park**

A Boston tradition! Join the "Fenway Faithful" as they cheer on the beloved Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park, Major League Baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark.

Boston

April 8

617-267-1700

www.redsox.com

- **New England Surge**

The entire family will enjoy this expansion team in the Continental Indoor Football League, delivering fast-paced, action-packed football at family friendly ticket prices.

DCU Center, Worcester

April 5-June 14

508-755-6800 ext. BALL

www.newenglandsurge.com

A Family Affair

- **American Girl Fashion Show**

It's a fun-filled event designed especially for girls and their families, friends and favorite dolls! Celebrate the experience of being a girl, whether yesterday or today, through a colorful presentation of historical and contemporary fashions.

Plimoth Plantation

April 5-6

508-746-1622

www.plimoth.org

- **Spring Classic Cluster Dog Show**

Sponsored by the Springfield Kennel Club, this all breed dog show will feature agility trials, obedience trials and conformation.

Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield

April 18-20

413-737-2448

www.thebige.com