



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 Lisa Simmons at Lisa.Simmons@state.ma.us or (617) 973-8508.

▪ **Fall Foliage, Scenic Vistas, and Events in Massachusetts State Parks**

Massachusetts is famous the world over for its fall foliage, and some of the best places to see the brilliant colors of the changing leaves are in the 440,000 acres of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's state parks and watershed lands. Of special interest will be the many summits across the state located in state forests and parks. Please note that the driving roads to the top of Mt. Greylock are closed for renovations. Many parks offer fall foliage hiking programs as well as other fall events.

Throughout Massachusetts

617-626-1250

mass.gov/dcr

A WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY

▪ **Topsfield Fair**

Spend the day at the oldest continuously operating fair in the country. You'll have the chance to see agricultural exhibits and fall flower shows; horse, oxen, and tractor pulls; arts and crafts; the world famous Giant Pumpkin contest; entertainment and midway.

Topsfield

October 3-13

978-887-5000

topsfieldfair.org

- **5th Annual Harvest Celebration**

A Plymouth County tradition, the festival features live demonstrations of cranberry harvesting, cooking with cranberries, children's entertainment, live music, a craft fair, rides and much more.

Tihonet Village, Wareham

October 11 & 12508-742-3104

cranberries.org

- **25th Annual Applefest**

Visit central Massachusetts' highest peak and enjoy the sounds of live entertainment, 75 craft exhibits, and a sky ride to enjoy the beautiful foliage.

Mt. Wachusett Ski Area, Princeton

October 18, 19, 25 & 26

978-464-2300

wachusett.com

- **Wellfleet Oysterfest**

Enjoy world famous Wellfleet oysters fresh from the sea. Oyster shucking contest, booths of delicious seafood fare provided by local restaurants and live music and dancing. Test your endurance in the 5k road race and bid on local items at an auction.

Wellfleet

October 18 & 19

508-349-0330

wellfleetoyster.org

- **National Cranberry Festival**

Take a guided tour of the cranberry bogs by train or fly over the bogs in a helicopter. There will be plenty of things for the whole family with rides, craft displays, music and food.

Edaville Railroad, South Carver

October 11-13

877-332-8455

edaville.com

- **Sturbridge Annual Harvest Festival**

Seasonal fun for the whole family including entertainment, a scarecrow contest, pumpkin carving, a haunted house and much more.

Sturbridge

October 18 & 19

Sturbridge.org

AUTUMN CLASSICS

▪ Haunted Happenings

Experience the “Witch City” at the perfect time of year. Don't miss the Grand Opening Parade, haunted harbor cruises, witch trials, eerie events, haunted houses, treasure hunts, and candlelight tours of historic homes. Spend a day or more in one of the country's oldest seaport communities.

Salem

October 1-31

877-725-3662

hauntedhappenings.com

▪ Mount Greylock Ramble

Walk up Mount Greylock, the highest point in Massachusetts, which attracts hundreds of hikers of all ages.

Adams

October 12

413-743-8300

▪ 42nd Head of the Charles Regatta

If you haven't experienced one of the world's largest rowing events, you don't know what you're missing. Spend the day along the banks of the Charles River as you view championship events and races for youths, veterans and lightweights

Charles River, Cambridge

October 18 & 19

617-868-6200

hocr.org

▪ Paradise City Arts Festival

A terrific juried show of contemporary designer crafts and fine art. Area chefs prepare delicious fare using local products. Enjoy craft demonstrations and live jazz.

Northampton

October 11-13

800-511-9725

paradisecityarts.com

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

- **Lowell Celebrates Kerouac**

International art show of portraits and images relating to his life and works. Take a walking tour, boat tour, canoe trip throughout the city.

Lowell

October 2-5

978-970-5000

lckorg.tripod.com

- **Fiber Twist**

The 2006 Fiber Twist will feature the many sheep and fiber farmers, spinners, dyers, weavers and other fiber artisans that are found throughout Franklin County in northwestern Massachusetts.

Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Deerfield

October 25

413-774-2791

fibertwist.com