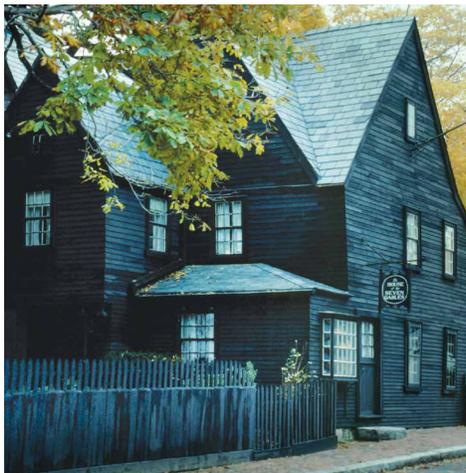


5 Things: Fall in Massachusetts



The shift in temperature signals the start of fall, arguably Massachusetts' most beautiful season. The Commonwealth comes alive with vibrant foliage, crisp air, and intoxicating aromas, enhanced by a bounty of exciting festivals and events. So put on your favorite flannel shirt, order a pumpkin spice latte, and let's go!

Plan your fall fun in Massachusetts at massvacation.com/fallfun



SPOTLIGHT: FALL FUN ITINERARY

There's something about this time of year that brings families closer and begs us to savor the moment.

Here is our recommendation for how to spend a day soaking up autumn goodness with loved ones.

Family • Outdoors • History • Food & Drinks • Laughter • Shopping • Art = Memories

9:30 am Start the day at **Honey Pot Hill** with delicious cider donuts and hot apple cider, then pick your favorite pumpkin to carve and decorate later with the kids!
138 Sudbury Road, Stow, MA
honeypothill.com | (978) 562.5666



APPLE PICKING



BATTLE ROAD TRAIL

11:00 am Fall foliage and key historic sites meet along **Battle Road Trail** in Minute Man National Historic Park. Walk with camera in hand through farming fields, forests, and wetlands. Start at various points on Route 2 in Lexington or the Minute Man Visitors Center.
nps.gov/mima | (978) 369-6993

1:00 pm Feed your brain with a stop at **deCordova Museum and Sculpture Park** to walk among the sculptural displays and take in the latest art exhibit. Then satiate your appetite with lunch at deCordova cafe.
51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA 01773
decordova.org | (781) 259-8355



WINDOW SHOPPING



FARM-TO-TABLE CUISINE

2:30 pm Drive along Route 2 for stunning scenery before stopping at **Walden Pond** for a leisurely walk around the birthplace of the conservation movement and source of inspiration for Thoreau's work.
915 Walden St, Concord, MA 01742
mass.gov/eea... | (978) 369-3254



A WALK AROUND WALDEN POND

3:30 pm Stroll along **Main Street** in charming Concord. Pop into a shop or two and wander the sidewalks in search of holiday gifts and a little something for yourself. Start a conversation with a local and lose track of time...
Main Street, Concord, MA 01742

6:00 pm Enjoy a true farm-to-table dining experience at **Woods Hill Table**, where the philosophy is all about great food, family farms, and sustainable sourcing.
24 Commonwealth Ave., Concord, MA 01742
woodhilltable.com | (978) 369-6300



SCULPTURAL PARK



SEASONAL LAGER

8:00 pm Round out the night with a new, seasonal brew from craft brewery **Jack's Abby Craft Lagers**, made from locally-grown ingredients, traditional German brewing standards, and American innovation.
100 Clinton Street, Framingham, MA 01702
jacksabby.com | (774) 777-5085

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FOLIAGE

There are so many places to observe foliage in Massachusetts. From Western Massachusetts to the Cape and Islands, brilliant golds and rich reds set the landscape ablaze. Leaf peeping is best enjoyed by driving, cycling, and hiking.



DRIVING ROUTES

To cover some ground on your fall foliage adventure, hop in the car, put on some tunes, and watch the trees whir by in a kaleidoscope of color. Here are some of the most stunning driving routes to explore (but don't be afraid to go off the beaten path, too):

Mohawk Trail

Welcome to "up-country", where the views include the spectacular summit of Mt. Greylock and the enchanting Bridge of Flowers.

The Cranberry Course

The colorful leaves are complemented by cranberry bogs flooded with pools of crimson berries.

By Land & By Sea

Charming country roads weave through picture perfect New England towns, right up to the seaside.

Quabbin Reservoir Run

Enjoy the road less traveled with a sweeping view of the countryside along the "unnumbered road."

The Southern Pass

As if the leaves weren't an amazing enough sight, take in the vibrant history of this area, including Battleship Cove

Beauty & The Berkshires

You'll see how this route earned its name as you pass through this Rockwell painting brought to life.

Go to massvacation.com/fall for route info and more inspiration!

HIKING, BIKING, and SCENIC BEAUTIES

From cycling trails to panoramic lookouts, leisurely strolls to heart-pumping hikes, we've got the leaf peeping bases covered.

Charming Stroll | Saunter down Old Main Street in Historic Deerfield where natural beauty, rich history, and culture collide.

Pedal Steady | The crowds have summer have dispersed, leaving nothing between you and 25 miles of gorgeous land and seascapes along the Cape Cod Rail Trail

Get Away | Tucked off Route 7 in Great Barrington, Beartown State Forest offers over 12k acres with extensive network trails for you to take in the foliage and wildlife.

What a View | If you're up for a challenge, then a hike up Mt. Greylock might just be for you. With several options to reach the summit, the journey is lovely but it's the stellar lookout from the top you'll find truly unforgettable.

Easy Trek | Just a hop and a skip from Boston, the Blue Hills Reservation is home to 125 miles of trails that will leave you in awe.

#MAinstafoliage

Tag, share, and follow the fall foliage in Massachusetts on Twitter and Instagram with #MAinstafoliage. Be sure to go to massvacation.com/fall for an up-to-date look at foliage.

FALL HARVEST

The fall harvest is all about apples, pumpkins, and cranberries! From pick-your-own experiences to interactive bog tours, and the most delicious baked goods you can imagine, the hardest part will be deciding where to start.



APPLES: ORCHARDS, FARM STANDS, and PICK-YOUR-OWN

There's something quintessentially New England about apple picking, and here are some great spots to do just that. Don't forget to load up on goodies at the farm stands, too!

Bartlett's Orchard

575 Swamp Road, Richmond, MA 01254
bartlettsorchard.com | (413) 698-2559

Brookfield Orchards

12 Lincoln Road, North Brookfield, MA 01535
brookfieldorchardsonline.com
(508) 867-6858

C. N. Smith Farm

325 South Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333
cnsmithfarminc.com | (508) 378-2270

Lookout Farm

89 Pleasant Street, South Natick, MA 01760
lookoutfarm.com | (508) 651-1539

Parlee Farms

95 Farwell Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879
parleefarms.com | (978) 649-3854

Red Apple Farm

455 Highland Ave, Phillipston, MA 01331
redapplefarm.com | (978) 249-6763

Russell Orchards

143 Argilla Road, Ipswich, MA 01938
russellorchards.com | (978) 356-5366

PUMPKIN PATCHES

Looking for that perfect pumpkin to bring back home for Halloween, and fun on the farm to go along with it? Take your pick!

Drew Farm, Westford

31 Tadmuck Road, Westford, MA 01886
drewfarm.com | 978-807-0719

Tougas Family Farm

234 Ball Street, Northborough, MA 01532
tougasfamilyfarm.com | (508) 393-6406

George Hill Orchards

582 George Hill Road, Lancaster, MA 01523
yourfavoritefarm.com | (978) 365-4331

Howden Farm

303 Rannapo Road, Sheffield, MA 01257
howdenfarm.com | (413) 229-8481

Kimball Fruit Farm

184 Hollis Street, Pepperell, MA 01463
kimballfruitfarm.com | (978) 433-9751

Davis Farmland

145 Redstone Hill, Sterling, MA 01564
davisfarmland.com | (978) 422-6666

Schartner Farm

279 West Berlin Road, Bolton, MA 01740
schartnerfarm.com | (978) 779-6293

Smolak Farms

315 South Bradford Street
North Andover, MA 01845
smolakfarms.com | (978)682-6332

CRANBERRIES: FARMS, BOG TOURS, and PRODUCTS

Massachusetts has been producing cranberries for over 200 years, and they've become a rich part of our culinary DNA. Taste and tour the Massachusetts state berry at these spots:

A.D. Makepeace Company

146 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA 02571
admakepeace.com | (508) 322-4028

Annie's Crannies

36 Scarsdale Road, Dennis, MA 02638
anniescrannies.com

Brooks Academy Museum

80 Parallel St, Harwich, MA 02645
harwichhistoricalsociety.org | (508) 432-8089

Cape Cod Cranberry Bog Tours

1601 Factory Rd, Harwich, MA 02645
cranberrybogtours.com | (508) 432-0790

Flax Pond Farms

58 Pond St, Carver, MA 02330
flaxpondfarms.com | (508) 866-3654

Mayflower Cranberries

72 Brook Street, Plympton, MA 02367
mayflowercranberries.com | (781) 585-1999

Stonebridge Farm

186 Leonard St, Acushnet, MA
stonebridgefarmevents.com | (508) 951 1551

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HOLIDAYS

We're big fans of holidays in Massachusetts, from honoring our noble veterans to reenacting the first Thanksgiving, and even dressing up in full zombie garb for the spookiest of holidays, we're eager to celebrate!

A photograph of a Veterans Day celebration. In the foreground, a large American flag is partially visible. In the background, a field is filled with many smaller American flags on poles, set against a backdrop of trees.

VETERANS DAY

A photograph of a Halloween scene. A large, carved jack-o'-lantern with a menacing face is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. It sits on a bed of dry straw and autumn leaves.

HALLOWEEN

A photograph of a Thanksgiving meal. A roasted turkey is served on a silver platter in the foreground. In the background, there is a bowl of salad, a glass of water, and a wine glass on a wooden table.

THANKSGIVING

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HAPPENINGS

There's always something going on in Massachusetts. Take your pick from a bevy of events and festivals!
For the full list of fall happenings head on over to massvacation.com/massachusetts-fall-events

- *Haunted Happenings in Salem (10/1 - 10/31) | hauntedhappenings.org**
- Martha's Vineyard Food & Wine Festival (10/13 - 10/16) | mvfoodandwine.com**
- Grand Prix of Gloucester (10/15 - 10/16) | gpgloucester.com**
- Wellfleet Oyster Fest (10/15 - 10/16) | wellfleetspat.org**
- *Head of the Charles Regatta (10/22 - 10/23) | hocr.org**
- *22nd Franklin County Cider Days Festival (11/4 - 11/6) | ciderdays.org**
- 28th Boston Jewish Film Festival (11/9 - 11/21) | bjff.org**
- 7th Annual Glassblowers Exhibit (11/14 - 12/30) | sandwichglassmuseum.org**
- Paradise City Arts Festival (11/18 - 11/20) | festivals.paradisecityarts.com**
- 133th Harvard Yale Football Game (11/19)**
- *America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration (11/18 - 11/20) | usathanksgiving.com**
- Edaville Festival of Lights (11/18 - 11/30) | edaville.com/festival-lights**
- Parade of Big Balloons, Springfield (11/25)**
- Bright Nights at Forest Park (11/23 - 1/1) | brightnights.org**
- *Tree Lighting Festivities, Statewide (12/1- 12/22)**

*Signature Events are what we consider the *can't-miss* events in Massachusetts. More at massvacation.com/signature-events

