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

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

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

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
woodshilltable.com | (978) 369-6300

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
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 iconic routes and can’t miss stops!

HIKING, BIKING, and SCENIC BEAUTIES
From cycling trails to panoramic lookouts, leisurely strolls to heart-pumping hikes, we’ve got all 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 for all levels of hiker that will have you in pure awe of nature’s beauty.

#fallMA
Leaf peepers, it’s time to tag, share, and follow the fall foliage in Massachusetts on Twitter and Instagram with #fallMA.
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
csmithfarminc.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) 882-6332

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, Plymouth, MA 02367
mayflowercranberries.com | (781) 585-1999

**Stonebridge Farm**
186 Leonard St, Acushnet, MA
stonebridgefarmevents.com | (508) 951-1551

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.
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!
2017 HAPPENINGS

Fall in Massachusetts is chock full of family-friendly festivals and can't-miss events. Get ready for scrumptious cider tastings, thrills and spooks, classic sporting events, and dazzling lights. Mark your calendars and let the fun begin! For the full list of fall happenings head on over to massvacation.com/massachusetts-fall-events

Berklee BeanTown Jazz Festival, September 9 - 30 | berklee.edu

Topsfield Fair, September 29 - October 9 | topsfieldfair.org

Haunted Happenings in Salem, October 1 - 31 | hauntedhappenings.org

14th Annual Cranberry Harvest Celebration, October 7 - 8 | admakepeace.com

HUBWeek 2017, October 10 - 15 | hubweek.org

Grand Prix of Gloucester, October 14 - 15 | gpgloucester.com

Wellfleet Oyster Fest, October 14 - 15 | wellfleetspat.org

Martha's Vineyard Food & Wine Festival, October 19 - 22 | mvfoodandwine.com

Head of the Charles Regatta, October 21 - 22 | hocr.org

23rd Franklin County Cider Days Festival, November 3 - 5 | ciderdays.org

Paradise City Marlborough, November 17 - 19 | festivals.paradisecityarts.com

29th Boston Jewish Film Festival, November 18 - 20 | bjff.org

America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration, November 17 - 19 | usathanksgiving.com

Edaville Festival of Lights, November 17, 2017 - January 1, 2018 | edaville.com

Parade of Big Balloons, November 24 | valleyvisitor.com

Bright Nights at Forest Park, November 22, 2017 - January 1, 2018 | brightnights.org