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# TRAVEL GUIDE





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# DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT

**Newport named one of the top places to go in 2018**

– *Robb Report*

**Newport Vineyards named the best place to sip cider in Rhode Island**

– *USA Today*

**Newport chosen as one of Brides' favorite U.S. destinations for fall getaways**

– *Brides*

**South County noted as the beach destination you need to know about**

– *Condé Nast Traveler*

**Newport Car Museum featured as the best new reason to hit the road**

– *The Boston Globe*

**Wright's Farm Restaurant and Mission named among the top mom-and-pop restaurants in the country**

– *Food Network*

**RISD Museum named the top Rhode Island attraction**

– *Forbes Travel Guide*

**Providence chosen as an ultimate "mancation" for dad**

– *USA Today*

**Providence named one of the nicest places in America**

– *Reader's Digest*

**Ocean House topped CNN's list of irresistible winter beach hotels**

– *CNN*

**Rhode Island featured as one of the best fall road trips for seeing fall foliage**

– *Travel + Leisure*

# WELCOME TO RHODE ISLAND

We pack a lot into just 1,241 square miles. If our gorgeous beaches, renowned restaurants, and diverse culture don't win you over, our vibrant arts scene, rich history, family-friendly attractions, and great shopping will.

Turn the page and discover the Ocean State — your new favorite destination.



## WELCOME

As the smallest state in the country, Rhode Island is home to a tremendous amount of visitor attractions and amenities. With beautiful beaches, exciting cultural attractions, and a renowned dining scene, the Ocean State is the perfect spot for a visit. Regardless of the length of your stay, I trust you will find the state welcoming, accessible, and accommodating.

Thank you for visiting and we hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

# RHODE ISLAND

What's your perfect vacation? Maybe it's a challenging outdoor adventure. Or a celebratory exploration of the arts. Perhaps it's a family-focused road trip, a locavore's dining extravaganza, or an immersion in the richness and relevance of history. (Personally, we try to squeeze in all of these... and more.) Whatever makes vacation yours, Rhode Island is the place to find it.

## ADVENTURER

Don't let our nickname fool you. We're known as the Ocean State but 59% of Rhode Island is lush, forested open space — which means there are plenty of opportunities for fun on land. Wander our state parks, spectacular nature preserves, and conservation areas. Roam 100 breathtaking beaches, and rough it (or not!) at our campgrounds. Experience Rhode Island on your own terms: on foot, wheels, hooves, or by air.



# OCEAN LOVER

We have nearly 400 miles of coastline, so you can do just about anything that takes place in, on, and around the water. Chase the horizon on a sailing excursion. Reel in the catch of the day on a deep-sea fishing charter. Explore the nooks and crannies of the shore via kayak or paddleboard. Or just chill on one of our beautiful beaches with the surf as your soundtrack. It won't take long to understand why we're known as the "Ocean State."



# ARTIST

Painters. Musicians. Sculptors. Performers. Artisans. Photographers. Glassblowers. Innovators and originals. Artists and art lovers alike are drawn to Rhode Island's booming art scene. We're home to one of the top art colleges in the country, and our creative spirit lives and breathes in our studios, galleries, theaters, art fairs, public art installations, and world-famous jazz and folk festivals. We love art so much, we can't bring ourselves to tax it — which is a bonus for you, because you can buy original, local art tax free.



Credit: Ayano Hisa

# HISTORIAN

Rhode Island's history is America's history. Religious freedom? It started right here, with Roger Williams' radical promise of tolerance. We helped spark the Revolutionary War (even before Boston had its Tea Party) and served as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution. The nation's opulent Gilded Age is captured in our spectacular mansions. Feisty from the beginning, we were the first colony to declare independence from England and the last to ratify the Constitution. Our fiercely independent spirit is still visible today in everything we do. (Including our driving... sorry about that.)



# FOODIE

Rhode Island loves food. Seriously. Swimming in local seafood (literally) and home to the world's largest culinary school, we're unapologetically spoiled when it comes to cuisine. The only state with an official state appetizer? Us (it's calamari and it's amazing). Birthplace of the diner? Us again. In Rhode Island, if you crave it you can find it, whether it's super-fresh local seafood, five-star dinners, gourmet food trucks, or delicious internationally inspired dishes. Yum.



# FAMILY

Rhode Island is all about family fun and quality time. From lazy beach days to exciting adventures, you'll find something fun to suit everyone in your clan and make memories that will last a lifetime. You can pedal down an old rail corridor, tour one of the oldest zoos in the country, get up close and personal with local marine life, or take a leisurely drive along the coast. And because of our size, you can spend your time having fun instead of getting to the fun. Just be careful...your kids might actually start to think you're cool.



## Find Your Experience

So, is a visit to Rhode Island starting to seem like a good idea? Run with it. Plan your family vacation, romantic babymoon, unforgettable guys' or girls' weekend — or anything else you want to celebrate — at [VisitRhodeIsland.com](http://VisitRhodeIsland.com). Everything is here for you, and we invite you to come make it your own.

# RHODE ISLAND REGIONS

You'll find unique experiences in each of our seven regions. From beautiful natural environments to bustling urban nightlife, we have something for everyone — including you.



## BLACKSTONE VALLEY

### Birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution

Take in some history, then get out and enjoy some nature. Blackstone Valley's hard-working people and diverse communities are a microcosm of all that's wonderful about America.



Slater Mill offers an inspiring exploration of its role as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution.



Enjoy more than 60 miles of bicycle trails.



Head to Lincoln Woods State Park for swimming, hiking, bouldering, and more.



Mill villages like Chepachet find new life as homes for restaurants and antique shops.



Take a tour — and maybe a taste — at any of our exceptional breweries, including The Guild (the largest American-made brew house in the country).

# BLOCK ISLAND

## Nature's Paradise

The Nature Conservancy named Block Island one of the 12 last great places in the Western Hemisphere. Quite an honor, and certainly a nod to the island's dramatic cliffs, nature trails, and the fact that roughly 45% of the island is preserved space frequented by migratory birds. But rest assured: humans are welcome to shop, stay, dine, and relax on the beach in the quaint island town of New Shoreham.



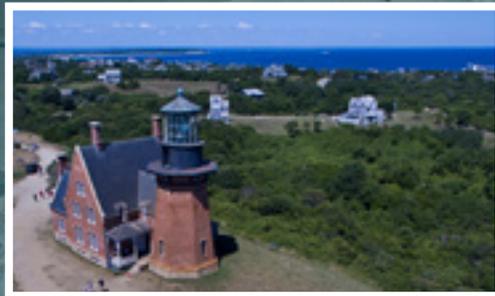
Mohegan Bluffs drop 200 feet to beautiful beaches and incredible views.



Unspoiled white sand beaches beckon.



Block Island is a favorite of kayakers and paddle boarders.



Lighthouses are majestic reminders of Block Island's nautical history.



Shop, dine, and perfect your chill-out skills in Old Harbor.

# BRISTOL COUNTY

## Bucolic & Patriotic

This quintessential New England waterfront area is a favorite of locals and visitors. Bristol County's easygoing attitude is complemented by outdoor recreation, boutique shopping, and unique eateries.



The 45-room Blithewold Mansion is framed by truly incredible gardens filled with rare plants and specimen trees.



The stunning 14-mile East Bay Bike Path hugs the shore from Providence to Bristol.



Coggeshall Farm immerses you in life on a 1790s tenant farm.



Bristol's Fourth of July parade is the country's oldest continuous Independence Day celebration.



The Audubon Environmental Education Center offers nature-focused programming year round.

# NEWPORT COUNTY

## Sailing Capital of the World

Newport was named one of the top destinations in the nation by *Condé Nast Traveler*. It began as a colonial era port, became the Gilded Age playground for some of the country's wealthiest families, and is now a coastal haven for anyone who appreciates great food, historic sites, sailing, and must-see attractions.



The world-famous Cliff Walk: unspoiled coastline on one side, breathtaking Gilded Age architecture on the other.



See how America's wealthiest families summured at the Newport mansions.



Play tennis on the legendary grass courts of the International Tennis Hall of Fame.



Touro Synagogue is America's oldest Jewish house of worship, dedicated in 1763.



Start your engines and head over to the Newport Car Museum featuring a private collection of over 60 automobiles from 1950 to present day.

# PROVIDENCE

## The Creative Capital

Our capital city combines the friendliness and ease of a small town with the culture and sophistication of a big city. Providence has been named the "best city for foodies" and the "number 3 favorite U.S. city." We'd add that it's also great for the arts, family fun, live music, nightlife, and a whole lot more.



Never been to WaterFire? Add it to your bucket list; it's that incredible.



Walking tours (self-guided or with a group) are an enjoyable way to explore Providence.



Live "la bella vita" among Federal Hill's unique shops, great restaurants, and piazza with its iconic fountain.



Roger Williams Park Zoo thrills and educates children of all ages.



Providence is the perfect home base for your excursions on land or sea.

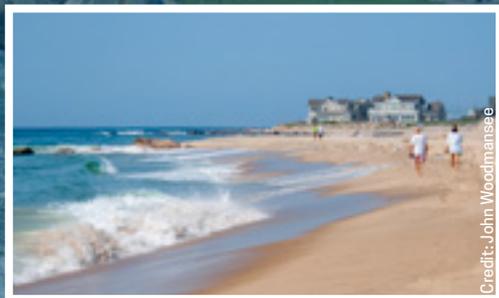
## SOUTH COUNTY

### 20 Beaches — One Vacation

Our southernmost waterfront region features 100 miles of coastline and 20 public beaches. Hike or bike through forests and nature preserves. Kayak, canoe, or paddle board along inlet waterways. Savor coastal cuisine, and tour a craft brewery or distillery. Conquer the waves at Narragansett Beach or see the region via helicopter.



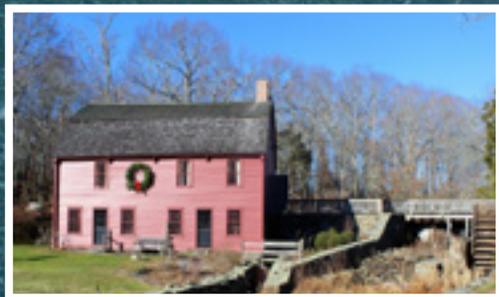
Do stay a while, won't you? Choose a luxurious triple-five-star resort, a local inn, or a cozy B&B.



With 20 public beaches to choose from, you have plenty of places to explore.



Someone once said, "Golf is a good walk spoiled." We beg to differ.



If you like local history, you'll love our 16 museums, including the Gilbert Stuart Museum.



Our nature preserves are great for biking, hiking, bird-watching, or just standing still and breathing.

## WARWICK & WEST BAY

### Central & Coastal

"Central" because it's close to everything, home to the state's international airport (named the third best in America), and loaded with attractions, parks, and great shopping. "Coastal" because it also has beaches. (Beaches are important to us here in Rhode Island, but you probably figured that out by now.)



Gaspee Days is an annual celebration of Rhode Island's revolutionary history.



Clouds Hill Museum preserves and interprets life in a late-1800s home.



Rocky Point State Park holds special memories for generations of visitors.



C & L Stables will take you on a horseback riding tour along the shoreline of beautiful Goddard Memorial State Park.



The region's farms offer corn mazes and other seasonal activities (not to mention fresh local produce).

# SEASONAL EXPERIENCES

Four seasons and 12 months are barely enough to contain everything there is to see and do in Rhode Island. No matter when you visit, you'll find yourself choosing from a wide variety of equally intriguing options.

## WINTER

'Tis the season... for dining fireside at a romantic restaurant, spending the weekend at a cozy inn, or getting outside and enjoying winter's calmer pace. Pack the family onto the Polar Express for a train ride from Woonsocket to the North Pole. Tour a local vineyard, or head out for an evening's entertainment at Trinity Rep or another fine theater. Boost your holiday spirit with a visit to the Newport mansions and see them decked out in their seasonal finery.



## SPRING

Longer days, warmer sunshine, and blooming flowers lift everyone's spirits. And we lift them even further, with a host of great springtime opportunities. Experience *céad míle fáilte* (that's Gaelic for "a hundred thousand welcomes") at Newport's St. Patrick's Day parade. Explore the trails of Block Island, and maybe even find one of the Glass Float Project's undiscovered orbs (Google it; it's very cool). See thousands of tulips in bloom at Wicked Tulips Flower Farm in Johnston. Feel the excitement of world-class sailing competitions, and witness incredible sailing talent and technology at the Volvo Ocean Race in Newport.



## SUMMER

Everyone loves summer — especially in Rhode Island. Here, you're never far from the sun and fun of a beautiful sandy beach. The calendar is packed with chances to experience the excitement and hometown pride of a music, arts, or community festival. Bristol's Fourth of July parade (the nation's oldest) is the centerpiece of the town's month-long celebration that features bands, sporting events, community meals, and more. There's the world-famous Newport Jazz Festival, RI PrideFest in Providence, and too many other great events to list here.



## FALL

Reds, yellows, oranges, golds... autumn foliage is as beautiful as spring flowers. Crisp, cool, clear days — what we call "sweater weather" — beckon you to pick apples at local orchards like Jaswell's Farm in Smithfield, or to hike the trails at our state parks. Woonsocket's Autumnfest brings everyone together for food, music, fireworks, arts and crafts, and more. And don't miss the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular at Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, a favorite Rhode Island tradition that thrills kids of all ages with 5,000 carved and lit pumpkins.



# Culinary Scene

Maybe it's because Rhode Island is literally swimming in fresh seafood. Or maybe it's because we're home to world-renowned culinary school, Johnson & Wales University. Whatever the reason, Rhode Islanders have a passion for food. We love to source it locally, create it, eat it, discuss it, share it, and bring you on tours that revolve around it. We even celebrate it with festivals devoted to our favorites like oysters, quahogs, calamari, chowder, and more. So, a bit of advice as you plan your visit to our state: Bring your appetite.

## Feeling adventurous?

Here's a delicious mission for your taste buds: Eat and drink your way through this checklist of Rhode Island's well-loved, local food favorites. Try them all and earn the right to call yourself an honorary Rhode Islander.



Del's frozen lemonade is the best summer treat ever invented anywhere.



Olyneyville wieners are NOT hot dogs. End of discussion.



Our award-winning chefs are redefining fine dining.



Calamari is our official state appetizer.



If you want a milkshake, you better order a cabinet.



No better lunch than "chowda" and clam cakes. Please don't call them clam "fritters."



## Federal Hill

The unique historic settlement of Federal Hill is recognized as one of the country's top "Little Italy" neighborhoods. This local legend in the heart of Providence boasts Italian specialty food shops, bakeries, wine stores, and restaurants that elevate food, food talk, and food history to an art form.

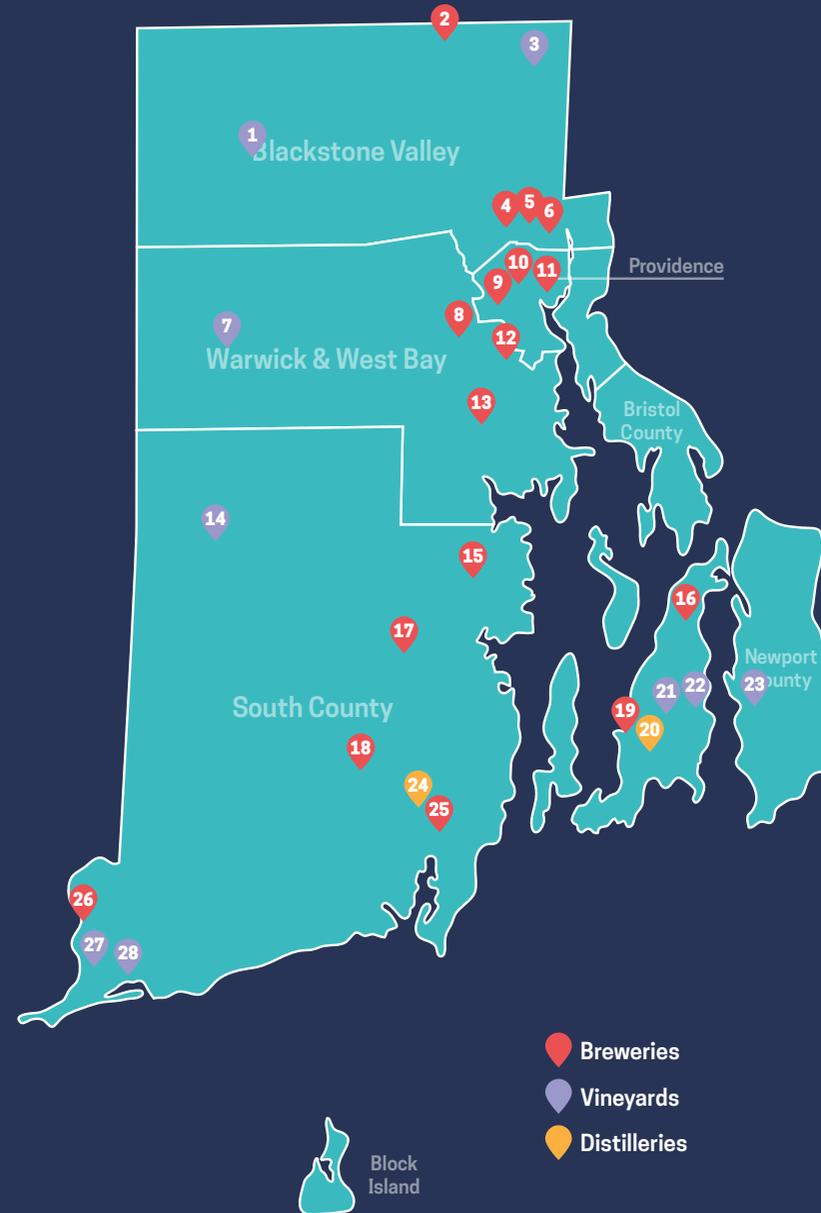
## Diners & Food Trucks

Did you know that Rhode Island is the birthplace of that beloved American icon, the diner? Pawtucket's Modern Diner, a gloriously retro 1940s Sterling Streamliner, is the first diner to be accepted on the National Register for Historic Places. Considering that the first diner was a horse-drawn wagon that sold food in Providence, it's safe to say that we were way out in front of the current food truck craze.



# LIBATIONS

From wineries and distilleries to the buzzing craft beer scene, a sip of Rhode Island's spirits always goes down smooth.



- Purple Cat Vineyard and Winery** Small-batch handcrafted wines, plus a bistro with a healthy menu, teas, javas, and smoothies. 11 Money Hill Road, Chepachet
- Ravenous Brewery** This “nano” brewery (smaller than a microbrewery) makes its ales with small equipment that requires true physical involvement from the brewers. 840 Cumberland Hill Road, Woonsocket
- Diamond Hill Vineyards** Commended for its fruit and berry wines, pinot noir blanc wines, and its latest vintage of pinot noir. 3145 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland
- Foolproof Brewing Company** The largest brewery in the state of Rhode Island, brewing more than a dozen beers. 241 Grotto Avenue, Pawtucket
- Crooked Current Brewery** A 375-square-foot microbrewery and gallery illustrating Rhode Island's incidents of political corruption. 560 Mineral Spring Avenue, Pawtucket
- The Guild** Home to Narragansett Brewing Company, Newburyport Brewing Company, Devil's Purse Brewing Company and Farmer Willie's Craft Ginger Beer. Full-service taproom. 461 Main Street, Pawtucket
- Nickle Creek Vineyard** Specializes in small-production, handcrafted wines that offer uniqueness and quality. 12 King Road, Foster
- Revival Brewing Company** Makes beers the way they should be made: bold, furious and full of passion. 505 Atwood Avenue, Cranston
- Long Live Beerworks** Great beer with a focus on hop-forward ales. Offers a weekly cask-conditioned release. 425 W. Fountain Street #104, Providence
- Trinity Brewhouse** One of the first brew pubs in New England; now one of the premiere restaurants in the state and the largest brewery in Providence. 186 Fountain Street, Providence
- Union Station Brewery** Housed in the original Providence Train Station, this casual and lively brewery offers classic pub fare and an outdoor patio. 36 Exchange Terrace Providence
- Buttonwoods Brewery** Known for imaginative brews and unique takes on classic styles. Enjoy samples in their taproom, and take home a growler of your favorite. 30 Wellington Avenue, Cranston
- Proclamation Ale Company** Ever-expanding brewery in southern Rhode Island specializing in hops/sours. 298 Kilvert Street, Warwick
- Leyden Farm Vineyards & Winery** Unique wines created from farm-grown strawberries, blueberries and grapes. 160 Plain Meeting House Road, West Greenwich
- Beer on Earth** Worldly styles, thoughtfully crafted. 6670 Post Road, North Kingstown
- Ragged Island Brewing Company** Share in their passion for indulgent liquids. Tastings in the taproom; you're invited to bring your own food. 200 Highpoint Avenue. 6B, Portsmouth
- Tilted Barn Brewery** Small farm brewery offers tours, tastings and growler fill. Visit to see the ingredients they grow and use in each batch of beer. 1 Hemsley Place, Exeter
- Shaidzon Beer Company** Visit their tasting room to see just what they mean when they say “Inspired globally. Brewed locally.” 141 Fairgrounds Road, West Kingston
- Newport Storm Brewery** Try their flagship Hurricane Amber Ale, seasonal brews, or an aged brew from their “Barrelatory.” 293 JT Connell Hwy, Newport
- Newport Distilling Company** Taste single barrel rum in the three stages of the aging process. Self-guided tours any time; guided tours daily. 293 JT Connell Hwy, Newport
- Newport Vineyards** Grows chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon, pinot noir, cabernet franc, merlot and Riesling. Tours and tastings daily, restaurant on site. 909 East Main Road, Middletown

- Greenvale Vineyards** Award-winning wines, five white wines, three reds — and live jazz on Saturdays from May through November. 582 Wapping Road, Portsmouth
- Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard** Many of their wines have received domestic and international awards. 162 West Main Road, Little Compton
- Sons of Liberty Beer & Spirits Company** Learn about the brewing and distillation process while sampling their internationally acclaimed spirits, whiskey, or beer. 1425 Kingstown Road, South Kingstown
- Whalers Brewing Company** Bold, flavorful, unpretentious brews. Bring your own food to their vibrant, dog-friendly taproom. 1174 Kingstown Road, South Kingstown
- Grey Sail Brewing of RI** Recognized for quality craft beer. Come for the beer and stay for the bocce, fire pits, and pizza oven. 63 Canal Street, Westerly
- Tapped Apple Winery** Features unique hand-crafted wines made from the freshest apples each season. 37 High Street, Westerly
- Langworthy Farm Winery** Small farm winery on beautiful Route 1A with daily wine tastings. 308 Shore Road, Westerly

## WHAT CHEER?

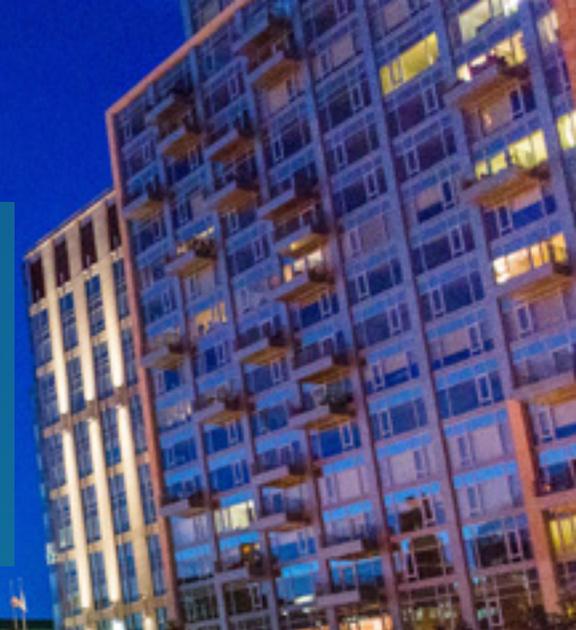
“What cheer, netop?” That's how the Narragansetts greeted Roger Williams back in 1636. “What cheer?” was the “What's up?” of the day, and “netop” is the Narragansett word for “friend.” Almost 400 years later, we're still what-cheering here in Rhode Island... but with decidedly tastier local brews and spirits.

# Arts & Culture

The arts are the heartbeat of our state, and we express them with exuberance and diversity. WaterFire's mythical magic always stuns, while the collections of the RISD Museum and the Newport Art Museum always impress. Professional and community-based theater groups perform their hearts out in historical venues like the Providence Performing Arts Center and the Stadium Theatre. PVDFest and other public art festivals bring people together to celebrate music, dance, and just about any other form of art you can think of— including automotive art, on display at the Audrain Automobile Museum. Artists and crafters of every stripe, such as those at Spring Pottery, find a home here. And remember: When you buy original art in Rhode Island, your purchase is tax free.



WaterFire Providence



Mixed Magic Theatre



Providence Performing Arts Center



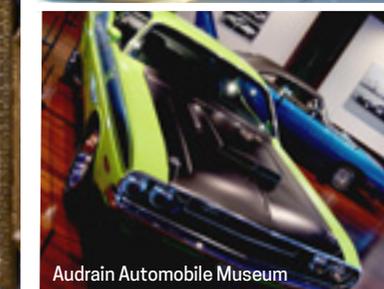
Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular



RISD Museum



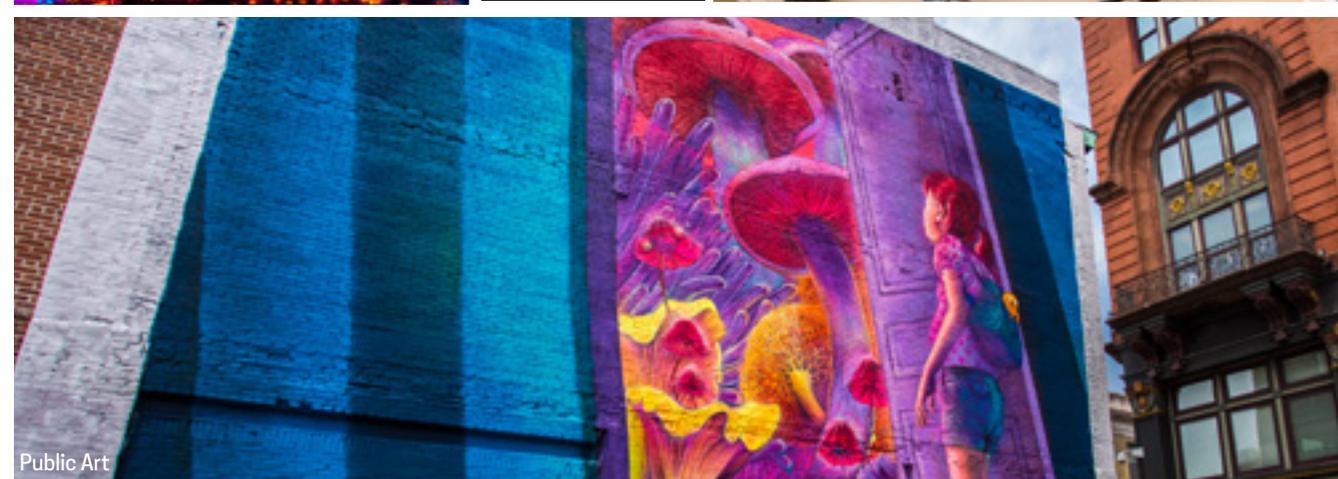
Stadium Theatre



Audrain Automobile Museum



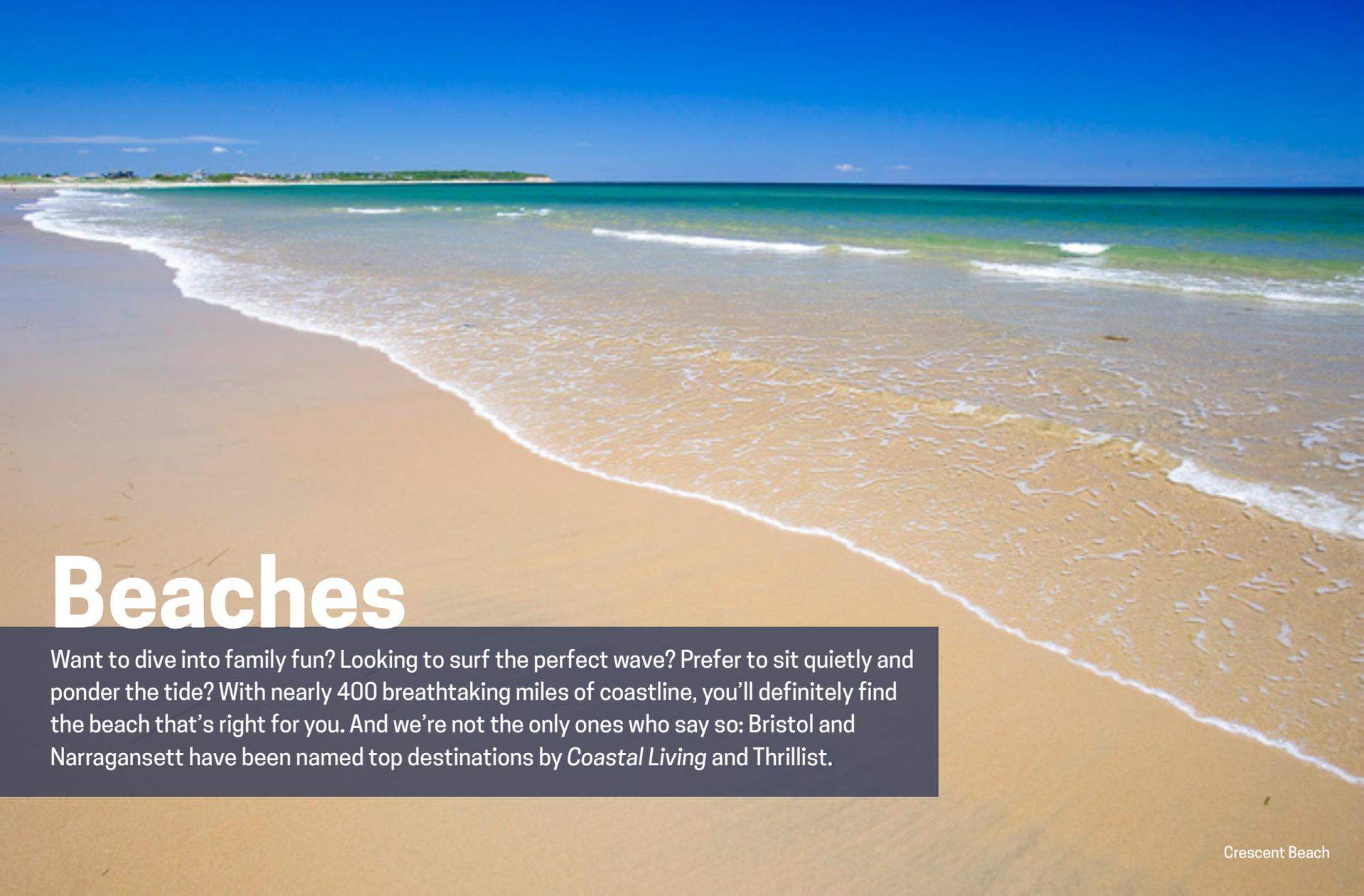
Newport Art Museum



Public Art



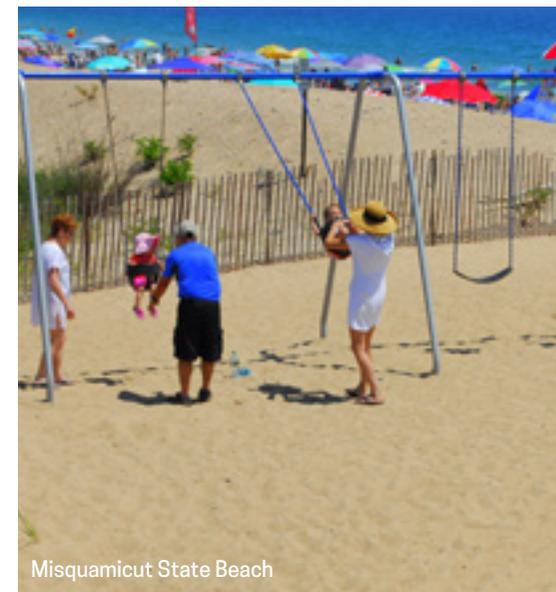
Spring Pottery



# Beaches

Want to dive into family fun? Looking to surf the perfect wave? Prefer to sit quietly and ponder the tide? With nearly 400 breathtaking miles of coastline, you'll definitely find the beach that's right for you. And we're not the only ones who say so: Bristol and Narragansett have been named top destinations by *Coastal Living* and *Thrillist*.

Crescent Beach



Misquamicut State Beach



Moonstone Beach



Narragansett Town Beach



Easton's Beach



Spring Lake Beach & Arcade



Roger W. Wheeler State Beach



Atlantic Beach



Ocean House Cabana

# Boating Charters & Rentals

With roughly 400 miles of coastline and 1,500 miles of rivers and mapped blue ways, Rhode Island is a water-lover's dream. Of course, you're welcome to bring your own water crafts, from surfboards to yachts. But if that's too much to pack, you can rent kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and more from a number of outfitters, like Providence Kayak Company. Book a deep-sea fishing charter or a whale watching trip with Frances Fleet or one of dozens of other companies. Sail on the world's largest fleet of America's Cup winners with America's Cup Charters. You can even try your hand as a rank amateur with a sailing class from Sail Newport. And, for all you adrenaline junkies: Yes, we have cage diving with sharks.



New Harbor Inlet



Sailing



The Kayak Centre



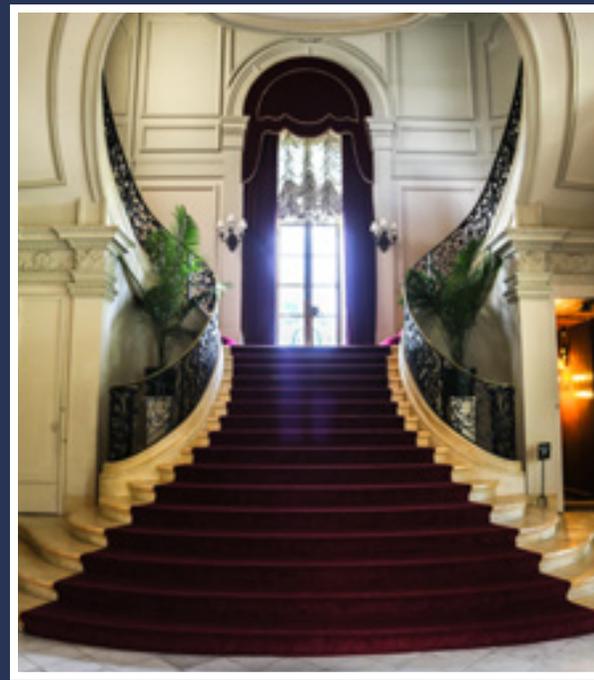
Deep-Sea Fishing Charters

# Historic Homes & Mansions

Their owners called them “cottages,” but let’s be honest... they’re castles. While Newport’s mansions were once the Gilded Age summer homes of the nation’s wealthiest families, there are many older Colonial-era buildings that are much more like cottages. But all of them ooze charm and history, whether they’ve become museums, resorts, or restaurants — or still serve as private homes.



The Breakers, built by the Vanderbilt family, is Newport’s grandest mansion.



Rosecliff hosted many of Newport’s most extravagant dinner parties.



The construction of Marble House used 500,000 cubic feet of marble.



Rough Point is decorated with French furniture, European art, Chinese porcelain, and Flemish tapestries.



Tour the Nathanael Greene Homestead, and learn about this Revolutionary War leader.



Experience 200 years of history at Hearthside House in Lincoln.



The John Brown House in Providence was visited by George Washington, Abigail Adams, and other historical figures.



Guided and self-guided tours of Linden Place, an 1810 Federal period mansion, are available year round.

See how Slater Mill kicked the America Industrial Revolution into high gear.

# Historic Sites & Museums

Rhode Island was founded in 1636, and was one of the original 13 colonies. So naturally, we're blessed with an abundance of fascinating historical sites, all of which help tell the story of the beginnings of the nation.



The South County Museum was the estate of Civil War-era governor William Sprague.



The fascinating guided tours at Fort Adams will leave you amazed by its history and sophistication.



The Museum of Work & Culture shares the stories of the families who came to Rhode Island's mill towns in the 1800s and 1900s to find a better life.



The RISD Museum hosts thought-provoking exhibits and engaging events.



The Herreshoff Marine Museum chronicles the history of this legendary shipbuilding company.



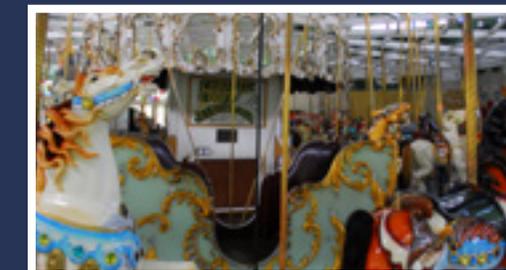
Settler's Rock lists Block Island's original settlers from 1661.



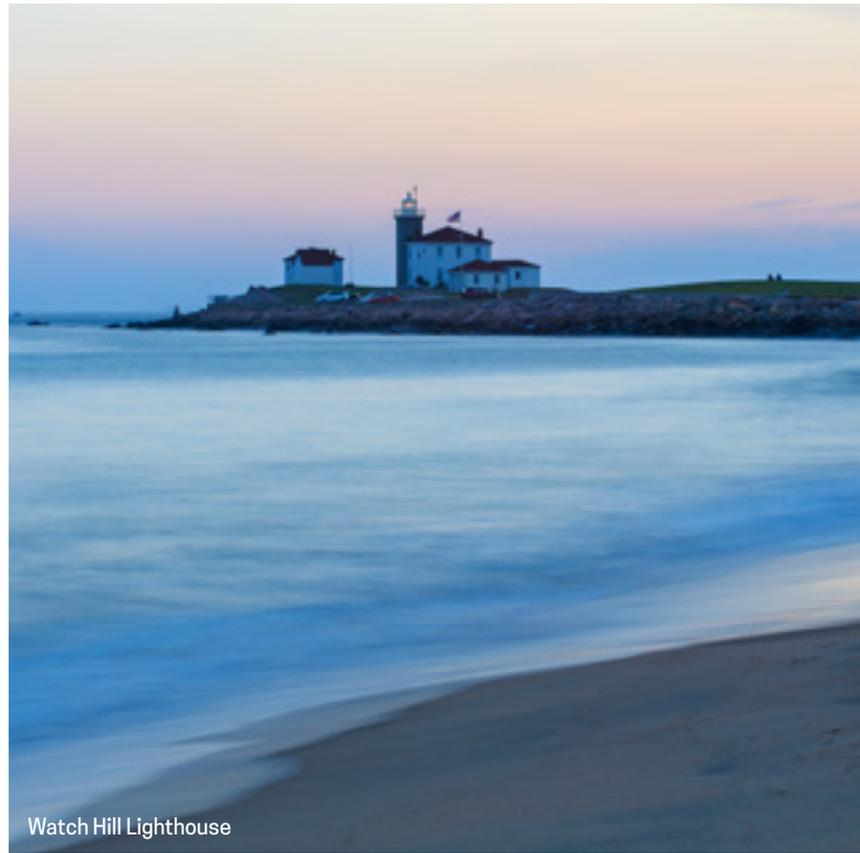
The International Tennis Hall of Fame preserves and promotes the game's history and celebrates its champions.



Benefit Street's Mile of History takes you through the most impressive concentration of original colonial homes in America.



Built in 1895, the Loeffel Carousel features 66 carved figures and a band organ.



Watch Hill Lighthouse

# LIGHTHOUSES

Our iconic lighthouses dot the coastline and have a rich history. Some feature museums and great shops; adventure seekers can book an overnight stay at Newport's Rose Island Lighthouse.



Conimicut Lighthouse



Newport Harbor Lighthouse



Point Judith Lighthouse



Southeast Lighthouse



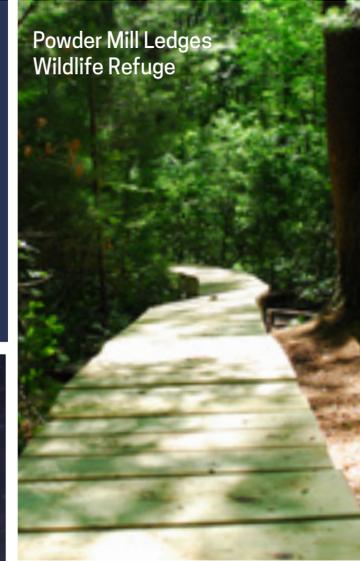
Rose Island Lighthouse

# SCIENCE & NATURE

With 59% of our state remaining forested, there's some seriously unspoiled splendor out there begging to be explored, whether you're hiking, biking, searching for new types of flora and fauna, camping, stargazing, or bird watching. Birders flock to Block Island in the fall, when more than 70 species of rare birds stop to rest as they migrate south.



Frosty Drew Nature Center & Observatory



Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge



Audubon Society of Rhode Island



Biomes Marine Biology Center



Parker Woodland Wildlife Refuge



Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge



Save the Bay Seal Tours



# FARMS & GARDENS

Pick your own adventure from the state's rich agricultural and farming history. The Blackstone Valley is also known as "Apple Valley," thanks to its more than 20 orchards. From picking seasonal fruit and berries, to visiting tree farms and corn mazes and beautiful gardens, there are offerings year-round for everyone's interests.



# ENTERTAINMENT

You'll never hear anyone say, "There's nothing to do around here." You can catch a comedy show, cruise to a drive-in theater, or attend a family-friendly minor league game. Try your luck at a casino, experience the excitement of an international polo match, and find so much more to do all year long.



# OUTDOOR RECREATION

For a small state, Rhode Island boasts huge outdoor recreation opportunities. With our impressive state parks and well-protected management areas — not to mention the Atlantic Ocean and Narragansett Bay in our backyard — we have quite a playground. Open the door to our great outdoors.

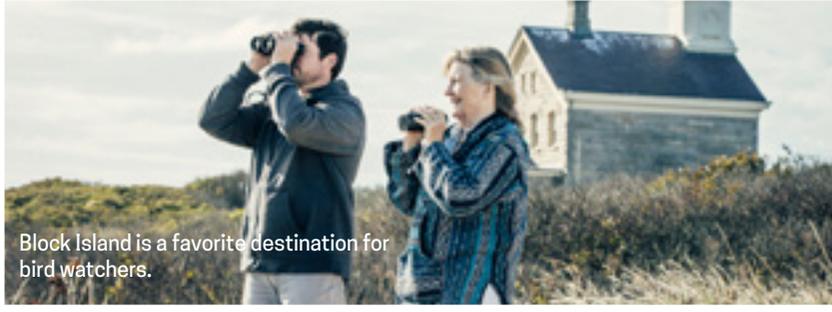
Pedal the beautiful 14-mile East Bay Bike Path from Providence to Bristol.



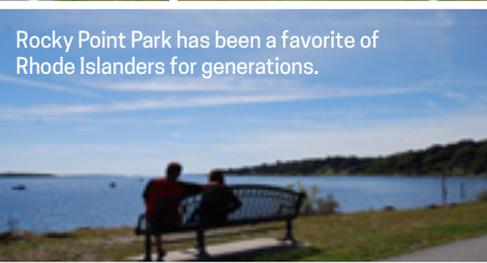
Book time on the grass courts at the International Tennis Hall of Fame's tennis club.



Block Island is a favorite destination for bird watchers.



Rocky Point Park has been a favorite of Rhode Islanders for generations.



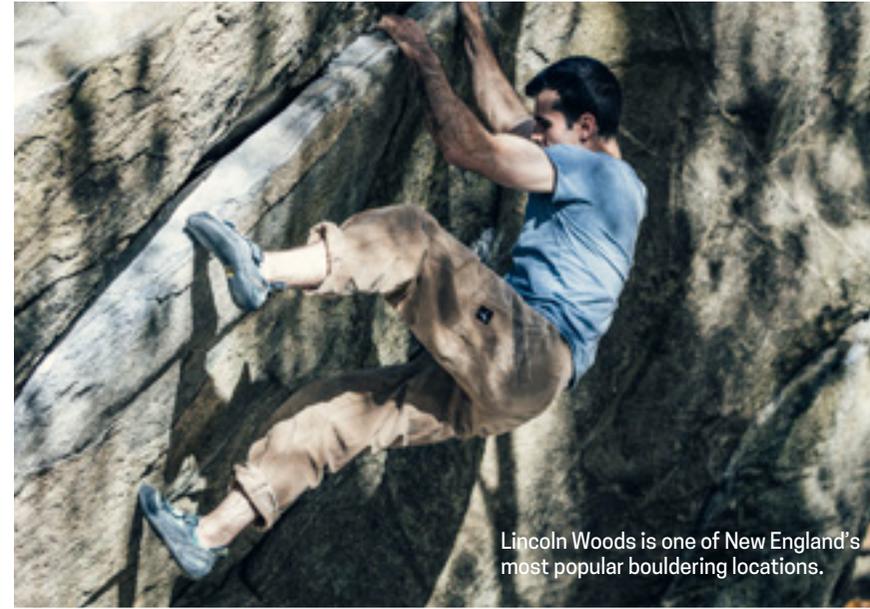
Roger Williams Park features tennis, baseball, a botanical center, a planetarium, and — of course — the zoo.



Beavertail State Park offers saltwater fishing, hiking trails, and a naturalist program.



Play a quick nine at Windmill Hill's par 27 golf course.



Lincoln Woods is one of New England's most popular bouldering locations.



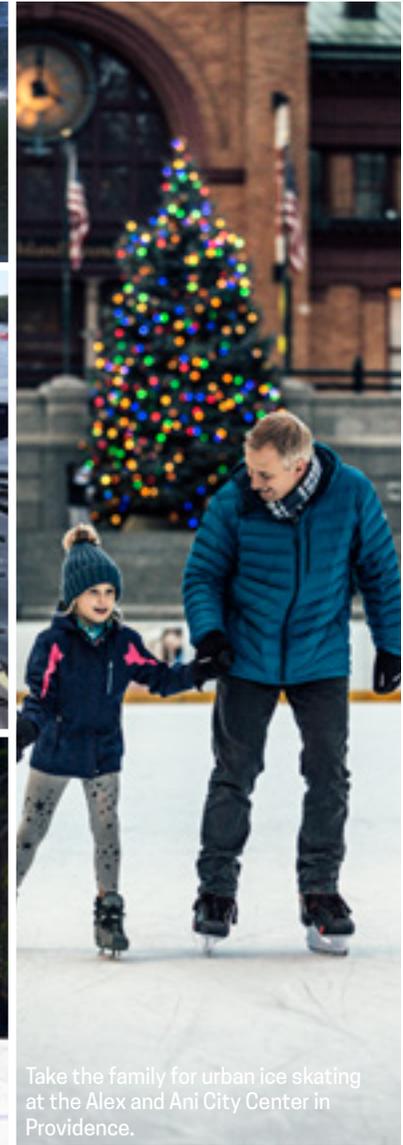
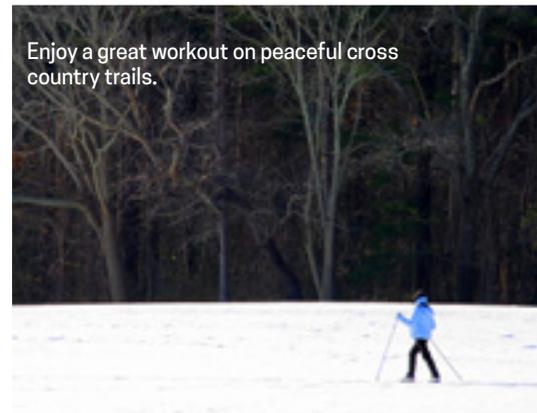
Spend a day mountain biking the trails of the Arcadia Management Area's 14,000 acres.

Hone your surf skills on challenging waves.



Bays, inlets, rivers, marshes... kayaking is a great way to explore the state.

Enjoy a great workout on peaceful cross country trails.



Take the family for urban ice skating at the Alex and Ani City Center in Providence.

# TOURS & SIGHTSEEING

A tour is a great way to experience a new locale. Here, you can find a tour that satisfies your interests and takes you a little deeper into the place we call home. Some feature professional guides, and some are self-guided — but all are great ways to explore and learn.

## BOAT TOURS

Your water tour options are nearly limitless. Feeling active? Sign up for a kayaking and fishing tour. Feeling chill? Sit back and relax on a lighthouse tour or a schooner cruise through Newport Harbor. And there's much more available. Ride the mighty Blackstone River aboard the Explorer Riverboat. See the capital city's rich history from its rivers and canal on the Providence River Boat. Experience Venice-style romance on the Providence Gondola. Take the family on an amphibious duck boat tour at Roger Williams Park, or go seal watching out on Narragansett Bay. You can go deep-sea fishing any time of year, and cage diving with sharks is always an option for you adrenaline junkies.



## WALKING TOURS

Self-guided walking tours enable you to proceed at your own pace and enjoy in-depth explorations of what interests you — like Providence's history, its haunted sites, and even H.P. Lovecraft's favorite hangouts. Maybe you prefer to experience the majesty of Newport's Cliff Walk, or to lead your family through town along the Newport Historical Society's walking trails. No matter where you are, a self-guided walking tour is a big step toward enriching your vacation experience.



## GUIDED TOURS

On a guided tour, you benefit from the knowledge of an experienced leader who can share details and anecdotes that bring the tour — and its subject — to life. Newport Movie Tours shows you locations immortalized in classic and contemporary films. Helicopter tours over Newport or Block Island give you a bird's-eye view of the Ocean State. And the Nature Conservancy offers fascinating nature-focused experiences at beautiful places all around the state.

## FOOD & DRINK TOURS

Pack your appetite and a napkin, because you'll use both. Book a tour of Federal Hill and learn about its unique history and Italian heritage, while visiting shops and restaurants and sampling some of what this beloved destination has to offer. Head to South County and experience the fascinating world of aquaculture — and taste the freshest oysters available — at Matunuck Oyster Farm or Walrus & Carpenter Oyster Farm. Sip your way through Rhode Island's acclaimed craft beer scene aboard the Rhode Island Brew Bus as it makes the rounds from brewery to brewery. Enjoy an elegant meal and a scenic trip on the Newport Dinner Train.



# LODGING

The state's accommodations range from luxury resorts and chic boutique hotels to family campgrounds and hidden escapes at charming seaside cottages. If you're seeking a much-needed getaway or an Instagram-worthy overnight, we have several unique options that are a bit off the beaten path.



The Spring House Hotel offers breathtaking views.



Modern industrial design converts historic Pontiac Mills into the chic and centrally located Nylo.



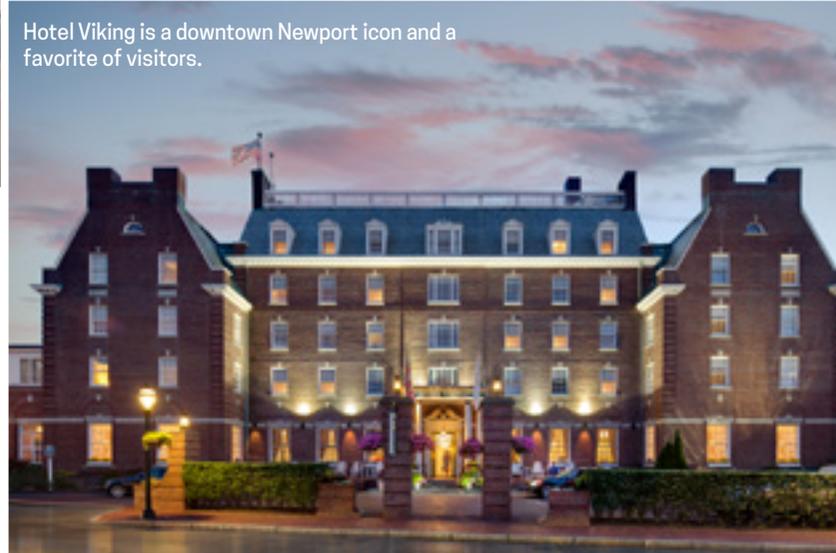
The Ocean House is one of only 8 Forbes Triple Five-Star Hotels in the country.



The Grace Vanderbilt is a luxurious boutique hotel in a historic Newport mansion.



The Dean Hotel offers a hip, urban respite in the heart of Providence.



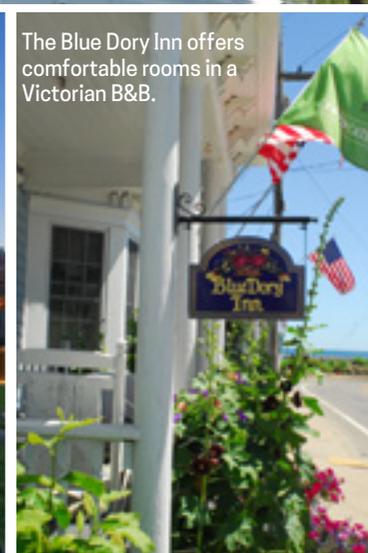
Hotel Viking is a downtown Newport icon and a favorite of visitors.



Live like a lighthouse keeper, and stay at the Rose Island Lighthouse.



Weekapaug Inn is known for elegant accommodations and farm-to-table dining.



The Blue Dory Inn offers comfortable rooms in a Victorian B&B.



Tents, trailers, and RVs are welcome to enjoy the amenities at Whispering Pines Campground.



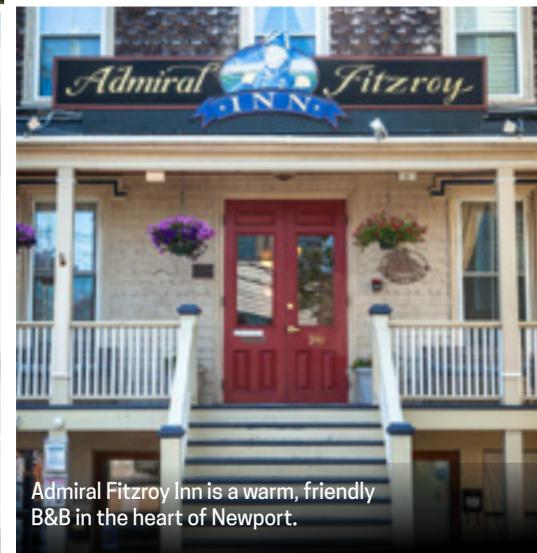
Spend a night on the water in the Samuel Slater Canal Boat.



Charlestown Breachway Campground is within walking distance of Block Island Sound.



George Washington State Campground offers a multitude of outdoor activities.



Admiral Fitzroy Inn is a warm, friendly B&B in the heart of Newport.



Edgewood Manor Inn is a Greek revival mansion furnished with luxurious antiques.

# EVENTS

With more than 900 festivals, fairs, events, and attractions throughout the year, there is always something to celebrate in Rhode Island. Here are just a few:

<b>FEB</b>					
	<b>MAR</b>				
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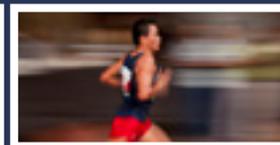
				<b>JUNE</b>	
	<b>JULY</b>				
				<b>AUG</b>	



Charlestown Seafood Festival: Aug. 3 - 5



Save The Bay Swim: Aug. 4



Block Island Triathlon: Aug. 4



Westerly River Glow: Aug. 4



Rhode Island International Film Festival: Aug. 7 - 12



Washington County Fair: Aug. 15 - 19



Roger Williams Park Zoo's Brew at the Zoo: Aug. 25



Block Island Maritime Institute Oyster Fest: Aug. 25

# SEP



Rhythm & Roots Festival: Sep. 1 - 3



Pawtucket Arts Festival: Sep. 2 - 30



Rhode Island Chinese Dragon Boat Races & Taiwan Day Festival: Sep. 8



RI Calamari Festival: Sep. 8



Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Raptor Weekend: Sep. 8 - 9



Newport International Boat Show: Sep. 13 - 16



Apple Festival: Sep. 15 - 16



Newport Mansions Wine and Food Festival: Sep. 20 - 23



Taste of the Block Weekend: Sep. 21 - 23



Misquamicut FallFest: TBD

# OCT



Roger Williams Park Zoo's Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular: Oct. 4 - Nov. 4



Scituate Art Festival: Oct. 6 - 8



Bowen's Wharf Seafood Festival: Oct. 13 - 14



Night at the Haunted Museum: Oct. 19, 20, 26, & 27



Westerly Restaurant Week: Oct. 21 - 28



Ghost Tours of Newport: May - Oct. Select Dates Apr. Nov.



Blackstone Valley Fall Foliage Train Tour: TBD



Star Gazing at Frosty Drew Observatory: Friday nights

# NOV



Rhode Island ComicCon: Nov. 2 - 4



Newport Fall Restaurant Week: Nov. 2 - 11



Newport Harbor Illuminated Boat Parade: Nov. 23



Block Island Shopping Stroll: Nov. 23 - 25

# DEC



The Blackstone Valley Polar Express: Nov. 16 - Dec. 23



Wickford Festival of Lights: Nov. 29 - Dec. 2



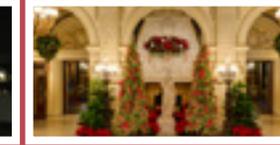
Christmas in Newport: Dec.



Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration at Hearthsides House: Dec. 2, 8, 9



Westerly Holiday Stroll and Luminaria: Dec. 5



Christmas at the Newport Mansions: TBD



Christmas at Blithewold: TBD



A Christmas Carol at Trinity Rep: TBD

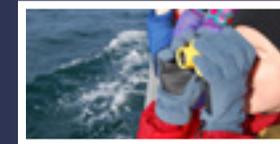


Christmas at Linden Place: TBD



Bristol Illuminated Display: TBD

# JAN 2019



Save the Bay Seal Watch Cruises: Oct. 2018 - April 2019



Ice Bumper Cars at Alex & Ani City Center: Nov. 2018 - Feb. 2019



Snow Tubing at Yawgoo Valley: Dec. 2018 - Mar. 2019



Pawtucket Wintertime Farmers Market: Nov. 2018 - Apr. 2019



Providence Restaurant Weeks: Jan. 13 - 26

See a comprehensive and up-to-date calendar at [VisitRhodeIsland.com/events](http://VisitRhodeIsland.com/events)



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