



GREATER BOSTON AREA GUIDE

A resource for Olin families and guests when visiting
the area, including shopping, dining, attractions,
historical sites and much more

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NEEDHAM/NATICK/FRAMINGHAM

- **Bowling:** There are two nearby bowling alleys where you can try your hand at a New England favorite - Candlepin style bowling. Considered more difficult than Tenpin style, bowlers use a small ball to knock down much narrower pins. This is fun but challenging!
 - **Needham Bowlaway** — (781-444-9614), www.needhambowlaway.com
16 Chestnut St., Needham
 - **Fairway Bowling** — (508-653-5820), 721 Worcester Rd. (Rte. 9 West), Natick (for directions, see entry #26 of the *Parents' Handbook*, p. 50)
- **Ice Cream:**
 - **The Big Dipper** — (781-444-9530), 1498 Highland Ave., Needham
 - **White Mountain Creamery** — (781-239-0676), 552 Washington St. (Rte. 16), Wellesley
- **Natick Mall** — (508-655-4800), <http://natickmall.com> Rte. 9, Natick
This two floor mall has all your favorite shops including American Eagle, Banana Republic, Crate & Barrel, Express, Lord & Taylor, Macy's and more. Also, home to restaurants such as California Pizza.
- **IMAX Theatre:**
The Theatre is located at **Jordan's Furniture** (508-424-0088 x2333), www.jordansimax.com 1 Underprice Way (off Rte. 9 Westbound) Natick
Directions: Use the map on p.50 of the *Parents' Handbook* to drive to Rte. 9 in Natick and pass the **Natick Mall** on Rte. 9. As you approach **Shopper's World**, get into the left lane of Rte. 9 and take a left at the lights (**Ken's Steak House & Wal-Mart** will be on your right) and go to the top of the hill to **Jordan's Furniture**. **Kelley's Roast Beef**, a local favorite, is also at the top of this hill.

- **For Younger Children:**
The Clayroom — (508-651-2318), <http://www.clayroom.com/natick/>
 29 Main Street Natick, MA 01701 Very spacious with a baby room where children can hang out and play with toys or watch videos. Call for hours.
- **Restaurants:**
 For an extended list of restaurants in the Needham area, visit <http://www.olin.edu/campus/dining.asp> or reference p. 38 of the *Parents' Handbook*.

BOSTON

There's only one Boston! To obtain more information, visit www.boston.com/travel or www.bostonusa.com (Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau). For **sporting event schedules**, visit <http://www.boston.com/sports>.

Take “**The T**” – public transportation (www.mbta.com) from the Green Line. Most fares are \$1.25 for the subway and \$0.90-1.55 for buses. Visitors' passes (unlimited use of the subway, local bus, and inner harbor ferry) for one day (\$7.50), three days (\$18.00), and seven days (\$35.00) are available for purchase at the Holiday Inn, 399 Grove St., Newton (near the Riverside T Station) or at the following MBTA stations: Copley, Government Center, North Station, and Alewife. Please note that these passes are *not* honored on the Commuter Rail. For future visits, you may purchase visitors' passes by calling 877-927-7277. You may also purchase visitors' passes online at www.mbta.com/footer/visitingboston/index.asp#visitorpass.

- **Boston Duck Tours** — (617-723-3825), www.bostonducktours.com
 This is a great 80-minute tour of Boston by land and water on an authentic amphibious landing vehicle from WWII. The tour passes **the State House, Bunker Hill, the Fleet Center, Newbury St., the Prudential Center, Copley Square** and more. It also takes a ride down the Charles River for a view of Boston from the water. Tours run every half hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at sunset. Tickets may be purchased upstairs in the **Prudential Center**, at the **Museum of Science**, at **Faneuil Hall** or online. Tickets may not be purchased at the **Duck Tour** boarding areas. Tours begin at both the **Prudential Center** and the **Museum of Science**. These tours are very popular and do get booked early in the day. Paid parking is available at the **Prudential Center** and at the **Museum of Science**.
- **Old Town Trolley Tours** — (800-868-7482), www.historictours.com/boston
 Visit Boston at your own pace as you get on and off at any of the 17 stops, many of which are on the **Freedom Trail**. Other tours are available including the evening “Ghosts and Gravestones” tour. Boarding locations include the **New England Aquarium, Faneuil Hall**, and the **Prudential Center**.
- **Beantown Trolley Tours** — (800-343-1328), www.beantowntrolley.com
 Take a 90 minute trolley ride and a **Boston Harbor** cruise. Full day bus tours are also available for fall foliage viewing or to Newport, RI, Salem, NH, Cape Cod, the New England seacoast, and other locations. Trolley and tour pickup is available at many Boston area

hotels, including the **Marriott Long Wharf** (beside the Aquarium) and the **Sheraton Boston** (near the **Prudential Center**).

- **Boston Harbor Cruises** — (877-733-9425), www.bostonharborcruises.com
Offers both harbor cruises and whale watches (June-September). Located on Long Wharf (to the left of the Aquarium).
- **Massachusetts Bay Lines** — (617-542-8000), www.massbaylines.com
Offers both harbor cruises and whale watches (June-September). Located at Rowes Wharf (behind the arch of the Boston Harbor Hotel).
- **Freedom Trail — Boston Common** (oldest public park in the U.S., established in 1634). The **Freedom Trail** is the starting point of this self-guided tour through Boston's historic sites. Includes the **State House, Park St. Church, Granary Burying Ground, King's Chapel, First Public School site, Old South Meeting Church, Old Corner Bookstore, Boston Massacre site, Paul Revere House, the North End, Old North Church, Faneuil Hall, Copp's Burying Ground, Bunker Hill Monument**, and the **USS Constitution**.
Note: This is a lot of walking but you can pick and choose – you don't have to do the entire tour!

Websites with more information: www.cityofboston.gov/freedomtrail/bostoncommon.asp and www.nps.gov/bost/freedom_trail.htm

- **The Charlestown Navy Yard and Bunker Hill Monument**, *part of the Freedom Trail*, can be toured on its own. The **USS Constitution**, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world, the **Charlestown Navy Yard**, one of our country's first naval shipyards (tour the **USS Cassin Young**, a World War II destroyer, and the **USS Constitution Museum**), and the **Bunker Hill Monument**, site of the first major battle of the American revolution ("Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes...") are all located within a short distance of each other (Boston National Historical Park – www.nps.gov/bost). Both the Bean Town Trolley and Old Town Trolley tours stop at the **Charlestown Navy Yard**.

Visitors should stop at the National Park Service's Navy Yard Visitor Information Center located near Gate 1 to obtain a daily program schedule. There are self-guided tours or a 90 minute ranger-guided walking tour of the Yard. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/bost/Visiting_Navy_Yard.htm or call 617-242-5601. At the Visitors' Center, there is also a multimedia program (14 screens, over 1000 images) called "Whites of their Eyes," where colonial "history tellers" bring the Battle of Bunker Hill to life.

Located at the **Charlestown Navy Yard** and commonly known as **Old Ironsides**, the **USS Constitution** is an active duty United States Navy ship and is free and open to the public. *To board the ship, visitors must go through a security screening process.* Please visit www.oldironsides.com if you wish to obtain more detailed information about touring the ship or the security process. **Summer hours** (early April-October 31): Tuesday through Sunday (Monday closed) from 10 a.m. until 3:50 p.m. The first guided tour begins at 10:30 a.m. Tours run every half hour until 3:30 p.m., ending at 4 p.m. (The ship is cleared of all visitors

at 4 p.m.). **Winter hours** (November 1-early April): Open Thursday – Sunday with same hours as above (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday closed).

Please visit <http://www.ussconstitution.navy.mil/VisitorInformation.htm> to obtain directions to the **Charlestown Navy Yard** and information about parking. Please note: For Mapquest or Yahoo use, enter the following address: 1 Constitution Rd., Charlestown, MA 02129. The USS Constitution's mailing address is: USS Constitution, Charlestown Navy Yard, Bldg. 5, Charlestown, MA 02129.

- **Boston Public Garden** — Walk through the 24 acres of America's first public garden. Ride the **Swan Boats** (www.swanboats.com) at the lagoon. Find the statues of Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings, which commemorate Robert McCloskey's beloved children's book, **Make Way for Ducklings**. The matching set to these statues, given to Mrs. Raisa Gorbachev by Mrs. Barbara Bush in 1991, can be found in Moscow, Russia.
- **Faneuil Hall and Quincy Marketplace** — www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com
Visit cafes, restaurants, shopping, street performers and more.
- **New England Aquarium** — (617-973-5200), www.neaq.org Located on Atlantic Ave. at Central Wharf, across the street from **Quincy Marketplace**, the aquarium hosts a giant ocean tank, live shows, and an **IMAX Theatre**.
- **John F. Kennedy Library** — (617-929-4500), www.jfklibrary.org Columbia Point, One JFK Rd., Boston
Designed by I.M. Pei, the **Kennedy Library** is built of white concrete and glass and is noted for its beautiful views of **Boston Harbor**. The museum has a great deal of memorabilia from JFK's life and presidency. It is very much alive with memories of the past. Short films and actual footage of JFK's time in office make this memorial very moving.
- **Museum of Fine Arts** — (617-267-9300), www.mfa.org 463 Huntington Ave., Boston
The museum's varied and extensive collection reflects the wealth, taste, and broad interest of Boston's collectors.
- **Museum of Science** — see listing under "Cambridge" section.
- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** — (617-566-1401) www.gardnermuseum.org
280 The Fenway, Boston
The home of wealthy socialite, Isabella Stewart Gardner, this three-story Venetian palazzo was brought to Boston in pieces and assembled here. Gardner's house holds a large collection of European art, furniture, plants and flowers. In a still unsolved robbery, in 1990, thieves absconded with 13 works valued at over \$200 million, which included paintings by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Degas, and Manet. Under the terms of Gardner's will, the museum must remain as she created it so blank frames and discreet cards mark the empty places on the walls. This museum is a very peaceful and unique place to visit.
- **Newbury St.** — Boutiques and cafes line the streets of this international neighborhood.

CAMBRIDGE

Everyone should try to go to **Harvard Square** at least once while visiting Boston. It's a great place for people watching, bookstore browsing, and ethnic eating and is easily accessible via public transportation (Red Line to **Harvard Square**).

- **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House** — (617-876-4491), www.nps.gov/long/
105 Brattle St., Cambridge
While living in this beautiful home, Longfellow wrote many of his famous poems and entertained prominent literary friends including Nathaniel Hawthorne.
- **Mount Auburn Cemetery** — (617-547-7105), <http://www.mountauburn.org/>
580 Mt. Auburn St. (Rte. 16), Cambridge
The first garden cemetery in America was established in 1831 and is famed for its unique architecture and horticulture. Among the many well-known people buried here are Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Mary Eddy Baker and Winslow Homer.
- **Harvard Yard, Harvard College** — The center of Harvard Square is bounded by Quincy and Peabody Streets, Massachusetts Ave., and Broadway and Cambridge Sts.

Bordering Harvard Yard are the following Harvard University museums:

- **Harvard Botanical Museum** — (617-495-3045),
<http://www.huh.harvard.edu/collections/botanical.htm>
Home to the famous **Blaschka Glass Flower Collection** hand-blown in Germany from 1887 to 1936. More than 840 plant species are represented in this amazing exhibit.
- **Mineralogical and Geological Museum** — (617-495-3045),
<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/%7egeomus/>
Houses a large collection of gemstones, minerals, ores, meteorites, and giant crystals from Mexico.
- **Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology** — (617-496-1027),
www.peabody.harvard.edu
The oldest museum of its kind in this hemisphere with treasures from prehistoric and historic cultures from all over the world. The first floor gallery has an exhibit titled "The Hall of the North American Indian" which features a comprehensive collection of some 50 artifacts including totem poles, peace pipes, and a number of items brought back by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
- **Museum of Comparative Zoology** — (617-495-3045), www.mcz.harvard.edu

This museum is perfect for younger children. It has whale skeletons, a 180-million-year-old Paleosaurus, the 25,000-year-old **Harvard** mastodon, the giant sea serpent Kronosaurus, and the world's oldest egg which is 225 million years old.

- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the MIT Museum** — (617-253-4444), <http://web.mit.edu/museum/> 265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge
If you travel east from Harvard Sq., on Massachusetts Ave., you will arrive at **MIT** and the **MIT Museum**. This museum is a gem. It shows off inventions that both **MIT** professors and students (including **Olin**'s very own professor, Dr. Gill Pratt) have made in the area of artificial intelligence. Also displayed are some of the world's current and most sophisticated and imaginative concepts including the work of Dr. Harold Edgerton, who developed the electronic stroboscope, (remember the photo, *Shooting the Apple*), the engineering work of Arthur Ganson, who creates amazing mechanical sculptures based on gears and sprockets, a unique hologram collection, and an exhibit of how **MIT** began in 1861.
- **Museum of Science** — (617-723-2500), www.mos.org Science Park (Rte. 28/O'Brien Hwy. between Charles St. and Commercial Ave.); located on the Cambridge side of the Charles River
A great science museum that is also home to the **Hayden Planetarium** and the **Mugar Omnimax Theatre**.

LEXINGTON

Directions: Take I-95/128 North to Exit 30A (Rte. 2A East). Follow Rte. 2A for about 1 mile and take a left onto School St. Follow School St. for about .5 miles and take a right onto Massachusetts Ave. Follow Massachusetts Ave. for about 1 mile to the **Lexington Battle Green**.

This lovely historic town, with its bustling town center, is where the first military encounter of the American Revolution took place. Lexington is about 35 minutes from Olin. More information about touring Lexington is available at <http://www.libertyride.us/historic.html#1>.

- **Lexington Battle Green** — Lexington Center at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave. and Rtes. 4/225.
Site of the first shots of the American Revolution, which were fired on April 19, 1775. Statue of Captain John Parker and other commemorative monuments line the Green. As they gathered in the pre-dawn hours of April 19, 1775, Captain Parker told the militia, "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here."
- Lexington Visitor Center** — (781-862-1450), Lexington Center (across from the Battle Green). A diorama of the Battle of Lexington is displayed. Information about visiting the other Lexington sites can be obtained here. A gift shop and rest rooms are available.

- **Hancock-Clarke House** — (781-861-0928), 36 Hancock St. (near Lexington Center)
Sam Adams and John Hancock stayed here on the night that Paul Revere and William Dawes rode out to warn them that the Redcoats were approaching.
- **Buckman Tavern** — (781-862-5528), 1 Bedford St., Lexington Center
This building served as the headquarters for the Minutemen before the battle on Lexington Green on the morning of April 19, 1775.
- **National Heritage Museum** — (781-861-6559), www.monh.org
33 Marrett Rd. (also Rte. 2A East), Lexington
Museum of daily life in the farming community of Lexington in 1775, as well as other changing exhibits that document American history and popular American culture. (Free museum admission and parking.) The museum hosts a nice cafe and lovely grounds.
- **Minute Man National Park Visitor Center** — (781-674-1920) Rte. 2A West, Lexington
Hosts a multi-media presentation that relates what happened on the eve of April 19, 1775. Great for children and adults! For assistance planning your drive along the Battle Road between Lexington and Concord, visit www.nps.gov/mima/vcenter.htm. Recorded information about the **Minute Man National Park** is also available at 978-369-6993.

CONCORD

Directions: Take I-95/128N to Exit 30B (Rte. 2A West, Hanscom Field/Concord). Follow Rte. 2A West into Concord Center. Concord is only about 40 minutes from Olin.

If you are driving the Battle Road from the **Minuteman Visitors' Center** in Lexington, you will pass these **historic houses** in Concord. Buildings are open for tours, which are geared towards children, 10 and older, as well as adults. Each tour takes approximately 45 minutes.

- **Orchard House** — (978-369-4118), 399 Lexington Rd., Concord
Home of Louisa May Alcott and the setting for *Little Women*.
- **Emerson House** — (978-369-2236), 28 Cambridge Turnpike Rd., Concord
Home of Ralph Waldo Emerson.
- **The Wayside** — (978-318-7863), 455 Lexington Rd., Concord
Home to the Alcott's, the Hawthorne's, and the Lothrop's.
- **The Old Manse** — (978-369-3909), 269 Monument St. (adjacent to Old North Bridge)
Concord
Home to Nathaniel Hawthorne and the Emerson Family.
- **Concord Museum** — (978-369-2236), at the intersection of the Concord Turnpike and Lexington Rd. (across from Emerson House), Concord
All of Concord's remarkable past is brought to life in a short film and through a variety of exhibits.

- **The Old North Bridge** — www.nps.gov/mima/
Ralph Waldo Emerson spoke of “the rude bridge that arched the flood” where they “fired the shot heard round the world”. Location of the famous **Minuteman Statue** created by Daniel Chester French (who also created the statue of Abraham Lincoln for the **Lincoln Memorial**).
Directions: From Concord Center, take a right onto Monument St. and follow 1/4 mile to the parking area on the right. The walkway to the bridge is across the street. The bridge is next to the Old Manse!
- **Sleepy Hollow Cemetery** — Rte. 62, Concord (follow Authors Ridge)
A peaceful walk to the gravesites of Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne, the Alcott’s and Daniel Chester French.
- **Walden Pond** — (978-369-3254), Rte.126 (on the other side of Rte. 2), Concord
The setting for Thoreau’s book **Walden**. Woods and pathways descend to the smooth water. You can walk around the pond (about 1 mile around) on a footpath or visit the site of Thoreau’s hand-hewn cabin from 1845-1847.
- **Colonial Inn** — (978-369-9200), <http://www.concordscolonialinn.com/> 48 Monument Rd., Concord
This charming old inn, dating to 1716, has several restaurants. Lunch and desserts are served on the porch in nice weather.

SALEM

This New England city is filled with history! Museums and historic sites inform the public about its time of shame with the **Salem Witch Trials** of 1692 and its time of glory in the 1800’s with the Maritime Trade. Salem is especially exciting around Halloween.

Directions: Take Rte. I-95/128 North. Stay on Rte. 128 North when the highway divides (do not follow I-95 North). Take Exit 25A off 128N and follow Rte.114 East into Salem. Follow signs to the Salem Visitor Center, Museum and Historic Sites, and Downtown Parking. Note that Rte. 114 East does a “zig and zag”. Give yourself a good hour to get there from Olin. Salem can be a very busy place to visit in October.

- **Salem Maritime National Historic Site** — (978-740-1662), www.nps.gov/sama/
193 Derby St., Salem
See the 17-minute award winning film *To the Farthest Ports of the Rich East*, which explains how Salem pioneered trade with the Orient. Then visit **The Custom House** across the street where Nathaniel Hawthorne worked and “found” the Scarlet Letter.
- **The House of Seven Gables** — (978-744-0991), www.7gables.org 54 Turner St., Salem
New England’s oldest mansion was made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne who spent many of his younger years here.
- **The Salem Witch Museum** — (978-744-1692), www.salemwitchmuseum.com

Washington Square, Salem. A theatre in the round that uses stage sets with life-size figures and lighting to dramatically relate the story of what happened during the witch hunts of Salem in 1692. Especially appealing to children!

- **The Peabody Essex Museum** — (800-745-4045), www.pem.org
East India Square, Salem. This newly renovated museum, designed by architect Moshe Safdie, is worthy of a visit. The dramatic structure houses decorative arts from China, Japan, Korea, Africa, and the Pacific Islands, many of which were traded during the 1800's, the time of Salem's maritime glory. The museum also exhibits modern art from various parts of the world. The highlight of this museum is Yin Yu Tang, a late Qing Dynasty merchant's house and the only installation of its kind in North America. The house was disassembled in China and reassembled for permanent display at the Peabody-Essex as part of a cultural exchange between China and the United States.
- **Cry Innocent!** — (978-867-4747), www.gordon.edu/historyalive 32 Derby Square (Essex St. side), Salem
History Alive presents the critically acclaimed live reenactment of the witchcraft examination of Bridget Bishop. This 45-minute production, which shows at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., relies on audience involvement to resolve Bishop's predicament. It's informative and very entertaining.

PLYMOUTH

- **Plimoth Plantation and the Mayflower II** — (508-746-1622), www.plimoth.org
137 Warren Ave., Plymouth (50-60 minutes from Olin)
Please note that many people visit Plimoth Plantation during October and November weekends, particularly if the weather is good.

Plimoth Plantation is a living museum and all staff wear historically accurate clothing and speak with guests in the roles of Pilgrims who actually lived on the plantation in 1627. Homes and structures have been constructed according to what research says they were like in 1627. While at **Plimoth Plantation**, follow the path to **Hobbamock's Homesite**. Wearing traditional deerskin clothing, modern day Wampanoags staff the site and tell visitors about the history of the Wampanoag, who have lived in this area for 12,000 years.

Next, drive to the **Mayflower II**, which is moored in Plymouth Harbor, about 3 miles north of **Plimoth Plantation**. You will find it hard to imagine what it must have been like for the 102 passengers and 18 crewmembers to live on this ship for many months (and don't forget the food, supplies, equipment, and animals that were also crammed on board).

Directions to Plimoth Plantation (137 Warren Ave., Plymouth): Follow Rte. 135 (Great Plain Ave.) through Needham Center and get onto Rte. I-95/128 South at Exit 17. In Dedham, the highway will split. It will now be called **Rte. 93 North** and the signs should say towards Braintree and may say towards Cape Cod. (Rte. 95 will split off towards Providence, RI which you do *not* want to do.) Follow Rte. 93 for about 6-7 miles and then take Rte. 3 South towards Cape Cod. Take Rte. 3 South to Exit 4 (Plimoth Plantation Highway). **This is**

a left exit. Continue on Plimoth Plantation Highway for approximately 1 mile and take the exit for the museum. At the end of the exit ramp turn right, and proceed up the street for 20 yards. Turn right at the sign for the museum into the driveway.

Directions from Plimoth Plantation to the Mayflower II: Go through the upper Main Parking lot to the road directing you to Route 3A. At the Plantation gates, turn left onto Route 3A North. Stay on Route 3A for about 3 miles. Turn right onto Water St. between Reliable Cleaners and Stevie's Pizza. The **Mayflower II** is docked at the State Pier about .25 miles on the right.

There are many restaurants on Water St. in Plymouth. **The Lobster Hut** (25 Town Wharf, 508-746-2270) is a local favorite, serving lobsters, steamers (clams), and other seafood as well as burgers and hot dogs. (If one is looking at the **Mayflower II**, the **Lobster Hut** will be at the **Town Wharf** about .5 miles to the left.)

Please note – on your return to Olin: From Plymouth, take Rte. 3 North to **Rte. 93 South** (stay to the **left** at the big split at the end of Rte. 3). After 6-7 miles, Rte. 93 South will then become Rte. 95/128 North. Follow Rte. 95/128 to Exit 17. Take Rte. 135 (Great Plain Ave.) through Needham Center to Olin College.

STURBRIDGE

- **Old Sturbridge Village** — (1-800-SEE-1830), www.osv.org
Rte. 20, Sturbridge (one hour west of Needham)
Old Sturbridge Village is a living history museum that is set up as a New England village, representing what every day life for farmers and craftspeople would have been like in the 1830's. The village has more than 40 buildings, many of which are actual New England buildings that have been moved to Sturbridge over the last 50+ years. There is a covered bridge, along with a meeting house, school, mill, bank, barns, printing office, etc. The staff is dressed in appropriate clothing for the period and do the chores and tasks as the people would have in that time period. There are several dining options at Old Sturbridge Village.
Directions: Take the Massachusetts Tpke. (Rte. 90) West to Exit 9. After the tolls, take the first right onto Rte. 20 West. Continue approximately one-half mile, staying in the right-hand lane, and turn right into the jug-handle entrance, following signs to Sturbridge Village.
- **The Publick House Historic Inn and Bake Shop** — (508-347-3313), www.publickhouse.com 277 Main St. (Rte. 131, On the Common), Sturbridge
Built in 1771, this historic inn and restaurant has a long history of serving New Englanders. Costumed servers help guests step back in time to enjoy innovative New England fare, along with old standbys such as clam chowder, baked onion soup, lobster pie and turkey dinners. Reservations are recommended.

WRENTHAM

- **Wrentham Village Premium Outlets** — (508-384-0600)
www.premiumoutlets.com/wrentham One Premium Outlets Blvd., Wrentham
Home to over 170 stores.
Directions: Follow Rte. 135 (Great Plain Ave.) through Needham Center and get onto Rte. I-95/128 South from Exit 17. Take Rte. 95 South towards Providence, RI. Next, take Exit 6b, Rte. 495 North (toward Worcester) to Exit 15. Follow signs to the outlets (approx. 25-30 minutes from Olin).

PROVIDENCE, RI

For extensive information on parks, zoos, historical sites, museums, shopping and restaurants when visiting **Providence**, check out: <http://www.visitrhodeisland.com/> or <http://www.providenceri.com> .

Contact information:

Rhode Island Tourism Division
One West Exchange St.
Providence, RI 02903
(800) 556-2484 visitrhodeisland@riedc.com

Directions: Rte. I-95/128 South to Exit 1/I-95 South towards Providence, RI (approx. 45 mins. from Olin)

- **WaterFire Providence** — (401-272-3111), <http://www.waterfire.org>
Waterplace Park, Providence
Nearly one hundred bonfires illuminate the waters of the Providence River. Take a walk along cobblestone paths leading to Waterplace Park or ride a gondola as the smell of cedar and cultural music fill the air while passing through Venetian-style foot bridges. Please note that Waterfires are scheduled at sunset and are weather permitting. Although there are not any scheduled during Family Weekend, there may be other coordinating festivals scheduled or you may want to schedule it for another visit.
- **The State Capitol** — <http://www.quahog.org/attractions/index.php?id=62>
This stately white Georgian marble structure is one of only four self-supporting domes in the world. (St. Peter's Basilica, the Taj Mahal and the Minnesota state capitol are the other three). Designed by McKim, Mead and White in 1891, it is the home of the original Rhode Island Charter and the historic portrait of George Washington painted by Gilbert Stuart, Rhode Island native and well-known Colonial portraitist.
- **Roger Williams Park & Zoo** — <http://www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org/> Providence
Ideal for children and the young at heart. This 430-acre Victorian park (1878) is flourished with waterways, walks, outdoor gardens, a Carousel Village, Museum of Natural History and

planetarium, and Roger Williams Park Zoo. The Zoo is home to 150 different species and over 900 animals. Visit the animals, play tennis, picnic or voyage over to the boathouse for paddle-boats and mini-speed boats. In the fall, this is also home to the annual **Jack 'o' Lantern Spectacular** event, a display of many artistically carved pumpkins. See website for details. **Directions:** Rte. I-95 South; take exit 17, Elmwood Ave.; left at light and park entrance is ½ block on left.

- **Theatres:**

Feinstein IMAX Theatre — (401-453-4446 x203), <http://www.imax.com/providence/> Francis St., Providence Place Mall

Providence Performing Arts Center — (800-455-8587), <http://www.ppacri.org/> 220 Weybosset St., Providence

Trinity Repertory Company — (401-521-1100), <http://www.trinityrep.com/> 201 Washington St., Providence

- **Shopping and Dining:**

Providence Place Mall — (401-270-1000), <http://www.providenceplace.com>

This five floor mall is located alongside I-95 and has all your favorite shops including Abercrombie & Fitch, American Eagle, Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Express, JCrew, Lord & Taylor, Nordstrom, Pottery Barn, Swarovski Crystal and more. The mall is also home to restaurants galore such as Cheesecake Factory, Legal Seafood, Joe's American Bar and Grill, and Fire and Ice.

Federal Hill, East Side, and Downtown

Similar to **Boston's North End**, fine Italian cuisine resides in the west side's **Federal Hill** neighborhood. Also, don't miss the pizzerias or dessert cafés. On the East Side, near **Brown University** and **the Rhode Island School of Design**, you will find Asian, European and Latin American influence. Award winning restaurants featuring New American cuisine can be found in the **Downtown area**, where the financial district and the arts & entertainment district come together.

- **Slater Mill Historic Site** — (401-725-8638), <http://www.slatermill.org/> 67 Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket

Old Slater Mill (1793), said to be the "Birthplace of the American Industry," was the first factory in America to successfully produce cotton yarn with water-powered machines. It is currently used to illustrate the process of converting raw cotton to finished cloth. The historical treasure also includes the **Sylvanus Brown House** (1758) and the **Wilkinson Mill** (1810). A reconstructed 16,000 lb. water wheel is still functioning. **Directions From Boston area:** Rte. I-95 South to Exit 29 (Downtown Pawtucket). Turn right at second stop sign on Broadway, right at first light on Exchange St., left at next light on Roosevelt Ave., Slater Mill is on the left past City Hall.

NEWPORT, RI

For extensive information on parks, zoos, historical sites, museums, shopping, and restaurants when visiting **Newport**, check out: <http://www.visitrhodeisland.com/>.

Directions: Take Rte. I-95/128 South to 93 North. Next take Exit 4/Rte. 24 South (**do not** take Exit 1/Rte. I-95 South towards Providence, RI). Follow Rte. 24 South until the very end; after Exit 5, stay right when highway splits onto Rte. 195 West, stay in right lane and take next exit to get back on Rte. 24 South until the end. This brings you to Rte. 114 South/West Main Rd.; follow signs to Newport (approx. 1.5 hours from Olin).

- **International Tennis Hall of Fame** — (800-457-1144), <http://www.tennisfame.com>
194 Bellevue Ave., Newport (located in the historic Newport Casino)
Visit the oldest grass courts and the only ones open for public play in America. World-class tennis competition still takes place here. The Tennis Hall of Fame Museum features displays, artifacts and exhibits covering over a century of tennis history.
- **Newport Mansions** — <http://www.newportmansions.org/>
Bellevue Ave. and Ocean Dr. are homes to many historic mansions and grand gardens. From inspiring architecture to elegant interior design, **The Breaker's**, **Rosecliff**, **Marble House**, **Astor's Beachwood**, **Ocean Cliff**, **Castle Hill** (restaurant and inn as well) and much more can be seen here. Drive by, stop and visit, or take a stroll down **Cliff Walk**, seaside walkway behind Bellevue Ave.
- **Beaches** — <http://www.riparks.com/listing.htm>
Over 100 salt and fresh water beaches line Rhode Island communities such as Newport, Narragansett, Jamestown, Little Compton, Watch Hill, and Block Island. Accommodations are available for activities such as swimming, picnicking, camping, horseback riding, surfing, skin diving, boating, and water skiing. Shopping and restaurants are often found in these areas as well. Two historic state parks, **Fort Adams** and **Brenton Point** (both off of Ocean Dr.) are great spots for picnicking, kite flying, freebie tossing, blading, and bike riding.
- **Shopping and Dining:**
Newport Waterfront Colonial Area features restored buildings, shops and homes of the Colonial Era. Visit this historic waterfront known as the "Sailing Capital of the World" and former home to the America's Cup for over 50 years. From Irish pubs to fine dining and gift shops to jewelry boutiques, many shops and restaurants line **Brick Alley Market Place** and **Thames St.** Brick Alley Pub, Christie's, the Red Parrot, Ben and Jerry's, and Michael Hays are just a few hot spots to check out.
- **Sakonnet Vineyards** — (800-91WINES), www.sakonnetwine.com 162 West Main Rd., Little Compton (approx. 1 hr. from Olin)
Founded nearly 30 years ago by Jim and Lolly Mitchell, Sakonnet Vineyards and Winery resides in a seaside town, Little Compton. The award-winning Sakonnet Vineyards has 45

acres of cultivated choice grapes between the Sakonnet River and the Atlantic Ocean. Current owners Earl and Susan Samson provide a choice of 13 wines to meet any taste. Their "Master Chefs Series" offers several one-day classes taught by top chefs from both the Rhode Island and the Boston areas. From cooking classes, wine tasting or vineyard touring; this is truly an educational experience. **Directions:** Take Rte. I-95/128 South to Rte. 93 North (**do not** take Exit 1, I-95 South towards Providence, RI) to Exit 4, Rte. 24 South to Tiverton/Sakonnet for Rte. 77 (if you go over the Sakonnet River Bridge you have gone too far), take left off exit; stay straight through Historic Tiverton Four Corners (shopping, noted Gray's Ice Cream, restaurants, etc.), then approx. 3 miles (about 15 mins. off highway). Stay straight on Main Rd. to encounter a few beaches.

- **Newport Vineyards & Winery** — (401-848-5161), www.newportvineyards.com
909 East Main Rd (Rte 138), Middletown, RI
This family-run establishment was founded in 1977 overlooking Rhode Island Sound. Wines include Seyval, Vidal, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Marechal Foch, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Landot Noir.

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