



What's New from Discover New England - 2021

Newly Designated National Scenic Byways Announced

Seven new [National Scenic Byways](#) have been designated in Discover New England's member states and include three in Maine, three in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island. The new byways include Maine's Katahdin Woods and Waters Scenic Byway, St. John Valley Cultural Byway/Fish River Scenic Byway and Bold Coast Scenic Byway; Massachusetts' Battle Road Scenic Byway (All-American Road), Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway and Old King's Highway (Route 6A); and Rhode Island's Revolutionary Heritage Byway.

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Connecticut

[Martin Luther King Jr. in Connecticut Memorial](#) (Simsbury)

Unveiled January 18, 2021, the memorial serves to educate people about the struggle to obtain equal rights, and how MLK dedicated his life to that cause.

[Harbor Yard Amphitheater](#) (Bridgeport)

Coming in 2021 and situated on the banks of the Long Island Sound, the HYA promises to be an exciting new venue for live performances.

[4D Theater at The Maritime Aquarium](#) (Norwalk)

The 179-seat 4D theater that will feature 3D digital projection, proprietary 4D sensory seats and other in-theater special effects is opening soon. The new theater will be multipurpose and have a stage for lectures and other presentations.

[American Mural Project](#) (Winsted)

The largest indoor collaborative artwork in the world—a mural 120 feet long, 48 feet high and up to ten feet deep is coming to Winsted in 2021.

[The Lloyd](#) (Stamford)

Opened last summer in the former home of Hotel Zero Degrees in the heart of downtown Stamford, the boutique hotel features 94 guest rooms outfitted with West Elm furniture and luxurious amenities. The local Metro North and Amtrak Station are a stone's throw from the hotel.

Maine

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- [Under Canvas Acadia](#) will be the brand's first ever Northeast location in Surry, Maine, near Acadia National Park. The glamping resort, set to open May 2021, offers 63 safari-style canvas accommodation tents on elevated decks with private baths within, situated on 100 acres and more than 1,200 feet of untouched Maine coastline. The season for this camp is May 13 - October 31.
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[Batson River Brewing & Distilling](#) (Portland)

Inspired by Maine's outdoor heritage, the new Batson River Brewing includes a floor-to-ceiling fireplace and two stylish full bars. The warm, friendly venue is a bonus to an amazing menu including curated signature cocktails.

[Maine Tasting Center](#) (Wiscasset)

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[The Maine Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine](#) (Portland)

The new museum plans to celebrate the grand opening of their new location in the popular Thompson's Point area of Portland during the spring of 2021, doubling the size of the museum's previous location. .

New Hampshire

[Hobo & Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad](#) (Laconia)

Rail Bike Adventures are now available with the Hobo & Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, offering an experiential activity pedaling along the rails. Enjoy the beauty and history of New Hampshire's Lakes Region as you pedal your two- or four-person rail bikes along a rail line that dates back to the mid-1800s.

[Strawbery Banke Museum](#) (Portsmouth)

Strawbery Banke Museum has partnered with the city of Portsmouth to create a major new exhibit, "Water Has a Memory: Preserving Strawbery Banke and Portsmouth from Sea Level Rise." The exhibit examines the consequences of sea level rise, telling the story over time and showcasing a project by the UNH Geospatial Mapping Lab and the City to collect the data needed to define and monitor the issue.

[Omni Mount Washington](#) – Presidential Wing Expansion (Bretton Woods)

The Omni Mount Washington, a favorite New England retreat of presidents, poets and celebrities offering New Hampshire's largest ski area, will be developing new guest rooms in the Presidential Wing set to open in 2021. The expansion of the Presidential Wing will feature 69 new rooms and suites, offering guests the chance to relax in opulent accommodations and breathtaking panoramic views of Mount Washington from private balconies.

[Tru by Hilton](#) Manchester Downtown (Manchester)

Tru by Hilton has opened its latest property – a 126-room hotel located at 135 Spring St. in Manchester. The new hotel is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Manchester, within walking distance of the SNHU Arena and a short drive from Manchester Boston Regional Airport and Merrimack Premium Shopping Outlets.

Massachusetts

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[Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport](#) (Boston)

Set to open in early 2021 in South Boston's Seaport District, the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport will be a catalyst to development in the area. The 1,055-room hotel features an all-day restaurant, French brasserie, signature Mokara Spa and fitness center, as well as an elevated pool bar and grill with Boston's skyline as its backdrop.

[MGM Music Hall](#) (Boston)

Slated to open during the fall of 2021, the MGM Music Hall at Fenway will occupy roughly 91,500 square feet on four levels to accommodate approximately 5,000 patrons for live performances.

[Miraval Berkshires](#) and [Wyndhurst Manor & Club](#) (Lennox)

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[The Edgartown Inn](#) (Martha's Vineyard)

This will mark the first full season of the Edgartown Inn with its laid-back retreat vibe adjacent to the bustle of Edgartown Village. Enjoy a locally grown treat in the bright farmhouse kitchen or relax with a cool drink on the

inn's broad porch ideal for catching warm sea breezes. The Edgartown Lighthouse and Chappaquiddick Ferry are an easy walk away.

[Official Maritime Salute to the 400th Anniversary \(Plymouth\)](#)

Postponed from 2020, this large-scale event will take place June 25-27, 2021 paying tribute to the Pilgrims' journey onboard the Mayflower from Plymouth, England, to the site of Plymouth Colony in the new world.

Rhode Island

[Newport Broadway District](#) (Newport)

The Local Broadway District in Newport is known for featuring "six blocks of awesome." This historic neighborhood has resurged as a funky place to visit, offering some of the area's best comfort foods and beverages. Cloaked in historic architecture, the streetscape is lined with outdoor dining, making for a hip vibe.

[Block Island Getaway](#) (New Shoreham)

Only a half hour ferry ride from the mainland, [Block Island](#) offers Rhode Island's premier island lifestyle. This pork chop-shaped destination is an ideal weekend (or longer) getaway for anyone looking to spend their time eating good seafood, enjoying the fresh air and/or searching for the perfect memento. There are a variety of [hotels and inns](#) on the island, so you can relax and spend one night or more in pure island bliss!

[Westerly Village](#) (Westerly)

Though Westerly is known for its abundance of shoreline, the beaches are just the beginning. Rhode Island's southernmost town is also home to a thriving downtown scene brimming with local shops, trendy bars and restaurants. (Not to mention, a pop star with a certain 'reputation' was so enchanted by the area that she now calls it home. Shhhh...Miss Swift is very private.)

[Down City Providence](#) (Providence)

Rhode Island's capital city has 39 distinct neighborhoods, but Down City is emerging as the hot spot with Providence G, a rooftop bar/restaurant offering firepits and an unsurpassed view right in the heart of downtown [Providence](#). Westminster Street is a charismatic, brick-lined metropolitan street bedecked in trees and string lights. Trendy eateries catering to a mixture of professionals and university students fuels the diverse cultural experience.

Detailed News

Maine

Saddleback Opens

[Saddleback Mountain](#) in Rangeley is open again for skiing. The old chairlift, which took 11 minutes to get skiers and riders to the top of the mountain, has been replaced with a new \$7.2 million high-speed detachable quad lift that will shorten the ride to four minutes. Snowmaking has been expanded and the lodge has also undergone extensive renovations, resulting in enhanced views and increased seating capacity.

Two New Hotels Set to Open in Portland

- **Canopy by Hilton** will be opening in spring of 2021. The 135-room hotel will be located on the Portland waterfront and managed by Fathom Co.
- **Cambria/Shipyard “Brewtel”** will be a 102-room hotel with an indoor-outdoor rooftop bar overlooking a garden growing real hops and ready for occupancy in 2021.

The Francis in Portland Makes Vacation Planning Easy

[The Francis](#), a boutique hotel in downtown Portland, has started offering custom Adventure Guides and Surprise Itineraries for their guests. Partnering with Gadabout Maine, the hotel provides personalized guides and itineraries to make vacation planning effortless while guests can hit all the local hotspots for lobster, lighthouses, craft beer and more. [Watch](#) here for an itinerary example.

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Another Addition to Saco-Biddeford’s Dining Scene

[Pacifico](#) takes fresh, local Maine ingredients and gives them a Latin flair in the newest restaurant in downtown Saco, located in one of the city’s historic mill buildings.

A New Way to Experience Maine’s Cuisine

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Downeast Maine to Have New Park System

[Cobscook Shores](#) is a new system of parks along the coast of Maine that is set to open July 2021. It is the state’s largest private park system covering more than 13.5 miles of the Downeast coastline from Whiting to Lubec.

Outdoor Recreation Guide for Maine Now an App

[Chimani, Inc.](#) has launched a comprehensive outdoor recreational guide for the state of Maine, its first state-wide recreational guide. The guide includes details on national parks, wildlife refuges, state parks, and nature preserves throughout the state. Similar to all other Chimani guides, users can use the Pokemon Go-like feature to earn points and collect virtual badges. With each visit to a nature preserve, users “check-in” to confirm their location using the GPS signal on their device and the app will unlock a special badge for each location. The Maine guide is available on iOS and the web. The Android version will be available soon. To view the web version for free, go to <https://chimani.co/maine>

Bring Your Bike With You

[The Downeaster](#), Amtrak’s passenger rail service between Boston and Maine, now has a bike program so passengers can bring along their carry-on bikes. Newly installed luggage racks that convert to bike racks make it possible to roll standard, full-sized bikes on board from any Downeaster station, then secure and store them on the train. Bicycle space is limited to four per train, and a specific bike reservation is required in advance of travel.

Children’s Museum Sets Grand Opening for 2021

[The Maine Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine](#) plans to celebrate their grand opening during the spring of 2021. The new museum will be double the size of the museum’s previous location and will be in the popular Thompson’s Point area of Portland.

Massachusetts

Statewide Highlights

[Historic Women Trailblazers of Massachusetts - Digital Brochure](#)

The Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT) issues a Historic Women Trailblazers digital booklet, celebrating the achievements of women in the Commonwealth. The digital booklet is now live! With the historic commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote, it is the perfect time to celebrate our Massachusetts Foremothers. The [digital booklet](#) features over 70 historic women “Trailblazers,” whose contributions to the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world from various fields including sports, arts, and science are unparalleled. [Learn about the stories of these remarkable women and their ties to Massachusetts](#), The Woman Suffrage Movement, commemorative sculptures and statues at the Massachusetts State House, the significance of the Sunflower, the Colors of Suffrage and much more!

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Accommodations: Major Upcoming Openings

Greater Boston

[Homewood Suites | Hampton Inn – Marine Industrial Park](#)

Date of opening: February 2021

City/Town: South Boston, Marine Industrial Park

Brief Description: This is a dual-branded hotel in Boston’s Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park, located a short distance away from the BCEC. The \$176 million Hampton Inn by Hilton and Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport will be a 14-story, 411-room hotel building at 660 Seaport Blvd. The property will also include 7,400

square feet of prime restaurant and retail space, fitness center, heated pool, business center and an outdoor terrace.

Rooms: 411

Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport

Date of opening: April 2021

City/Town: South Boston Seaport District

Brief Description: Set to open in early 2021 at the corner of Summer and D Streets, the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport will be a catalyst to the development in the Seaport. There will be no shortage of dining and entertainment as the hotel will feature an all-day restaurant, French Brasserie, signature Mokara Spa and fitness center as well as an elevated pool bar and grill with the Boston skyline as its backdrop.

Rooms: 1,055

Western Massachusetts

Marriott Springfield Downtown

Date of opening (month year): July 2021

City/Town: Springfield, MA

Brief Description: The newly renovated Marriott Springfield Downtown overlooks the Connecticut River in Springfield, MA. This downtown property is two blocks from the MassMutual Center and six miles from Six Flags New England. Features modern amenities that appeal to business and leisure travelers alike. Hotel features 16,364 square feet of flexible event space.

Rooms: 262

Accommodations: Recent Openings

2020

Greater Boston

Hyatt Place Boston / Seaport District

Date of opening: September 2020

City/Town: South Boston Seaport District

Brief Description: Hyatt Hotels Corp. is developing a 304-unit apartment building and a 294-room Hyatt Place hotel at 315 Northern Ave. The complex is across the street from the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion and includes nearly 20,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. The property opened in September 2020.

Rooms: 294

907 Main

Date of opening: September 2020

City/Town: Central Square, Cambridge

Brief Description: Located in the heart of Central Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 907 Main celebrates and embraces the diversity of the neighborhood. The hotel is inspired by [Margaret Fuller and the transcendentalist movement](#). Experience the restaurant's sensory appeal or survey the scene at [Central Square's only rooftop bar](#).

Rooms: 67

North of Boston

Hampton Inn

September 2020, Salem

The Hampton Inn is Salem's only branded hotel. Enjoy all the benefits of Hilton Honors and a Hampton Inn while being in the center of Historic Salem. There are great restaurants and brew pubs, all within walking

distance from the Hampton. Enjoy the indoor pool, large fitness area and free breakfast including the new Hampton Smoothie bar.

Rooms: 113

South of Boston

TownePlace Suites By Marriott

Date of opening: Fall 2020

City/Town: Westport, MA

Brief Description: Limited Service, all suites hotel.

Rooms: 90

Western Massachusetts

Name: [Miraval Berkshires](#) and [Wyndhurst Manor & Club](#)

Date of opening: June 2020

City/Town: Lenox, MA

Brief Description: Miraval Berkshires is set on 380 acres, with 100 guest rooms and suites. The property's centerpiece is its 29,000-square-foot Life in Balance Spa, housing 28 treatment rooms, an indoor pool room for water treatments, an indoor/outdoor pool lounge, men's and women's relaxation rooms, a salon, a sauna and a steam room. Also on site is Meadowview Stables horse ranch, offering equine programming, and an outpost of the brand's signature Life in Balance Culinary Kitchen, which hosts healthy cooking classes. The Body Mindfulness Center features exercise equipment and fitness studio. Food and beverage options include smoothie bar and grab-and-go outlet The Roost, the all-day Harvest Moon Restaurant and the Pool Café. Concurrent with the opening of Miraval Berkshires, Miraval parent group Hyatt Hotels has added Lenox's 46-room Wyndhurst Manor & Club. Located in proximity to each other, Miraval Berkshires and Wyndhurst provide guests access to a shared 18-hole golf course.

Rooms: 146

Cape Cod & The Islands

Name: [The Edgartown Inn](#)

Date of Opening: August 2020

City/Town: Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard

Brief Description: With 12 intimate but airy rooms, The Edgartown Inn is a convenient, laid-back retreat adjacent to the bustle of Edgartown Village. Put your feet up after a stroll along the picturesque beach or a foray inland for a tour of local farm stands. Enjoy a locally grown treat in the bright farmhouse kitchen or relax with a cool drink on the Inn's broad porch where warm sea breezes carry the scent of beach roses. Destinations like the Edgartown Lighthouse and Chappaquiddick Ferry are an easy walk—perfect for when you're ready to head out exploring.

Name: [Life House, Nantucket](#)

Date of Opening: Summer 2020

City/Town: Nantucket

Brief Description: Designed by Life House's award-winning internal design team, the 14-room Nantucket location emphasizes the nostalgia and simplicity of the northeastern island lifestyle. The hotel takes over a heritage building with a nearly 200-year history of hospitality: it was first built in the 1830s as a Federal-style mansion belonging to a whaling captain Robert Calder. In 1870, Calder would open the doors to travelers visiting the island. The hotel features a 300 square-foot living room and kitchen, a grab-and-go mini bar stocked with stacks, and a 675 square-foot Garden Lounge with scenic daybeds. Guest rooms, in hues of plum and lilac, will feature a variety of regionally sourced vintage artifacts and artwork from local artists. Meanwhile, in-room amenities include favorites like scents from *Diptyque*, bath products from *Le Labo*, and luxury linens from *Revival*.

Name: [Jared Coffin House](#) Premieres Four New Suites After Notable Nantucket Women Leaders

Date of Opening: Summer 2020

City/Town: Nantucket

Brief Description: The venerable Jared Coffin House, a Broad Street (Nantucket) landmark and former whaling merchant's home, debuted four (4) new suites named after notable Nantucket women leaders: Maria Mitchell Suite; Anna Gardner Suite; Lucretia Coffin Mott Suite; and Mary Coffin Starbuck Suite. While retaining the historic architecture of the 19th-century building, portions of the ground floor were reborn into four suites and one guestroom. The Jared Coffin House commissioned Nantucket-native and interior designer Audrey Sterk, to ensure careful preservation of the historic, pre- civil war landmark during the revamp. Inspired by the colors of the sea and sand, the interiors feature a color palette of foggy greys, robin-egg blues and soft neutrals. To complement views of Nantucket's historic streetscape, an extensive collection of original oil paintings are also on display – each piece hand-selected by the hotel's owners, highlighting Nantucket's whaling days. In the individually-designed guestrooms, custom furniture including four-poster King Beds, tulip-style coffee tables and walnut brown desks with lacquered inlay are paired with original refurbished wood floors from the 1840s. Bathrooms feature white and grey tile floors and glass-enclosed showers.

Attractions

Greater Boston

[Hub on Causeway](#)

Date of opening: November 2019

City/Town: North Station, Boston

Brief Description: Phase II of the Hub on Causeway complex was completed in late 2019 and includes many dining and entertainment options for a reimagined West End experience.

[MGM Music Hall](#)

Date of opening: October 2021

City/Town: Fenway Park, Boston

Brief Description: The MGM Music Hall at Fenway marks the first development project undertaken by FSGRE beyond the walls of Fenway Park. The project will occupy roughly 91,500 square feet on four levels, and accommodate approximately 5,000 patrons.

[MIT Museum](#)

Date of Opening: Spring 2022

City/Town: Cambridge

Brief Description: As part of MIT's Kendall Square Initiative, the MIT Museum is preparing to take up residence in the eye of Kendall Square's innovation district, where it will occupy more than 58,000 square feet of galleries, classrooms, and state-of-the-art program and performance spaces—all at the threshold of MIT's campus. The projected opening date for the new Museum is early spring 2022.

North of Boston

[deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum - Visionary New England](#)

Dates: Now – March 14, 2021

City/Town: Lincoln

Brief Description: Visionary, mystical, and utopian practices are crucial to New England's culture, history, and character. From the experimental agrarian communities founded in the 1840s, such as Brook Farm and Fruitlands, to the intersections of spiritualism and experimental psychology at the turn of the 20th century, New England has long developed alternative ways of nurturing community, personal growth, and societal reform. Related artists and writers frequently united their intimate connection to nature with a search for access to alternate dimensions or higher powers.

Grounded in this rich history, this exhibition features original commissions and existing artwork by twelve contemporary artists who are engaged with these themes. Artists include: Gayleen Aiken, Caleb Charland, Anna Craycroft, Angela Dufresne, Sam Durant, Erin Johnson, Josephine Halvorson, Paul Laffoley, Michael Madore, Candice Lin, Tourmaline, and Kim Weston. Bridging past and present, their work will be shown alongside earlier art and artifacts that speak to these enduring qualities of the region and their relevance today.

deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum - Transcendental Modernism

Dates: Now – March 14, 2021

City/Town: Lincoln

Brief Description: Drawn primarily from deCordova's permanent collection, *Transcendental Modernism* connects to the nearby exhibition *Visionary New England*, while focusing on artistic developments in Massachusetts from the 1940s through the 1990s. Veering away from dominant narratives of modern art as abstract, secular, and self-referential, *Transcendental Modernism* advances an understanding of vanguard art in Massachusetts based on intersectional social progress and interdisciplinary artistic pursuits. The exhibition examines the spiritual commitments of Boston Expressionists, the presence of Afrofuturism in Boston, and utopian collaborations between artists and scientists.

South of Boston

Name: Spirit of Plymouth Walking Tours, Hometown Heroes Tour

Date: Fall 2020

Brief Description: A 90-minute easy stroll around downtown Plymouth. The tour talks about the early days of Plymouth Colony and discusses Plymouth's contributions to the Revolutionary War.

Western Massachusetts

Name: Bousquet Mountain

Date of opening: November 2020

City/Town: Pittsfield, MA

Brief Description: Bousquet Mountain, a Berkshire ski area since 1934, has recently sold. Upgrades for the 2020 ski season include a new snowmaking equipment and chair lift, a new bunny trail and renovations to the Lodge. Bouquet will become the third mountain in "Berkshire Pass," a new season ski pass program that will include Berkshire East and Catamount.

Name: Big Bear Used Books and Café

Date of Opening: October 2020

City/Town: Easthampton

Brief Description: Come enjoy the Valley's newest used bookstore and coffee-shop in The Keystone Building (renovated mill building). Big Bear sources only local coffee and pastries as well as a carefully curated cache of used books.

Cape Cod & The Islands

Name: African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard Adds New Site

City/Town: West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard

Brief Description: The African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard has announced the dedication of a new site on the self-guided trail. The home of E. Jacqueline Hunt, at 62 Nashawena Park, Oak Bluffs will join the Trail as **site number 31** in honor of the lifetime achievements of "Miss Jakki," a lifelong social justice activist who served as president of the Martha's Vineyard chapter of the NAACP from 1979 to 1989, organizers said.

Name: [*The Road from Abolition to Suffrage | Nantucket Historical Association \(NHA\) new exhibition at the Whaling Museum \(Williams Forsyth Gallery\)*](#)

Dates: 4 August 2020 – 31 December 2020

City/Town: Nantucket

Brief Description: This is a story of inspiring individuals who moved Nantucket—and the nation—towards a more just and equitable distribution of political power. It begins with a simple will written in 1710 endowing a formerly enslaved man with property and runs up to the enactment of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920 granting voting rights to women. As the title suggests, the story has two parts—the first looks at the scourge of slavery and the second highlights those individuals with Nantucket connection involved in fighting for civil rights for women. Curiously, the pursuit on whales mirrors the former, while the latter reflects Nantucket’s post-whaling period.

Name: [*Reyes Pond Secret Garden*](#)

Date Opened: Summer 2020

City/Town: Nantucket

Brief Description: A secret garden is now open to the public. As noted in the article, property and grounds were initially designed in the 1950s and 1960s to be a private retreat with landscape reminiscent of Asia. Today, Reyes Pond Secret Garden is a “16-acre botanic garden with the specimen trees labeled with species information and country of origin”, in addition to having a bike path, a single-track trail with a small bridge and marsh.

Name: [*New Nantucket Conservation Association Walking Trail from Milestone Road to Altar Rock*](#)

Date Opened: July 2020

City/Town: Nantucket

Brief Description: The new trail starts at the fourth milestone marker on Milestone Road. A 1½-mile walk to Altar Rock (Altar Rock is one of the most dominant features in the Middle Moors. At 100 feet above sea level, it is 4th highest elevation on the island. On a clear day, it affords wonderful views of Polpis Harbor, Pocomo Head, Coatue, Great Point Light, Sankaty Head Light, ‘Sconset Village, and the surrounding heathlands. This new trail is a scenic route over rolling hills, through the 400-acre open grassland known as the Serengeti, and past small side-of-the-road ponds called kettle ponds. To the east is Gibbs Pond, the Milestone Cranberry Bog and Sankaty Head Lighthouse. To the north and west is the vast expanse of the Middle Moors.

Name: [*Nantucket Historical Association Discovery Center*](#)

Date: Summer 2020

City/Town: Nantucket

Brief Description: The Discovery Center, created as an interactive imaginary experience for children in an 18th century town, is now transformed into a children’s museum. Town vignettes, have added artifacts from the NHA collections, giving an authentic layer to the interactive foundation of the original concept. Daily activities, that were a staple of the Discovery Center experience, are now available as Sail Away Kits; each with a project, instructions, and materials. The Nantucket Railroad model, along with a map train table and large video screen, occupies the front space where guests can sit and work on their kits or take them home, enjoy the train model, and watch historic videos. A Build a Boat Kit is also available at Sarg’s Curiosity Shop. Put your model together and head through the town to the outdoor park where there are more activities and a Biometric map water table where you can sail your boat.

[Mass Audubon Sea Oyster, Kayaking and Outdoor Nature Tours](#)

Check the Mass Audubon website for the most up to date information on nature tours in Cape Cod. From kayaking to sea oyster farm tours, from trails to sandy beaches, these tours are fun and educational and will teach you about the Long Pasture Wilder Sanctuary, their ecosystem and Mass Audubon’s conservation efforts in this area of Massachusetts.

New Exhibit Provincetown Museum [Our Story: The Early Days of the Wampanoag Tribe and the Pilgrims Who Followed](#)

Brief Description: With the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower Pilgrims' arrival, Provincetown will remind the world of its place as a champion of diversity, inclusiveness, and tolerance. At Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum (PMPM), the mission ensures this history is told correctly. The Museum will soon debut a new permanent exhibit, "Our Story," curated by *SmokeSignals*, the leading Native American creative agency in the Northeast, led by Paula and Steven Peters, a mother and son who are members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. The exhibit will be interactive, modern and technological, but most important — accurate. Incorporating touchscreen kiosks, video, artifacts and large panels, the exhibit will have cases with beadwork, wampum, and Pilgrim items, too. Displays will be in the center area where new exhibits will rotate in new components, pieces from other museums or to create space for special events. All of it will illustrate the early history of the Wampanoag on Cape Cod, including the 1620 arrival of the Mayflower, which is only part of the story – and one that is not always portrayed correctly.

[Provincetown Galleries Unite for a Different Kind of Stroll](#)

Date Opened: Summer 2020

City/Town: Provincetown

Brief Description: Imagine being able to access the works of 30+ galleries without leaving your door! More than 30 art galleries in Provincetown, MA have decided to work together to bring awareness that Provincetown galleries are operating in safe, efficient, and evolving ways during the current health crisis. Provincetown attracts a 50,000 average daily population in summer months and is home to over 45 galleries, a major regional art museum and many other organizations that provide opportunities for artists including residencies and educational programs. Known as the Oldest Continual Art Colony in the US, the town and surrounding seashore have long been a favorite subject for painters and is a treasured place for creatives to meet and collaborate on ideas and to enjoy the beauty of the Outer Cape. Provincetown's small-town feel and intimate scale have traditionally offered visitors the opportunity to visit many galleries and studios and even to meet some of the artists in a walkable area mostly on two main streets in its downtown.

Central Massachusetts

Name: [Pine Lake RV Resort and Cottages](#)

Date Opened: 2020

City/Town: Sturbridge

Formerly the Yogi Bear Campground, the Pine Lake RV Resort and Cottages opened in 2020 with 396 campsites, including 36 cabins. The property is located on 76 acres and includes an 8-acre private pond, includes a general store, two pools, bath stations, etc.

Events

South of Boston

[Illuminate Thanksgiving 2020](#)

Date: November 25, 2020

Brief Description: An annual tradition, Illuminate Thanksgiving 2020 will be held as a **televised special on NBC 10 Boston**, Plymouth 400's Lead Media Sponsor. The time of the broadcast is still to be determined, and we will include an update on this page. The first half of the hour-long broadcast will tell the story of Plymouth 400 and the legacies of the 400th anniversary through projects, collaborations, and events. The second half of the program will focus on the signature event, Illuminate virtual event, the One Small Candle Award, and other details that are still being finalized. Past recipients of the award will be featured along with new recipients this year.

[Plymouth 400, Remembrance Ceremony](#)

Date: April 23, 2021

Brief Description: This ceremony will be held with visiting dignitaries and local and State officials to remember the Pilgrims and Wampanoag people of 1620 and their contributions and sacrifices. Details TBD

Wampanoag Ancestors Walk

Date: May 2021

Brief Description: **The walk, originally scheduled for August of 2020, will be moved to May, 2021. Final date and details to come.** The Wampanoag Ancestors Walk will be led by the Wampanoag tribes of Massachusetts. Placards will be carried with the names of the original 69 villages of the Wampanoag Nation. Participants will pay homage to Massasoit and King Phillip and will stop at designated sites to bless the spots where Wampanoag ancestors walked. The walk will conclude with a drum ceremony and homage to Native souls, followed by a reception.

Official Maritime Salute to the 400th Anniversary

Date: June 25-27, 2021

Brief Description: **In adhering to policies put forth by the federal, state, and local governments, the Official Maritime Salute to the 400th Anniversary, a large-scale Plymouth waterfront event planned for June 27 & 28 of 2020, has been moved to June 25-27, 2021.** An extra day has been added to include a 400th Anniversary ceremony to kick off the weekend. The Official Maritime Salute pays tribute to the Pilgrims' journey on board the *Mayflower* from Plymouth, England, to the site of Plymouth Colony in the new world.

Significant Anniversaries

Reflecting Attucks

Date of anniversary (month year): August 2020 - 2021

City/Town: Boston, MA Old State House

Brief Description: This is a virtual exhibition that commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre in March of 2020, the ensuing trial in October 2020, and the enduring role of Crispus Attucks in the national memory and how he gets invoked as the fatality associated with the coming of the American Revolution.

Noho Pride – Celebrate Diversity

Date: May 2021

City/Town: Northampton

Brief Description: *Noho Pride Celebrate Diversity* celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2021. The 2021 dates for the parade and festival have not yet been announced.

45th Yankee Engine-uity Show (2021)

Date: June 25-27, 2021

City/Town: Orange

Brief Description: Antique Engines, Tractors, Cars & Trucks, Flea Market, Steam Engines & Machinery, Live Steam Table, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Live Band, Tractor Parade, Gas Engine Raffle, Food Concessions, and More!

400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving

November 1621

Plymouth, MA

The holiday feast dates back to November 1621, when the newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered in Plymouth for an autumn harvest celebration, an event regarded as America's "first Thanksgiving".

Worcester 300th Anniversary in 2022

2022, Worcester

Additional details TBD.