



# Central Massachusetts & the Berkshires

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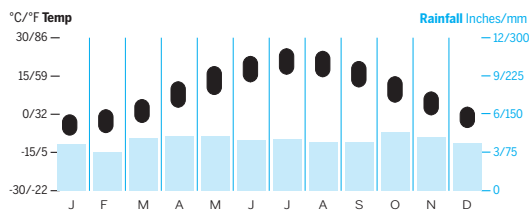
## Why Go?

The Berkshires draws you in with a tantalizing mix of cultural offerings, verdant hills and sweet farmland. You can ramble through estate homes of the once famous, listen to world-class musicians from a lawnside picnic blanket, and feast on farm-to-table cuisine at chef-driven restaurants. You could easily spend an entire summer hopscotching the patchwork of wilderness areas while taking in a dance festival here, an illustrious music series there and excellent summer theater all over the place.

Head further afield and you'll come across peppy college towns with shady campuses, a wealth of cafes and exceptional art museums. Stretch your quads on hiking trails up Massachusetts' highest mountain and through nature preserves of all stripes. Those lucky enough to be here in autumn will find apples ripe for the picking and hillsides ablaze in brilliant fall foliage.

## When to Go

### Worcester



**Summer Cultural** attractions, summer theater, dance and concert festivals.

**Fall** Fall is a gorgeous time to be here, but avoid weekends, when traffic jams up.

**Oct-May** During these quieter months you'll find worthy nightlife in the region's college towns.

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