

Central Massachusetts & the Berkshires

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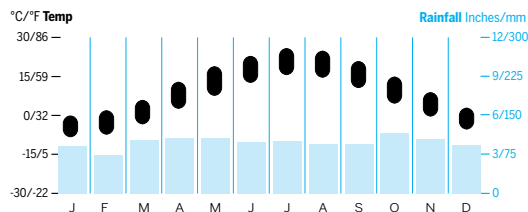
Why Go?

Artfully blending the cultural and cosmopolitan with the rural and rustic, the Pioneer Valley and the Berkshires offer a tantalizing mix of artistic offerings, verdant hills and sweet farmland. Stretch your quads on hiking trails up Massachusetts' highest mountain and through nature preserves that blanket the surrounding hills. Alternatively, ramble through estate homes of the once famous, listen to world-class musicians from a picnic blanket on well-manicured lawn, 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 summer theater all over the place.

At every turn, you'll come across peppy college towns with shady campuses, bohemian cafes and exceptional art museums. And 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



Jun–Aug Cultural attractions, summer theater, dance and concert festivals.

Sep–Oct Gorgeous colors, but traffic jams up on weekends.

Nov–May Prices are lower and col-lege towns are still lively during these quieter months.

Central Massachusetts & the Berkshires Highlights

- 1 Tanglewood** (p201)
Listening to the Boston Symphony at this legendary music festival in Lenox.
- 2 Montague Bookmill** (p191) Whiling away an afternoon contemplating fine books and river views.
- 3 MASS MoCA** (p206)
Rambling about the USA's largest contemporary-art museum.
- 4 Jacob's Pillow** (p199)
Watching a modern dance performance at one of the top summer dance festivals.
- 5 Springfield Museums** (p181) Immersing yourself in a heady mix of fine arts, science, history and Dr Seuss sculptures, and summer theater.
- 6 Brimfield Antique Show** (p179) Scouring the stalls at North America's biggest outdoor antiques fair.
- 7 Williamstown** (p204)
Relishing stellar art museums and summer theater.
- 8 Mt Greylock** (p207)
Ascending to the summit for a wild vista of five states.

