

New England **TRIPS**

53 THEMED ITINERARIES **1012** LOCAL PLACES TO SEE

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How to Use this Book

Theme Icons

All trips are themed using the following icons.



Great, must-do trips that represent the region



Trips that follow a well-known route, with extra insider detail



Trips to diners, wineries, breweries, dairy farms and seafood shacks



National Park drives, coastal hikes and mountain bike rides



Trips to historic towns, museums, Ivy League Universities and more



Trips that combine the kitsch, haunted, creepy or bizarre



Trips for urbanites



Trips up to an hour away from a hub city

Best Trips



Trips starred with the Best Trip icon are our hands-down favorites. We highly recommend these trips.

Expert-Recommended Trips

We teamed up with local experts including a clam-digger, a travel blogger, a sled-dog musher, the MA Farmers Market Representative, and TV personality Chef Harry, who shared with us their favorite trips, listed on p29.


Ecofriendly & Sustainable Options


Listings that have a green mission and have an ecofriendly or sustainable mantra are listed in our GreenDex, p351.


Trip Information

Practical details for points of interest within trips can be found at the end of every trip under Trip Information. Prices in this book are listed as a range to account for seasonal variations. Under Eat, “mains” means main courses or entrées. Under Sleep, “r” means rooms.

 Telephone

 Opening hours

 Family-friendly
Listings accompanied by this icon are great for families with young children

 Pet-friendly
Listings accompanied by this icon allow dogs (and sometimes other pets).

Link Your Trip


Extend your trip with this handy feature that lists nearby trips worth combining.


Maps & Route Shields

Regional maps show the trip number at the starting point of the trip.


USA


 Interstate freeway

 US highway

 State highway

CANADA

 Trans-Canada highway

 Provincial highway

 Canadian highway

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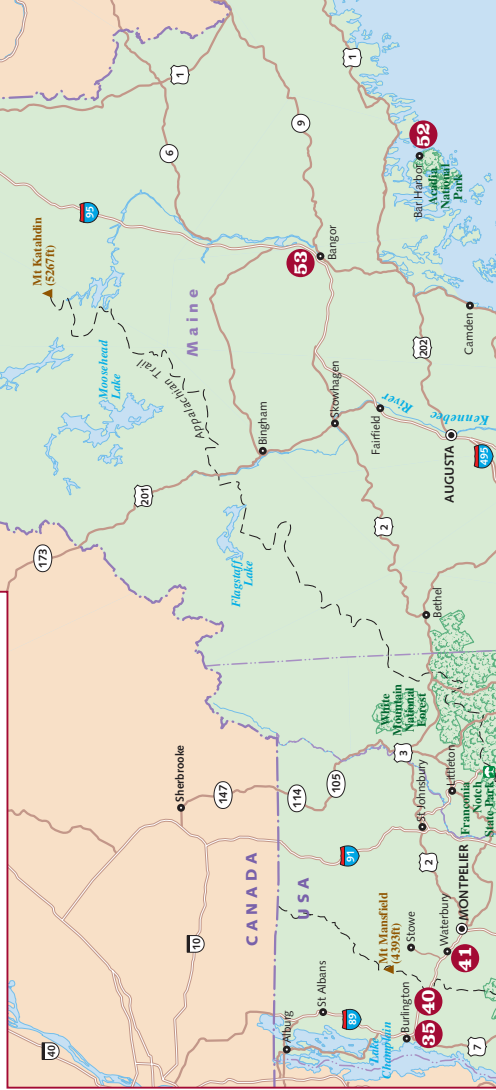
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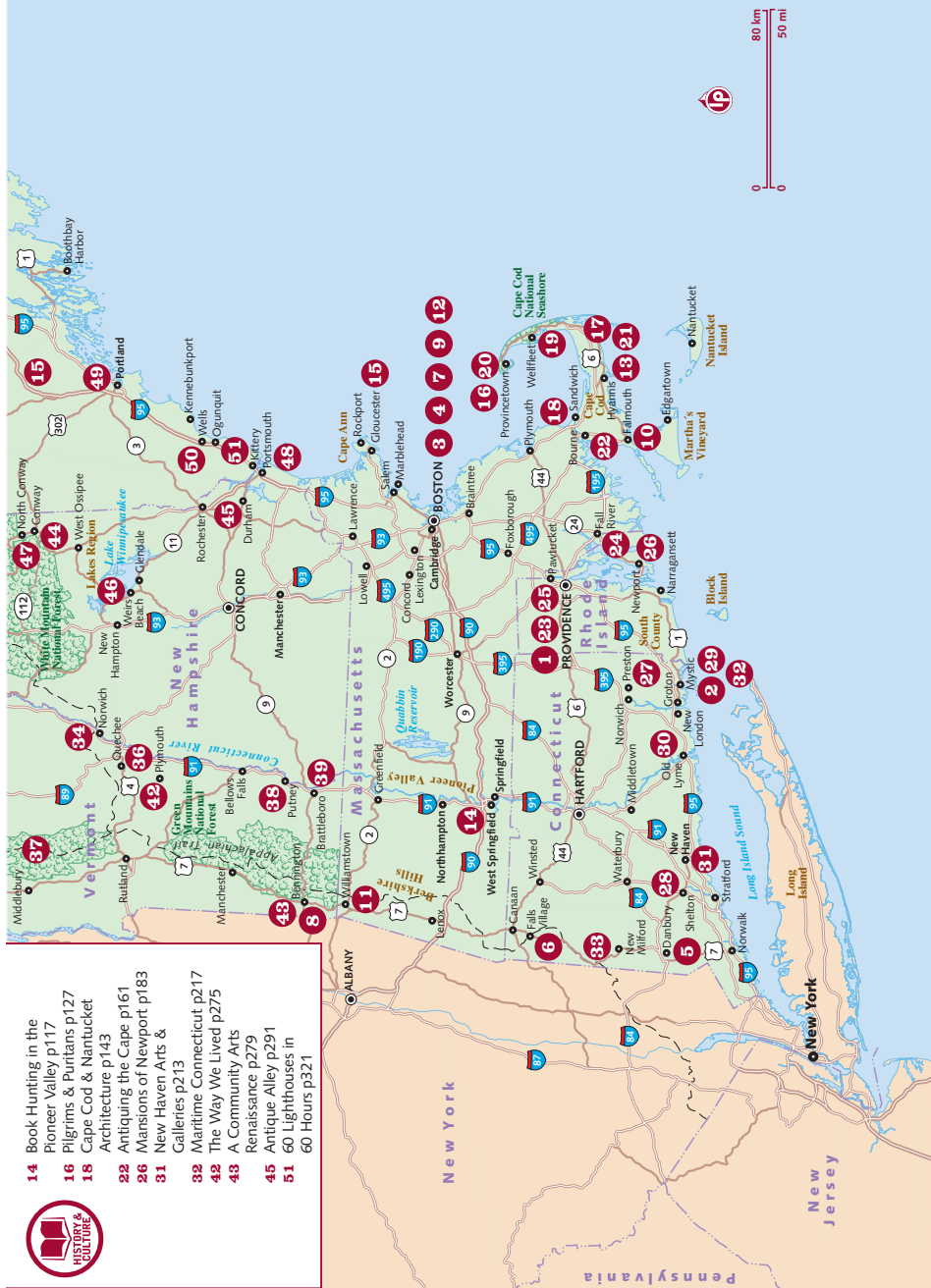


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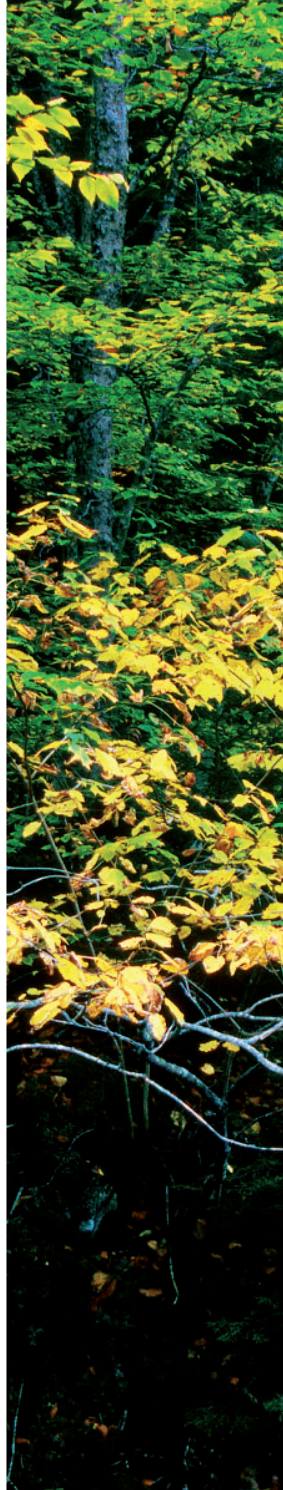
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You know the drill: it's 3pm on a Friday, and your mind is drifting off to a place with coast-hugging roads, clam shacks, historic towns, mountain vistas and boutique breweries. Does such a place really exist, or is it all just a post-traumatic work-week-induced fantasy? Luckily, this dreamy destination is quite real: it's New England. So that's where you want to be, but where to go? When? How? As trip-takers and travelers ourselves, we know that condensing information down into simple, inspirational journeys can be tough. There are just so many sources and opinions. We just want to pick a trip and go.

Our local authors have scoured New England to bring you 53 of the best trips for food lovers, history buffs, outdoor enthusiasts, culture-vultures and families, as well as unique and off-the-beaten track options. Our most inspirational trips range from an insider's look at Ivy League schools to Vermont's best dairy farms; from a bicycle ride through kitschy Rhode Island to a clam digger's tour of Cape Cod. Trips are themed to suit your interests, perhaps even your mood. For day trippers we have picked our favorite short trips from Boston, covering music, history and museums.

Now that you've got the inspiration, all you need is to pack your bags and go. Oh, and tell your boss you won't be in on Monday.

📍 **ETHAN ALLEN HIGHWAY & BEYOND** p65
Pretty Moss Glen Falls provides respite from Route 100



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