



Connecticut & Rhode Island

WITH LAKES, ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS AND COASTAL CLIFF WALKS, Connecticut and Rhode Island pack a big punch – even though they're two of the smallest states in the Union. Connecticut's pristine scenery has been luring artists, celebrities and moneyed Manhattanites since the 1900s and it's easy to see what drew them here: a historic rural landscape, genteel pre-Colonial towns, clam shacks and oyster harvests.

Just down the road, tiny Rhode Island sports a jagged coastline trimmed with some of the best beaches in the northeast, while the cities of Providence and Newport brim with museums, galleries and gorgeous old cobbled neighborhoods. No wonder the Vanderbilts and their friends decamped here for summer balls and swimming. You'd be wise to follow suit.

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