2012-2013
Greater Boston Area Guide

View from the bridge.

This was gorgeous! Boston skyline.

A resource for Olin families and guests when visiting the area, including shopping, dining, attractions, historical sites and much more!
General location of towns in
The Boston Guide
NEEDHAM – about 2 miles from Olin

- **Bowling**: There is a nearby bowling alley where you can try your hand at a New England favorite - Candlepin style bowling. Considered more difficult than Tenpin style, bowlers use a small ball to knock down much narrower pins. This is fun but challenging!
  - Needham Bowlaway — (781-449-4060) [www.needhambowl.com](http://www.needhambowl.com)
    16 Chestnut St., Needham

- **Needham Farmers Market**: [www.needhamfarmersmarket.org](http://www.needhamfarmersmarket.org)
  Sunday 1-5 PM, June 10 to October 28
  Unitarian Universalist, 23 Dedham Ave, Needham (corner of Great Plain and Dedham Ave.)

  Check website for maps of The Town of Neeham’s many walking/hiking trails.

- **Ice Cream and Gelato**:
  - Lizzy’s Homemade Ice Cream — (781-455-1498), [http://www.lizzysicecream.com](http://www.lizzysicecream.com)
    1498 Highland Ave., Needham
    934 Great Plain Ave., Needham

For an extended list of restaurants in the Needham area, visit [www.olin.edu/campus/dining.aspx](http://www.olin.edu/campus/dining.aspx) or reference the Dining and Lodging section of the *Parents’ Handbook*.

WELLESLEY - about 3 miles from Olin

- **Davis Museum at Wellesley College** — (781-283-2051), [https://www.davismuseum.wellesley.edu/](https://www.davismuseum.wellesley.edu/)
  106 Central St., Wellesley  Holdings include paintings, sculptures, works on paper, photographs, and decorative objects, from antiquity to the contemporary moment. Free.

- **Massachusetts Horticultural Gardens at Elm Bank Reservation** — [www.masshort.org](http://www.masshort.org)
  900 Washington St., Wellesley. Gardens and Woodland Trails.
  Map: [www.masshort.org/pdfs/Elm Bank Map.pdf](http://www.masshort.org/pdfs/Elm Bank Map.pdf)

• **Shopping:**
  o **The Gifted Hand** — (781-235-7171), [http://www.giftedhand.com](http://www.giftedhand.com)  32 Church St, Wellesley. Distinctive works by contemporary American artists and craftsmen. Need a special gift or dorm room decoration?

• **Restaurant and Ice Cream:**
  o **White Mountain Creamery** — (781-239-0676), [www.wmcicecream.com](http://www.wmcicecream.com)  552 Washington St. (Rte. 16), Wellesley

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**DEDHAM - about 5 miles from Olin**

See the *Parents’ Handbook* for the Dedham Area Map.

• **Theaters**
  o **Dedham Community Theatre** — (781-326-0409), [www.dedhamcommunitytheatre.com](http://www.dedhamcommunitytheatre.com)  580 High Street (at Washington), Dedham Square  See your favorite art house films, get popcorn with real butter, and pay a visit to the Museum of Bad Art in the basement (free). Dedham Square also includes Isabella Restaurant, Ron’s Ice Cream, Kikiyama Japanese Steakhouse and nearby Centre Deli.
  o **Showcase Cinema de Lux Legacy Place** — (800-315-4000), [http://www.showcasecinemas.com/theatre/dedham/ma/showcase-cinema-de-lux-legacy-place](http://www.showcasecinemas.com/theatre/dedham/ma/showcase-cinema-de-lux-legacy-place)  670 Legacy Place, Dedham  Your favorite flicks in this pretty new theater with stadium seating and option for “lux-level” seating with dining service during the show. Walkway from parking garage.

• **Shopping and Restaurants**
  o **Legacy Place** — (781-329-3009), [www.legacyplace.com](http://www.legacyplace.com)  680 Legacy Place (950 Providence Hwy), Dedham  Lots of your favorites here including Apple, Anthropologie, Banana Republic, L.L.Bean, Express, Gap, Merrell Shoes, Urban Outfitters and Whole Foods. Restaurants to please every taste include PF Chang’s, Au Bon Pain, JP Licks, Legal C Bar, Aquitaine (French), Wicked Restaurant and Wine Bar, Met Bar & Grill, and Yard House.
  o **Dedham Mall** — (781-329-1210), [www.dedham-mall.com](http://www.dedham-mall.com)  300 Providence Hwy, Dedham  Mall includes AC Moore (crafts), Old Navy, Dick’s Sporting Goods, DSW Shoes, Radio Shack, as well as Chipotle, Starbucks, IHOP and Five Guys Burgers.
  o **Dedham Plaza** — 747 Providence Hwy, Dedham  Location of Keldara Salon and Spa, T-Mobile, Star Market, Hallmark and Panera Bread.
  o **Other Shopping** —  Staples, 450 Providence Hwy; Best Buy, 700 Providence Hwy; Bed, Bath and Beyond, 820 Providence Hwy; and Costco, 400 Commercial Circle.

• **Kings Bowling** — (781-329-6000), [www.kingsdedham.com](http://www.kingsdedham.com)  600 Legacy Place, Dedham  Twenty lanes with state of the art graphics, also skee bowling and shuffle board. Must be 21 or older after 6 pm (5 pm on Saturdays)!
• **The Fairbanks House** — (781-326-1170), [www.fairbankshouse.org](http://www.fairbankshouse.org)
  511 East St. (at Eastern Ave.), Dedham
  Believed to be the oldest surviving timber frame house in North America dating back to the 1630’s. Public tours from May to October, beginning every hour on the hour, Tuesday-Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 1-4.

• **The Blue Hills Reservation** — (617-698-1802) [http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/blue.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/blue.htm)
  695 Hillside St., Milton
  Great Blue Hill reaches a height of 635 feet, the highest of the 22 hills in the Blue Hills chain. From the rocky summit visitors can see over the entire metropolitan area. Scenic views, varied terrain and 125 miles of trails.

### NEWTON - about 6 miles from Olin

• **Shopping:**
  o **Newton Centre** — a borough of Newton, Massachusetts. Upscale shopping destination for the western suburbs of Boston. Triangular area at intersection of Beacon St., Centre St. and Langlely Rd.
    82 Needham St., Newton Highlands
    Reviewers say this is a book lover’s paradise. All the locals rave about this amazing book store.

• **Restaurants:**
  o **Cabot's** — (617-964-9200), [http://cabots.com/](http://cabots.com/)
    743 Washington St., Newton
    An Olin student favorite – diner atmosphere, large servings of ice cream.
  o **Union Street** — (617-964-6684), [www.taverninthesquare.com](http://www.taverninthesquare.com)
    107 Union Street, Newton Center

• **Charles River Canoe & Kayak** — (617-965-5110), [www.paddleboston.com](http://www.paddleboston.com)
  Nahanton Park, 455 Nahanton St. (Kendrick St.), Newton
  Shuttled river trips; hourly canoe and kayak rental.

• **Newton History Museum** — (617-796-1450), [http://www.historicnewton.org/](http://www.historicnewton.org/)
  527 Washington Street (at the Jackson Homestead), Newton, MA.
  Travel back in time and visit this home that was once part of the Underground Railroad.

• **Hiking at Hemlock Gorge Reservation** — (617-698-1802), [http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/hemlock.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/hemlock.htm)
  Take Central Ave. (Needham) to Hamilton Place (parking) just before the Charles River.
  See (and try out!) Echo Bridge, which was the second largest masonry arch in the U.S. when it was built in 1877.

### NATICK / FRAMINGHAM - about 7 miles from Olin

• **Shopping**
  o **Natick Mall** — (508-655-4800), [www.natickmall.com](http://www.natickmall.com)
    1245 Worcester St. (Rte. 9), Natick
    This two-floor mall has all your favorite shops including American Eagle, Banana Republic, Crate & Barrel, Express, Lord & Taylor, Macy’s, Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and more. Also, it is home to restaurants such as California Pizza Kitchen, P.F. Chang’s and The Cheesecake Factory.
  o **Shoppers World** — (508-872-1257), [www.shoppersworldma.com](http://www.shoppersworldma.com)
    1 Worcester Rd., Framingham
    This strip mall includes Barnes and Noble, Best Buy, Kohl’s, Marshall’s, Office Depot, Old Navy, Sports Authority, and restaurants Bruegger’s Bagels, Chipotle and Olive Garden. See the Olin Parent Handbook for a Natick/Framingham map of more shopping.
• Theaters
  o IMAX Theatre at Jordan's Furniture (508-424-0088 ext. 2860), www.jordans.com/imax.aspx
    1 Underprice Way (off Rte. 9) Natick
  o AMC Framingham 16—(508-875-6151), www.amctheatres.com/movie
    22 Flutie Pass, Framingham www.amcentertainment.com/Framingham

• Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary—(508-655-2296),
  280 Eliot St., Natick. Has nine miles of trails, including a universally accessible trail and boardwalk along the bank of the Indian Brook and marsh. Nature Center with solar panels and other energy innovations.

CAMBRIDGE - about 16 miles from Olin (near Boston)

Everyone should visit Harvard Square at least once. It’s a great place for people watching, bookstore browsing, and ethnic eating and is easily accessible via public transportation (Red Line to Harvard Square).

• Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House—(617-876-4491), www.nps.gov/long/
  105 Brattle St., Cambridge. While living in this beautiful home, Longfellow wrote many of his famous poems and entertained prominent literary friends including Nathaniel Hawthorne. Tours are Wed –Sun at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, 2:00pm 3:00pm & 4:00 pm.

• Mount Auburn Cemetery—(617-547-7105), www.mountauburn.org/
  580 Mt. Auburn St. (Rte. 16), Cambridge
  The first garden cemetery in America was established in 1831 and is famed for its unique architecture and horticulture. Well-known people buried here include Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Mary Eddy Baker and Winslow Homer.

• Harvard Yard, Harvard College
  Harvard Yard is a grassy area of about 25 acres adjacent to Harvard Square, which constitutes the oldest part and the center of the campus of Harvard University.

• Harvard Museum of Natural History—(617-495-3045), http://www.hmnh.harvard.edu/
  26 Oxford St, Cambridge. The public face of three research museums: the Museum of Comparative Zoology, the Harvard University Herbaria and the Mineralogical and Geological Museum - a fun place for the entire family. See the 25,000 year old Harvard mastodon, giant sea serpent Kronosaurus, the famous Blaschka Glass Flower Collection representing 847 plant species and the gem and mineral galleries. 9 AM to 5 PM

• Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology—(617-496-1027), www.peabody.harvard.edu 11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge
  One of the oldest museums of its kind housing treasures from prehistoric and historic cultures from all over the world, including totem poles, peace pipes, and a number of items brought back by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

• Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the MIT Museum—(617-253-5927), http://web.mit.edu/museum/
  265 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge
  If you travel east from Harvard Sq. on Massachusetts Ave., you will arrive at MIT and the MIT Museum. This museum is a gem. It shows off inventions that both MIT professors and students (including Olin’s very own professor, Dr. Gill Pratt) have made in the area of artificial intelligence. Also displayed are some of the world’s current and most sophisticated and imaginative concepts including the work of Dr. Harold Edgerton, who developed the electronic stroboscope (remember the photo Shooting the Apple); the engineering work of Arthur Ganson, who creates amazing mechanical sculptures based on gears and sprockets; a unique hologram collection; and an exhibit of how MIT began in 1861.

• Museum of Science—(617-723-2500), www.mos.org
  1 Science Park (Rte. 28/O'Brien Hwy. between Charles St. and Commercial Ave.), Boston
  Open daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Friday open until 9:00 pm. This is a great science museum that is also home to the Hayden Planetarium and the Mugar Omni Theater. Special feature Segway Experience: Charles River Tour offers tours of Cambridge highlighting the science, natural history and technology of the area.
There's only one Boston! To obtain more information, visit www.boston.com/travel or www.bostonusa.com (Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau). For sporting event schedules visit www.boston.com/sports.

Take “The T” – public transportation (www.mbta.com) from the Green Line. Most fares are $2.00-$2.50 for the subway and $1.50-$2.00 for buses. Visitors’ passes (unlimited use of the subway, local bus, and inner harbor ferry) for one day ($11.00) and seven days are available for purchase. Please note that these passes are not honored on the Commuter Rail. For more information see the Getting Around section in the Parent Handbook.

- **Boston Duck Tours** — (617-267-3825), www.bostonducktours.com
  This is a great 80-minute tour of Boston by land and water on an authentic amphibious landing vehicle from WWII. The tour passes the State House, Bunker Hill, the Fleet Center, Newbury St., the Prudential Center, Copley Square and more. It also takes a ride down the Charles River for a view of Boston from the water. Tours begin at 9:00 a.m. and last tour leaves an hour before sunset. Tickets may be purchased upstairs in the Prudential Center, at the Museum of Science, at Bost at Faneuil Hall or online. Tickets may not be purchased at the Duck Tour boarding areas. Tours begin at both the Prudential Center and the Museum of Science. These tours are very popular and do get booked early in the day. Paid parking is available at the Prudential Center and at the Museum of Science.

- **Old Town Trolley Tours**— (888-910-8687), or (617-482-1279) www.trolleytours.com/boston
  Visit Boston at your own pace as you get on and off at any of the 18 designated stops, many of which are on the Freedom Trail. Tour price includes free admission to the Old State House Museum. Other tours are available including the evening “Ghosts and Gravestones” tour. Boarding locations include the New England Aquarium, Faneuil Hall and the Prudential Center.

- **Beantown Trolley Tours** (Brush Hill Tours) — (800-343-1328), http://www.brushhilltours.com/tours/beantown.html
  Take a 90-minute trolley ride and a Boston Harbor cruise. Full-day bus tours are also available for fall foliage viewing or to Newport, RI; Salem, NH; Cape Cod; the New England seacoast; and other locations. Trolley and tour pickups are available at many Boston area hotels, including the Marriott Long Wharf (beside the Aquarium) and the Sheraton Boston (near the Prudential Center).

- **Boston Harbor Cruises** — (877-733-9425), www.bostonharborcruises.com
  Offers both harbor cruises and whale watches (June-September). Located on Long Wharf (to the left of the Aquarium).

- **Massachusetts Bay Lines** — (617-542-8000), www.massbaylines.com
  Offers both harbor cruises and whale watches (June-September). Located at Rowes Wharf (behind the arch of the Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf).

  The Freedom Trail is the starting point of this self-guided tour through Boston’s historic sites. Includes the State House, Park St. Church, Granary Burying Ground, King’s Chapel, First Public School site, Old South Meeting Church, Old Corner Bookstore, Boston Massacre site, Paul Revere House, the North End, Old North Church, Faneuil Hall, Copp’s Burying Ground, Bunker Hill Monument and the USS Constitution.
  This is a lot of walking, but you can pick and choose. You don’t have to do the entire tour! National Park Service walks free 60 minute walking tours starting at the new Boston National Historical Park Visitor Center, on the first floor of Faneuil Hall. Tours are first come, first serve! Call 617-242-5642 for more information. http://www.nps.gov/bost/planyourvisit/guidedtours.htm The National Park Service has a free app with maps, information, tours and more. http://www.nps.gov/bost/planyourvisit/app.htm

- **The Charlestown Navy Yard and Bunker Hill Monument**, 1 Constitution Rd., Charlestown, MA, part of the Freedom Trail, can be toured on its own. The **USS Constitution**, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world, the **Charlestown Navy Yard**, one of our country’s first naval shipyards (tour the USS Cassin Young, a World War II destroyer, and the USS
Constitution Museum, and the Bunker Hill Monument, site of the first major battle of the American revolution (“Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes…”) are all located within a short distance of each other (Boston National Historical Park – [www.nps.gov/bost](http://www.nps.gov/bost)). Both the Bean Town Trolley and Old Town Trolley Tours stop at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

For more information, see [www.nps.gov/bost/historyculture/cny.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bost/historyculture/cny.htm) or call 617-242-5601. At the Visitors’ Center, there is a multimedia program (14 screens, over 1000 images) called “Whites of Their Eyes,” where Colonial “history tellers” bring the Battle of Bunker Hill to life.

Located at the Charlestown Navy Yard and commonly known as Old Ironsides, the USS Constitution is an active duty United States Navy ship that offers free 30 minute tours given by active-duty sailors. To board the ship, visitors must go through a security screening process. Hours in October are Tuesday-Sunday 10-4. See [http://www.history.navy.mil/ussconstitution/index.html](http://www.history.navy.mil/ussconstitution/index.html) for more information. The USS Constitution Museum, [http://www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/](http://www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/) or 617-426-1812 is a museum adjacent to the ship.

  Walk through the 24 acres of America’s first public garden. Ride the Swan Boats, (617-522-1966), [www.swanboats.com](http://www.swanboats.com) at the lagoon. Find the statues of Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings, which commemorate Robert McCloskey’s beloved children’s book, *Make Way for Ducklings*. The matching set of these statues, given to Mrs. Raisa Gorbachev by Mrs. Barbara Bush in 1991, can be found in Moscow, Russia.

- **Faneuil Hall and Quincy Marketplace** — [www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com)
  Visit cafes, restaurants, shopping, street performers and more. Shopping and dining hours from 10 am to 9 pm.

- **New England Aquarium** — (617-973-5200), [www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org)
  Located on Atlantic Ave. at Central Wharf, across the street from Quincy Marketplace, the aquarium hosts a giant ocean tank, live shows and an IMAX Theatre. The Aquarium will remain open during a major renovation from September 2012 to project completion planned for July 2013.

- **John F. Kennedy Library** — (617-514-1600) [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org)
  Designed by I.M. Pei, the Kennedy Library is built of white concrete and glass and is noted for its beautiful views of Boston Harbor. The museum has a great deal of memorabilia from JFK’s life and Presidency. It is very much alive with memories of the past. Short films and actual footage of JFK’s time in office make this memorial very moving.

- **Museum of Fine Arts** — (617-267-9300), [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)
  463 Huntington Ave.
  One of the largest museums in the United States, the MFA attracts over one million visitors a year. It contains over 450,000 works of art, making it one of the most comprehensive collections in the Americas.

- **Museum of Science** — See listing under “Cambridge” section.

- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** — (617-566-1401) [www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org)
  280 The Fenway
  The home of wealthy socialite Isabella Stewart Gardner, this three-story Venetian palazzo was brought to Boston in pieces and assembled here. Gardner’s house holds a large collection of European art, furniture, plants and flowers. In a still unsolved robbery, in 1990, thieves absconded with 13 works valued at over $200 million, which included paintings by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Degas, and Manet. Under the terms of Gardner’s will, the museum must remain as she created it so blank frames and discreet cards mark the empty places on the walls. This museum is a very peaceful and unique place to visit.

- **Newbury St.** — [www.newbury-st.com](http://www.newbury-st.com)
  Newbury St. is lined with historic 19th-century brownstones that contain hundreds of shops and restaurants, making it a popular destination for tourists and locals.
LEXINGTON - about 15 miles from Olin (near Concord)

This lovely historic town, with its bustling town center, is where the first military encounter of the American Revolution took place. Lexington is about 30 minutes from Olin. More information about touring Lexington is available at [www.libertyride.us/](http://www.libertyride.us/)

- **Lexington Battle Green** — [www.libertyride.us/historic.html](http://www.libertyride.us/historic.html)
  Lexington Center at the intersection of Massachusetts Ave. and Rtes. 4/225.
  Site of the first shots of the American Revolution, which were fired on April 19, 1775. A statue of Captain John Parker and other commemorative monuments line the green. As they gathered in the predawn hours of April 19, 1775, Captain Parker told the militia, “Stand your ground. Don’t fire unless fired upon but if they mean to have a war, let it begin here.”

- **Lexington Visitor Center** — (781-862-1450), [www.lexingtonchamber.org/visitor.html](http://www.lexingtonchamber.org/visitor.html)
  1875 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington
  A diorama of the Battle of Lexington is displayed. Information about visiting the other Lexington sites can be obtained here. A gift shop and restrooms are available.

- **Hancock-Clarke House** — (781-862-1703), [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)
  36 Hancock St. (near Lexington Center)
  Sam Adams and John Hancock stayed here on the night that Paul Revere and William Dawes rode out to warn them that the Redcoats were approaching.

- **Buckman Tavern** — (781-862-1703), [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)
  1 Bedford St., Lexington Center
  This building served as the headquarters for the Minutemen before the battle on Lexington Green on the morning of April 19, 1775.

- **National Heritage Museum** — (781-861-6559), [www.nationalheritagemuseum.org](http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org)
  33 Marrett Rd. (also Rte. 2A East), Lexington
  Museum of daily life in the farming community of Lexington in 1775, as well as other changing exhibits that document American history and popular American culture.
  (Free museum admission and parking.) The museum hosts a nice cafe and lovely grounds.

- **Minute Man National Park Visitor Center** — (781-674-1920)
  Rte. 2A West, Lexington (GPS: 250 Great Rd., Lincoln)
  Hosts a multi-media presentation that relates what happened on the eve of April 19, 1775. Great for children and adults!
  For assistance planning your drive along the [Battle Road](http://www.nps.gov/mima/index.htm) between Lexington and Concord, visit [http://www.nps.gov/mima/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mima/index.htm)
  Recorded information about the [Minute Man National Park](http://www.nps.gov/mima/index.htm) is also available at 978-369-6993.

CONCORD - about 18 miles from Olin (near Lexington)

- **Concord Visitor Center** — (978-369-3120) [http://concordchamberofcommerce.org/visitor-information/](http://concordchamberofcommerce.org/visitor-information/)
  58 Main Street, Concord
  If you are driving the Battle Road from the Minuteman Visitors’ Center in Lexington, you will pass these historic houses in Concord. Buildings are open for tours. Each tour takes approximately 45 minutes.

- **Orchard House** — (978-369-4118), [www.louisamayalcott.org](http://www.louisamayalcott.org)
  399 Lexington Rd., Concord
  Home of Louisa May Alcott and the setting for Little Women

- **Emerson House** — (978-369-2236) 28 Cambridge Turnpike Rd., Concord
  Home of Ralph Waldo Emerson

- **The Wayside** — (978-318-7863), [www.nps.gov/nr/travel/pwwmh/ma47.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/pwwmh/ma47.htm)
  455 Lexington Rd., Concord
  Home to the Alcott, Hawthorne, and Lothrop families
• **The Old Manse** — (978-369-3909), [www.oldmanse.org](http://www.oldmanse.org)  269 Monument St. (adjacent to Old North Bridge)  
Home to Nathaniel Hawthorne and the Emerson Family  

• **Concord Museum** — (978-369-9763), [www.concordmuseum.org](http://www.concordmuseum.org)  53 Cambridge Turnpike, Concord.  
All of Concord’s remarkable past is brought to life in a short film and through a variety of exhibits.  

• **The Old North Bridge** — (978-369-6993), [www.nps.gov/mima](http://www.nps.gov/mima)  
Ralph Waldo Emerson spoke of “the rude bridge that arched the flood” where they “fired the shot heard round the world.”  
Location of the famous **Minuteman Statue** created by Daniel Chester French (who also created the statue of Abraham Lincoln for the **Lincoln Memorial**).  
**Directions:** From Concord Center, take a right onto Monument St. and follow 1/4 mile to the parking area on the right. The walkway to the bridge is across the street. The bridge is next to the Old Manse!  

• **Sleepy Hollow Cemetery** — [www.concordma.gov/pages/concordma_cemetery/sleepy](http://www.concordma.gov/pages/concordma_cemetery/sleepy)  
Rte. 62, Concord (follow Authors Ridge) one block east of Monument Square, on Bedford Street. A peaceful walk to the gravesites of Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne, the Alcotts and Daniel Chester French.  

• **Walden Pond** — (978-369-3254), [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/walden](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/walden)  
915 Walden St. (Rte.126), Concord  
The setting for Thoreau’s book **Walden**, woods and pathways descend to the smooth water. You can walk around the pond (about 1 mile around) on a footpath or visit the site of Thoreau’s hand-hewn cabin from 1845-1847.  

• **Concord’s Colonial Inn** — (978-369-9200), [www.concordscolonialinn.com](http://www.concordscolonialinn.com/)  
48 Monument Square, Concord  
This charming old inn, dating to 1716, has several restaurants. Lunch and desserts are served on the porch in nice weather.  

• **Honey Pot Hill Orchards Apple Picking** — (978-562-5666) [http://www.honeypothill.com/](http://www.honeypothill.com/)  
138 Sudbury Rd., Stow. Pick your own apple, pears and blueberries depending on the season. Barnyard animals, hedge maze and apple shop.  

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**WRENTHAM - about 21 miles from Olin**  

• **Wrentham Village Premium Outlets** — (508-384-0600), [www.premiumoutlets.com/wrentham](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/wrentham)  
1 Premium Outlets Blvd., Wrentham. Home to 170+ stores including Saks Fifth Avenue and Barneys New York.  

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**SALEM - about 36 miles from Olin**  

This New England city is filled with history! Museums and historic sites inform the public about its time of shame with the **Salem Witch Trials** of 1692 and its time of glory in the 1800s with the Maritime Trade. Salem is especially exciting during its October celebration of Halloween, Haunted Happenings, [www.hauntedhappeningssalem.com](http://www.hauntedhappeningssalem.com).  

• **Salem Maritime National Historic Site** — (978-740-1650), [www.nps.gov/sama](http://www.nps.gov/sama)  
193 Derby St., Salem  
See the 18-minute award winning film **To the Farthest Ports of the Rich East**, which explains how Salem pioneered trade with the Orient. Then visit **The Custom House** across the street where Nathaniel Hawthorne worked and “found” the Scarlet Letter. Guided tours are offered by National Park Service Rangers. Call for tour times.  

• **The House of Seven Gables** — (978-744-0991), [www.7gables.org](http://www.7gables.org)  
115 Derby St., Salem  
New England’s oldest mansion, made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne who spent many of his younger years here.
• The Salem Witch Museum — (978-744-1692), www.salemwitchmuseum.com
Washington Square, Salem
A theatre-in-the-round that uses stage sets with life-size figures and lighting to dramatically relate the story of what happened during the witch hunts of Salem in 1692. Especially appealing to middle school children!

• The Peabody Essex Museum — (978-745-9500, 886-745-1876), www.pem.org
East India Square, 161 Essex St., Salem
The dramatic structure houses decorative arts from China, Japan, Korea, Africa, and the Pacific Islands, many of which were traded during the 1800s, the time of Salem's maritime glory. The highlight of this museum is Yin Yu Tang, a late Qing Dynasty merchant’s house and the only installation of its kind in North America. The house was disassembled in China and reassembled for permanent display at the Peabody-Essex as part of a cultural exchange between China and the United States.

PROVIDENCE, RI - about 41 miles from Olin

Providence has a thriving arts community, vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, and a renowned restaurant scene. For extensive information on parks, zoos, historical sites, museums, shopping and restaurants when visiting Providence: www.visitrhodeisland.com/, www.providenceri.com or http://www.goprovidence.com/

• WaterFire Providence — (401-273-1155), www.waterfire.org
Waterplace Park, Providence (and along Riverwalk to Memorial/South Main Street Park)
Nearly one hundred bonfires illuminate the waters of the Providence River. Take a walk along cobblestone paths leading to Waterplace Park or ride a gondola as the smell of cedar and cultural music fill the air while passing through Venetian-style foot bridges. Waterfires are scheduled at sunset and are weather permitting. Although there are not any scheduled during Family Weekend, there may be other coordinating festivals scheduled or you may want to schedule it for another visit.

• Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Museum of Art — (401-454-6500), risdmuseum.org, 224 Benefit Street, Providence -- With 84,000 objects housed in its six stories, the museum could easily consume an entire day. The collection ranges from ancient Roman, Egyptian and Greek artifacts to midcentury modern Eames furniture and Frank Lloyd Wright stained-glass windows. Its newest addition is the 6,000-square-foot Chace Center (20 North Main Street).

• Roger Williams Park & Zoo — (401-785-3510), www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org/
1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence
This 430-acre Victorian park (1878) is flourished with waterways, walks, outdoor gardens, a Carousel Village, Museum of Natural History and planetarium and Roger Williams Park Zoo. Visit over 900 animals, play tennis, picnic or voyage over to the boathouse for paddle boats and mini-speedboats (open year round, ideal for children and the young at heart.)

• Theatres:
  o Providence IMAX Theatre — (401-270-4646), http://www.showcasecinemas.com/theatres 10 Providence Place, Providence
  o Providence Performing Arts Center — (401-421-2787), www.ppacri.org/ 220 Weybosset St., Providence
  o Trinity Repertory Company — (401-351-4242), www.trinityrep.com/ 201 Washington St., Providence

• Shopping and Dining:
  o Providence Place Mall — (401-270-1000), www.providenceplace.com
    One Providence Place, Rte. 95 Exit 22C
  o Federal Hill, East Side and Downtown
    Similar to Boston’s North End, fine Italian cuisine resides in the west side’s Federal Hill neighborhood. Don’t miss the pizzerias or dessert cafés. On the East Side, near Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), you will find Asian, European and Latin American influence. Award winning restaurants featuring New American cuisine can be found in the Downtown area, where the financial district and the arts & entertainment district come together.
- **Slater Mill Historic Site** — (401-725-8638), [http://www.slatermill.org/](http://www.slatermill.org/)
  67 Roosevelt Ave., Pawtucket. Open daily, 10-4, July to October.
  **Old Slater Mill** (1793), said to be the “Birthplace of the American Industry,” was the first factory in America to successfully produce cotton yarn with water-powered machines. It is currently used to illustrate the process of converting raw cotton to finished cloth. The historical treasure also includes the **Sylvanus Brown House** (1758) and the **Wilkinson Mill** (1810). A reconstructed 16,000 lb. water wheel is still functioning.

**PLYMOUTH - about 44 miles from Olin**

- **Plimoth Plantation, Wampanoag Homesite and the Mayflower II** — (508-746-1622), [www.plimoth.org](http://www.plimoth.org)
  137 Warren Ave., Plymouth (50-60 minutes from Olin)
  9:00 am – 5:00 pm (7 days a week) from mid-March through late November.
  - **Plimoth Plantation** is a living museum, and all staff members wear historically accurate clothing and speak with guests in the roles of Pilgrims who actually lived on the plantation in 1627. Homes and structures have been constructed according to what research says they were like in 1627. At the **Wampanoag Homesite**, modern day Wampanoags staff the site and tell visitors about the history of the Wampanoag, who have lived in this area for 12,000 years.
  - **Mayflower II**, State Pier (across from 74 Water St, Plymouth) is moored in Plymouth Harbor, about 3 miles north of Plimoth Plantation. You will find it hard to imagine what it must have been like for the 102 passengers and 18 crewmembers to live on this ship for many months.
  - **The Lobster Hut** 508-746-2270 or [lobsterhutplymouth.com](http://lobsterhutplymouth.com), 25 Town Wharf, Plymouth (about a half mile north of Mayflower II). A local favorite, serving lobsters, steamers (clams), and other seafood as well as burgers and hot dogs.

**STURBRIDGE - about 54 miles from Olin**

- **Old Sturbridge Village** — (1-800-733-1830), [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org)
  1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd, (Rte. 20), Sturbridge (one hour west of Needham)
  One of the country's oldest and largest living history museums depicting New England life from 1790 to 1840 with historians in costume, antique buildings, water-powered mills and a working farm.

- **The Publick House Historic Inn and Bake Shop** — Hotel reservations (508-347-3313), Dining reservations (508-347-7323 ex. 400), [www.publickhouse.com](http://www.publickhouse.com)
  277 Main St. (Rte. 131, On the Common), Sturbridge
  Built in 1771, this historic inn and restaurant has a long history of serving New Englanders. Reservations are recommended.

**NEWPORT, RI - about 68 miles from Olin**

For information on parks, zoos, historical sites, museums, shopping and restaurants in Newport, check out: [www.visitrhodeisland.com](http://www.visitrhodeisland.com) and [www.newport-discovery-guide.com](http://www.newport-discovery-guide.com)

- **International Tennis Hall of Fame** — (401-849-3990), [www.tennisfame.com](http://www.tennisfame.com)
  194 Bellevue Ave., Newport (located in the historic Newport Casino)
  Visit the oldest grass courts and the only ones open for public play in America. The Tennis Hall of Fame Museum features displays, artifacts and exhibits covering over a century of tennis history.

- **Newport Mansions** — (401-847-1000), [www.newportmansions.org](http://www.newportmansions.org)
  Bellevue Ave. and Ocean Dr. are homes to many historic mansions and grand gardens. From inspiring architecture to elegant interior design, The Breakers, Rosecliff, Marble House, Astor's Beachwood, Ocean Cliff, Castle Hill (restaurant and inn as well) and much more can be seen here. Drive by, stop and visit, or take a stroll down Cliff Walk, a seaside walkway behind Bellevue Ave. Tours of some mansions are seasonal so call ahead.
• **Blithewold Mansion Gardens and Arboretum**— (401-253-2707) [http://www.blithewold.org/](http://www.blithewold.org/) 101 Ferry Road (Rte. 114) Bristol, RI. Grand views of Narragansett Bay. An exceptional collection of rare and unusual plants, specimen trees, an accessible greenhouse, and whimsical stonework project a character that is romantic, fresh and inspiring – and unique to Blithewold.

• **Beaches** — [www.riparks.com/listing.htm](http://www.riparks.com/listing.htm)
Over 100 salt and fresh water beaches line Rhode Island communities such as Newport, Narragansett, Jamestown, Little Compton, Watch Hill and Block Island. Two historic state parks, **Fort Adams** and **Brenton Point** (both off of Ocean Dr., south of Newport) are great spots for picnicking, kite flying, rollerblading and bike riding.

• **Segway of Newport Tours** — (470-619-4010), [www.segwayofnewport.com](http://www.segwayofnewport.com), 438 Thames St., Newport
Hop on a Segway for a guided tour of either the Historic Mansion area or a tour along the 10 mile “Ocean Drive.” No experience necessary, but must be 16 and a licensed driver.

• **Shopping and Dining** — [www.newport-discovery-guide.com/newport-rhode-island-shops.html](http://www.newport-discovery-guide.com/newport-rhode-island-shops.html)
Newport Waterfront Colonial Area features restored buildings, shops and homes of the Colonial Era. Visit this historic waterfront known as the “Sailing Capital of the World” and former home to the America’s Cup. From Irish pubs to fine dining, many shops and restaurants line **Brick Market Place** and **Thames St.**: Brick Alley Pub, Christie’s, the Red Parrot, Ben and Jerry’s, and Michael Hays.

• **Sakonnet Vineyards** — (800-91-WINES), [www.sakonnetwine.com](http://www.sakonnetwine.com), 162 West Main Rd., Little Compton, RI (approx. 90 minutes from Olin)

• **Newport Vineyards & Winery** — (401-848-5161), [www.newportvineyards.com](http://www.newportvineyards.com), 909 East Main Rd. (Rte. 138), Middletown, RI

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**CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS— about 77 to 118 miles from Olin**

Check [www.capecod.com](http://www.capecod.com) for links to many local attractions.

• **Cape Cod National Seashore** — Park Headquarters (508-771-2144), [www.nps.gov/caco/](http://www.nps.gov/caco/)
Beaches, walking trails, biking trails and roads remain open throughout the year, but may experience brief closures due to winter weather.
  o **Salt Pond Visitor Center**, 50 Doane Rd. (Nauset Rd., off Rte. 6) Eastham (508-255-3421) is open daily from 9 am to 4:30 pm (5 pm in summer).
  o **Province Lands Visitor Center**, Race Point Rd., off Rte. 6 in Provincetown (508-487-1256) is open daily, May 1 through October 31, from 9 am to 5 pm

• **Whale Watching:**
  **Dolphin Fleet Whale Watch & Portuguese Princess** — (800-826-9300) [www.whalewatch.com](http://www.whalewatch.com)
  307 Commercial Street, Provincetown

• **JFK Hyannis Museum** — (508-790-3077), [www.jfkhyannismuseum.org](http://www.jfkhyannismuseum.org) 397 Main Street, Hyannis. Open daily mid-April through the end of October. Free parking on Main St. or in back in the Municipal Parking Lot.

• **Woods Hole** — [http://www.whoi.edu/main/local-information](http://www.whoi.edu/main/local-information)
The village of **Woods Hole** is an international center for natural science. In addition to the Marine Biological Laboratory, the Woods Hole scientific community includes the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the United States Geological Survey, the National Academy of Sciences, Sea Education Association and the Woods Hole Research Center.

• **Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute** (508-289-2252), [www.whoi.edu](http://www.whoi.edu)
  o **Summer Walking Tours** 93 Water Street, Woods Hole. WHOI volunteers guide visitors on free walking tours through the WHOI dock area and other restricted village facilities. Tours run in July and August, M-F.

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- **Ocean Science Exhibit Center** — (508-289-2663), [www.whoi.edu/page.do?pid=9135](http://www.whoi.edu/page.do?pid=9135)
  15 School St, Woods Hole
  Visitors to the Exhibit Center will learn about the Institution's ocean science research and the vessels and tools developed by WHOI engineers and scientists for use in that research. Please call for Exhibit Center Hours.

  166 Water St, Woods Hole. Established in 1885, the aquarium is the country’s oldest marine aquarium. It is operated by NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service, in partnership with the Marine Biological Laboratory.

- **The Islands** — Ferries to Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket are operated by The Steamship Authority. Vehicle Reservations: 508-477-8600. Passenger Only Reservations: 508-495-3278
  - **Martha’s Vineyard** — [www.mvy.com](http://www.mvy.com)
    The Vineyard’s main attractions include Gay Head & East Chop lighthouses; gingerbread cottages; Flying Horses Carousel; Gay Head; Mytoi Japanese-style garden; Colonial Edgartown; Polly Hill Arboretum; Up-Island Stonewalls; Martha’s Vineyard Museum; and Aquinnah Cultural Center.
    The Island of Martha’s Vineyard can be reached by ferry from Woods Hole.
  - **Nantucket** — [www.nantucket.net](http://www.nantucket.net) or [www.nantucketchamber.org](http://www.nantucketchamber.org)
    An island of incredible natural beauty and unspoiled historic charm. Nantucket served as the center of the world’s whaling industry. In recognition of this heritage the town was named a National Historic Landmark in 1966.

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