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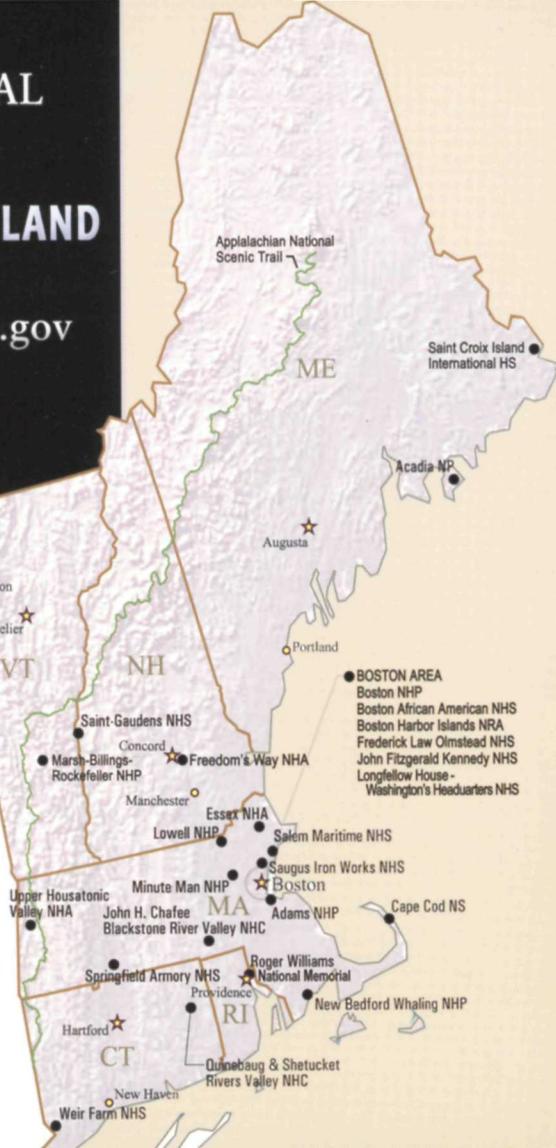
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Cities and towns in all six New England states have been touched by the National Park Service. Beyond 25 national parks — and more than \$550 million in annual economic benefit from 12 million national park visitors — communities invite NPS to help in many ways.

Together we build trails and playgrounds, return historic buildings to productive use, revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable housing, protect watersheds, recognize and promote local history, and introduce the next generation to stewardship opportunities. When we combine our expertise and resources with the people of New England we can accomplish great things.

A few examples:

- **6 Wild and Scenic Rivers**
- **34 National Recreation Trails**
- **47 National Natural Landmarks**
- **309 community conservation and recreation projects (since 1987)**
- **358 National Historic Landmarks**
- **9,532 National Register of Historic Places listings**
- **9,701 federal acres transferred for local parks and recreation (since 1948)**
- **\$150,242,577 in historic preservation grants**
- **\$3.1 million in Land & Water Conservation Fund grants (since 1965)**
- **\$3.8 billion of historic rehabilitation projects stimulated by tax incentives (since 1995)**

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ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Acadia National Park

Route 233 McFarland Hill, Bar Harbor, ME 04609
(207) 288-3338 www.nps.gov/acad

The First National Park East of the Mississippi River

People have been drawn to the rugged coast of Maine throughout history. Awed by its beauty and diversity, early 20th-century visionaries donated the land that became Acadia National Park. The park is home to many plants and animals, and the tallest mountain on the U.S. Atlantic coast. Today visitors come to Acadia to hike granite peaks, bike historic carriage roads, or relax and enjoy the scenery.



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Adams National Historical Park

135 Adams Sreet, Quincy, MA 02169-1749
(617) 770-1175 www.nps.gov/adam



An American Dynasty

Begin your visit at the National Park Service Visitor Center/Adams NHP at 1250 Hancock Street where you will board a trolley to explore the Birthplaces of 2nd U.S. President, John Adams, and 6th U. S. President, John Quincy Adams. Continuing on your journey to Peacefield you will tour the "Old House," home to four generations of the Adams family, and the Stone Library which contains more than 12,000 historic volumes.



The park story traverses our country's history from the early Colonial days of the American Revolution to the Industrial Age.

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ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

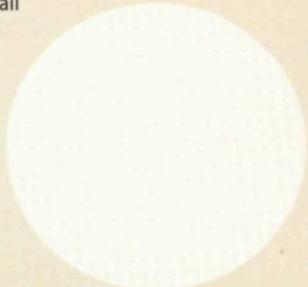


Appalachian National Scenic Trail

Maine to Georgia (ME, NH, VT, MA, CT)
(304) 535-2000 www.nps.gov/appa

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a continuous footpath stretching approximately 2,180 miles from Maine to Georgia. Whether on an evening stroll or the adventure of a thru-hike, hikers travel through the wild, scenic, wooded, pastoral, and culturally significant lands of the Appalachian Mountains. The trail is maintained and managed by the efforts of more than 6,000 volunteers.

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Boston African American National Historical Site

14 Beacon Street, Suite 401, Boston, MA 02108
(617) 742-5415 www.nps.gov/boaf



Boston African American National Historic Site is comprised of the largest area of pre-Civil War black owned structures in the U.S. The park has roughly two dozen sites on the north face of Beacon Hill. These historic buildings were homes, businesses, schools, and churches of a thriving black community that, in the face of great opposition, fought the forces of slavery and inequality.



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**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS
NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**



Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area

408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110

(617) 223-8666 www.nps.gov/boha

minutes away. worlds apart.

A place where you can walk a Civil War-era fort, visit historic lighthouses, explore tide pools, hike lush trails, camp under the stars, or relax while fishing, picnicking or swimming—all within reach of downtown Boston. Youth programs, visitor services, research, wildlife management, and more are coordinated on the park's 34 islands and peninsulas by the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership.

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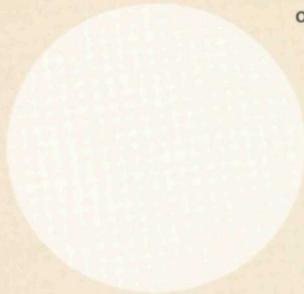
Boston National Historical Park

Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA 02129-4543

(617) 242-5601 www.nps.gov/bost



Boston National Historical Park tells the story of the events that led to the American Revolution and the Navy that kept the nation strong. Visit the historic sites that make up Boston National Historical Park. Discover how one city could be the Cradle of Liberty, site of the first major battle of the American Revolution and home to many who espoused that freedom can be extended to all.



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BOSTON NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE



Cape Cod National Seashore

99 Marconi Site Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667
(508) 255-3421 www.nps.gov/caco

"A man may stand there and put all America behind him."
Henry David Thoreau

The great Outer Beach described by Thoreau in the 1800s is protected within the national seashore. Forty miles of pristine sandy beach, marshes, ponds, and uplands support diverse species. Lighthouses, cultural landscapes, and wild cranberry bogs offer a glimpse of Cape Cod's past and continuing ways of life. Swimming beaches and walking and biking trails beckon today's visitors.

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Stamp cancellation also available at:
Salt Pond Visitor Center, 50 Newset Road, Eastham, MA



Essex National Heritage Area

221 Essex Street, Suite 41, Salem, MA 01970
(978) 740-0444 www.essexheritage.org

Where past is present

Designated in 1996 by the U.S. Congress, the Essex National Heritage Area covers the 500 square miles of eastern Massachusetts that lies north of Boston. It's not one location, but thousands of historical sites. Not a mile-long beach, but miles and miles of intact landscapes and glistening coastal areas. Not one story and tradition, but lifetimes of rich experiences that reflect the first settlement, maritime supremacy and early industrialization of our region and our nation.



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ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

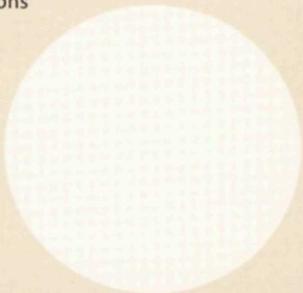


Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

99 Waren Street, Brookline, MA 02445
(617) 566-1689 www.nps.gov/frla

Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) is recognized as the founder of American landscape architecture and the nation's foremost parkmaker. Olmsted moved his home to suburban Boston in 1883 and established the world's first full-scale professional office for the practice of landscape design. During the next century, his sons and successors perpetuated Olmsted's design ideals, philosophy, and influence.

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Freedom's Way National Heritage Area

100 Sherman Avenue, Devens, MA 01434
(978) 772-3654 www.freedomsway.org

The Freedom's Way National Heritage Area includes communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire that share unique historical, natural, and cultural resources. The region is home to a series of historic events that influenced democratic forms of governance and intellectual traditions that underpin concepts of American freedom, democracy, conservation, and social justice. These 45 cities and towns share common themes that have contributed toward this special landscape of American History.

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Minute Man National Historical Park
Visitor Center - 174 Liberty Street, Concord, MA*



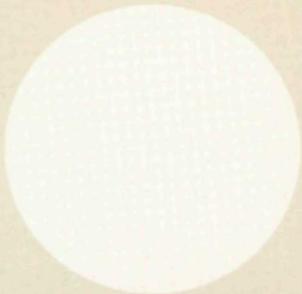


John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site

83 Beals Street, Brookline, MA 02446
(617) 566-7937 www.nps.gov/jofi

John F. Kennedy NHS preserves the birthplace of America's 35th president. In 1967, the president's mother returned here, where Kennedy was born, and restored the house to her recollection of its 1917 appearance. Each year, thousands of visitors join NPS staff in a tour of the house and neighborhood that, in Mrs. Kennedy's words, hold "many happy memories."

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**John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley
National Heritage Corridor**

One Depot Square, Woonsocket, RI 02895
(401) 762-0250 www.nps.gov/blac



Birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution

The Blackstone River runs from Worcester, MA to Providence, RI. Its waters powered the Slater Mill in Pawtucket, RI, America's first successful textile mill. This creative spark began America's transformation to a modern Industrial Power. Today, the Blackstone River Valley is a special type of national park — a living landscape containing thousands of natural and historic treasures.



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LONGFELLOW HOUSE - WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

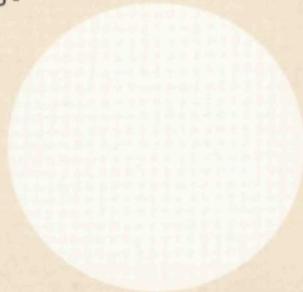


Longfellow House - Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site

105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 876-4491 www.nps.gov/long

Longfellow House - Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site preserves the home of Henry W. Longfellow, one of the world's foremost 19th century poets. The house also served as headquarters for General George Washington during the Siege of Boston, July 1775 - April 1776. In addition to its rich history, the site offers unique opportunities to explore 19th century literature and arts.

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Lowell National Historical Park

67 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 970-5000 www.nps.gov/lowe

The early story of America's Industrial Revolution is commemorated at Lowell National Historical Park in the midst of this lively city. Through interactive exhibits, the Park offers visitors an in-depth look into the past that brought the 19th century textile industry to tap the waterpower of the Merrimack River, while also revealing cultural connections to the present and visions for the future.



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LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park

54 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT 05091
(802) 457-3368 x22 www.nps.gov/mabi

Where Conservation Takes Root

Home to pioneer conservationist George Perkins Marsh, the national historical park includes a model farm and forest developed by Frederick Billings and continued by granddaughter Mary French Rockefeller and her husband, Laurance S. Rockefeller.

In partnership with the Billings Farm & Museum, the park interprets the history of conservation and the stewardship of working landscapes.

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Minute Man National Historical Park
174 Liberty Street, Concord, MA 01742
(978) 369-6993 www.nps.gov/mima

A Revolution begins - A Nation is born

At Minute Man National Historical Park the opening battle of the Revolution is brought to life as visitors explore the battlefields and structures associated with April 19, 1775, and witness the American revolutionary spirit through the writings of the Concord authors.



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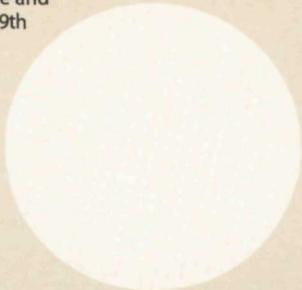
New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

33 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 996-4095 www.nps.gov/nebe

The City That Lit the World

New Bedford was the mid 19th century's preeminent whaling port and for a time "the richest city in the world." Come stroll down cobblestone streets, visit the world's largest whaling museum, tour a whaling merchant's home and whaleman's chapel, and walk a 19th century schooner's decks. Walk in the footsteps of Herman Melville and Frederick Douglass and learn about a remarkable era.

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**Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley
National Heritage Corridor**

111 Main Street, Danielson, CT 06239
(860) 774-3300 www.thelastgreenvalley.org

This is a special kind of park. It embraces numerous towns, villages and a total population of about 300,000. Quinebaug & Shetucket is not a traditional park. Instead, citizens, businesses, nonprofit cultural and environmental organizations, local and state governments, and the National Park Service work together to preserve and celebrate the region's cultural, historical and natural heritage.



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ROGER WILLIAMS NATIONAL MEMORIAL

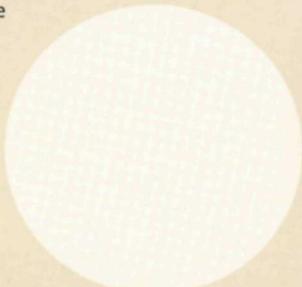


Roger Williams National Memorial

282 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02903-1240
(401) 521-7266 www.nps.gov/rowi

Liberty of Conscience

Roger Williams National Memorial commemorates the life of the founder of Rhode Island and a champion of the ideal of religious freedom. Williams, banished from Massachusetts for his beliefs, founded Providence in 1636. This colony served as a refuge where all could come to worship as their conscience dictated without interference from the state.



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Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site

139 Saint Gaudens Road, Cornish, NH 03745
(603) 675-2175 www.nps.gov/saga



Discover the beautiful home, studios and gardens of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, one of America's greatest sculptors. Over 100 of his artworks can be seen in the galleries, from heroic public monuments to expressive portrait reliefs, and the gold coins which changed the look of American coinage. Enjoy summer concerts, explore nature trails, or indulge your hidden talents during a sculpture class.



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SAINT-GAUDENS
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



**SAINT CROIX ISLAND
INTERNATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**



Saint Croix Island International Historic Site

84 St. Croix Drive, Calais, ME 04619
(207) 454-3871 www.nps.gov/sacr

Lieu historique international de l'Île-Sainte-Croix

Saint Croix Island: before Jamestown, before Plymouth. Discover a little island with a big history where, in 1604, an enduring French presence began in North America. Walk the mainland trail—among bronze sculptures of French settlers and Passamaquoddy people—to learn the trials of the French settlement on the island. Enjoy ranger programs indoor exhibits, and artifacts. Only two-and-one-half hours east of Acadia National Park.

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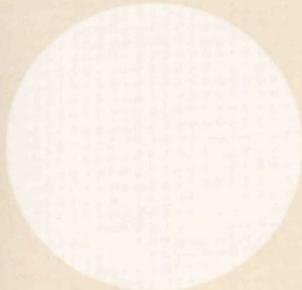


Salem Maritime National Historic Site

174 Derby Street, Salem, MA 01970
(978) 740-1650 www.nps.gov/sama

"To the Farthest Ports of the Rich East"

Salem Massachusetts was once one of the most important ports in the nation. The historic buildings, wharves, and reconstructed tall ship at Salem Maritime tell the stories of the sailors, Revolutionary War privateers, and merchants who brought the riches of the Far East to America.



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**SALEM MARITIME
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**



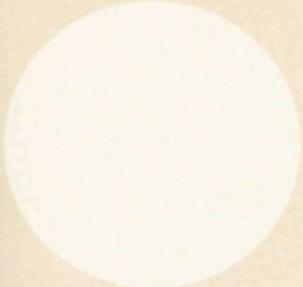


Springfield Armory National Historic Site

One Armory Square, Suite 2, Springfield, MA 01105-1299
(413) 734-8551 www.nps.gov/spar



Overlooking the Connecticut River in western Massachusetts, Springfield Armory National Historic Site offers the story of our Nation's first armory. Springfield Armory's innovative manufacturing had a lasting impact on American industry and exerted a profound influence over the city of Springfield and the nation.



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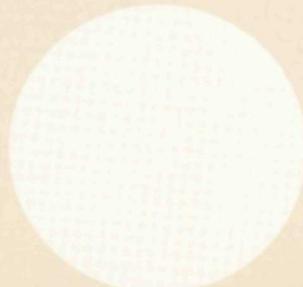
**SAUGUS IRON WORKS
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

244 Cental Street, Saugus, MA 01906
(781) 223-0050 www.nps.gov/sair

"A Worthy Prototype of American Heavy Industry"

Explore this place where European iron makers brought their special skills to a young Massachusetts colony. Three hundred year old artifacts, working waterwheels, and mill machinery help to tell the story of a business failure destined to be a national park.



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**SPRINGFIELD ARMORY
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**



Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area

24 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068
(860) 435-9505 www.HousatonicHeritage.org

The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (Housatonic Heritage) exists to illuminate the diverse, rich identity of the Upper Housatonic River Valley region and to preserve and promote its historical, cultural and natural resources. We support, stimulate and advance the region's economic vitality and quality of life, looking towards a sustainable future for the benefit of residents and visitors.

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1383 Pleasant Street, Rt. 102, South Lee, MA 01260



Weir Farm National Historic Site
735 Nod Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897
(203) 834-1896 www.nps.gov/wefa



Legacy of a Landscape

In June of 1882, painter J. Alden Weir boarded a train from New York bound for his modest farm among the hills of Branchville, CT. Once here, Weir and his family transformed their summer retreat into a creative refuge for friends and fellow artists. After Weir, artists Mahonri Young and Sperry Andrews lived and worked here, continuing the legacy of artistic expression that still inspires today.



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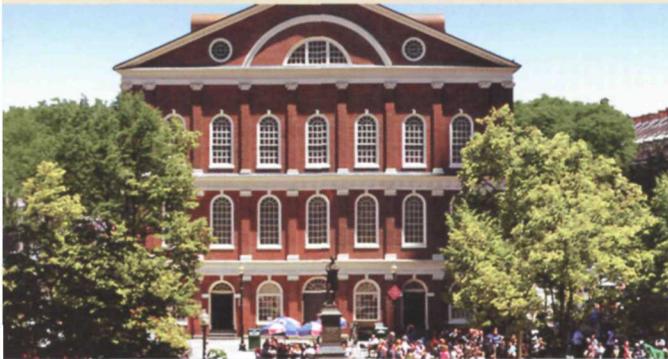


Historically, Boston Harbor has been a portal to New England, playing an important role in Native American gatherings and European exploration, navigation, commerce, and defense. Today, Boston is a portal to America's great outdoors and the nation's national parks. Boston area parks and programs connect visitors to special places saved by the American people.

Go to **www.nps.gov** to learn more about the National Parks of New England. Or talk with a ranger.

Talk with National Park Service rangers on the original market floor of Faneuil Hall (built in 1742). Enjoy free ranger-led talks and tours throughout the day; pick up maps and brochures about the 16 Freedom Trail sites®, the

Faneuil Hall Visitor Center (617) 242-5642
1 Faneuil Hall Square (Congress Street), Boston, MA 02109



Black Heritage Trail®, and other national parks; visit our bookstore; use and download materials from several iPad stations; and view interpretive exhibits about Boston's contribution to American history. Public restrooms available.

Explore historic sites, watch wildlife, hike, kayak, picnic, fish, swim, camp, learn, and much more at Boston Harbor Islands. Stop at the Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion in Boston to purchase ferry tickets; pick up brochures and maps about the Harbor Islands, other national parks, the Rose Kennedy Greenway, and Boston Harbor Walk; enjoy free ranger-led programs; visit the bookstore; and view interpretive exhibits about Boston Harbor Islands National Recreational Area.

Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion
191w Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110 (617) 223-8666



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