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Connecticut

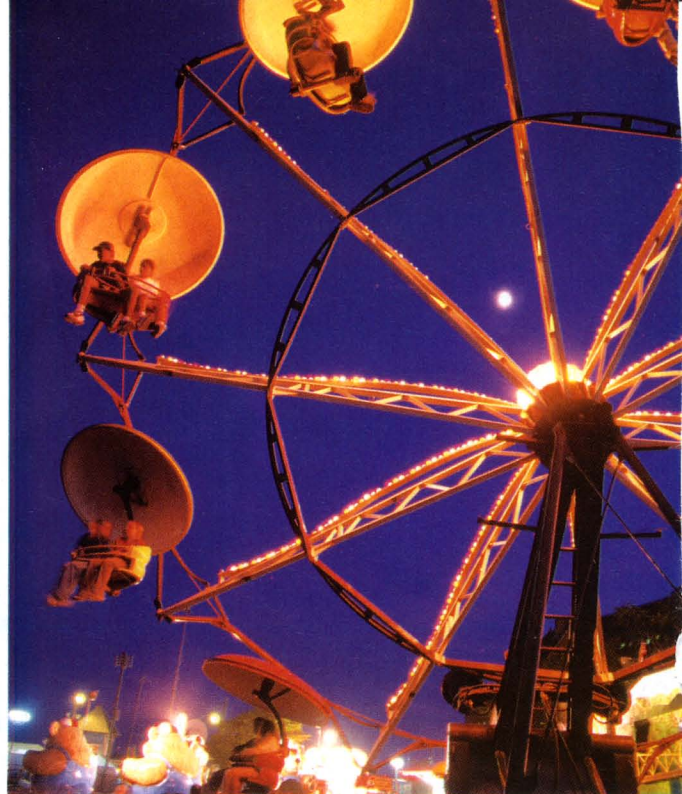
Nothing could be more perfectly traditional than a Connecticut vacation spent sampling the endless pleasures of this state's great outdoors. With 250 miles of coastline, hundreds of inland lakes and streams, abundant state parks and forests and miles of winding back roads and hiking trails, Connecticut is pure paradise for celebrating rugged, natural pastimes. Float down rivers by inner tube or more aggressively navigate the rapids by kayak or canoe, climb cliffs and ridges or spend hours vigorously sailing the open waters. Fly fishing has captured the imagination of both newcomer and repeat visitor alike—with many fly shops, talented guides and classes with experts, Connecticut consistently ranks at the top of fly fishing destinations in the Northeast. Even the most inexperienced but interested beginner can hope to reel in something spectacular on "Housy," (the Housenonic River for the uninitiated), the Farmington, or even the Sound.

Connecticut travelers can find sophisticated accommodations in intimate, cozy inns and resorts boasting world-class golf courses. If wine is your pleasure, Connecticut delights in catering to the whims of

the novice or the most esoteric request of the oenophile. Simply follow the Wine Trail, a three-day leisurely drive through Connecticut's 14 lovely, self-guided vineyards, most specializing in Chardonnay and each of which offers a unique wine-tasting experience. (For further information, visit www.ctwine.com.)

Head for the Northwestern corner of this state for antique shopping and upscale dining around the Litchfield Green, then stop for a quiet moment of contemplation at a white-steepled church. Amble the back roads, searching for authentic surprises, like the covered bridge in Kent. Be adventurous and hop the next hot air balloon, an unforgettable way to glide over rivers and valleys, marveling at the rustic scenery while sipping a bit of champagne.

The best of summer in Connecticut includes the glorious blooms of the state's many gardens. Particularly popular is the Rose & Garden Weekend which will feature garden tours of the Connecticut River Valley from June 19-20; the program includes outdoor music concerts at Long Hill Gardens in Andover, the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center and the Butler-McCook House in Hartford, Sundial Gardens in



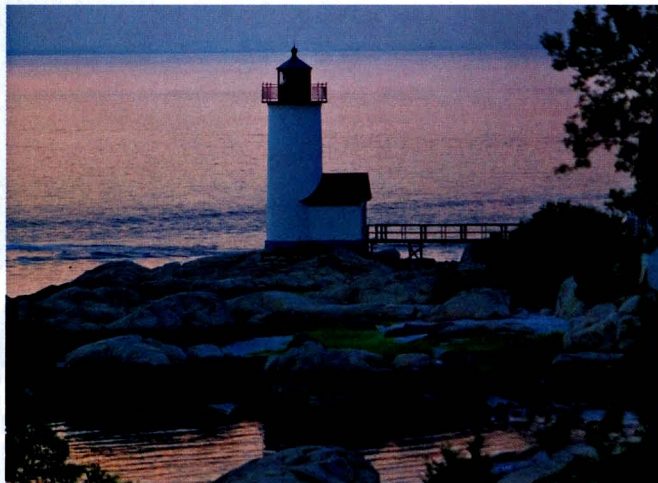
From top to bottom: Ride at night in amusement park, Connecticut. Fly fishing in the morning, Connecticut. Kent Falls State Park, Connecticut. Cover: Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, Pemaquid Point, Maine.



DAY AFTER DAY OF A NEW ENGLAND VACATION, THE SAILS FLAP IN THE BREEZE, THE COOL AIR OFTEN BELIES THE NEED FOR SUNTAN LOTION AND FISH TAKE THE BITE WHENEVER THEIR FISH-FANCY MOOD HITS. DAYS SEEM AS SIMPLE AS BREATHING.



From left to right: Boys catching marine life w/net, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Famous Gingerbread Cottages, Massachusetts. Annisquam Lighthouse, Gloucester, Massachusetts.



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In Connecticut old-fashioned family fun runs the gamut. Ride the wooden roller coaster or take a spin on the 1911 carousel at Lake Compounce Theme Park in Bristol. Capture a time gone by with a visit to view the nearly 100 classic trolleys at the Shore Line Trolley Museum in East Haven. Or check out the completely restored turn-of-last-century firehouse in Manchester.

A traditional New England trip calls for ice cream slowly consumed in the shade of a small-town gazebo, but Connecticut also boasts faster paced pleasures at Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun, where world-class resorts,

amenities and entertainment extravaganzas are yours. If the luxury spas, ka-ching slot machines and delicious 24-hour room service ever call for a change-of-pace, head over to the nearby Mystic Seaport Museum. A re-created 19th-century coastal village with historic ships, a working preservation shipyard, and exhibition galleries personify Connecticut as a treasured part of traditional New England.

Massachusetts

A vacation in Massachusetts promises exhilarating cultural experiences set in breathtaking natural settings. Visit historic attractions that astound even the most jaded of history buffs. Delight in outdoor recreations ranging from biking by cranberry

bogs on Cape Cod to entering sand-castle competitions on Nantucket Island.

One of Boston's most classic tourist attractions is The Freedom Trail. Follow the footprints painted on the sidewalk as this three-mile walking tour visits 16 sites and structures of historic importance. Historic stops include Paul Revere's House and the USS Constitution. The Trail meanders past other travel pleasures—consider a stop for a cappuccino in one of the many North End cafes. Try squeezing in a bit of shopping in Faneuil Hall, where jugglers, magicians and musicians entertain passers-by poking in and out of more than 100 of the finest shops in Boston.

This summer, Boston will celebrate the 25th anniversary

of Harborfest; from June 28 to July 4, this week of patriotic celebration events are either free or cost less than \$10. This gigantic citywide party ends with a bang and blast with spectacular fireworks. And finally, The Cambridge Carnival International on August 27, turns up the volume emphasizing the fact that Boston has become a sophisticated travel destination, having long ago lost its staunch, baked-bean reputation. This event will bring together bands representing several island nations, celebrating the sounds of Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, Caribbean, calypso, reggae and salsa music.

In western Massachusetts, the cultural scene in the Berkshires sizzles more than ever this summer. The Boston

From top to bottom: Spring at Packer's Falls on the Lamprey River, New Hampshire. Playing with peaches at the J&F Farm, New Hampshire. Backpacking the White Mountains, Appalachian Trail, New Hampshire.

Symphony Orchestra plans to open their Tanglewood season on July 7, with the crowd pleasing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. In Becket, the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival will showcase exquisite modern dance, ballet and jazz in an 18th century farmhouse. At MASS MoCa, visitors enjoy cutting-edge contemporary art housed within a historic 19th-century mill complex in North Adams. Williamstown offers the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute and the Williams College Museum of Art. Catch stars of stage and screen practicing their craft in an intimate setting at the Berkshire and Williamstown Theatre Festivals. The list of cultural pleasure continues, including the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, designed by Edith Wharton and the newly, spectacularly restored, Norman Rockwell Museum, Hancock Shaker Village and Arrowhead (where Herman Melville penned *Moby Dick*). If the dazzling culture scene in the Berkshires requires a momentary clearing of the mind, head straight over to Bash Bish Falls State Park in Mount Washington and take in the simple sight of an astonishingly graceful waterfall.

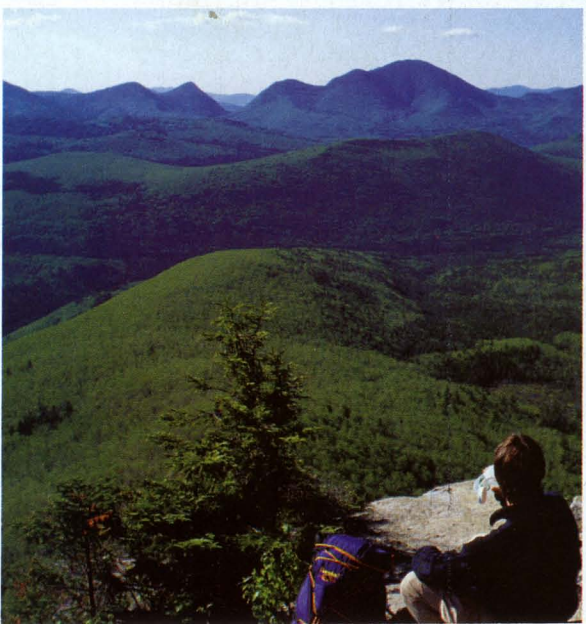
Finally, Massachusetts boasts the sandy dunes of Cape Cod and the high-life glitter of Provincetown. One terrific way to see the Cape is to bike the Cape Cod Rail Trail, a 25-mile paved ribbon from Dennis in the mid-Cape, through the "elbow" and up to Wellfleet. The trail passes by cranberry bogs, charming villages, lighthouses and salt ponds, while short detours lead to dazzling beaches and tempting ice cream shops.

New Hampshire

For more than two centuries, New Hampshire's Great North Woods has been the place to head for certain traditions, catering to tourists yearning for anything from a few quiet hours of croquet to a long day's vigorous hike up a steep mountain. Many of the original 19th century resorts still stand restored and nestled in the White Mountains—only now they offer those sophisticated touches the experienced traveler has come to expect, like a vast menu of spa treatments and meals where the vegetables are organic and the fish is the fresh catch of the day.

You won't need years of fitness training to sample the view and enjoy the glory of hiking the White Mountains. Trails range from nearly flat, handicapped-accessible paths suitable for all ages, to 48 peaks over 4,000 feet for the intrepid hiker. If you really want to focus on the view and relax, ride the Cog Railway up the 6,288 feet of Mount Washington for an incomparable view of the Presidential Range.

Just about any vacation pleasure can be found in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. For a family friendly-honky tonk atmosphere, Weirs Beach on Lake Winnepesaukee offers miniature golf, ice cream stands and arcades. The remaining 1,299 other smaller lakes and ponds in this region (picture "On Golden Pond" and you've got the right image) are where active adventurers find streams and rivers to swim, paddle, fish or simply go wild-berry picking. And then there are



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the beaches: Hampton Beach boasts the summer-classic boardwalk, full of cotton candy and arcades, Jenness Beach and Wallis Sands State Beach in Rye, North Hampton State Beach and Sandy Beach in New Castle are all popular sandy beaches. On the lakes, the beaches at Ellacoya, Silver Lake, Kingston, Sunapee and Wadleigh State Parks offer swimming, fishing and canoe or kayak rentals, with the occasional thrilling waterpark and educational nature centers to shake up the mood.

On a quest for wildlife? More than 300 species of wild birds inhabit New Hampshire's fields, forests and marshes. Silk Farm Audubon Center in Concord has exhibits, live animals, family programs and walking trails. The moose, bear and deer tend to stick to the Great North Woods, but on the three-acre waterfront site of Berlin's Northern Forest Heritage Park, a playground lets visitors spot

moose as they feed on white birch and striped maple trees.

This state takes pride in its scenic car routes—from the famous Kancamagus Highway through the Mount Washington Valley, to the Connecticut River route that starts in the Great North Woods, winding south along 274 miles dotted with original covered bridges and ending at the state's southern border. Moose Alley follows Route 3 to the Canadian border, while Route 1B hugs the rocky Atlantic coast, passing fishing villages, grand seaside hotels and classic New England towns, reaching the vibrant arts, entertainment and restaurant scene of Portsmouth.

And finally, New Hampshire celebrates no-sales-tax shopping. Choose from original crafts in museum stores and country stores in Barrington, North Conway and Meredith. Don't miss "Antiques Alley" along Route 4 in Northwood, and distinctive boutiques in revitalized Portsmouth.

Vermont

Enjoy summertime in Vermont, when winter has long ago melted away to an explosion of green. Mountain villages shed their hard-core skiing image and turn into hot spots for mountain biking, festivals and the random picnic on a field of wildflowers.

In the Manchester and the Mountains region, nestled between the Green and Taconic Mountains, explore exceptional hiking trails and quaint country stores and fairs. On the famed Battenkill River, try fly fishing, rent a canoe, kayak or tube and take a guided tour down the river. This year, the 20th Annual Hildene Antique and Classic Car Show will be held at the estate's beautiful meadowlands on June 10 and 11—an event that typically brings about 900 cars in 40 classes.

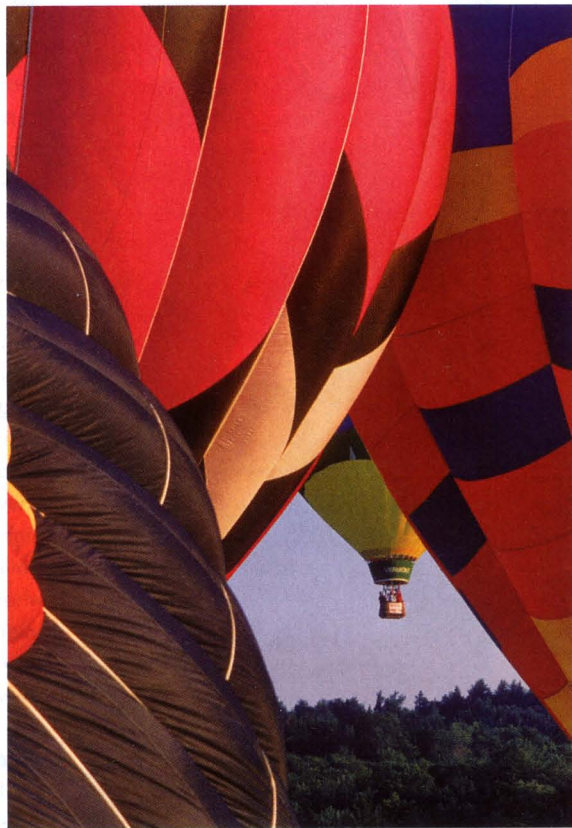
Further north at Stowe, plunge into a world of outdoor diversions expected of a world-class resort: above-timberline hiking, cycling, paddling, golfing, fishing, horseback riding, rock climbing,

tennis and a very long list of festivals for this summer's busy calendar. Highlights include the Stowe Lake Hot Air Balloon Festival, the Vermont Kaleidoscope Festival, Tango Fest and the 49th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show. (For a complete listing of events, visit www.gostowe.com.)

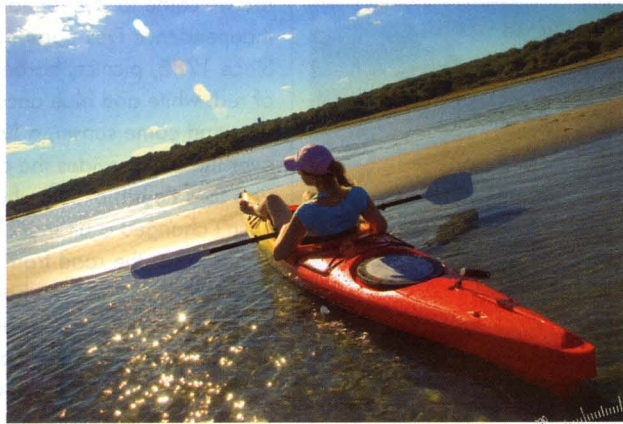
And in the classic village of Woodstock, sample the best of Vermont at Marsh-Billing-Rockefeller National Historical Park, The Billings Farm and Museum (a wonderful working dairy farm and living museum of Vermont's rural past), the Vermont Institute of Natural Science and the Pentangle Council on the Arts.

Maine

A generation ago, a family summer vacation to Maine meant loading up the station wagon and setting out for a wilderness adventure—dreams of s'mores and ghost stories around campfires dancing in your head. Over the past decade, trends have certainly



From left to right: Taking in the views, Vermont. Hot air ballooning, Vermont. Cornish-Windsor Bridge, crossing over the Connecticut River. Black eyed susans and barn near Waits River, Vermont.



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changed. With families facing far less time to plan such adventures, Maine currently sports a growing handful of businesses aiming to deliver such nostalgic trips to the great Maine outdoors, complete with high-end luxuries and minus the hassle of wilderness basics.

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Rhode Island

While every small town in New England cherishes its own homegrown Fourth of July parade, it is only in the thoroughly quaint town of Bristol, Rhode Island, that visitors are welcome to join the longest-running Independence Day parade in the nation. Since 1785, picnics, barbeques and a flurry of red, white and blue decorations fill this day, and come sunset, a fireworks display over the bay provides the climactic conclusion to a Fourth of July whose true spirit hasn't changed a bit in 221 years.

Just down the road from this small-town event, Rhode Island will host some national excitement, the U.S. Women's Open, the most prestigious competition in women's golf, will be held at the Newport Country Club, from June 29 to July 2. Newport is also home to music festivals from jazz to folk to classical all summer long. And if golf or great jazz doesn't draw you to this posh seaside town, perhaps an awe-inspiring tour of a legendary mansion will fulfill even the greatest of sophisticated expectations.

From top to bottom: Beachhouse, Goose Rocks, Maine. Robert Trent Jones Sr., Golf Course at Woodstock Inn & Resort. People on cliff walkway, Newport, Rhode Island. Opposite page: Maple Sugar Body Scrub, TopNotch Resort and Spa.



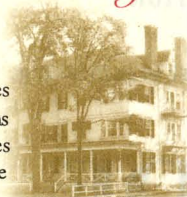
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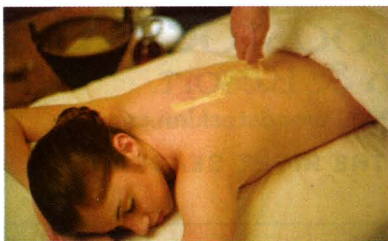
WHERE TO STAY IN NEW ENGLAND

Woodstock Inn & Resort

Every summer, Vermont's Woodstock Inn (visit www.woodstockinn.com) heartily welcomes families, offering inclusive package plans for highly luxurious getaways. The Inn offers tennis courts as well as an 18-hole golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Hiking maps of nearby Mount Peg as well as a comprehensive biking path of the area are available. The Inn will happily arrange any white-water rafting and tubing trips. Of particular interest this summer is a special Gardening Weekend at the Inn, scheduled for July 14th to 16th. Horticultural celebrity Lucinda Rooney will demonstrate flower arrangements and Michael Weishan, host of PBS's Victory Garden, promises to offer his expertise on all things growing. All 142 of the Inn's rooms reflect the famous New England charm.

Topnotch Resort and Spa

The 120-acre luxurious Topnotch Resort and Spa (visit www.topnotchresort.com) in Stowe, Vermont epitomizes sophisticated country elegance. Its 35,000 square foot world-class spa boasts an indoor pool, whirlpool, cascading waterfall, sauna and steam room. Of 120 treatments offered, top favorites are the "Vermont Wildflower Herbal Wrap" and the "Maple Sugar Body Scrub." A new restaurant and two outdoor pools are expected this summer, adding to a long list of amenities including an Equestrian Center offering tours on extensive surrounding trails. There is a Professional Tennis Academy servicing both beginners and experts, with helpful tips from Milan Kubala, the on-site pro. Renovated in 2005, accommodations range from 108 deluxe guest rooms to upscale one-to-three-bedroom homes.



Left: Woodstock Inn & Resort, Vermont. Below: The Balsams, New Hampshire

The Balsams

The Balsams (visit www.thebalsams.com), a sprawling, classic in New Hampshire's White Mountains, dates back to the 1800's—once housing only 25 rooms, now accommodating 400 guests. The summer social season extends from the Fourth of July through Labor Day holiday weekend. Families enjoy a full American plan of three meals daily, free and unlimited use of all facilities, including 27 holes of golf, tennis on clay and all-weather courts, swimming in a lake and an outdoor heated pool. There are over 39 miles of mountain biking trails, walk-



ing and hiking trails, children's camp programs and three rooms of live entertainment, dancing, billiard parlor and organized recreational activities daily.

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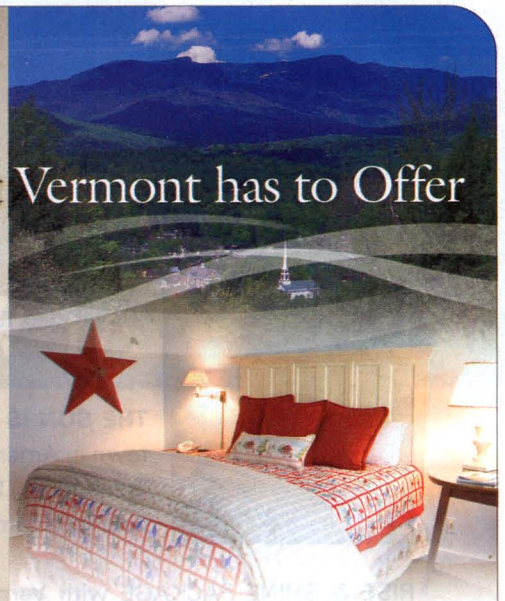
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