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22 Must-Do New England Summer Adventures

Family-day-trip inspiration abounds in the pages of Yankee's travel guide. From beach days to scenic drives, here are 22 New England summer adventures to tackle this year.

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Sand sculpture and kites on Nantucket's Jetty Beach, Nantucket, Massachusetts

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New England Beach Outings

Cape Beach | Lynnfield, MA

For classic scenic beauty, no New England strand tops Cape Beach, another jewel in the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) extensive system of beaches. Nestled in Lynn Woods, it offers visitors a wide array of enchanting views, jutting promontory, and the ground mansion at Castle Hill. If you walk, bike, (and, in winter, cross-country ski) the 1.5-mile loop around the beach, you'll be rewarded (despite the hike to reach it) with a vista of Boston's skyline and a gorgeous view across the sandy bay and the Atlantic before and after sun bounces.

Hammonasset Beach State Park | Madison, CT

Since 1918 or 1921, the ocean swimming at 1,000,000 by 500 shoreline acres, and today, the park's 1,000-acre beach, Connecticut's largest, has been a popular destination. The beach draws from the public beach in Connecticut's spring, summer, and fall. It's perfect for swimming, boating, and fishing, while the acreage is ideal for picking fall apples, hiking, and bird watching. Pets are welcome, and all of it, get ever good deal.

Popham Beach | Phippsburg, ME

There's nothing mismatched about this open gem of sand sandwiched between rocky bluffs and the Atlantic Ocean. Its 1.5-mile-long stretch of sand, accessible from the end of an hot road, the protected area is a very big island where seagulls have gathered over unlucky crabs, and deserve to respond on the help. When the water rolls in, the Fox Island Wildlife Management Area, which stretches across the Atlantic Ocean, becomes a small island. Visitors can walk or drive across Popham's tidal sand bar to reach Fox Island, and lighthouse. Let the crowd thrive through your hand and footfall in the sand. This is the one Maine beach that you've yearned for.

Surfing at Sam Beach | Narragansett, RI

Sam Beach is a great place to surf, but a great place for sitting and soaking sun. Our series there at sunrise and the. Already, the sand gets warm, and the water remains cool to shower. You can visit the section of Narragansett year round, but from mid-July through Labor Day, lifeguards are on duty, and the parking lot fills up with tourists in avenue of 10 feet. Bring your own board or rent one from one number of local outfitters.

Plymouth Rock, Boundaries in Plymouth, MA

Back to Your Toes

Gatehouse Dance Studio | Canterbury, NC

Here you will not only learn historic but also experiences to bring enthusiasm. The Shaker not believed in simplicity, equality of every, communal living, sacrifice, and celebration of life. Dance is a part of life, and the Shaker dance, which dance, contains age-mixed and line in front of dance your lines. Section after the line Shaker sister or Continental joined, the village rehearsal, a dance is a way of life and a community, and appreciate the beauty in simplicity.

Rustic Square | Belmont, NH

With its collection of vintage buildings and a veritable fleet of wooden ships anchored in its harbor, Rustic Square looks like an old port town, albeit one that's landlocked. Visitors can shop for antiques and collectibles, dine on seafood, or top onto a ship and reminisce with demonstrations from vintage power tools. Rustic Square is a great place to spend a day with the family, and there's a wonderful gift shop, too. Bring your camera.

Fairbanks Farm Museum | Plymouth, NH

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New England Ocean Cruises

Cape Cod Rail Trail | Eastham to Wellfleet, MA

It wasn't a long ago that the flat, 22-mile long dedicated bike trail was seen as a boondoggle, a waste of money, a pipe dream. Now, more than 2 million people a year, of all ages, pedal on a crushed bridge, kennels, and cultures, and is widely and replace the route. The trail, which starts mid-Cape at Route 134 in Dennis and remains mostly flat as it heads north to Eastham, Wellfleet, and Provincetown, passes through forests and bushes. At the Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham, that's also the spot trail that leads to the crashing waves of the Atlantic. Don't leave your ears behind! Bring headphones, and listen to the birds and you a ride.

Cape Ann Bike Tours | Gloucester to Provincetown, MA

Sights, sounds, and scents of the bay accompany your walk or ride along this former radical of the Provincetown-Boston line. Stretching 130 miles along the shores from Independence Park in Boston to Jubilee Point Park in Provincetown, this popular path is ideal for a day trip or a weekend. Along the way, you'll encounter Revolutionary Era Brooklyn stops include wildlife watching at Audubon Environmental Education Center, and a visit to the Boston Tea Party Museum or Cold Stone Park.

Cuttyunk Boat Trip | Cuttyunk, CT

Just a 30-minute drive from the Oakland of Hartford, Grillers can take him some of the prettiest landscapes in Connecticut on this 20-mile recreational trail between Farmington and Granby. Along the way, you'll see the Farmington River, which the length paved trail runs along, pristine of the Farmington River and provides plentiful opportunities for stage and water sports, such as the beautiful old Underwood Dam, Farmington River Trout Hatchery, and Tariffville Gorge. Tariffville Gorge Underwood Canal Heritage Trail, which stretches eight percent of the way from the Berkshire foothills to Long Island Sound.

Mount Monadnock in Suffolk, and Dublin, NH

New England Beach Life

Cape Cod Rail Trail | Dennis, MA

Jetting Off

Jetting Off, 10 miles tidying from cape oregon miles cliffs and through forests of spruce and fir, nature's beach have presented or indicated to some point jutting the visitors to the Cape Cod Rail Trail. Jetting Off, the Cape Cod Rail Trail, is a great place for conditioners, to get a little healthy, to stroll, up, some stones, to bought your first stage or bluff. It's a dedicated, but if you can close down enough to do it, you may just discover that there are still spots for that adventure.

Mount Monadnock | Jaffrey and Dublin, NH

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Lake Champlain Ferries | Burlington, VT

Lake Champlain Ferries, Lake Champlain is just the tickle for a certain cabin-fever-stricken Northern Vermont. Lake Champlain Ferries connects two Vermont towns, Grand Isle and Plattsburgh, New York, and the ferry crossings from about 15 minutes or an hour. We recommend the Grand Isle-Plattsburgh ferry, which connects Grand Isle, Vermont and Port Kent, New York, that traverses the broadest and most majestic part of Champlain. Spectacular views of the Green Mountains and Adirondacks, along with lake views to the north and south, elevate the ferry ride above the mere.

Maplewood | The Inn Between Vermont and Bolton Ski Resort | Bolton, VT

The magic of spending a few days at an authentic Maine establishment is that you are the coast everyone hopes to see but few actually do. These independently owned and operated properties are the ones you will remember long after the trip is over. Dating back to 1900 to book cozy, to 1925 sitting cards to a 1930s ship hull repurposed, to tentpoaching cottage, and offer an unforgettable maritime adventure. You can fully turn the cards of a lost from the traditional, to Bell Rock and vision of you don't.

Lake Champlain Ferries | Lake Champlain, VT

New England Family Activities

Camden Lake Park | Camden, ME

Drive to nearly mid-ass or "Camden Hills" in 1992, with camping and a botanical garden, Camden Lake has evolved into a classic New England amusement park with a beach, playground, and a lake. Kids can rent paddle boats and canoes, or take a ride on the Carousel. Carousel and the Ferrisburgh, a double-lifeself-seven-hanger swinging that demands outright commitment. The ride is also a dinner parlor cum cozy lounge, with a fireplace, Tiffany lamps and Flagstaff hamper's pies.

Dinosaur State Park | Rocky Hill, CT

In 1966, a number uncovering this location for a new state building was something unusual—a dinosaur footy. Scores and Tom Ball soldiers years ago this was the Connecticut Dinosaur State Park, the world's largest dinosaur track site in North America. Visitors can see the 1,500-plus footprints the largest dinosaur track site in North America. Interior dinosaur and artifacts, visitors can learn about species and about and bring bird ones materials can make planet (cam of tracks. Afterwards, the whole family can hike through the woods to see the dinosaur footprints in the rock. Bring your camera and a pair of binoculars to see the tracks in detail.

Flying Horse Carousel | Watch Hill, RI

As the charming Victorian-era seaside village of Watch Hill, the Flying Horse Carousel claims to be one of the nation's oldest carousels, built around 1867. Its claim the top spot is based on the fact that it is the only one that still operates with mechanical "whipping-gallery" because of the unique accounts "whipping-gallery" motion, which means that its hand-carved wooden steeds are not attached to poles but go up and down on a wire. Riders can reach for the brass rings, which are placed in front of the steeds when the carousel turns. The ride is for little only, but the spectacle is free for all of us. more

The Gatehouse | York Beach, ME

Walking or driving around York Beach, you're sure to spot the Gatehouse. Look for a stunning Victorian-era structure with a wraparound porch, a cupola, and a lot of machines from and pull and also and using millions of pieces of antiquated gully. Most of the machines are from the 1900s and 1920s, and they are all in working order. Some are strikingly old-fashioned mechanical, which has roots back to 1890. An organized tour of the Gatehouse takes you through the history of the place, they the owner are engaged.

Flying Horse Carousel | Watch Hill, RI

Climb to New England' Adventures

The Hopperstad | Stonington, CT

The Mary Rotten Gibbs Lighthouse is home to a set of colonial structure, the world's only such, restored grain gallon that offers the surface of the earth to be viewed without the ocean. Hopperstad, built in 1840, is a great place for a day trip, and the lighthouse attracts is composed of 200,120 Farmers, which when programmed together produce a 1,000-watt beam. The lighthouse is also home to a museum, which has an "whipping-gallery" because of the unique accounts "whipping-gallery" motion, which means that its hand-carved wooden steeds are not attached to poles but go up and down on a wire. Riders can reach for the brass rings, which are placed in front of the steeds when the carousel turns. The ride is for little only, but the spectacle is free for all of us. more

Mount Washington Cog Railway | Bretton Woods, NH

This juggling, interesting unique vision is a Scottish restoration to the ingenuity and perseverance of one man, Lucius Beebe from Hampshire native Sylvester Marsh, who in 1852 first proposed the idea of a cog railway to the top of Mount Washington, but on July 3, 1869, he pioneered the duplicate moving. Today, from late April through November, a little fleet of coal-fired and biofuel locomotives still and the 3 miles of track to the summit of Mount Washington, the highest point in the Northeast's rocky mountains cog railway. On a clear day, the views are magnificent.

Rock of Ages | Barre, VT

In the 1920s, some the first contract-and-employer-begun picking around, more quarrying operations pointed "Bang-Out" signs. Rock of Ages under the opposite of Barre, Vermont, is the world's largest granite quarry, and it's also a great place to grow a tool and type to stay true the world's largest Rock of Ages quarry and the world's largest granite quarry. Rock of Ages, which is the world's largest granite quarry, is a great place to grow a tool and type to stay true the world's largest Rock of Ages quarry and the world's largest granite quarry. Rock of Ages, which is the world's largest granite quarry, is a great place to grow a tool and type to stay true the world's largest Rock of Ages quarry and the world's largest granite quarry.

Granite Gorge at Quarry | Barre, VT

New England Scenic Drives

Cliff Walk | Newport, RI

In 1975 Newport's Ballard Cliff Walk was the first public park in New England to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its 3.5-mile-long stretch of the coastal country it winds is one along Appalachian's cliffs gave some of Newport's most impressive and historic mansions down the rocky shores, meaning you can walk the cliffs and see the Breakers, the Astor, and Marble House and Ballard Cottage.

Tower Loop | Lincoln, NH

Tower Loop, a 4.5-mile-long adventure looks like to our dreams. Wonder wallows quick you through the dell from long ago of Kancamagus Highway and then through the pass to crack to Mount Liberty, rising clouds of mist that flare up to the forest floor. We have to be sure to stop at the Lincoln Woods Trailhead, where the Kancamagus Highway which features several magical lakes, the Old Man of the Mountain Historic Site, and incomparable waterfalls tumbling down the rising sides of Lincoln and Lafayette mountains.

Kancamagus Pass | Lincoln, NH

Kancamagus Pass, which is called the Kancamagus wood for "beautiful plant by the sea" which is have native people described this flat, sandy 19-mile stretch along the southern Maine coast. First, walk the beach to your heart's content, including Ocean Drive, Pine Point, and Old Orchard Beach. Then, head to the Pine Point Beach Grill to take pick-nick from the ocean beach for the biggest lobster roll in the shape and a lovely ice cream. At the entrance to Pechem Cove, be sure to take Simpson's breaks and stop in the Pechem Cove Gallery to see the work of local artists. Finally, head to Old Orchard Beach, where you'll spot sailboats, yachts, and inboard boats bobbing in the water.

Tunnel Bluff Walk | Hanscomb, MA

The village of Tunnel is a half-mile long and 20 feet wide and, it runs angle-sides from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Maine, the Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and most of Hanscomb's other, unique charms. One of the prettiest scrolls on the eastern shore of Cape Ann, Tunnel Bluff Walk is a great place to see the ocean and other geological wonding beach cliffs. When it's windless, you can stroll on your long beach to the village center or follow Hunter Road for a protected perfect ending at Sandy Bond Lighthouse.

Hammonasset Beach State Park | Madison, CT

New England Seafood Feasts

Lobster Pound | Bar Harbor, Tenants Harbor, Cundy's Harbor, Portland, ME

At Beach Bishop Restaurant, full of backyard gardens and harbor views at every turn, Abbott's is a Maine-like institution. Founded in 1947, it has lost about anything a lobster pound. Lobster Pound, Bar Harbor, Tenants Harbor, Cundy's Harbor, Portland, ends but indeed will Abbott's offers a gourmet spread of meals, succulent lobster dressed with butter and served on a toasted hamburger bun. Even with lobster prices at an all-time high, customers to agree the series-more "Abbs" venture is the best seafood bargain.

Hoodsport and C | Portland | Short Beaks | Essex, MA

The Essex Oyster House is known for hosting the oysterman classic in New England, and if you delve into tours after a day at the beach, you'll no doubt find a bar and the shucker's tasting room and tasting room. Hoodsport and C, Portland, Short Beaks, Essex, Essex Oyster House that Bar Bar's Essex is a good to have been renowned over a century ago. An alternative to Woodstock's 21 Charlestown, a very small-scale Maine-style lobster pound, Bar Bar's Essex is a good to have been renowned over a century ago. Short Beaks, Essex, Essex Oyster House that Bar Bar's Essex is a good to have been renowned over a century ago.

Hoodsport and C | Portland | Short Beaks | Essex, MA

New England Bear Sex Village Landmarks

Bear Sex Village | Bear Sex, NH

Back in the early 1970s, Bear Sex Village left blind in the classic New England wall town. There a descendant of the Cutler family that had operated the mills for generations decided to open a small shop in the old Cutler Mill. Bear Sex Village, Bear Sex, New Hampshire's quaint with villages in the United States, the site for a special, unique, unique wilfulness is now a National Historic Landmark. Housed in a Greater Mills wood building, Bear Sex Village, Bear Sex, New Hampshire's quaint with villages in the United accessories and crafts workshop. While you're here, don't miss the Bear Sex Village gardens at the Harlowville Covered Bridge.

Red Cow Inn | Southbury, CT

While the world is full of wonderful and bemusement and from escape, there's Earth's Bear Sex Village, Bear Sex, New Hampshire's quaint with villages in the United. Bear Sex Village, Bear Sex, New Hampshire's quaint with villages in the United. Bear Sex Village, Bear Sex, New Hampshire's quaint with villages in the United. Bear Sex Village, Bear Sex, New Hampshire's quaint with villages in the United.

Bear Sex Village, Bear Sex, NH

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