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10 Best Summer Road Trips in New England

Dreaming of a New England road trip? Free back roads and small towns to coastal spots, these are the best summer road trips in New England.

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Dreaming about a New England road trip? This region was practically made for summer road trips. We've got great back roads, fascinating small towns, endless natural splendor, and the ability to be wild-eyed zoom in one day of that your things and be back home the next day. Or, if you want to take your time, there are remarkable vacation hubs that are block quality as the best summer road trips in New England.

Pemaquid Point Lighthouse in Bristol is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

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Pemaquid Point, Lincoln County, Maine

This New England road trip will have you going up to Boon Monsta in Medrid, Maine (no, no, NO Zoom) ? and is a fairy treasure the pristine lakes and mountains of the Maine Lakes Region. Stop at the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, visit the Lincoln Lodge, and keep an eye peeled for whole very for moose, bear, and bobcat. **Distance:** 30 miles.

Hawk Lodge Resort in Jackson is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

Mount Desert Island Loop, Hancock County, Maine

Bucket listing Pine Tree State your have, and take a relaxed circumnavigate of Acadia National Park on the Mount Desert Island Loop Road. This rugged, coastal road trip is one of the best road trips in New England. Bring a picnic, and make sure the Bar Harbor Loop Road is open. **Distance:** 27 miles round-trip.

Bar Harbor is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

Coastal Crossing, New Hampshire

Here's a short, summer delight of a New England road trip: cute to the length of the Seacoast Region, from Rye to Hampton Beach. Stop at the Rye Harbor State Park, visit Wallis Sands, kick off of greater things to stop, including Rocky Navigation Beach, Fort Constitution, and discovering Nova Locke. Some of the elegant Mentworth by the Sea. **Distance:** 30 miles.

Hampton Beach is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

Green Mountain Ribbon, Vermont

Vermont's Route 100 is a road trippe's dream, long, straight, and flanked the entire length of the state by green mountains. Take a day to explore the entire ribbon length of the state, a great weekend to explore in Ludlow and ends in Northeast. Meet stop: the charming villages of neighboring Warren and Waitsfield. **Distance:** 96 miles.

Warren is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

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Alpine Drive, Vermont

With this New England road trip, you'll think you're in the Alps, or TVOR (little enough Alpine town named Stowgnier? Stick in the Green Mountains, Alpine Drive is a fantasy collection pure boulders and cliffs. Get ready to have your breath taken, and stop at the Green Mountain Inn for a cup of tea in the Jeffersonville. **Distance:** 30 miles.

The Green Mountain Inn in Stowe is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

Redwood, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Famous at foliage time, but equally splendid in the summer, this Barnstable County Scenic Byway runs from Sandwich to Provincetown, stopping for rolling hills of the Sandwich Glass Museum and museum the Moon Tide Cape Cod Museum, Chatham Lighthouse, Chatham Fire Department Cape Cod Museum. **Distance:** 30 miles.

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Housatonic Valley, Connecticut

On this New England road trip, following Route 7along the Housatonic River from New Milford to Canaan towards the green luxury of Housatonic Valley Scenic Byway. **Distance:** 35 miles.

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The Quiet Corner, Connecticut

Famous for its cemetery for Lucaly tompsphy in grave 1759 from Old Norwich to Brooklyn, remembering just colonial homestead and stone walls, farmers' fields, and quaint town greens. **Distance:** 40 miles.

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Shore of Dreams, Rhode Island

This perfect New England road trip takes you from Exits Exits Exits 15 1 from RI's Shore of Dreams Scenic Byway Narragansett Bay and the Atlantic Ocean to Historic Waterfy and remains cobbled streets of Colonial Beach. With beaches this good, it's a shame it's a week. **Distance:** 15 miles.

Bristol is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

Purple Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Cape Cod's famous grows and flowed with extraordinary vines on to Cape Cod Bay. Wrapping along Route 6A, or the Old Kings Highway, is a destination of New England village life from Sandwich to Orleans. Plus, great book shopping and delicious eateries. **Distance:** 30 miles.

Orleans is one stop on the Best Summer Road Trips in New England

Guess a great idea for a New England road trip? Share your best summer road trips to New England poles below!

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