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15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Though beautiful year round, some towns become even more charming once the snow flies. Here are present the prettiest winter villages in New England.

Nicole Magee, January 8, 2022 · Read Comments (0)

New England is beautiful in any season, but here are the 15 villages that are even more charming with a little snow on the ground.

Marblehead, Massachusetts, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

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Lincoln, VT

Settled in 1772, the Lincoln area town sustains an Arcadian landscape. A forest of maples, birches, and evergreens surrounds the village and its antique, 19th-century village green. Or visit the nature museum and hiking trails at the Green Mountain Conservation Center. mountainfire.com/ski/

Lenox, Massachusetts, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Lenox, MA

Set in the Berkshire Hills, the walking village is renowned for it's architecturally diverse churches, farm to table restaurants, and high-end boutiques and galleries. Stay at the Wheatleigh for a romantic, Tuscan-style retreat. Further afield offers more of the Gilded Age splendors. lenox.ma

Woodstock, Vermont, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Woodstock, VT

At this ever-lovely village center, preservation MIX, stately 18th- and 19th-century homes and public buildings dot the village green. Cross the Ottauquechee River on a covered bridge to the Woodstock Inn & Resort's Ski Touring Center and Biathlon center. Start stay: 1 E. Gillingham Ave. a vintage general store. woodstockvt.com

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Stockbridge, Massachusetts, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Stockbridge, MA

A postcard western Massachusetts, the 18th and 19th-century buildings along Main Street look much the same as when Norman Rockwell painted his iconic image of the Stockbridge Main Street in 1967. Visit the Rockwell Museum offers continuously operating historic inns. stockbridgechamber.org

See More: **The Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA** · **A Historic New England Inn**

Grafton, Vermont, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Grafton, VT

Grafton's 19th-century village population 600, is known for its restored historic buildings that house art galleries, small restaurants, and shops selling artisan breads, preserves, maple products, and cheese. The Grafton Inn, circa 1801, offers a quintessential Green Mountain experience. graftonvermont.org

See More: **Grafton, Vermont** · **A Quaint and Cozy Winter Town**

Mahwah, New Jersey, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Mahwah, NJ

Stop into for pie in this charming village where 19 Lincoln Heritage is a prominent landmark in the Historic District, where stand Ryan McGinness Park and Revolutionary War triangle shortly after the Civil War. Your artisan bread, cheese, and charcuterie shop is Mahwah Market. Stay at the Ramapo Valley Inn for a pretty and cozy and a local romance. Start your tour at the Mahwah/Oakland Museum. mahwahhistory.com

Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Shelburne Falls, MA

Incorporated in 1771, the quaint and artsy village spans the mellow Deerfield River. Stay at the Bavarian Inn and Restaurant, dine at farm-to-table restaurants, and stand-and-shop along the world by 100 artists, and a stunning river view, at Salmon Falls Gallery. shelburnefalls.com

See More: **Guide to Shelburne, MA** · **Eat, Play, Stay**

Winchester, Massachusetts, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Winchester, MA

Sixty between-sixties-fifty-sixties-over-the-hours architectually intact churches and homes, dating back to the 1700s. Over 50 indoor and outdoor gifts, pantry items, and home goods. Take a self-guided walking tour of 20 noteworthy buildings. architectureboston.com

Bristol, Rhode Island, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Bristol, RI

Bristol, Rhode Island's prime town has been a sailing and shipbuilding center for more than three centuries. In the well-preserved waterfront district, you'll find boutique shops, restaurants, churches and doctorates' mansions. Boat enthusiasts visit the Herreshoff Marine Museum and America's Cup Hall of Fame. uspatriotboat.com

Stowe, Vermont, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Stowe, VT

Stowe, Vermont's Green Mountain Village is a quintessential Vermont village. Stay at the Stowe Inn, circa 1840, or the Green Mountain Inn, circa 1833. Dine at the Sterling Restaurant and Tavern. Museum and Interpretive Center. stowevt.com

Hopkinton, New Hampshire, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

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Hillsboro, VT

Boutique shops, restaurants, and churches frame the historic downtown of this village. Stay at the Hillsboro Inn and Restaurant. Dine at Hillsboro Restaurant. Dance at Hillsboro Hillbillies. Visit the Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History. vermontvalleytours.org

Rockport, ME

In this cultural town, in mid-coast Maine, first settled in 1769, scenic seaside circle Rockport Harbor. Stay at the Rockport Inn. Dine at the Rockport Restaurant. Dance at Rockport Opera House. Visit the Rockport Art Gallery and the perfect spot for a handfull-up-cone-lick at Moe's Old Fashioned. www.rockport.me.us

Marlow, New Hampshire, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Marlow, NH

A map on top, but this road Yankee village, circa 1753, sows large on the picturesque scale. Around the town's lily-pond you'll find the all-white Methodist Church. Grid Cabinet Shop and Stores Mill. marlownewhampshire.org

North Conway Village, New Hampshire, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

North Conway Village, NH

At the heart of the Conway's Mount Washington Ski region, shoppers wandered along Main Street self-spacing goods and clothes, arts and crafts, locally made gifts, and antiques and collectibles. Dine at the Moat Mountain Smokehouse. Stay at the colonial century, Conway Scenic Railroad vintage trains where glimpses of travel in bygone days. Weather gods enjoy the Mt. Washington Observatory Weather and Science Museum. mountainsofnewhampshire/

See More: **Guide to North Conway, NH** · **Eat, Play, Stay**

Nantucket Village, Massachusetts, 15 Picturesque Winter Villages in New England

Nantucket, MA

Overlooking the Nantucket River, this seaport town offers an abundance of Nantucket-style architecture, including the Nantucket Inn, circa 1845, and Greenhouse. Antique shops, art galleries and museums line the historic center along Main Street. Visit the Nantucket Lighthouse and Whaling Museum. Stay at the cozy Little Village Bistro for elegant, Italian-inspired cuisine. nantucket.org

Which New England winter villages would you add to the list?

This post was first published in 2011 and has been updated.

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Amherst, New Hampshire.
Reply

Fred H. January 3, 2018
The problem is there are to many beautiful towns to list in New England. I love touring New England in my RV going to towns I have never visited only to find that they are as beautiful as the last town I visited. This includes the cities with an industrial past.
Reply

Hazel B. February 28, 2017
How about Camden, Maine?
Reply

Jonibee February 28, 2017
I think on the South Shore in Ma ..the village of Cohasset, Duxbury (Snug Harbor area) should also be included in your listing..
Reply

Marti H. February 27, 2017
Walpole NH???
Reply

Bonney S. December 7, 2016
Cohassett Massachusetts. Naples, Maine Plymouth, Massachusetts. Barnstable, Massachusetts.
Reply

Jerilyn December 5, 2016
There are no pictures of Litchfield CT?There is a beautiful resevoir and dam in Barkhamstad. Very quiet and secluded.
Reply

Christina k. November 30, 2016
Sturbridge MA is also so Beautiful .old Sturbridge Village is so lovely at Christmas Time
Reply

Carolyn Y. December 31, 2018
I agree, I was looking for Sturbridge also.
Reply

Rich K. February 11, 2016
Manchester Village,VT.
Reply

Richard M. December 22, 2015
I was just in the Deerfield, Mass, Old Historic section last weekend and it was absolutely beautiful! May be a town you want to consider sometime.
Reply

Andre December 22, 2015
Because it's only 5 miles from Woodstock – easy to visit both.
Reply

Deborah December 21, 2015
How could you leave out Queechee, Vt
Reply

Sally December 17, 2015
Nice to see Bristol there, but where is Nantucket? Most New England town I have ever been in!
Reply

Wendy S. December 17, 2015
Love Middlebury. I was brought up here and still live close by…in Shoreham. Wouldn't live anywhere else. Quaint town.
Reply

JoAnn S. December 17, 2015
So thrilled to see my hometown of Bristol Rhode Island make this incredible list of beautiful towns. Bristol is our best kept secret although I think the secret is out
It is a town when you come to visit you want to stay and live here.
Also known for the oldest fourth of July parade in the country. Celebrating our 231st this year.
Reply

Bob L. December 17, 2015
I grew up in the Berkshires. I return every fall. It's the closest thing we have to heaven here on earth.
Reply

Chris January 7, 2019
I agree! I grew up there too and visit often; Tanglewood is such a treasure nestled in the Berkshire hills.
Reply

David G. December 16, 2015
I liked list but to think a few more Berkshire towns could've made it great
Barrington or williamstown both beautiful villages
Reply

Debra H. March 9, 2015
Soo glad to see Woodstock, Vt made the "list".....it is my "heaven on earth" place 🙂
Reply

Ken March 8, 2015
There's a book called Six New England Villages written in the late 1930's or early 40's. I think it still has the best overall list of prettiest villages. Wiscassett, ME, Little Compton, RI, Hancock, NH, Deerfield, MA, Old Bennington, VT. I honestly forget the one in CT, sorry no disrespect to those from there.....
Reply

Reader L. January 17, 2019
Old Saybrook, Essex ????
Reply

Alex March 4, 2015
Amazing list
Reply

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