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BEST PLACES TO SURF IN NEW ENGLAND

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March 20th was the first day of spring, and to celebrate that I will be listing the best places to surf in New England. Hopefully this will get you in the summertime mood.

I have been surfing for three years now. I have surfed various waves in New England. Each time, I have had so much fun, and I want you all to also have fun if you are thinking about surfing! Here are my top three surf spots in New England that you have to try.





This beach is located in Gloucester, Massachusetts which is about 46 minutes away from Boston. Usually I go to Rhode Island to surf, but I have recently found this beach and fell in love. The sand is very flat under the waves which makes surfing safer than ever—especially for beginners. One thing to take in mind is that surfing is prohibited until 6pm. This allows you to surf and at the same time experience the beautiful Gloucester sunset.

NARRAGANSETT BEACH

This beach is located in Narragansett, Rhode Island making it 40 minutes away from the major city Providence. The atmosphere here is amazing. There are surfers everywhere making others feel a connective community between everyone. One great aspect of this beach is that surfers have their own designated area to surf without having the worry that your fin may take out a swimmer. Yet, this beach does provide surfing lessons; this beach is always busy. However, it may not be the best beach to learn surfing since of the heavy traffic.

RYE BEACH

Rye beach is located in Rye, New Hampshire. This beach is known as the "Rye on the rocks" because of the huge reef break. This reef break allows for big waves to form. This beach is definitely for surfers who are not beginners. One of my favorite parts of this beach is that they have an Acai Bowl shack right across from the beach. Every time I surf at Rye Beach, I walk over and enjoy a refreshing Acai Bowl while watching the waves.

I have been counting down the days until the beaches in New England re-open for this season just like you all are counting down the days until summer. Hopefully after reading this, you now have the urge to try surfing out. If you live in New England don't take these beautiful beaches for granted—surf them!



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