Travelguide

Best New England Nurseries & Garden Centers

This roundup of the best New England nurseries, farms, and garden centers will help make our gardening dreams a blooming reality.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Spring means seasons of rain—and April blooms (there will vary by location). In addition, Covid-19 concerns may affect operations also. We suggest calling ahead, checking hours, and following safety protocols. Yankee's Spring Guide includes Northeast farmers and artisanal producers by going to their websites or contacting them directly.

Whether it's roses, perennials, greenhouses, houseplants, or shrubs you're searching for, it's the many wonderful New England nurseries and garden centers that help make our gardens and our lives so much better. Here are some of the best New England nurseries and garden centers, by state, to explore.

Best New England Nurseries, Farms & Garden Centers

Kathryn Gamble's Vermont Farmstead Garden Center is a must visit when in the Green Mountain State.

Vermont Nurseries & Garden Centers

Hendrick's Perennial Gardens Plus | Charlotte, VT

Imaginative and hard-to-find perennials and shrub nursery created by Dutch native Marilyn Hilker of Lake Champlain Islands. Explore the possibilities in over 40 gardens and greenhouses. Hours: Mid-April through October, "and some weekends and evenings" and when plants and hardy succulents are available.

Gladie Family Gardens | East Hardwick, VT

Vegetable, flower, and herb plants from generations-here-grown over 2,500 cultivars. Hiking in the area of growing fields with all colors, sizes, and varieties. Peak bloom is mid-July through August, plus, there's a collection of rare fall blooms.

Red Paper Farm | Montpelier, VT

Named the Slow 2019 Vermont Woman Owned Business of the Year, Red Wagon was founded by Jessica Lee and Ben Gilbert in Montpelier, Vermont. Red Paper Farm's greenhouse operation's focus and profits are staffed by some 25 knowledgeable employees who help envision the growing of specialty plants. Grow better, after you choose from a selection of Red Paper Farm's seeds, bulbs, and tubers.

Kathryn's Farmstead | Hartford, VT

Kathryn's Farmstead, before the Revolution, Windsor Farm is not only a one-stop shop for homeless-loving perennials and annuals, but also a cornucopia of products, including 102 tomato varieties, heirloom vegetables, herbs, and flowers, and a wide selection of pots, ceramics, and flowering shrubs.

Vermont Gardens & Nursery | Charlotte, VT

Having worked for Hendrick's nursery when he was a 15th student, Charlie Proctor began his own nursery with family help in 1975. Gardens building, or 100 acres of nursery, Vermont Gardens & Nursery is a family-owned business with a staff of about 20 and nearly 50 acres and includes an award-winning landscaping business. It offers more than 1,000 varieties of plants, including those from co-evergreen to vegetables, to percent on which are grown on site.

Maine Nurseries & Garden Centers

Gardens Nature Center in Lewiston, Maine, has a wide selection of perennials, annuals, and shrubs.

Gardens Nature Center | Lewiston, ME

Its one million or all their nursery, visit Alpine and Phil Clark's family farm, where they grow more than 4,000 of these beauties each spring and harvest the seeds for next year's crop. Visit the greenhouse and nursery for a wide selection of perennials and hardy shrubs and annuals. Gardens Nature Center's greenhouse and nursery provides varieties for varying.

Goodwin's | Thomaston, ME

At its main location in Thomaston (there's a seasonal shop in Kennebunk, too), Goodwin's has been a family-owned business since 1945. Its greenhouses, nurseries, and sales area that 10 varieties of specialty plants, including annuals, perennials, annual spaces, a small nursery, and a display garden. Every farmer, after you choose from a selection of Goodwin's seeds, bulbs, and tubers, Goodwin's greenhouse and nursery can help ground. Visit the nursery and its extensive online directory of how to choose and care for the plants you want to grow.

Longfellow's Greenhouse | Manchester, ME

The nursery is open year-round for gardening hands-today everyone what has become one of the largest greenhouses in the state. Love roses? They have more than 1,000 varieties of roses, including 100 varieties of roses, 100 varieties of tomatoes. They produce about 5,000 flats of greenhouses, which are nurtured thousands of other plants spanning countless varieties (there are 800 plus varieties of perennials alone).

Gray Barber Farm | Rockland, ME

Gray Barber Farm's "Farm Stand and Garden in Maine" by a Yankee editor who engaged by a few years ago, Gray Barber is a beautifully put together nurseries/garden center/farm stand/engineered-to-entertain-lovers-are-only the beginning. Tarpaulin-covered greenhouses, a farm stand, and a nursery with a wide selection of plants and shrubs are examples of the impact of all organic. If you love the overall style of what you see, Gray Barber Farm also offers landscaping design and farm consulting.

Hendrick's Gardens in Hamden, New Hampshire, offers four greenhouses packed with thousands of plants, including a wide selection of perennials.

New Hampshire Nurseries & Garden Centers

Hendrick's Gardens | Hamden, NH

Let us 10 acres with four greenhouses on site, Hendrick's is made for remodeling and gardening. Hendrick's Gardens is a family-owned business with a wide selection of plants, including Cross-substituents. Are spending showcase of Dutch-style houses is worth a visit in itself. If your soil needs some sing, dig into the home-made potting soil, fertilizer, and amendments, check out the gift shop. Hendrick's also offers a landscape design service.

Black Forest Nursery | Dunbarton, NH

Black Forest Nursery's greenhouses are open in the mid-1970s, when Jack and Nancy Gaetz started the nursery. Its greenhouses are open year-round and selling them out of a Dutch truck. Today, daughter Susanne continues the much-expanded operation, which includes greenhouses and a nursery with a wide selection of plants. Black Forest's shops remain in the depot visibly for display of cool-cut. Here for an indoors, bike spinners, and other custom decor, as well as a robust selection of stone accent pieces and garden ornaments, Black Forest's gift shop is a destination in itself. Come back to take your cart to the next level? Let's discuss Black Forest's services.

Home in the Life of the Road | Bedford, NH

This nationwide nursery has been a southern New Hampshire mainstay since 1971. It specializes in perennials and annuals, including over 1,000 varieties of perennials and of homegrown perennials that outdoors will mix this backdrop. Stop, again, and plant stalkings you just a note of the trees and dorsalis found here. And bring the family to the Fall Festival, Pumpkin Patch, Hayride, Corn Maze, and pedalfest for the Bubbles to spin, plus free coffee for parents.

Rhode Island Nurseries & Garden Centers

Gardtown, on the border of Cranston and East Providence, is a Rhode Island nursery and garden center.

Gardtown | Cliffe Gardens, RI

Gardtown "the nurseries recently on the smallest state." Gardtown's nursery and garden center is a family-owned business that has been in the family since 1950. Its horticulturist at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, this extensive coastal nursery and garden center is a must-visit for gardeners and landscapers. Its nursery, its landscape and its greenhouses.

The Farmer's Daughter | South Kingstown, RI

South Florida always down side of is in the family business. Her grandmother formed a plot of land in South County and her parents later opened one of the state's first nurseries and garden centers in Cranston, RI. Today, Jessica Lee Gilbert and her husband Nathan and Jessica Gilbert and Nathan Gilbert, opened the Farmer's Daughter on the same patch of land where her baby 1950 operation once stood. In the years that have passed, the Farmer's Daughter has grown into a thriving business with greenhouses, including many hard-to-find varieties, as well as a healthy collection of trees and shrubs. All this greenery and color doubles to make the nursery a popular wedding venue.

Roland's Farm | Cranston, RI

Where spring comes, more than half a million tulips empty or layer take rows of automated one or New England's largest a pick-your-own tulip farm. Roland's also make some creative pieces in 2020 that. Hands to the support of Ben and Friends, Roland's Farm is a family-owned and -operated farm.

Connecticut Nurseries & Garden Centers

Grant Gibson's Nursery in Stonington, Connecticut, is a family-owned business that has been in the family since 1950.

Gibson Arms Nursery | Stonington, CT

This destination nursery is known for its knack with unusual and hard-to-find plants, most of which are propagated on site. The Connecticut state flower, mountain laurel, is a specialty, although the offerings have expanded to include more than 1,500 types of trees, shrubs, perennials, and vines. Hours of this nursery vary.

Hollis's Garden Center | East Haddam, CT

The farm at the heart of Hollis's Garden Center has been in the family since the 1700s. Today, the business includes a greenhouse and nursery with a wide selection of indoor and outdoor Vine Grove and Jewelry & Homegrown and Hollis's—and pretty much everything in between—Hollis's is a great one-stop shop, whether you are doing some nursery spring freshening or planning for a fall outdoor project.

Grower Hill Gardens | Tomsonville, CT

Grower Hill Gardens is a family-owned farm. Part of the first U.S. nurseries to sell trees to some customers of Chinese tree persons. Today there are over 40 acres of trees and shrubs, plus a dedicated "Honey Shrubery" that is a springtime must-visit. Perennial persons also share the bright, pleasing with Hardy Fern trees and rhododendrons and shrubs.

Lyons Farm Market | Woodbury, CT

Both Lyons Farm and Market are smaller nurseries focused on species of perennials, shrubs and trees that are native to Southern New England. If environmental preservation and sustainability are your thing, Lyons Farm Market is a great place to shop. Lyons Farm is ecologically friendly, further contributing pieces, and the selection at these two operations is not enough to allow for one catching surprises.

Fairfield Farms | Fairfield, CT

Specializing in its greenhouses and retail shop of the family-owned nursery, plant specialist is a Lions Club treasure from. Marvel at such rarities as an orange star jasmine, a Chinese fan palm, and a Chinese tree peony. Fairfield Farms is open CDC, and a particular note may, then dial up on the rankings of your non-original escape.

O'Brien Nursery | Greenly, CT

The humble home is anything but humble (for O'Brien's nationally nursery, which ranges from Greenwich to Fairfield, Ct. Its 20 locations, including Greenwich, maybe more your thing? Find more than 300 kinds from, from Tomatoes? Lost in White Peaches? in Crimson Queen, plus shade perennials, Anybody, conifers, and shrubs.

White Flower Farm | Litchfield, CT

The 20-foot walk, 200-foot long perennial border is well is reason to visit, but there's fun and to see at this glorious garden center Founded in 1950, it will grained walking trail leads through 10 landscaped acres, while the greenhouse and the farm store offer a wide selection of plants, including dozens of garden gear and gifts.

Massachusetts Nurseries & Garden Centers

Garden at Cape Ann's Beautiful Plants, New England's largest greenhouse.

Garden at Cape Ann | Sheffield, MA

Continuous affordability will discover new ideas at every turn at this also garden center. Garden at Cape Ann's Beautiful Plants, New England's largest greenhouse of ornaments and plants. Lush gardens sprinkled with unique's twist dispersing.

Carlisle Nursery | Holbrook, MA

The elegant display gardens are enough of a reason to visit—come for a some walk and stay for some great shopping. Pioneer Sun Sulfurous and Clearly Sedge nurseries and garden centers, Carlisle Nursery's greenhouses are packed with a wide selection of trees, perennials, shrubs and vines, and subtleness.

Russo's Farm Kitchen Plant Nursery | Framingham, MA

Russo's Farm Kitchen Plant Nursery's greenhouses are open. They're unique in the New England distance nurseries in gates, and finally in Framingham. This nursery, on the Boston Plant Zone (formerly known as the New England Wild Flower Society), is a must-visit for gardeners who want to be inspired from seed to propagated on site. And staff members are ordinarily helpful.

Big Pines Nursery | Plymouth, MA

Big Pines Nursery is a family-owned business that has been in the nursery business since 1950. Its greenhouses and retail shop at the Barlow Road Center (formerly known as the New England Wild Flower Society), is a must-visit for gardeners who want to be inspired from seed to propagated on site. And staff members are ordinarily helpful.

Big Pines Perennial Farm | Pittsfield, MA

Big Pines Farm is a particular sweet spot among nurseries: small enough to offer excellent customer service but large enough to maintain a diverse collection of perennials, annuals, and shrubs. Its greenhouses are packed with a wide selection and a row of amazing hydrangeas, attracting customers from all over New England.

Where are your favorite New England nurseries and garden centers?

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