Rhode Island Bucket List: 58 Top Things To Do In Rhode Island

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Seafood, boating, and beaches. Who is what is on Rhode Island's bucket list?

Rhode Island is a small state with a big bucket list. Nicknamed the Ocean State, it's also known as the Smallest and Most Populous in Recognized Day Research Institute at Brown Point, the Ocean State is home to Roger Williams University and the Tomaquag Museum.

Rhode Island is a complete stunning East Coast destination. There are so many things to see and experience, from historic landmarks to educational centers and beaches and boardwalks. Here's a short list of amazing Rhode Island activities to create your own bucket list.

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home, or stop by Champlin's Restaurant and try one of the delicious entrees available like the fried clams, charbroiled swordfish, or lobster.

Experience immigrant history at the Museum of Work and Culture

Woonsocket, RI

Learn about the textile industry and the immigrants that moved to Rhode Island around the turn of the century at the Museum of Work and Culture[45]. This impressive interactive museum is filled with artifacts from local families and information about the area.

Stay the night at the Rose Island Lighthouse

Newport, RI

You can visit a lighthouse at any coastal state, but at the Rose Island Lighthouse[46], can you actually be a lighthouse keeper for a day. Stay overnight at the lighthouse, help with the daily activities and gift shop, and enjoy some relaxation time on your own little island!

Find a new favorite book at Cellar Stories

Providence, RI

There's nothing quite like a good bookstore, and Cellar Stories[47] in Providence, Rhode Island is no exception. Stop by and browse the 70,000 volumes housed on site and perhaps find a new favorite book. The shop also occasionally will purchase used books, but make sure to call in advance.

Walk through the Providence Art Club Galleries

Providence, RI

Said to be one of the oldest art clubs in the nation, the Providence Art Club[48] was founded in 1880 and features three different gallery spaces with rotating exhibits in every style imaginable. All of the Providence Art Club Galleries are free and open to the public.

Build a sand castle at Roger W. Wheeler State Beach

Narragansett, RI

Dig your toes into the sand on the shores of Roger W. Wheeler State Beach[49]. This beautiful State Park features updated beach facilities, an on-duty lifeguard, and miles of white sandy beaches perfect for relaxing or building the ultimate sand castle.

Walk the Newport Cliff Walk

Newport, RI

Stroll along the world-famous cliffs of Newport and enjoy the sounds of the waves crashing on the rocks. The Newport Cliff Walk[50] is a 3.5 mile public walkway which meanders past some gorgeous scenery and Rhode Island architecture. The view is well worth the effort, but some parts of the trail are more hazardous than others so visitors should make sure to wear sturdy shoes.

Because there are so many wonderful things to experience in Rhode Island, there just is no way we could fit them all into a 50-item Bucket List! So check out these additional Rhode Island adventures to truly enjoy the spirit of this great state! There is never too much fun to be had.

Visit Waterplace Park

Providence, RI

Head to the beautiful downtown Providence area where you can stroll along the stunning shoreline of Waterplace Park[51]. It's the perfect way to relax after a day of shopping and exploring the city. Catch the sun as it sets over the sparkling waters of the Woonasquatucket River and make some lasting memories with your loved ones.

Catch a Pawtucket Red Sox Game

Pawtucket, RI

Who doesn't love baseball? Head to McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, RI to see their amazing minor league team Pawtucket Red Sox[52] play. For kids and adults alike, a baseball game is exciting and provides plenty of action to your Rhode Island adventure.

Visit Goosewing Beach Preserve

Little Compton, RI

Goosewing Beach[53] in Little Compton, RI is the perfect place to get out and enjoy nature with the entire family. This lovely little area is also known as Quicksand Pond and serves as a natural preservation. Because of this, guests will be able to view amazing wildlife, take a cliff walk, and experience the beauty of its rough point rocky beaches.

Take a stroll at Blithewold Mansion, Gardens, and Arboretum

Bristol, RI

For splendid botanical beauty, a trip to the Blithewold Mansion, Gardens, and Arboretum[54] is an absolute must. This 32-acre area is bursting with colorful flora and fauna. With over 300 species, the gardens themselves are spectacular. Then, explore the Blithewold Mansion itself and learn about the unique history surrounding Bristol. For further beauty, make sure to also visit Colt State Park!

Meet the animals at Roger Williams Park Zoo

Providence, RI

The Roger Williams Park Zoo[55] is the perfect place for guests of all ages to visit and is located in the Rhode Island capital city of Providence. The zoo is magnificent and offers plenty of learning opportunities for visitors. See stunning creatures such as lions, giraffes, alligators, and more. With extensive exhibits and the Carousel Village, there's tons of fun found here. Plus, guests who are looking for something unique can visit the zoo during annual events such as the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular.

Take a day trip to Westerly, RI

Westerly, RI

For some family-friendly fun that all ages are sure to enjoy, head to the stunning city of Westerly Rhode Island[56]. Here, visitors will find plenty of attractions, restaurants, and shopping venues making it the perfect place for a day trip. Relax at Misquamicut State Beach, ride the Flying Horse Carousel, or visit the Westerly Armory Museum to learn about the history of the area. No matter what you choose to do in this unique city, you're bound to have an amazing time.

Watch the race for the America Cup

Newport, RI

Boat races are something of a hot commodity in Rhode Island which has an extensive naval history. When in the area, don't miss out on seeing the America's Cup[57] competition or the "Auld Mug", where competitors compete for the title of Newport's best sailor. The best of the best are drawn to compete in this competition each year, so if you are interested in boat racing, this is the one you will not want to miss out on!

Grab a bite at Aunt Carrie's Seafood Restaurant

Point Judith, RI

Aunt Carrie's Seafood Restaurant[58] is known to serve up some of the best seafood in Rhode Island! This delicious clam shack features a 1920s-themed dining room. Only open April through September, this seasonal restaurant is both charming and a local favorite. Make sure to try the clam chowder and the clam cakes which are the restaurant's signature dishes!

What's on your Rhode Island Bucket List? Did we miss something awesome? Tell us in the comments below and don't forget to Like and Share!

1. * Fort Adams State Park
2. * Johnson and Wales Culinary Arts Museum
3. * Audubon Society Environmental Education Center
4. * East of the River Nile Trading Company
5. * Peter Pan Surfing and SUP Academy
6. * Rosecliff Mansion
7. * Norman Bird Sanctuary
8. * Pastiche
9. * The Providence Arcade
10. * The Fantastic Umbrella Factory
11. * Wickford Village
12. * C and L Stables
13. * White Horse Tavern
14. * Scooter World
15. * WaterFire
16. * Musée Pataméchanique
17. * John Hay Library
18. * Gaspee Days
19. * La Gondola
20. * Block Island Ferry
21. * Watson Farm
22. * Rhode Island State House
23. * The Black Pearl
24. * Columbus Theater
25. * The Ice Cream Train
26. * Touro Synagogue
27. * Newport Folk Festival
28. * Beavertail Lighthouse Museum
29. * George's of Galilee
30. * RISD Museum
31. * Slater Mill
32. * Museum of Natural History and Planetarium
33. * Mount Home Farm Farmer's Market
34. * Haven Brothers Diner and Food Truck
35. * Swiss Village Farm Annual Visitors Day
36. * Watch Hill Carousel
37. * Aldo's Bakery's
38. * South County Balloon Festival
39. * International Tennis Hall of Fame
40. * St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center
41. * Brick Alley Pub and Restaurant
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