

Free or inexpensive things to do this summer (close by)

Slater Park, Pawtucket RI

Free Admission, Grill, Lake Access, Picnic Area, Restroom, Ball Field, Basketball, Freshwater Fishing, Horseshoe Pits, Lake or River Access, Playground, Rollerskating, Tennis Court, Bike Trail, Hiking Trail, Jogging Trail

Borderland State Park, Easton \$2 to park (or use the Mass Parks pass to park for free), walking trails, open fields, disc golf, restrooms,

Moose Hill, Sharon, \$4 adults, \$3 kids, Audobon Members Free

Moose Hill is Mass Audubon's oldest sanctuary and one of the largest with nearly 2,000 acres. The 25-mile trail system brings you through diverse habitats

World War I Memorial Park, North Attleboro

World War I Memorial Park features a petting zoo, Petty Field for soccer and lacrosse

Foxboro State Forest

There are 23 miles of trails for various uses, looping through the forest. One of these leads to the Warner Trail, a long-distance hiking trail that travels through Norfolk County on its way to Rhode Island. Mountain Biking is a widely popular activity and there are also trails for ORVs and horseback riding.

Booth Playground, Foxboro

Tennis, basketball, inline hockey rink, playground, fields, baseball, volleyball, picnic tables

North Attleboro Fish Hatchery

Spring Lake Beach Facility, 50 Old Hillside Drive, Glendale, RI

\$6 each for non residents, waters edge slides and a full time lifeguard staff, along with a penny arcade, restaurant, ice cream building, pavilion, recreation hall for rentals, canoe rentals, paddleboat rentals, restrooms and hot/cold outdoor showers.

Sweat Beach, Wrentham – season family pass for \$150 or \$5 per day for adults and \$3 for kids.

Ward's Berry Farm, Sharon

Ice cream, playground, animals, pick your own in season

Don't mind going a little further....

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston – Free on Thursdays from 5-9pm

Museum of Fine Arts Free on Wednesday after 4pm

RISD free admission every Sunday 10-5pm and on Third Thursday 5-9pm.

Waterfire, Providence – 6/10 & 24; 7/8 & 20; 8/5

Castle Island, South Boston – playground, beach, picnic areas, paved walking trails for bikes or inline

World's End, Hingham – Adults \$6, kids free – walking trails, picnic tables,

Free Friday Flicks at the Hatch Shell in Boston.

Mass State House – Free Tours, pair with a self guided tour of Freedom Trail.

Custom House, Boston – Free Tours Sunday – Friday 10-4pm, Pair with street performers in Faneuil Hall or tour the USS Constitution

Boston Children's Museum is \$1 after 5pm on Fridays

Harvard Natural History Museum is Free on Sundays from 9-12 noon for Massachusetts Residents then go to the COOP, or walk Harvard Square (ps. Pinnocchio's Pizza at 74 Winthrop St is awesome!)

Cape Cod Potato Chip Factory Tour Free. Monday – Friday 9-5pm

Woods Hole Aquarium – Free. Tuesday – Saturday 11-4pm

Great Falls Discovery Center, Turner Falls – Free. Everyday 10-4pm

New Bedford Museum of Glass - \$5 adults, \$1.25 kids

Purgatory Chasm - \$5 to park (or free with Mass Parks Pass)

Hopkinton State Park – Swimming, picnic, trails \$8 to park (or free with Mass Parks Pass)

Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary, Princeton - \$4 adults, \$3 kids