

Western MA Guide

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So your loved one is tying the knot in Western MA and all you know about it is "it's not Boston."

Western MA is a special, strange and wonderful place. It's a magically diverse blend of college towns, former industrial hubs, and rural farms. You can travel 20 minutes in any direction and be immersed in vastly different surroundings.

As people who live and work in this area, we get the priviliage of falling in love with it again and again. We asked our staff what their favorite places are so we can share some of that magic with you. With a range of interests on our team – from our art-loving marketer to our event staff who recharge out in nature – we've gathered a list of some unique places to visit when you're in town for your loved one's wedding.



Alyssa Yogi



Jen Family Ski Queen **Sage** Art Aficionado



Myles Coaster Crusader **Erin** Holyoke Hiker



Walter Cuisine Connoisseur

Family Friendly Fun

Robert E. Barrett Fishway

1 N Bridge St Holyoke, MA 01040

Watch fish migrate as they're lifted over the Holyoke Dam. A fun, free, educational event.

Springfield Musuems

21 Edwards St Springfield, MA 01103

One stop, five museums. Art, History, Science, Dr. Seuss, and a Sculpture Garden.

Eric Carle Museum

125 W Bay Rd Amherst, MA 01002

This museum is devoted to the art of the picture book and especially the children's book.

Holyoke Children's Museum

44 Dwight St Holyoke, MA 01040

A children's museum featuring participatory art, exhibits related to science, daily life, and an elaborate climbing area.

Amelia Park Children's Museum

29 S Broad St Westfield, MA 01085 Space-themed area, a miniinteractive town & other hands-on exhibits at this family destination.

Look Park

300 N Main St Florence, MA 01062

A huge park with a steamer train, pedal boats, mini golf, a wildlife center, a water spray park, art sculptures, and more.

Holyoke Mall

50 Holyoke St Holyoke, MA 01040

A bustling mall filled with shops, food, and attire. There's also a trampoline park, Round1 Bowling, a Build-A-Bear Workshop, and Billy Beez (a massive play arena).

Hampshire Mall

367 Russell St Hadley, MA 01035

Offering loads of family fun including Pinz (bowling), Fun Hub (action park), Interskate91 (skating), and Cinemark (movies).

Basketball Hall of Fame

31000 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA 01105

The Basketball Hall of Fame is a non-profit dedicated to promoting, preserving and celebrating basketball with more than 40,000 sq. ft. of basketball history.





Family Friendly Fun

Six Flags New England

1623 Main St, Agawam, MA 01001

Sitting on 235 acres, this massive amusment park has 13 roller coasters and a large water park. It even has wooden roller coasters from when the amusment park was called Riverside! Some rides include the grand carousel from 1909, family-friendly tea cups and swings, a SkyScreamer, and fast-paced coasters like The Batman which is 11 stories high, has a full 360-degree loop, a zero-g roll, and a mind-warping 5 inversions.

Outdoor Adventurers

Chapel Brook

Ashfield, MA

At the heart of the reservation lies Pony Mountain, whose nearly vertical 100-foot rock face enthralls skilled rock climbers. Down below, Chapel cascades into three waterfalls which offer a cool dip come summer.

Mount Tom

125 Reservation Rd Holyoke, MA 01040

This state reservation is noted for its biologic diversity, high cliffs, and rugged scenery. There are ample hiking trails, an observatory, and flat clearings to picnic.

Ashley Reservoir

Holyoke, MA

Walk along breath-taking raised causeways and be surrounded by water on all sides. *Park at the Elks Lodge on Whitney Ave.

Zoar Outdoor

7 Main St Charlemont, MA 01339

Explore the river with whitewater rafting, kayaking, and more. And when you're done? Walk among sky bridges and zoom around zip lines.

Central Rock Gym

165 Russell St Hadley, MA 01035

While an indoor space, it offers 24,000 sq ft of climbing terrain with ample bouldering and top rope and lead stations. Day passes are available.

Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary

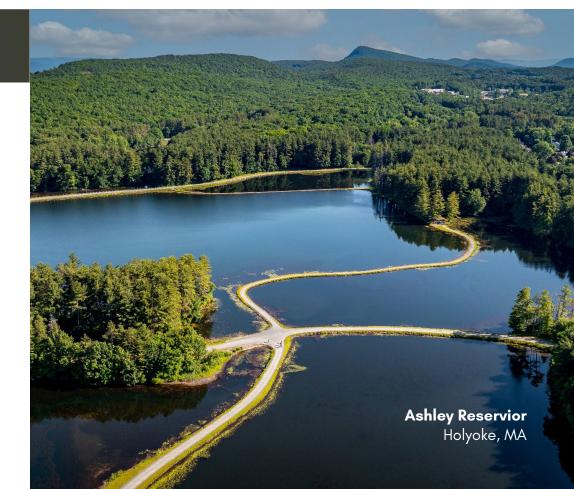
127 Combs Rd Easthampton, MA 01027

Arcadia's diverse terrain of forest, meadows, grasslands, marsh, and wetlands attracts an extraordinary variety of wildlife. You'll also find a thriving population of wildflowers.

Smith College Botanical Gardens

16 College Ln Northampton, MA 01063

The gardens consist of a fine selection of woody trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, and an excellent collection of tropical and subtropical plants in The Lyman Conservatory.



Outdoor Adventurers

Berkshire East Mountain Resort

66 Thunder Mountain Rd, Charlemont, MA

In the winter this medium-sized alpine ski area is ideal for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. In the summer, they offer zip line canopy tours, white water rafting, and a mountain coaster. They're the first ski area to produce 100% of its electricity from onsite renewable energy.





Glacial Potholes

Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

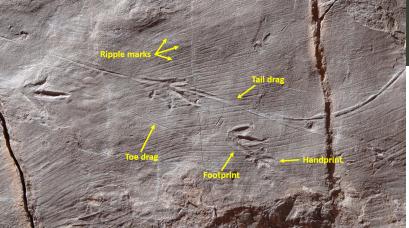
The "Glacial Potholes" began to form after the last glacier age when the Deerfield River first started to flow over these rocks, about 14,000 years ago. The formation of these river-eroded features are thanks to Lake Hitchcock, the great glacial lake that filled the CT Valley.

Bridge of Flowers

22 Water St, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

The bridge is a historic (1908) bridge adorned with graceful arches. It has long been a source of inspiration for people in all walks of life – painters and photographers, poets and gardeners, as well as those who come simply to bask in the beauty of the flowers in every season.





Dinosaur Footprints

1099 US-5, Holyoke, MA 01040

Imagine small herds of dinosaurs on the shore of a shallow tropical lake as you enjoy a real, up-close look at hundreds of fossilized prints. Paleontologists believe the prints were left by some of the earliest known dinosaurs, from small planteaters to large meat-eaters up to 20 feet long.

For the Foodies

Fine Dining

Tavern on the Hill Holyoke

Blue Heron Sunderland

Hope and Olive Greenfield

Calico Easthampton

The Watershed Montague

Eastside Grill Northampton

Caminito Steakhouse Northampton

Galaxy Easthampton

Osaka Northampton

Nini's Ristorante Easthampton

India House Northampton

Spoleto Northampton

Casual Dining

Daily Operation Easthampton American with well sourced ingredients

Kisara Sushi Easthampton Sushi

Pulse Hadley 100% plant-based

Gombo Northampton NOLA kitchen & oyster bar

lya South Hadley Ramen and sushi

Johnny's Tavern South Hadley American

Crave Holyoke Modern Puerto Rican

Riff's Joint Easthampton Pub food

Mission Taco Easthampton Mexican

Antonio's Easthampton Pizza **Bueno y Sano** Northampton Mexican

Local Burger Northampton Burgers

Amanouz Northampton Moroccan

Paul and Elizabeth's Northampton Pescatarian

Oriental Taste Northampton Chinese

For the Foodies

Cafes

Familiars Northampton

Shelburne Falls Easthampton

The Water's Fine Easthampton

Small Oven Northampton

Haymarket Northampton

Bread Euphoria Williamsburg

Crepes Tea House Southwick

Jakes Northampton

Silver Spoon Easthampton

Treats

Herrell's Northampton

Flayvors of Cook Farm Hadley

Pie Bar Florence

Mt. Tom's Ice Cream Easthampton

Gooseberry Farms West Springfield

Ana Bandeira Chocolates Northampton

Lime Red Northampton

Atkins Farm Hadley

Sweeties Fine Chocolate Hadley

Tart Northampton

Drinks

Glendale Ridge Southampton

Black Birch Vineyard North Hatfield

Tunnel Bar Northampton

The Dirty Truth Northampton

Tree House Brewery Deerfield

Abandoned Building Brewery Easthampton

Gigantic Easthampton

10 Forward Greenfield

Luthiers Co-op Easthampton

Packards Northampton

Art Lovers



Park Hill Orchard

82 Park Hill Rd Easthampton, MA 01027

This working farm offers 95 varieties of perennial fruit in the form of raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, peaches, nectarines, plums, pluots, cherries, pears and apples. It also offers a farm stand and a halfmile walking sculpture trail.

MASS MoCA

1040 Mass MoCA Way North Adams, MA 01247

The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA) is one of the world's liveliest centers for making and enjoying today's most evocative art. While it's admittedly the farthest attraction from the venue, it is one of the most brilliant museums in the state with a focus on large-scale, immersive installations.

Emily Dickinson Museum

280 Main St Amherst, MA 01002

The Emily Dickinson Museum is the birthplace and home of famous 19th-century American poet Emily Dickinson, whose poems were discovered in her bedroom there after her death.

Adventures in the **Easthampton Mills**



Go with the Float



Sacred Roots



Juggernaut Glass

Riff's Joint



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ACADEMY OF MUSIC

SEPT 10TH FREE SCREENING 4:00PM WGBY PRESENTS: THE VIETNAM WAR

Live Music

The Marigold Easthampton

Luthiers Co-op Easthampton

10 Forward Greenfield

Academy of Music Northampton **Gateway City Arts** Holyoke

Treehouse Brewery Deerfield

Hawkes and Reed Greenfield

Day Trips Montague

The Montague Book Mill

440 Greenfield Rd Montague, MA 01351

Start the day off with books you don't need in a place you can't find! Maybe get tea or coffee at the Lady Killgrew Cafe or some music at Turn It Up!

Peace Pagoda

100 Cave Hill Rd Leverett, MA 01054

Walk at this nearby Buddhist stupa and be surrounded by nature and large koi ponds. It was built in 1985 to provide a place for people of all creeds to unite in their search for world peace.

The Watershed

440 Greenfield Rd Montague, MA 01351

Enjoy high quality food while sitting on the the river to round your day out with a delicious dinner.

Deerfield

Historic Deerfield

Old Main St Deerfield, MA 01342

Take a walk back in time, to the heart of an 18th-century colonial village. Visitors can tour twelve carefully-preserved antique houses dating from 1730 to 1850, and explore world-class collections.

Yankee Candle Flagship

25 Greenfield Rd South Deerfield, MA 01373

As the flagship, this Yankee Candle has a candle emporium with over 200,000 candles, a general store, an indoor Bavaria Villiage, food, and a Wax Works center where you can make or dip your own custom candle!

Tree House Brewing

1 Community Pl South Deerfield, MA 01373

Grab beer to go, or enjoy a draft pour and pizza. This enormous brewery carries a wide variety of fresh beer, cold brew, and seltzer.

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