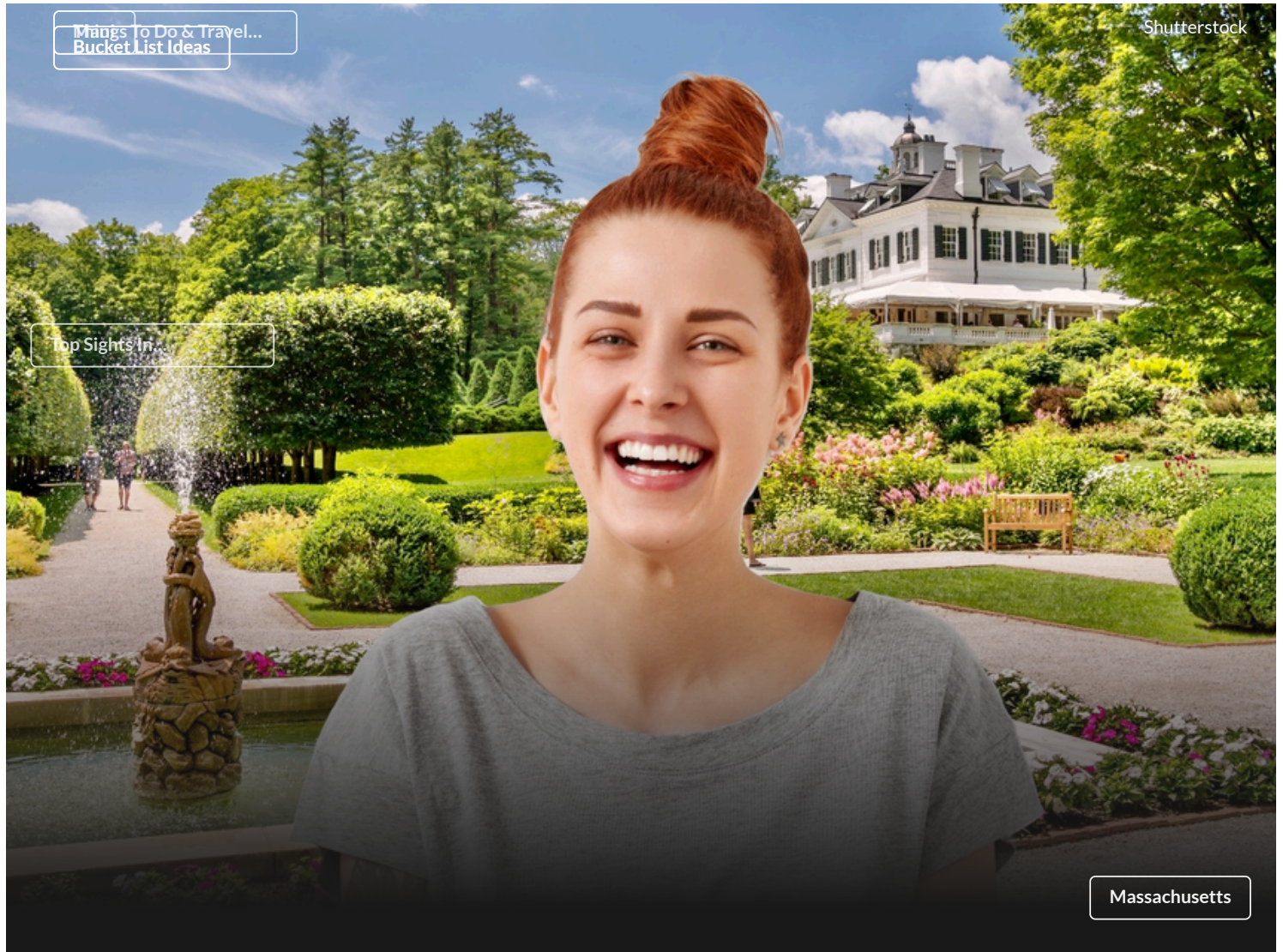


# 7 Best Mountain Towns In Massachusetts To Cool Off In Summer



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- Discover hidden gems like Great Barrington, Stockbridge, and Lenox in Massachusetts with cool summer temperatures and scenic attractions.
- Enjoy unique experiences in Lee, Williamstown, and North Adams, from outlet shopping to contemporary art museums, surrounded by nature.

Explore history and nature in Adams, home to the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum and the  
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Besides its revolutionary spirit, Massachusetts is a great state to vacation in for its postcard-worthy towns and magnificent beaches. Although Boston gives tourists a dose of big-city life and beach towns in Massachusetts make incredible summer spots, tourists looking to escape the summer heat can visit the state's mountain towns.

Mountain towns in Massachusetts are nestled in the Berkshires, a region famous for outdoor activities, a thriving farm-to-table food scene, and epic fall foliage viewing opportunities. Perched at higher elevations, these towns also have refreshing temperatures compared to other places, offering a natural sanctuary from the summer heat. Here are the best mountain towns in Massachusetts that rarely record summer temperatures exceeding 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

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## Great Barrington

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Great Barrington is a gem town with about 1,636 residents, making it one of the least-crowded towns in Massachusetts to visit in the fall. However, before the leaves turn into fiery colors, tourists can vacation here in summer to enjoy cool temperatures, various cultural events, and outdoor activities.

The town has an interesting downtown area where guests discover boutiques, local eateries, bars, and art galleries like AsiaBarong. The gallery is a mix of a museum showcasing a diverse collection of traditional and contemporary Asian art, including paintings, sculptures, and textiles.

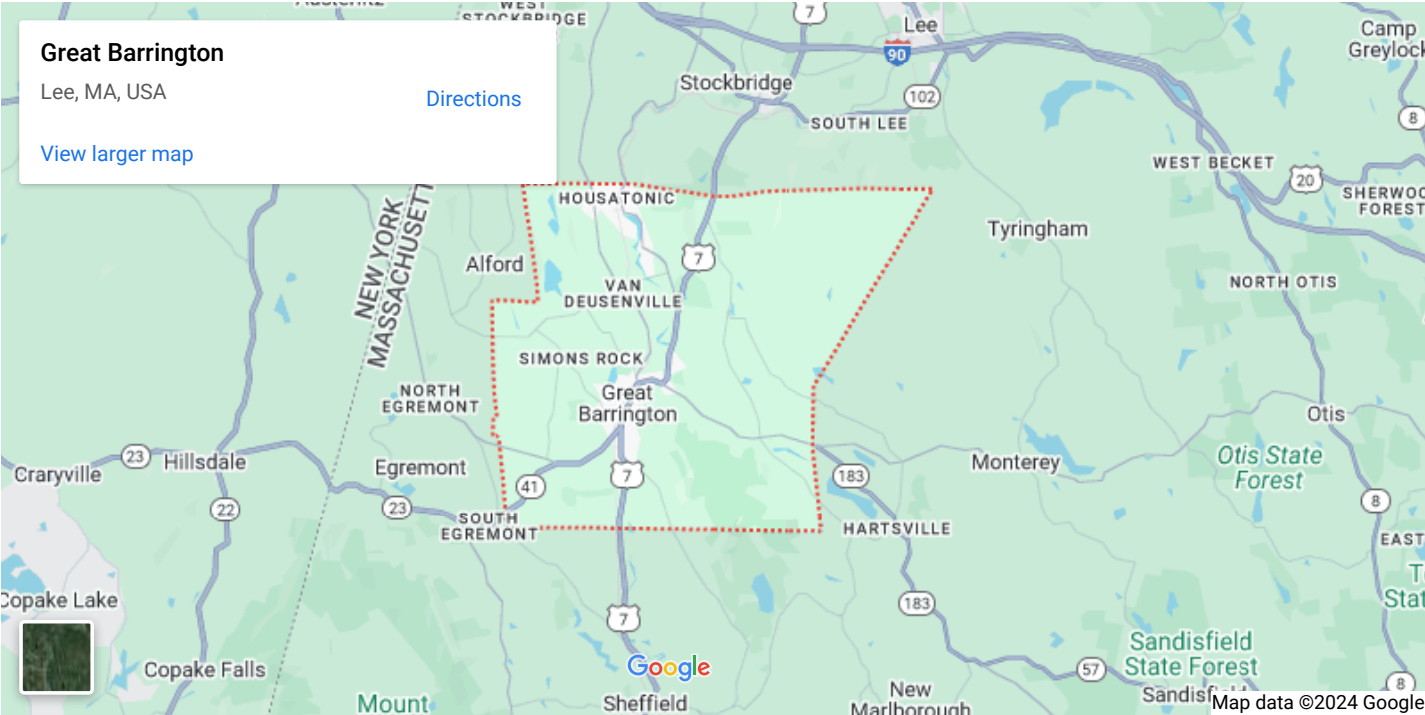
After exploring the downtown area, outdoor enthusiasts can head to Monument Mountain, which offers moderate hikes with panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The summit also provides breathtaking vistas of the Berkshire region, including the Housatonic River Valley.

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Stockbridge

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Stockbridge is a classic New England town that Norman Rockwell, one of America's most celebrated painters and illustrators, fell in love with. The celebrated artist spent 25 years in this town until his death, and today, art lovers can visit the [Norman Rockwell Museum](#), which houses the largest collection of Rockwell's works. The museum also offers educational workshops and family activities designed to engage visitors of all ages and deepen their understanding of Rockwell's art.

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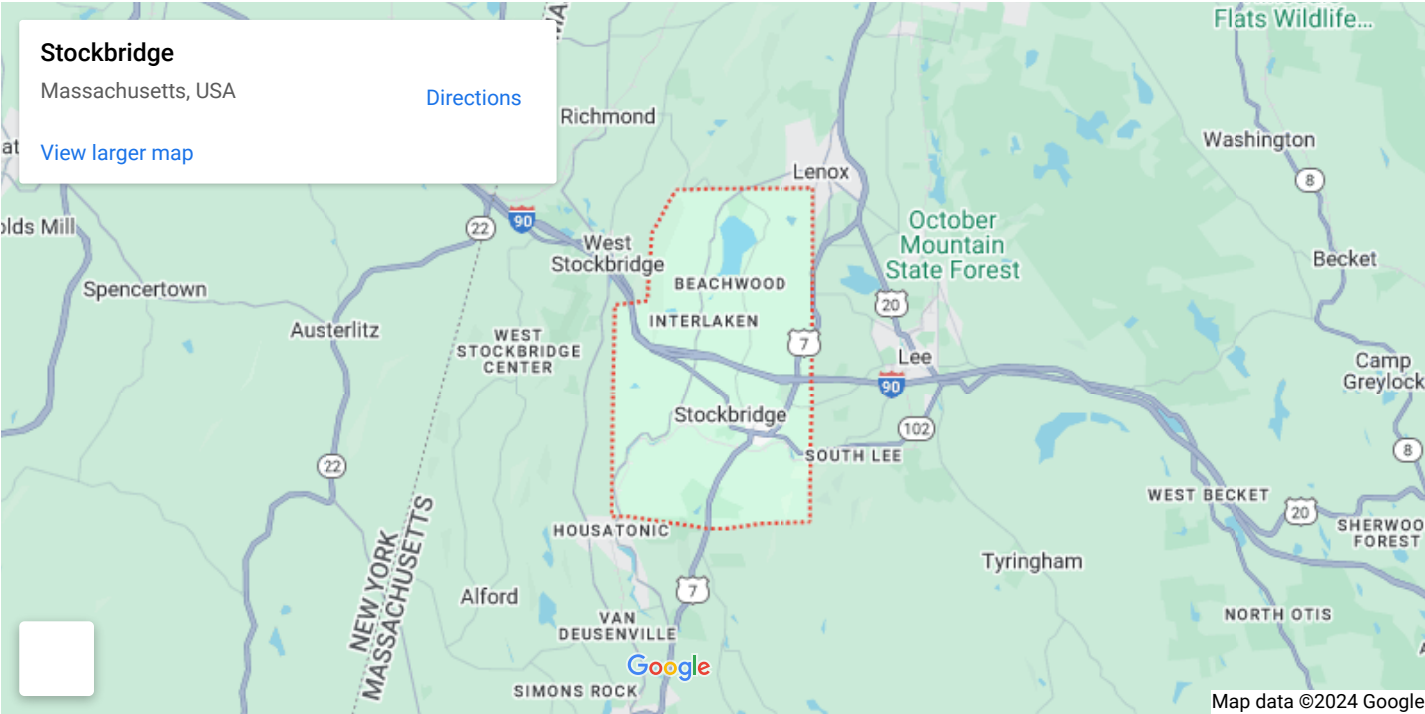
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Summer spot is Stockbridge Bowl for cool activities like boating, fishing, or picnicking by the calm waters. Visitors also enjoy observing the local wildlife, including birds and aquatic species, enhancing the outdoor experience. Naumkeag is another attraction worth touring to admire its Gilded Age architecture, lush gardens, and magnificent views of the natural surroundings.

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| Population           | 1,944                                                                                       |
| Best Places To Visit | National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Norman Rockwell Museum, Chesterwood, Olivia’s Overlook |



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Lenox

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Nestled in the Berkshires, Lenox is a charming town with Gilded Age mansions, top-ranking resorts, and an array of outdoor activities. The town's ideal temperature allows adventurers to explore attractions like Tanglewood, the summer home of the renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra. The site draws music lovers from around the world looking to attend acclaimed performances in a picturesque outdoor setting.

Nature lovers can also explore [Kennedy Park](#), which offers hiking and mountain biking opportunities on its extensive trails, or take a leisurely stroll around the park’s serene ponds. This natural space also has picnic areas, where visitors can relax and take in the scenery. Though home to a few, Lenox is among the [small towns in Massachusetts with Boston vibes](#), [but better](#).

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| Population           | <a href="#">2,014</a>                                                                                                              |
| Best Places To Visit | The Mount, Edith Wharton’s Home, <a href="#">Mass Audubon’s Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary</a> , <a href="#">Lenox Library</a> |





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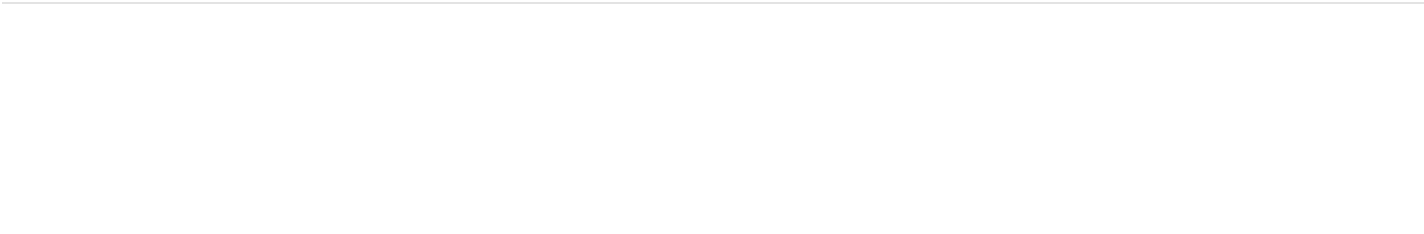
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Renowned for its cultural heritage and outdoor activities, Lee is a suitable mountain town for enjoying cooler summer temperatures. One of the town’s highlights is the [Lee Premium Outlets](#) where shoppers can enjoy great deals on their favorite brands without having to keep up with the scorching summer heat.

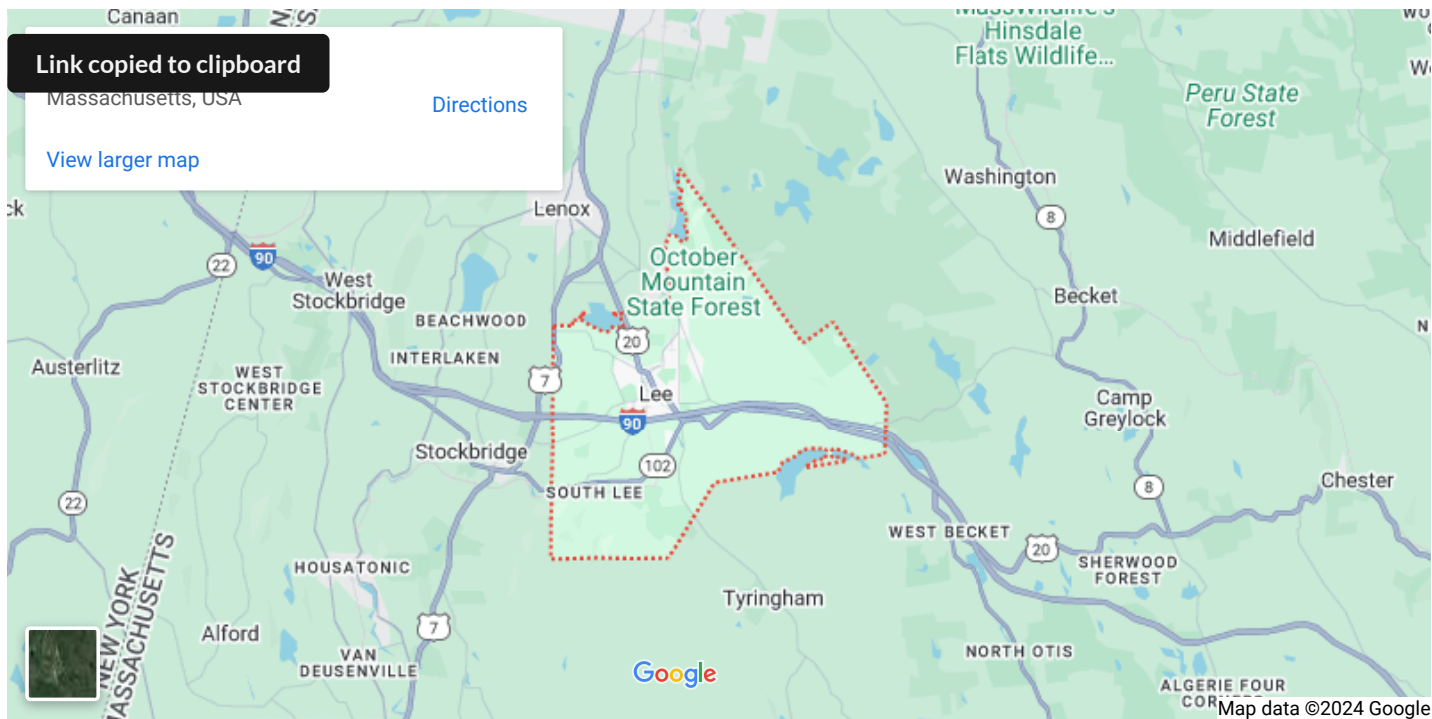
The town’s proximity to the largest state forest in Massachusetts, [October Mountain State Forest](#), allows vacationers to explore some of [the best hikes in Massachusetts](#). One of the popular routes within the state forest is the Skyline Trail, which provides a serene hiking experience and opportunities to observe local wildlife. It’s ideal for those looking for a moderate ascent and rewards hikers with sweeping vistas of the surrounding landscape.



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| Population           | <a href="#">1,506</a>                                                                                                                                                          |
| Best Places To Visit | <a href="#">High Lawn Farm</a> , <a href="#">The Mount</a> , <a href="#">Edith Wharton’s Home</a> , <a href="#">Ozzie’s Glass Gallery</a> , <a href="#">Spectrum Playhouse</a> |





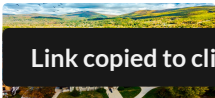
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## Williamstown

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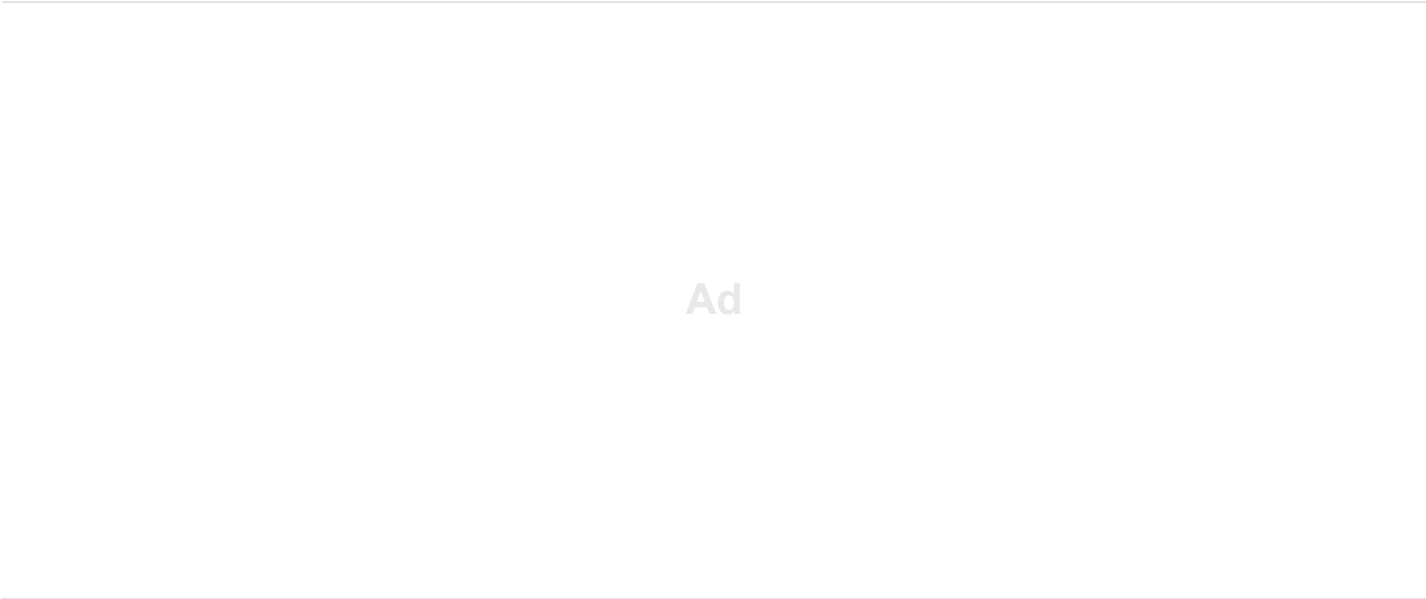






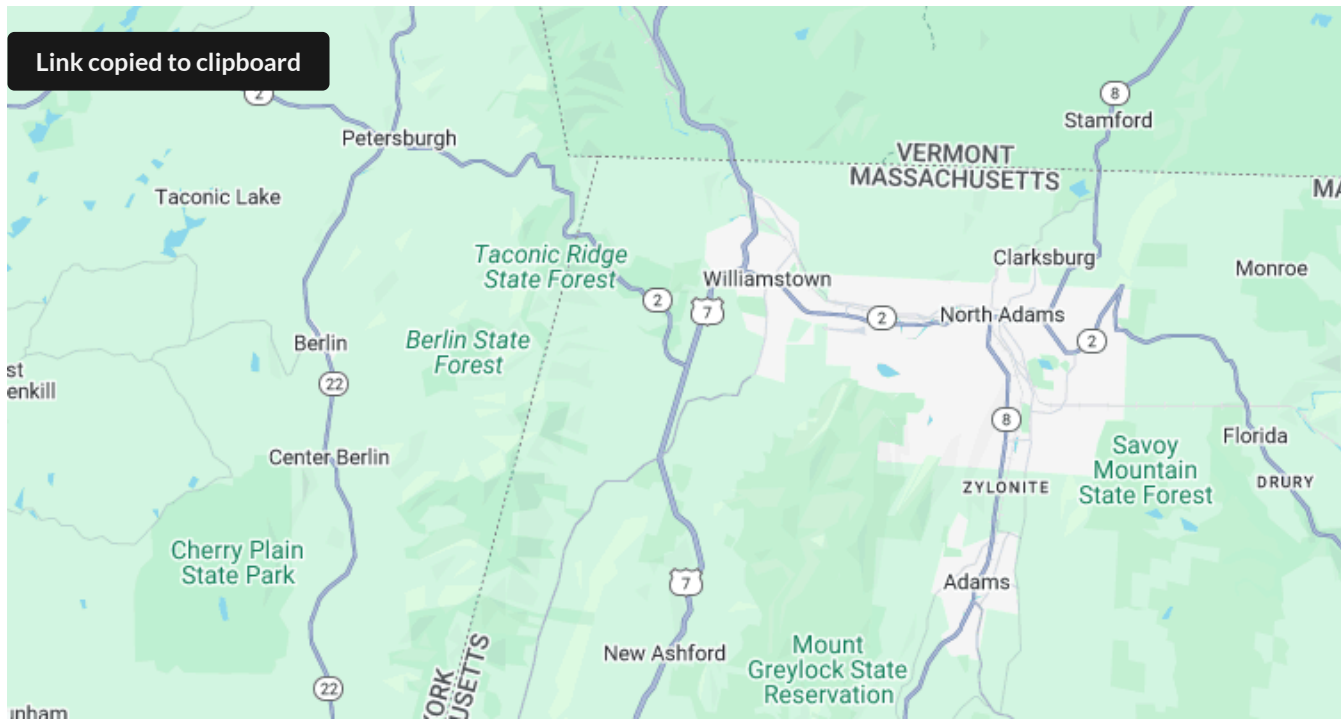
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Sharing a border with Vermont and New York is Williamstown, an amazing town to explore during the summer. The town provides vacationers great outdoor opportunities to explore the scenic trails of [Mount Greylock State Reservation](#), home to the highest peak in Massachusetts. One top-rated hike leads to Summit Tower, which provides stunning panoramic views of the Berkshires and beyond.



Additionally, historic enthusiasts can explore the [Clark Art Institute](#), renowned for its impressive collection of European and American art, including masterpieces by artists such as Monet, Renoir, and Rembrandt. The institute also offers beautiful grounds and gardens for visitors to explore.

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| Population           | <a href="#">4,431</a>                                                                                                                                |
| Best Places To Visit | <a href="#">Clark Art Institute</a> , <a href="#">Williamstown Theatre Festival</a> , <a href="#">Williams College Museum of Art</a> , Tannery Falls |



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## North Adams

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North Adams is home to the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA), the largest contemporary art museum in North America, a distinct feature that sets it apart from other towns. This expansive museum occupies a former factory and features cutting-edge exhibitions, installations, and performances, making it a must-visit for art enthusiasts.

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North Adams is also an excellent spot to vacation during the summer, offering nature lovers [stunning attractions](#) to explore, such as [Natural Bridge State Park](#). The park features a picturesque bridge over the Hoosic River, walking trails, and picnic areas. Tourists can enjoy casual strolls, views of the tranquil surroundings, and photography opportunities, thanks to the town's ideal summer weather.

**Population** **12,393**

**Best Places To Visit** **MASS MoCA**, [Natural Bridge State Park](#), [Greylock WORKS](#), **Eclipse Mill Artist Lofts**



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# Adams

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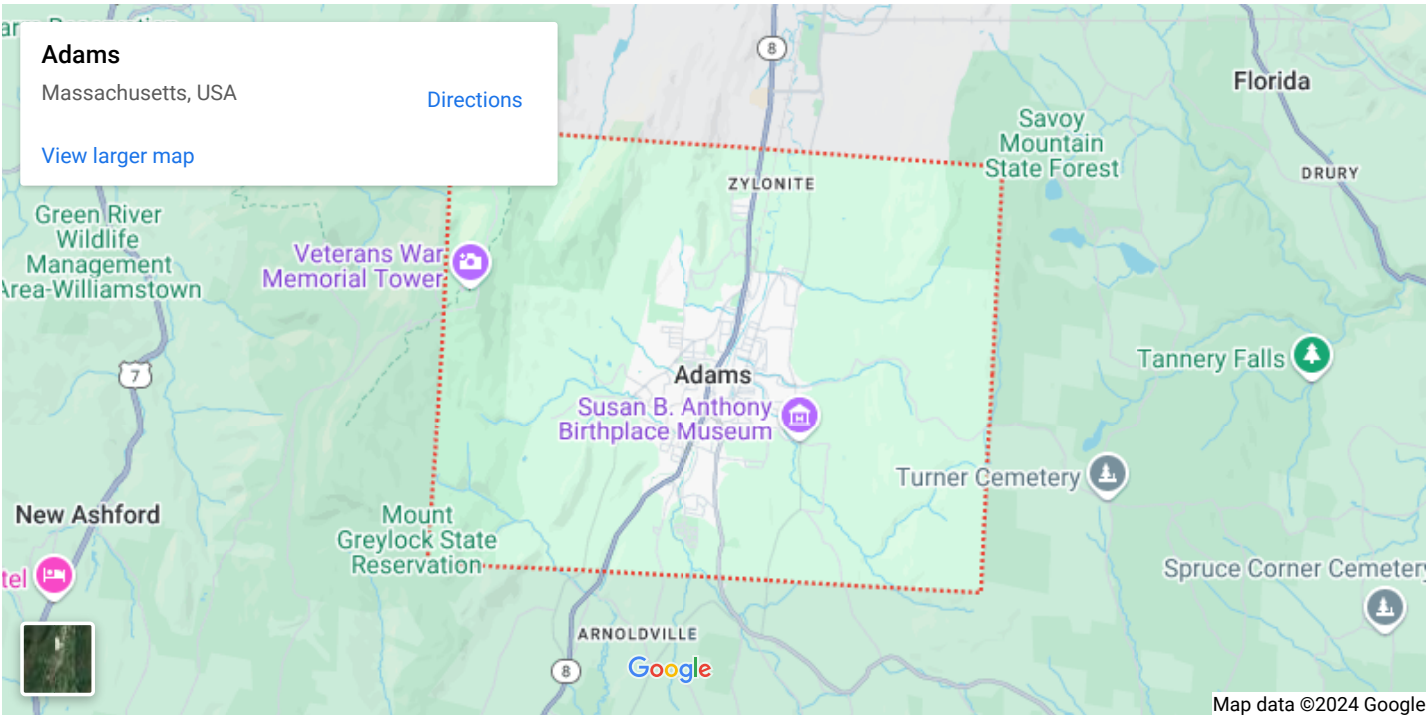
Besides visiting quiet beach towns in Massachusetts, tourists looking to immerse themselves in the mountainous splendor of the state should visit Adams, a valley town situated between Mount Greylock and Hosac Range. The town is home to the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, which showcases personal artifacts that provide insights into Anthony's formative years and her enduring legacy in the fight for equality and women's rights.



Besides ~~hiking~~ history lovers, nature enthusiasts can explore Mount Greylock, the highest peak in Massachusetts, rising approximately 3,491 feet. The mountain is accessible via several routes, with the easiest being Cheshire Harbor Trail to Mount Greylock. It takes about 4 hours to complete, and on a clear day, hikers can admire the spectacular views of Mount Monadnock and Mount Wachusett from the summit.

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| Population           | 5,746                                                                                                                   |
| Best Places To Visit | <u>Ashuwillticook Rail Trail</u> , <u>Greylock Glen</u> , <u>Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum</u> , Cascade Waterfall |

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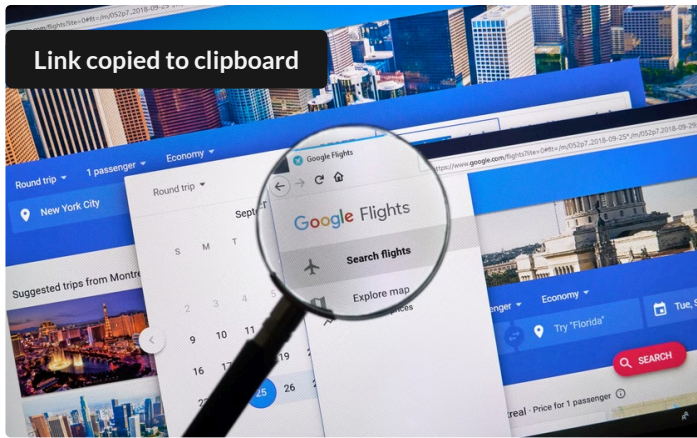
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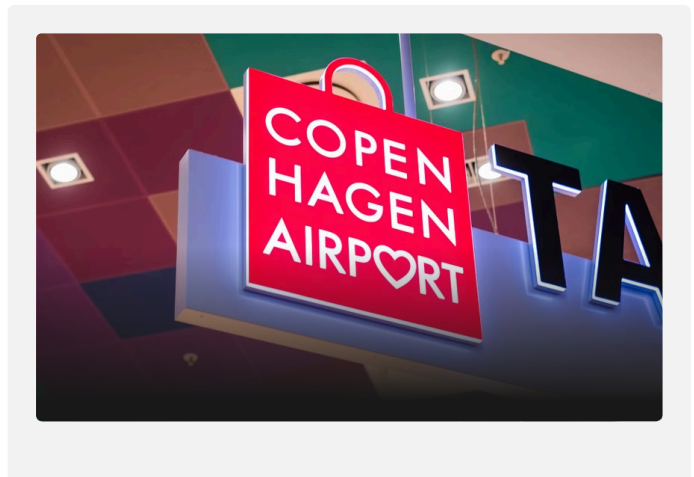


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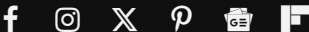


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