

THINGS TO DO IN THE BOSTON AREA

Half-day Excursions

1. Drive to Concord bridge- listen to the ranger describe the events of April 19, 1775
2. Combine above with a visit to the Lexington Green or the small but interesting Concord Museum or one of the historical homes in the area famous since Revolutionary times. The recently-completed Battle Road trail for walking, jogging, biking is a wonderful way to enjoy a beautiful day outdoors. Total length is 5 miles, but you can do just a portion.
3. Drive to Alewife station on Route 2 and take the Redline to Harvard Square, downtown Boston, JFK Library (difficult to park there). From Park Street you can begin the Freedom Trail Walk or you can walk directly to Quincy Market and the North End. If you walk the Freedom Trail you will see both Quincy Market and the North End.
4. Visit the Museum of Fine Arts-accessible via the Green Line (you can park at Riverside which is in Newton off Route 128/I95). Check their website for current exhibits or just enjoy the architecture and a visit to the snake goddess or mummies you may remember from grade school trips.
5. The Green Line also will take you to Copley Square where both the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church are worth a visit for their outstanding architecture as well as what is inside. It is amazing that we lived so many years just a short distance away from so much history and so many treasures.
6. For baseball fans, there is a wonderful tour of Fenway Park-costs about \$10. Get to sit in the monster seats and soak up the history of America's oldest park. Take the Green Line to Kenmore Square-short walk from there.
7. The Museum of Science can also be reached via the Green Line. There are multiple special exhibits as well as their IMAX, currently featuring "***Adrenalin Rush: The Science of Risk.***"
8. Another place you may remember from elementary school trips is the Peabody Museum in Salem now known as the Peabody-Essex Museum after a multi-million dollar renovation. It holds an outstanding collection of art collected from trips to the Far East during the nineteenth century. The Chinese House is not to be missed! Nice cafeteria and restaurant too. *Beware of Halloween festivities traffic in Salem. It ties up the town for the month especially on weekends.
9. Other places of interest in Salem-these would make it a full day trip-include the House of Seven Gables and the Witch Museum. Continue to Rockport, if time permits, and enjoy a lovely stroll along Bearskin Neck, the site of beautiful shops and great restaurants.
10. Just a short distance from our hotel is the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln featuring the only permanent sculpture park in New England.
11. Drive out Route 2 West to Route 27 toward Stow and Bolton-apple country-and enjoy the tastes and smells of an autumn day. Warning: this is a very popular activity in the fall, and weekend days can mean slow moving traffic. If you have more time it would be better to go on a weekday.

Full-day Excursions

1. Combine any of the Boston activities to make a full day. End with dinner in the North End.
2. Head to the North Shore-Salem, Marblehead, Rockport, Gloucester for beaches, seafood, and/or the attractions listed under half-day sightseeing.
3. Halloween Happenings in Salem attracts thousands of people so beware of allowing enough time to deal with the traffic. It may be best to take the train from North Station.
4. It is possible to drive to southern Maine and back in a day if you really want to have Maine lobster in Maine. Kennebunkport is probably as far as you would want to go in one day.
5. A two hour drive will get you to Cape Cod; if you leave early enough you can have a whole day beach walking/combing or just traveling along Route 6A and seeing quintessential New England at its best. Lots of places to get out, walk, eat, etc.
6. If you left early enough, you could catch a half-day whale watch out of Provincetown. You could also make this quaint town a destination.
7. Plimoth Plantation is interesting-a bit pricey-but a good representation of the experiences of the Pilgrims and first English settlers.
8. For those of you who want something different to see, there is a museum in Clinton dedicated to a collection of Russian icons. Very interesting, small entrance fee. You'd have to check the hours it is open.

I am happy to assist you with any planning you wish to do either before the reunion or during the time we are together. My contact information is in the class list. I hope many of you take the opportunity to become reacquainted with this area of New England especially if you have been living away from here for any length of time. See you at the reunion!

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