

UMass Amherst Area Activities

The Emily Dickinson Museum www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org

The museum is dedicated to educate people about Emily Dickinson's life (1830-1836), family, creative work, and an era gone by. Tour the home where she grew up and see where most of her poems were inspired.



Beneski Museum of Natural History www.amherst.edu/museums/naturalhistory

Dinosaur skeletons and footprints, dazzling minerals and more await you at the Beneski Museum of Natural History.



Eric Carle Museum www.carlemuseum.org

The Eric Carle Museum inspires a love of art and reading through picture book art. This museum is the only full-scale museum of its kind in the United States. It collects, preserves, presents, and celebrates picture books and picture book illustrations from around the world.



Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory www.magicwings.com

Nearly 4,000 butterflies from all over the world inhabit this unique living display.



Central Rock Gym www.centralrockgym.com/hadley/

CRG Hadley features 17,000 sq. ft of climbing area, over 100 climbing stations of Top Rope Climbing, Lead Climbing, and Bouldering. There are fun and challenging climbing routes for beginner and expert climbers alike.



Yankee Candle Factory Tour www.yankeecandle.com

Billed as the "Scenter of New England" the Yankee Candle flagship store includes many large showrooms with a wide array of scented candles, home accessories and New England crafts and collectibles.



The Montague Bookmill www.montaguebookmill.com

The Montague Bookmill is a used bookstore housed in an 1842 gristmill, set on the banks of the Sawmill River, a few miles north of Amherst and Northampton.

Mt. Sugar Loaf - Hike or Drive

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-west/mount-sugarloaf-state-reservation.html>

Mt. Sugarloaf offers a commanding view of the Connecticut River, the Pioneer Valley, and the Pelham and Berkshire Hills.



Mt. Tom State Reservation – Hike

www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-west/mount-tom-state-reservation.html

Mt. Tom includes many miles of hiking and walking trails and boasts some of the best views of the Connecticut River Valley.

Skinner State Park - Hike or Drive

www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-west/skinner-state-park-generic.html

Skinner State Park and the historic Summit House is located on the western end of the Holyoke Range. The park offers multiple hiking trails and multiple vistas. (The road is closed during the winter months)

Berkshire Brewing Company Tour www.berkshirebrewingcompany.com

A local microbrewery that produces fifteen styles of unfiltered, unpasteurized beer as well as a number of seasonal brews. The visit includes a tour of the brewing facilities as well as samples of their products. Tours are offered on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm. Tours are free, and no reservations are required.

Candlepin bowling www.shelburnefallsbowling.com

A variation of bowling unique to New England states in which players roll three balls per frame in an attempt to knock down ten wooden pins. The main difference between candlepin bowling and normal ten pin bowling is the balls are much smaller and do not have holes and any knocked down pins are not removed during each player's turn. (Established in 1906)

Mass MoCA <http://massmoca.org/>

The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art presents new and exciting high quality work in all artistic media.

Smith College Art Museum www.smith.edu/artmuseum

The Museum includes four floors of exhibition galleries that house the permanent collection; the Cunningham Center for the Study of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs; and changing exhibitions that regularly include a family-friendly resource area.

Basketball Hall of Fame www.hoophall.com

The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is home to hundreds of interactive exhibits, with skills challenges, live clinics and shooting contests. It has more than three hundred inductees and more than 40,000 square feet of basketball history.

North Hadley Sugar Shack www.northhadleysugarshack.com

A trip to Amherst is not complete until you visit the North Hadley Sugar Shack and have some fresh pancakes with local New England Maple Syrup.