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11 Most Charming Small Towns in New England

With appealing downtowns from the coast to the mountains, New England has some of the prettiest small towns in the USA | By Chloe Arrojado | September 21, 2023



6. Westerly, Rhode Island

Despite Rhode Island's nickname as the Ocean State, the state's more than [400 miles of coastline](#) tend to be overlooked in favor of spots in Maine or Massachusetts. But Rhode Island's southernmost town is worth a stop for its small-town-meets-beach atmosphere. Its three-mile-long Misquamicut Beach and Watch Hill Beach are swoon worthy (the latter has [captured the heart of Taylor Swift](#)) and has a vibrant downtown filled with local shops and boutiques.

For a place to rest your head, arguably no stay beats the luxury of the [Ocean House Hotel](#), a Victorian property that sits on Watch Hill.