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## 12 Outdoorsy New England Adventures Open Through Autumn

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There's a stampede every September as folks clammer for their first sip of pumpkin spice lattes and hot ciders. This is especially true in New England—what with all our orchards and farms. My particular brand of seasonal nerdery includes all forms of autumnal shenanigans, but the leaves are still green. So, while I wait for the annual New England foliage show, I'm enjoying the fact that many of the most popular spots are quieter now that the summer crowds have thinned. Plus, there's still time to enjoy these outdoor adventures—before Old Man Winter shows up.

### Sail an America's Cup Winner in Newport

## Newport, Rhode Island

Those looking to eschew Newport's summer crowds can still have maritime adventures when fall rolls around. I sailed with [America's Cup Charters](#) recently. They sail actual America's Cup yachts, and I was giddy with anticipation as we boarded the *Intrepid*—1967 and '70 winner of The America's Cup. Exhilarating is just the beginning; it's a grand New England adventure. Plus, I stayed at [The Vanderbilt](#), which has a cozy Great Gatsby ambiance, and one of their [Classic Car Tours](#)—billed as a Croquet & Picnic Cruise—is pure autumn magic.