

12 unexpected New England towns to visit this fall

Plan a fall trip to one of these off-the-beaten-path destinations.

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BROOKLINE, NH - 10/12/2022: Fall breaking colors in October on a field next to a red barn near Brookline, NH. (*David L Ryan/Globe Staff*)

Towns like Stowe, Vermont, and North Conway, N.H., receive (well-deserved) accolades each fall season for their incredible fall foliage and many fall activities. But there are plenty of other towns across the region brimming with color and fun.

We've updated these recommendations along with some remaining suggestions from last year's list. Ahead, local travel experts recommend some more unexpected New England towns great for exploring this fall.



The Conjuring House. *Photo courtesy of Visit Rhode Island.*

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In **Lincoln**, visitors can check out the [Hearthside House](#), a historic museum adjacent to one of the [filming locations](#) for “Hocus Pocus 2,” suggested Robin Erickson, senior director of advertising and public relations for Rhode Island Commerce. They can also enjoy the “stunning” [Lincoln Woods State Park](#) and also [Blackstone River State Park](#), which offers riverfront bike paths and historic walking tours. The colorful, canopied path of the [Blackstone River Bikeway](#) is a great place to take in the fall colors, she said.

Visitors can spend time at [Buck Hill Management Area](#) in **Burrillville** and soak in the fall colors among the 2,049 acres of forest, wildlife, wetlands, and marsh, according to Erickson. The town, billed as “comfortably tucked away in Northwest Rhode Island,” has [biking, hiking, farms](#), and nine villages for visitors to explore. If you’re looking for some spooky fun leading up to Halloween, take a tour of the home that [inspired The Conjuring](#) Universe, located right in Burrillville.