

# Catch a flick at 10 of the best drive-ins in the Northeastern United States



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Outdoor, open-air cinema is an all-American delight. Despite changes in technology from 35 mm film to digital, and with changing sound, too, vintage drive-ins in the Northeastern United States have kept up, and as brand new ones prove, drive-ins are as popular a viewing option as ever.

Here are 10 of the best drive-ins in the Northeast.



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## Rustic Drive-In | North Smithfield, Rhode Island

Opened in Rhode Island's rural Blackstone Valley in 1951, the Rustic is the small state's last remaining drive-in theatre. But there's nothing small about this three-screen, thoroughly modern venue, which shows two movies – both classics and first-run, or live streamed concerts and events, nightly.

Amongst the usual snack food, enjoy traditional Rhode Island clam cakes.