



## The Quintessential New England Lifestyle

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From the leafy suburban neighborhoods of Southborough, to the bustling boutiques of Wellesley, to the equestrian estates of Dover, the MetroWest suburbs of Boston offer the quintessential New England lifestyle. Residents of these bucolic communities enjoy winding country roads, scenic views and charming town commons. These desirable communities are sought after for their highly-rated school systems, attractive neighborhoods and easy commuting access to Boston and Providence.

### Unparalleled Education

Those relocating to Boston's MetroWest suburbs are fortunate to have many stellar public and private school options available for their children. Dover-Sherborn High School, for example, has been named [one of the top 100 public high schools in the country by \*U.S. News & World Report\*](#), and was [named among the top five high schools in the state](#). The nearby communities of Wayland, Wellesley and Weston were listed in the top 10 of [Boston Magazine's Massachusetts Top Public High Schools](#). Hopkinton, Holliston and Westborough also earned high marks.

For private education, the acclaimed Fay and St. Mark's schools are coeducational boarding and day schools located in the heart of Southborough. There also are many Montessori schools in the region.

As home to Harvard University and MIT, Boston is known for its incomparable higher education opportunities. The city has become a vibrant research hub. World-class experts in medicine, science, and engineering converge here to improve treatment of today's most challenging health conditions.

### Recreational Activities

The MetroWest suburbs are a great place for outdoor enthusiasts. There are miles of hiking and biking trails; sparkling lakes for swimming, sailing, and boating; and easy access to the beaches of Cape Cod and the mountains of New Hampshire.

[The Cape Cod National Seashore](#) offers miles of unspoiled beaches, while New Hampshire is a favorite destination in the winter months for skiing or in the fall to glimpse spectacular foliage.

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In Hopkinton alone, there's a [1,450 state park](#), plus two lakes where residents cool off in the summertime. Lake Maspenock is a great fishing destination. Favorite annual events in town include the [PolyArts Festival](#) and 4th of July Boat Parade. And each year the community comes together in the spring to cheer on the runners at the start of the [Boston Marathon](#) in Hopkinton's historic town center.

For the kids, there are great town sports activities including lacrosse, soccer, hockey, baseball, basketball, tennis, swimming and more.

And for local sports fans, there's nothing like taking in a Red Sox game on a summer night at Boston's Fenway Park or cheering on the Celtics at the Boston Garden.

## Steeped in History

MetroWest residents are a short train or car ride away from the rich history that Boston has to offer. Visitors to the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum revel in significant works of art and a peaceful indoor courtyard and admire diverse exhibits at the Museum of Fine Arts, Fogg Art Museum and the new Institute of Contemporary Art on the waterfront.

For a small city, Boston has so much to offer. Stroll along Boston's North End for wonderful Italian festivals and delicacies or explore the events of the American Revolution through the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, the Bunker Hill Monument and more. Many of these sites can be found along the Freedom Trail.

For a special night on the town, there are countless wonderful seafood and ethnic restaurants, as well as concerts at the beautiful Symphony Hall, programs at the Boston Ballet and wonderful plays in the theatre district. For a panoramic view of the city, many people start with a visit to the [Skywalk Observatory](#) at the landmark Top of the Hub Restaurant.

On warm days, residents enjoy running or strolling along the Charles River, window shopping along Newbury Street or admiring the 1,000 acres of [Emerald Necklace](#) parks. The Emerald Necklace is the only remaining linear park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, America's first landscape architect.

## Terrific Housing Options

Newcomers to the area may be surprised by the array of home choices available to them. They may love the charm of living in a real antique home, the sparkle of a brand new colonial, or the convenience of townhome living.

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