

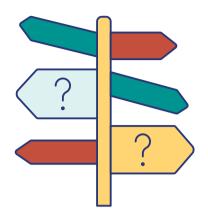
YOUR COMMUNITY

A guide for finding meaningful and fun activities to fill your time, meet new people, and help you reach your goals.





HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:



Thank you for being here! We hope that this interactive guide will help you find ways to fill your time with meaningful activities, work on your goals, learn new things, practice your hobbies, and meet new people in your community.

This guide is designed to help you find real places, events, and activities you can do in Rhode Island and inspire you to find your own. We have collected some resources and links to help get you started.

Helpful Tips:

- When words are <u>underlined like this</u>, these are links you can click to take you around the guide or to another website with more information.
- If you are viewing the guide in a desktop browser, you can rightclick on the links with your mouse, and a window will pop up that says, "Open link in new tab." This is helpful so you can see the guide and the website at the same time. If not, you may need to click the "back" button to get back to this guidebook.
- You can zoom in and out of a page in this guide using the magnifying glass icon tools on the top or left side of your screen.

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If you have a question about the guide or want to share a resource with us email linkwithus@ripin.org

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What Do You Want to Do?

Click on the text or the red circles to be taken where you want to go.



TIPS AND TRICKS

Accessibility
Transportation
How to find more



WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY, TOMORROW, OR SOON?



VISIT THE LIBRARY



VISIT A MUSEUM



EXPLORE MY INTERESTS



FIND PLACES, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES IN MY OWN TOWN OR CITY

Accessibility Information



If you require accommodations to visit or participate in any of the activities or locations shared in this guide, many locations and events will share this information on their websites.

If not, try contacting them directly by email or phone for more information and ask if they can meet your needs.

Below we share information about some information on popular events and places that clearly share this information and offer many accessibility sensory-friendly opportunities.

Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium

Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC)

Rhode Island Historical Society

RI State Park Accessibility Information

Roger Williams Park Zoo

Trinity Rep Theater

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Scroll to the next page for transportation tips...

How do you get around?

Click here for general travel tips and resources



- **RIPTA Bus Schedules**
- **RIPTA Riding Tips**
- **The Ride Program Information**



- **RI Bike Paths**
- **RI Bicycle Commuter Guide**



- **ADA Accessible Ground Travel**
- **Travel Training**
- **Transportation Options**



Providence/Stoughton MBTA Commuter Rail Schedule



- TF Green Airport Accessibility and Programs
- **Disability Air Travel Tips**



Scroll to the **next page** for more tips and tricks!

HOW CAN I FIND MORE?

Tips and tricks to help you find more beyond this guide

Start with your interests and hobbies

The best way to keep busy and find new friends is to join clubs, groups, and attend events that are based off of your interests and hobbies. This guide gave some ideas about a few, but there are so many more to choose and explore! This page shares a few ways to find more!

Be brave and try something new!

Trying new things keeps life exciting and helps you grow as a person. You grow when you learn new skills, meet new people, and discover more of the world around you. You might like the routine you have, and that's okay, but sometimes our routines need new things to do too!

Friends

Talk with your current friends and see if they belong to any groups or what they do in their communities. You might find something that interests you, too! Plus, it can be another way to spend time with your friend!

Look at community bulletin boards

Many of your favorite places to visit in your neighborhood have bulletin boards where people put up flyers about stuff happening. It's cool because you can find out about events and activities that match your interests without having to search too hard. Maybe there's a local art class you'd enjoy or a fun concert in the park!

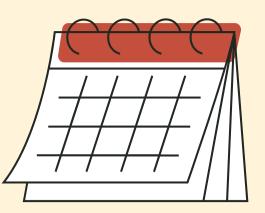
Social Media and Meetup Groups

When done safely, joining social media and meetup groups can help you find other people who like what you like. You can talk with people in these groups and you might find a new buddy to explore your interests with.

Use Map Apps and Websites!

Map apps can give you directions and transportation options, but did you know it can also help you discover new restaurants, cafes, and places to shop in your community? They can also guide you to parks, museums, and other recreational spots you might not have known about!

WHAT CAN I DO RIGHT NOW? ...OR SOON?





At the Libraries

State Parks

Here are some more websites to check for local events and activities that are happening soon:

Arts Now RI

Visit Rhode Island

Beyond the Nest

Rhode Island Monthly

Check out the next page for information on sensory-friendly events and accessibility information

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Where do you look for events? Email us at **linkwithus@ripin.org!**



Here is a list of events happening at libraries across Rhode Island. This site also lets you search for library events at your local library, on a certain day or time, and more.

LIBRARIES

Not just a place for Books!

Find your local library <u>here</u>.

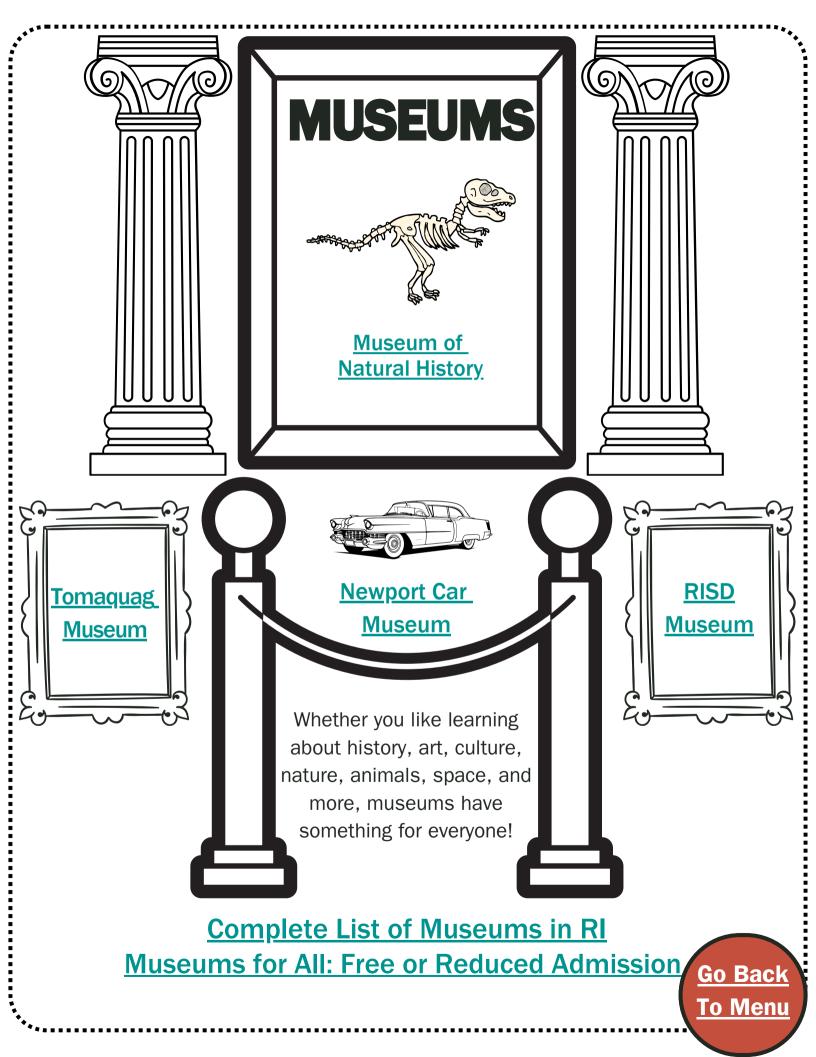
Aside from events and all the awesome books, movies, music, and other things you can check out and take home with you, libraries in Rhode Island have so much more to offer. You might also find:

- Community Jigsaw Puzzles
- Free museum passes "library of things"
- "Makerspace" & more!

Did You Know?

There is also a <u>virtual library</u> with TV shows, movies, music, e-books, and more.





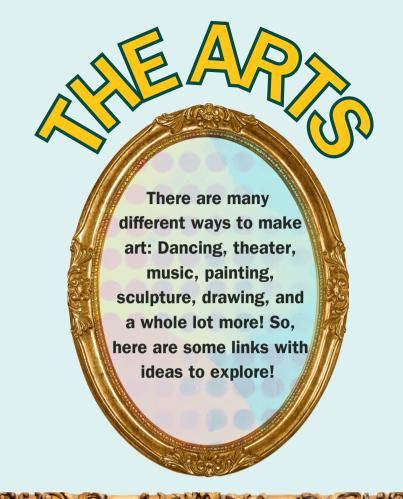














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MULTI-CULTURAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



The links on this page can help you find activities and events that celebrate your own culture or learn about others.





NATURE



PARKS & **TRAILS** **All Trails**

Audobon Society

Norman Bird Sanctuary

RI Bike Paths

RI Walks

Take a Hike

State Parks

Botanical Center

GARDENING Community Gardens

URI Master Gardeners



Tell us your favorite nature spot! Email us: linkwithus@ripin.org!

CLEAN-UPS Buzzards Bay Coalition & **MORE**

ECO RI SAVE THE BAY

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SPORTS AND FITNESS



Adaptive Sports

Dance studios in RI

Special Olympics

These sports programs are accessible to all different ages and abilities.

Click here for more.

Dancing is fun, social, and a great way to get fit!

Check out a list of dance studios here.

Learn how to sign up as an athlete with Special Olympics.

Click here.

Walking, Biking, Hiking

Surfing

YMCA

Find some of the best places to walk and hike with these links:

- RI Walks
- · Take A Hike
- Bike Paths in RI

You can learn to ride the waves with these two organizations:

- Surf New England
- Gnome Surf

There's a lot you can do at the Y.
Swimming, working out, going to exercise classes, and more. Find your local YMCA here.

We know exercise is good for us but sometimes we don't want to do it. Finding fitness activities you find fun is the way to go!



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, help someone in need, learn new things, meet new people, and try out different types of work experiences. CLICK FOR A
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY
CALENDAR

If you take it seriously and work hard, the people you volunteer with might want to give you references when you're ready or want to apply for new job! But, that should not be the only reason to volunteer. You want to do it to feel good by making a difference in the world. There are many different ways to serve your community, but this link to the United Way of Rhode Island is a good way to start! The website hosts a calendar and listings of many places and organizations

that need volunteers.



WHERE CAN I GO IN MY OWN COMMUNITY?

Kent County

Coventry **East Greenwich** Warwick West

Greenwich

West Warwick

Providence

Burrillville

Central Falls

Cranston

Cumberland

East Providence

Foster

North Providence

Washington County Providence

"South County"

Charlestown

<u>Exeter</u>

<u>Hopkinton</u>

Narragansett

North Kingstown

Richmond

South Kingstown

<u>Westerly</u>

County

<u>Glocester</u>

Johnston

Lincoln

North Smithfield

Pawtucket

Scituate

Smithfield

Woonsocket

Click on your city or town. You can also click on the◀ counties.

Bristol County

Barrington

Bristol

Warren

Newport County

<u>Jamestown</u>

Little Compton

Middletown

<u>Newport</u>

Portsmouth

Tiverton

TIP: Your Town or City's official website may have an event calendar and other resources and information. Click here to find yours. Hint: We love looking at our town's recreation department's page.





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PLGIONAL WEBSINGS

Block Island

New Shoreham Town Website

Library

Bristol County

Barrington

Town Website

Library

Bay Spring Community Center

Business and Community Association

Community Land Trust

Bristol

Town Website

<u>Library</u>

4th of July Events

Blithewold Mansion

Claire D. McIntosh Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center and Aquarium



A turkey at the Claire D. McIntosh Wildlife Refuge in Bristol

Warren

Town Website

Library

Discover Warren

Hope and Main

Frerichs Farm

The Collaborative (Art)



Kent County

Coventry

<u>Library</u>
<u>Town Event Listings</u>
<u>Newspaper Event List</u>

East Greenwich

Town Website
Library
Dance Studio Events
Newspaper

Warwick

City Website

Library

Chamber of Commerce Events

Mall Events

<u>Newspaper</u>

Visit Warwick Events

Warwick Center for the Arts

West Greenwich

Town Website
Library

West Warwick

Town Website
Library
Senior Center



The famous Rocky Point Amusement Park is now a state park you can visit in Warwick!



Newport County

Jamestown

Town Website

Library

Chamber of Commerce Events

Jamestown Art Center

Little Compton

Town Website

Library

Community Center

Save Buzzards Bay

Wellness Center

Middletown

Town Website

Library

Norman Bird Sanctuary

Newport

City Website

Library

Art Museum

Discover Newport-Things to Do

Discover Newport-Events

Car Museum

Mansions

Newport Life Events

Newport This Week

Newspaper

Portsmouth

Town Website

Library

Events and Attractions

Tiverton

Town Website

Library

Farmers Markets

Recreation Department



Summer sunset in Tiverton, RI



Providence County

Burrillville

Town Website
Library

Central Falls

City Website
Library

Cranston

City Website

Library

Garden City Events

Go Providence Events in Cranston

Cumberland

Town Website

Library

Valley Breeze

East Providence

City Website

Library

Crescent Park Events

<u>Newspaper</u>

RI Philharmonic School Events

There are two

pages

for

Providence County!

Foster

Town Website

Library

Glocester

Town Website

Library

Annual Events

Business Association Calendar

Tour Blackstone Events

Johnston

Town Website

Library

Lincoln

Town Website

<u>Library</u>

Valley Breeze



Lincoln Woods State Park in the Fall



Providence County (Continued)

North Providence

Town Website
Library

North Smithfield

Town Website
Library

Pawtucket

City Website

Library

Experience Pawtucket Happenings

Festivals

The Outsider Collective

The Rhode Island State House in Providence

Providence

City Website

Library

AS220

Botanical Center

Downtown Providence Events

Go Providence

Roger Williams Park Conservancy

Scituate

Town Website

<u>Library</u>

Smithfield

Town Website

<u>Library</u>

Woonsocket

City Website

Library

Newspaper

Tour Blackstone



Washington ("South") County

Charlestown

Town Website

Library

Citizens Alliance

Fantastic Umbrella Factory

Recreational Information

Exeter

Town Website

Library

Tomaquag Museum

Hopkinton

Town Website

Library

Newspaper

Narragansett

Town Website

<u>Library</u>

Save the Bay- Family Fun

South County Museum

Surfing Program

The Towers Music Events

North Kingstown

Town Website

<u>Library</u>

Arts Council Events

URI Master Gardeners



A hen getting water at the Fantastic Umbrella Factory in Charlestown, RI

Richmond

Town Website

Library

South Kingstown

Town Website

Library

The Village at South County Commons

Westerly

Town Website

<u>Library</u>



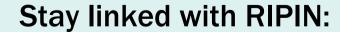
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