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events in boston 2010

Summer Edition!





Welcome to Summer 2010!

This guide is a loose collection of fun and exciting things to do in and around Boston this summer. To get more information, directions, and to go to the individual Web sites, click on the underlined text in each bullet.

Check out these Web sites for general events calendars!

- Boston.com
- Artsboston.org
- [Johnny's List of Weird Boston Events](#)
- [Boston. . . Cheap!](#) Reviews of restaurants/bars, spas/beauty schools, and local events on the cheap.
- [Going Boston](#). Check out the events section!
- [Cambridge Summer Events](#)
- Subscribe to the [Daily Dig](#), a daily email sent out by the Dig
- [Harvard Gazette Calendar](#) Comprehensive list of all events happening at Harvard. Be aware that some might not be open to the public.

experience boston: outdoors

- Visit the [Boston Common](#) (Park Street stop on the green/red line), free
Play Frisbee, picnic, visit the frog pond to splash in the water, or see a movie at the nearby AMC Loews theatre.
- [The Emerald Necklace](#)
The Emerald Necklace is a great place to enjoy the warm weather and learn about trees (if you want).
- [The Arnold Arboretum](#)
Looking to escape the urban landscape and take in an assortment of flora and fauna? Walk the trails at [the Arnold Arboretum](#) at the end of the MBTA's Orange Line. All of the grounds' 265 acres are open free of charge to the public from sunrise to sunset 365 days of the year.
- [Row, row, row \(or sail\) a boat!](#)
During the summer, sailboats and rowboats can be rented at the Jamaica Pond Boat House, which is administered by the [Courageous Sailing Center](#). The Boat House is open every day from 9 am - 6 pm. Rowboats usually are rented whenever the boathouse is open (\$10 per hour/\$5 per hour with a current fishing license).
Sailboats are available for rental 3:30-6 pm on weekdays, and 9 am-6 pm on weekends (\$15 per hour). Courageous Sailing offers [youth sailing programs](#) for Boston residents. For more information, call the Boat House at (617) 522-5061.
- [Franklin Park](#)- and it has a [Zoo!](#)
Visit the Tropical Forest, Giraffe Savannah, Kalahari Kingdom, Tiger Tales , Outback Trail, and the "Bird's World."

tours

- [Boston by Foot: Walk Boston's dark side](#)
Get off the Freedom Trail and walk a guided tour into the darker side of Boston! This original guided walk through misery, misfortune, malevolence, and murder is based on true

historical events that have occurred in Boston. Fact is often stranger than fiction!

- ['Alternate Reality' City Adventures](#)
<http://urban-interactive.com/overview>
Blending iPhones, improvisational actors, and 'Amazing Race'-style urban challenges, you'll experience adventures that blend reality and fantasy... the real-world with the virtual world.
- [Urban Adventours](#)
Offers daily bicycle tours at 10 am and 2 pm, and the 'Funway to Fenway' and Bikes@Night Tours leave every night at 6pm. ALL BIKE TOURS INCLUDE BIKE, HELMET, WATER, AND GUIDE!
Also check out the events page for up and coming activities!
- [Walk the Freedom Trail](#)
www.thefreedomtrail.org
The Freedom Trail is a 2.5 mile red-brick walking trail that leads you to 16 nationally significant historic sites. And climbing up Bunker Hill's Memorial in Charlestown is a view so worth it!
- [Watson Adventures Scavenger Hunts](#)
Now who doesn't like a good scavenger hunt? Discover the secrets of museums, historic neighborhoods and beyond while tackling witty, tricky questions.

...it's about the journey!

- [Mass bike](#)
www.massbike.org
Check out the events calendar- and get your bike ready to roll!
- [Go rollerblading!](#)
Check out the events calendar for group rollerblading social activities.
- [Public Pools](#)
Brighton-Allston Swimming and Wading Pool, North Beacon St., (617) 254-2965
Stony Brook Spray Deck, corner of Lamartine and Boylston, Southwest Corridor Park

- Feel like dancing?
The Tango Society of Boston hosts special and unusual Tango events such as outdoor “Tango by Moonlight” nights in summer, as well as weekly classes and workshops.

indoor activities:

fun museums

- Harvard Museum of Natural History and Peabody Museum
More animals than in a zoo, more stuffed than in a toy store. Also, the mineral and crystal room should not be missed. Natural sculptures galore. Don’t miss the “Summer Nights at the Museum” event on June 15 with extended hours and great tours.
- Museum of Science
Let your mind go wild in experimental spaces that teach you topics ranging from visual phenomena, mathematics, gravity - - and did I mention the butterfly room?
- Mary Baker Eddy Library and Mapparium: \$5 for ten minutes in this space might sound steep, but it’s definitely worth it. You are INSIDE the world!
- Museum of Bad Art: Art too bad to be ignored. The Museum Of Bad Art (MOBA) is the world's only museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition and celebration of bad

art in all its forms, located in the basement of the Somerville theatre.

- DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
A bit off the beaten track from Boston, it still isn’t impossible to get here without a car! The Fitchburg line on the MBTA Commuter Rail stops in Lincoln, a little less than two miles from DeCordova. From the station, walk north on Lincoln Road 1 1/2 miles and turn left at Sandy Pond Road. DeCordova will be 1/2 mile down the road on your right. Or call Sunshine Taxi Cab in Concord for pick-up at 978/369-1752.
- REMEMBER! the Museum of Fine Arts: Under the Skin: Tattoos in Japanese Prints
Tattooing became an important feature of Japanese popular culture in the early 19th century, influenced strongly by woodblock prints featuring Chinese martial arts heroes with spectacular tattoos. This exhibit explores the social background, iconography, and visual splendor of Japanese tattoos through the prints that carried the art from 19th-century Japan to 21st-century tattoo shops. Open daily at 10 am; closes at 9:45 pm on Wednesday-Friday; closes at 4:45 pm on Saturday-Tuesday.
- MassMoca: Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, MA
Now on view: Material World. For Material World MASS MoCA invited seven artists known for their use of rather modest or precarious materials to transform the spaces. SOUNDS PRETTY FUN!

music

- The Middle East, Cambridge
<http://www.mideastclub.com/>
A small and intimate place to see great local bands! Also, check out the bar and restaurant for refreshments. There is usually a \$10 cover (so worth it!).
- The House of Blues
<http://www.houseofblues.com>
A much larger space that features well-known and more popular musical acts- it’s easy to get lost in the crowd here! Tickets run on the expensive side, starting at about \$25.

- [The Midway Cafe](http://www.midwaycafe.com/)
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The Midway is a diamond in the rough; its dive-bar atmosphere belies the talented start-up bands that come to play and entertain. Expect a \$10 to \$15 dollar cover for 18+ shows.
- [The Paradise](http://www.thedise.com/)
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The Paradise has a nice space ratio; just large enough for a crowd, but still small enough to capture a sense of closeness. Generally featuring alternative bands, it's a great place to be turned onto new tunes.

- [Hatch Shell Free Concert Series](#)
Outdoor Concerts right at the Esplanade, including Boston Pops 4th of July Concert, the Landmarks Orchestra, and many bands to be announced.

film

Great places to watch movies:

- [Coolidge Corner Cinema](#)
- [Harvard Film Archive](#)
- [The Brattle Theatre](#)
- [Kendall Square Cinema](#)
- Friday, June 25 – June 30
[Films by Matthew Barney: The Cremaster Cycle & De Lama Lamina](#)
Kendall Square Theatre
THE CREMASTER CYCLE: Although the five films were not created in chronological order, and each one comprises a completely realized work in itself, together and in numerical order they trace a biological path toward fully developed form and follow a geographical path from west to east. Barney's acclaimed Cremaster Cycle is not now, nor will it ever be, available to consumers on DVD.

- Mondays, 6 pm
[Made in Mass Film Series](#)
Rabb Lecture Hall, Boston Public Library, Copley Square
"Made in Massachusetts" is a year-long celebration of movies filmed in the Bay State, pulled from the Boston Public Library's vast media collection. Organized into monthly themes, the series highlights the local people and places that have lured Hollywood and independent filmmakers to Massachusetts over the years.
- [Annual Boston Film Festival](#), September 17-23
1 Kendall Sq, Kendall Landmark Theatre, Cambridge, MA.
From shorts to documentaries to feature films, the festival has something for everyone!

shine. Make sure to come early with your blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy a movie under the stars. There will be a WBZ tent for free giveaways, food samples and fun interactive games. Check the Web site often for movie details.

outdoor film

- July 18 – August 27
[WBZ Free Friday Flicks](#)
Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles River Esplanade
"Summer in the City" includes Boston's free film series, WBZ Free Friday Flicks on the Esplanade at sunset. Film titles are announced one day prior to showing. All movies are shown rain or

- Thursdays in June
[Video Underground Backyard Film Series](#)
[385 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain MA. 02130](#)

Video Underground Members are free, \$5 donation appreciated

June 3 - 8 pm: Speaking in Code

June 10 - 8 pm: Depraved Youth: 1953 – 74

June 17 - 8 pm: Beeswax

June 24 - 8 pm: Boston's Own: A night of local cinema

- June 18 - September 3
Free Movies by Moonlight at the Boston Harbor Hotel
70 Rowes Wharf
“Each Friday night, starting at dusk, one of a selection of the world’s finest classic films is shown on an outdoor movie screen, the cool

breeze from the Boston waterfront wafting over the crowd to make each event a comfortable oasis of escape from the summer heat. “

June 18 - Driving Miss Daisy

June 25 - The Wizard of Oz

July 2 - Moonstruck

July 9 - The Maltese Falcon

July 16 - Field of Dreams

July 23 - An Affair to Remember

July 30 - Some Like It Hot

August 6 - All About Eve

August 13 - Tootsie

August 20 - All the President's Men

August 27 - The Adventures of Robin Hood

September 3 - Raiders of the Lost Ark

misc

- The Boston Athenaeum
Located at 10 Beacon Street, The Boston Athenaeum is one of the oldest independent libraries in the United States and definitely worth a visit.
- Coit Observatory, Boston University
Pick out your favorite constellation at the Coit Observatory at Boston University, which offers free stargazing Wednesdays after 8:30 pm throughout the spring and summer, pending clear skies.
- Sam Adams Brewery
The brewery offers tours of the Jamaica Plain facility with discussion of how founder Jim Koch brews the beer. Tours and tastings occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from noon to 3 pm, Fridays from noon to 5:30 pm, and Saturdays between 11 am and 3 pm, starting every half hour. Similarly, Harpoon Brewery hosts tastings Tuesday through Sunday.

volunteer!

- Try Volunteer Boston, a great web resource for community service organizations and their volunteers.
- Boston Cares organizes and leads team oriented volunteer opportunities throughout Greater Boston that have a positive impact on individuals and communities.
- Food not bombs: providing free food to the Boston/Cambridge Area
- Boston Archeology Lab : The City Archaeology Program offers a number of opportunities for the public to experience Boston's archaeological legacy. The 4,000-square-foot City Archaeology Laboratory, Education, and Curation Center is located in the North End. During the last year, thousands of visitors toured the lab and viewed the collections. Other activities offered by the City Archaeology Program include a hands-on artifact type collection, an artifact washing and processing station, an experimental Native American ceramic workshop, a simulated dig box, and many other stations. The City Archaeology Program is staffed entirely by volunteers.

experience boston's surrounding nature

- Boston Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, Mattapan, close to the Blue Hill Mountains
- Middlesex Fells Reservation – National Park
- Wompatuck State Park
TAKE THE COMMUTER RAIL TO-
GREENBUSH, GET OFF AT THE COHASSET
STOP, WALK ACROSS THE STREET AND
BANG YOUR'E THERE! Wompatuck State
Park is located near Hingham on Boston's
South Shore.
- The Blue Hills Reservation
- All parks within Route 128 run by the
Department of Conservation and
Recreation are free* to enjoy. Looking to
Want to scape the city on the cheap? There

is a way to gain free admission to all the parks in the state. Stop by your local library and pick up a day pass good for free parking at over 50 facilities in Massachusetts. Visit the DCR web site for a complete listing of parks and beaches. *Exceptions: Boston Harbor Islands, Nantasket Beach, Nahant Beach

- Singing Beach, Manchester, MA
Find out why it sings... just take the commuter rail, and bam!
- Visit the Cape!
Cape Cod Maritime Days
Throughout Cape Cod, MA
May 1-31, 2010
Cape Cod's maritime heritage is legendary. Events includes lighthouse and walking tours, nautical art exhibits, maritime lectures, boat-building exhibits, kayak excursions, and much more.
- GET DOWN IN PROVINCETOWN
<http://www.ptownchamber.com/todo.html>

boston summer calendar

- **Boston Skillshare 2010**

May 29 + 30

The Boston Skillshare is an annual weekend event organized by the volunteer Boston Skillshare Organizing Collective. We seek to create a temporary space for sharing practical skills to live more happy, creative, and sustainable lives. We believe learning is plentiful, everywhere, and need not come with price tags or expert degrees. We are all teachers. We are all students. We want to live with enthusiasm, so let us learn with vigor!

- **North End Italian Feast Days**

June 1 – July 31

Boston's Italian district is known as the North End and each summer it brings a little tradition from the mother country to the city. From early June until the end of August, Boston's Italian community celebrate its saints feast days. On any given weekend during the summer, visitors are likely to see street processions held in honor of various saints.

- **The 2010 Harpoon Summer Session**

Friday, June 4, 5:30 - 11 pm, doors close at 9:30 pm

Saturday, June 5, 3 - 10 pm, doors close at 8:30 pm

At the Harpoon Brewery, 306 Northern Ave, on Boston's Waterfront. FREE SHUTTLE
Cover Charge 21+, Cash bar, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers
Harpoon's summer festival of beer and bands. This Harpoon two-day, annual event is held annually in early June. Outside and under tents, we celebrate the coming of summer with Harpoon beer fresh from the brewery and great local music from some of the area's best up and coming bands. We hope to make this event a showcase for great live music and a great way to kick off the summer. Basically, to steal a phrase, we are kicking it up a notch, in terms of the tunes - same great beer, same great party, now Summer Session-style.

Band Lineup: Seamonsters, Bad Rabbits, Coyote Kalb, Tulsa, Southern Belle, Donkey Brothers, Jeff Rowe, Three Day Threshold, and more TBD
DJ Lineup: DJ Zack Wells, Untitled DJs, DJ Mistaker, and more TBD.

- **Boston Pride**

Friday, June 4 - June 13

Boston Pride 2010 is a 10-day long celebration that starts Friday, June 4th with the Flag Raising at City Hall Plaza and runs through Sunday, June 13th when the festivities are concluded with two block parties!

- **Cambridge Arts Council's 31st Cambridge River Festival**

Saturday, June 5

Along a mile-long stretch of Memorial Drive between JFK St. and Western Ave
A free one-day celebration of the arts along the banks of the Charles River with jazz, folk, Latin and world music performances; dance; art demonstrations; family art-making activities; and specialty food purveyors and craftspeople.
Location: Banks of Charles River along Memorial Drive between JFK Street and Western Avenue.
Time: Noon to 6 p.m. Information: 617-349-4380.

- **FIGMENT**

Saturday, June 5

The Cambridge Arts Council welcomes FIGMENT to Boston. Featuring participatory arts projects in every conceivable medium, including interactive sculpture, performance, music, social experiments, games, and lectures, this interactive "arts event" takes place alongside the Cambridge River Festival between Akron Street and Western Avenue along Memorial Drive. FIGMENT is co-presented by the Action Arts League, Inc. and the Cambridge Arts Council.

- **Bikes not bombs bike-a-thon and Greenroots Festival**

Sunday, June 6, noon – 5:30 pm

The park at Stony Brook T-stop (Boylston & Lamartine Streets in Jamaica Plain)
Celebrate sustainable urban living with other people from your community on Sunday June 6th, 2010!
It's free! Join us in the park! Everyone is welcome to attend, share and learn about sustainable urban

living and environmental and social justice issues. Come out to enjoy live music, food, speakers, workshops, information booths, and children's activities. Bike-A-Thon Riders, this festival is the afterparty for your ride! The Green Roots Festival is focused on environmental sustainability within the framework of social justice. We welcome groups dealing with environmental issues including transportation, climate change, food production, energy, natural resources, green space, and much more. All groups working for social justice are invited, including activists on affordable housing, racial equality, peace building, youth empowerment, and more.

- **25th AIDS Walk Boston**

Sunday, June 6

On Sunday, June 6, over 10,000 people will participate in the 25th AIDS Walk Boston 2010. AIDS Walk Boston is a great opportunity for student organizations, coworkers, as well as groups of friends looking to make a difference in the community by supporting the fight against HIV and AIDS. AIDS Walk Boston raises funds for the AIDS Action Committee, which provides services to over 2,500 people living with HIV/AIDS and supports the community through advocacy and prevention outreach.

- **Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl**

June 8 – 10

The 28th annual Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl will be held at the Boston City Hall Plaza. Enjoy more than 30 flavors from Baskin Robbins, Ben & Jerry's, Breyers, Brigham's, Edy's, Häagen Dazs, HP Hood, Garelick Farms and Gifford's. The Scooper Bowl supports cancer care and research for adults and children at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

- **Playwrights' Platform Summer Festival**

June 10 - 19

Boston Playwright's Theatre, 949 Commonwealth Avenue

16 original plays by emerging Boston area playwrights offer you an eclectic and vibrant sampling of new short works. Now in its 38th year, this festival is an annual summertime favorite among theater-goers. 8 pm Cost: adults, \$17; students, \$14.

- **Boston Dragon Boat Festival**

June 12 + 13

Spanning nearly 2300 years, the Dragon Boat Festival transforms old traditions into an exciting sporting and cultural event, right here on the Charles River. Arts and crafts demonstrations. Tasty Asian foods. Free admission. Join us for North America's longest running Dragon Boat Festival!

- **TALKING TASTE SERIES: Ken Oringer & Jamie Bissonette (July 9), Barry Maiden (July 16), Tony Maws (July 23), Barbara Lynch (July 30)**

Institute of Contemporary Art, 100 Northern Ave, Boston

Individual talks: \$15 general admission; all four Talking Taste talks: \$40 general admission; \$32 students

The ICA series featuring Boston's best chefs is back and more delicious than ever! Sample the creations that have made them culinary stars outdoors on our stunning waterfront and hear what they have to say.

- **12th Annual Lantern festival**

Thursday, July 15, 6 – 9 pm (Rain date July 22)

Forest Hills Cemetery

Join us for a moving memorial ceremony inspired by Buddhist rituals. Inscribe a lantern with a personal message to friends or family and float it across Lake Hibiscus at sunset.

In this breathtaking ceremony of remembrance, visitors to this lush, Victorian landscape make paper lanterns and set them afloat on the peaceful waters of a small lake. This ritual is based on the traditional Japanese Bon Festival, a time when a door opens to the world of the ancestors, allowing us to send messages to the other side. People enjoy picnics on the grass and a multi-cultural program of music and dance. They decorate their lanterns with calligraphy and notes to those who have died. At sunset, a candle is lit in each lantern, and the glimmering lanterns are set afloat. Drifting and flickering with the wind, the lanterns symbolize the soul's journey when life ends.

- **Boston Harbor Parade of Lights**

June 19

8:30 pm – 10 pm. Boston Harbor Waterfront. Sail Boston, Inc. in conjunction with Conventures, Inc. is proud to invite you to Boston's Waterfront to watch the 2010 Boston Harbor Parade of Lights.

- **Boston Harbourfest**

June 30 – July 5

Harborfest is a favorite yearly destination for 4th of July festivities. Here you can find information about all our main events and daily events, taking place in and around Boston's City Hall.

- **Cultural Survival Bazaar**

July 3

10 am to 6:00 pm, at the Boston Common
The Cultural Survival Bazaars are festivals of Native art, music, and culture. Attendees can meet and socialize with visiting artisans, performers, Cultural Survival staff, and companies making a difference in the lives of Indigenous Peoples throughout the world. The bazaars also offer free entertainment which includes live world music performances and a variety of cultural presentations.

- **New England Sand Sculpting Festival at Revere Beach**

July 15 - 18

It is one of the largest sand sculpting contests in the country!

- **Stonybrook Fine Arts: Make a Steel Drum workshop!**

July 14

Each participant will have the opportunity to create their own steel drum, with tuning they have designed or choose from over 100 traditional tunings used by DrumVibe LLC in the production of their steel tongue drums. The finished products will be approximately 8 inches high and 7 pounds.

10 am to 4:30 pm at Stonybrook Fine Arts, Jamaica Plain, MA.

- **The Fisherman's Feast**

August 12-15

The Fisherman's Feast is a religious festival introduced to Boston by Italian immigrants. The festival begins with a religious ceremony in which the Madonna statue is carried from the Fisherman's Club to the feast chapel. The rest of the festival revolves around music, food and drink. Vendors sell yummy treats like Italian sausages, pizzas, pasta and calamari, and DJs, live music and fun contests provide entertainment from the stage. North, Fleet and Lewis Sts, Boston's North End.

- **Boston GreenFest 2010**

Aug 19 – 21 2010

City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA 02108

The Boston GreenFest has something for everyone. It is a place where people can learn, connect & celebrate. There will be ongoing live performances on multiple stages, over 200 exhibitors, Green Fashion Tent, GreenFilmFest, Eco Gallery featuring the winners of the Eco Photo Contest in the Boston Public Schools and National Geographic's Irreplaceable Exhibit, Time Tunnel with Wheel Answers, Speakers & Workshops, lots of great activities for kids, great local and organic food, a farmer's market perimeter, eco-games, and much more. This event is completely free. The GreenFest kicks off on Thursday August 19 with a green jobs forum from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and a concert from 5 pm to 10 pm. On Friday and Saturday, the festival runs from 10 am - 10 pm. Exhibitors usually close at 6 pm on Friday and at 5 pm on Saturday, but there will continue to be entertainment, food and vendors.

bostongreenfest.org