



COURTESY OF LYNNARTS

Your Guide to Culture North of Boston

As the birthplace of artistic luminaries and home to historic events that shaped the nation, the North of Boston region has something for every culturally curious visitor. Walk in the footsteps of renowned American artists, authors, and architects and experience the spectacular natural vistas, bustling seaports, and hospitable small towns that have given the region its unique spirit for centuries.

Visit the on-line resource, escapesnorth.com for:

- themed trails
- sample itineraries
- special events
- lodging packages
- discounts

New theme for 2008: Festivals!



ART ESCAPES

Discover the rocky coastlines, sandy beaches, sweeping marshlands, and lush forests that drew artists such as Winslow Homer and Edward Hopper to the North of Boston region. Share their experiences and enjoy their work on display.



ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES

See more Colonial houses than anywhere else in the country, and celebrate the 250th anniversary of famed Salem architect Samuel McIntire, whose distinctive American style has been preserved in Salem and surrounding communities.



LITERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Visit homes, monuments, and special collections devoted to the work of literary giants as well as quietly influential authors whose vision of life in northeastern Massachusetts continues to shape the world's image of New England.



Getting here

The North Shore and Essex County are just north of Boston and easily reachable by car, train, bus, and ferry. No matter how you arrive, the North of Boston region is hard to leave and the perfect vacation spot year-round. Visit www.escapesnorth.org for more details.

BY CAR

From Boston, take Routes 1, 1A or I-93 North. From the south, take Routes I-95/128 or I-93 North. From the west, take Route I-90 East (Mass. Turnpike) to Routes I-495 and I-95/128 North. From New Hampshire, take Routes 1, 3, I-93, and I-95 South.

BY TRAIN

Essex County is primarily served by two MBTA Commuter Rail lines, Newburyport/Rockport or Haverhill, both departing from Boston's North Station. Visit www.mbta.com for schedules and maps.

BY BUS FROM BOSTON

Buses for the North Shore depart from Boston's Haymarket Station. Visit www.mbta.com and look at the schedules and maps for bus routes 411 through 468.

BY FERRY FROM BOSTON

Board Salem Ferry at Central Wharf (New England Aquarium Whale Watch booth) Memorial Day Weekend–October 31. For rates and schedule, call 978-741-0220 or go to www.salemferry.com.

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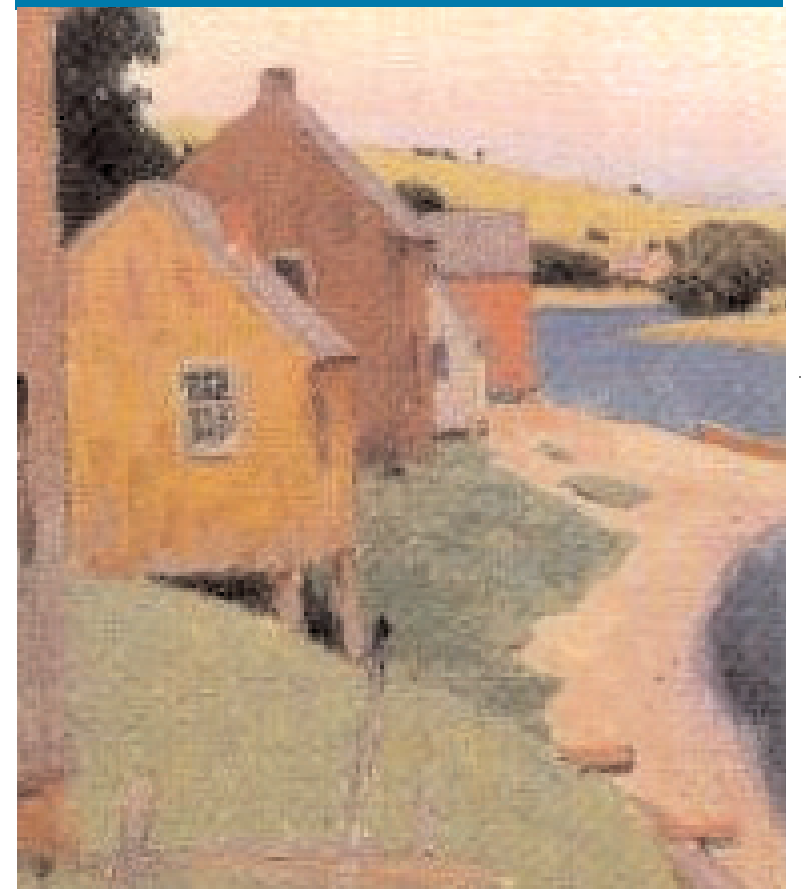


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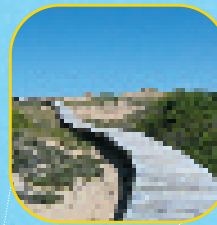
NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Amesbury/
Haverhill**

Visit sites in these towns
to celebrate poet and
abolitionist John
Greenleaf Whittier's
200th anniversary

**Newburyport**

Savor the many art galleries and historic
homes in this grand seaport city

**Plum Island**

Meander through
dunes, marsh, and
wildlife habitats

Newbury

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm
Bring the family to this historic
working farm

**Ipswich**

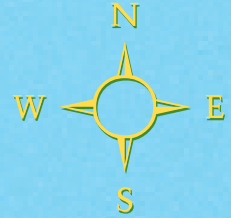
Crane Estate and Crane Beach
Tour the magnificent buildings and grounds of
the Crane Estate, and experience the natural
beauty of dunes and sands along Crane Beach

**Whipple House**

Be amazed by colonial architecture
in America's First Period Town



ATLANTIC OCEAN

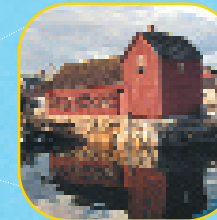
**Essex**

Cogswell's Grant
Delight in an internationally
renowned collection of early
American folk art

**Rockport**

Motif #1
Photograph America's most painted building

Halibut Point Reservation
Wander along the weather-beaten bluffs
and low rocky coastline

**Gloucester**

Beauport
Be astonished by the dream house and collections of interior
designer Henry Davis Sleeper

**Cape Ann Historical Museum**

Experience the largest collection of Fitz Henry (Hugh) Lane
paintings in the country

Rocky Neck Art Colony

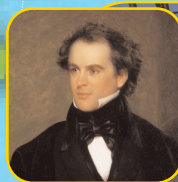
Visit the oldest continuously active art colony in America

Beverly

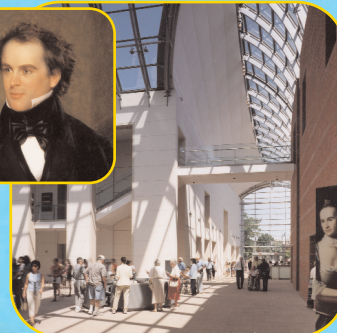
Long Hill
Tour the grounds of this
stately Federal-style home

**Marblehead**

Abbot Hall
See the world-famous painting Spirit of 1776 in a town
with more than 1,000 homes built before 1840

**Salem**

Peabody Essex Museum
"Experience art and culture from New England and
around the world at one of the region's largest museums.
Plus, see the exhibition Samuel McIntire, Carving an
American Style, Oct. 13, 2007 - Feb. 24, 2008

**Nathaniel Hawthorne**

Immerse yourself in author Nathaniel Hawthorne's
19th century world at the House of the Seven Gables,
National Park Service, and the Peabody Essex Museum

Lawrence

Robert Frost
Discover the birthplace of one
of America's greatest poets

**Andover**

Addison Gallery of Art
See one of the most important
American art collections in
the country

**Danvers**

Rebecca Nurse Homestead
Step back in time to the
17th century

**Lynn**

Enjoy Lynn's vibrant
arts community in their
revitalized downtown

Boston

MASSACHUSETTS



This is just a sampling
of the cultural gems
you will find throughout
the North Shore.

Visit www.escapesnorth.com

ALPHABETICALLY: Amesbury/Haverhill: Whittier Home Association and John Greenleaf Whittier Homestead; Andover: Eight Bells, (detail), 1886, Winslow Homer, Addison Gallery of American Art; Beverly: The Trustees of Reservations; Danvers: Danvers Alarm List Co., photo by Rex Passion; Essex: Historic New England; Gloucester: Historic New England; Ipswich: The Trustees of Reservations; Lynn: LynnArts; Newbury: Historic New England; Newburyport (Plum Island): U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Salem (both images): Peabody Essex Museum; Rockport: Arlene Talladros.

COVER: The Ipswich Shanties, 892, Arthur Wesley Dow, Ipswich Historical Society and Museum. INSET IMAGES, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, COURTESY OF: ???; Jim McAllister; Peabody Essex Museum; The House of the Seven Gables.