

FESTIVE NEW ENGLAND



MILTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

The leisurely pleasures of New England are everywhere, from seaside towns to green hills and rural byways.

Outdoor festivals are the perfect way to experience New England in its seasonal glory this summer and fall. With live music echoing across hills and valleys, the aroma from outdoor grills and food trucks wafting the air, and the sounds of children laughing and enjoying their lives, these are abundant pleasures you don't want to miss! Here are some favorite festivals worth visiting.

June 22-23

Milton Music Festival

Governor Hutchinson's Field
Milton, MA
wearemilton.org

The annual Milton Music Festival is a perfect way to kick off summer! The free, two-day outdoor event features live music, family activities, food and beverage trucks and more. On Saturday, June 22, the Alex Lucaro Band from Santa Cruz, CA headlines (pictured). Sunday, June 23, is devoted to Celtic music, led by Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones.

July 20

Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

Look Park
Florence, (Northampton) MA
glasgowlands.org

Visitors from across the region return each year to the Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival in the beautiful Pioneer Valley to immerse themselves in Scottish music, dancing, sports, food and camaraderie. This year's performers include Albannach (pictured), Enter the Haggis, Tartan Terrors, Sarah the Fiddler and Charlie Zahm. New activities this year include rugby demonstrations and fencing exhibitions.

August 3

Stars of the Spectrum Music Festival

Veterans Memorial Stadium
Quincy, MA
flutiefoundation.org/starsofthespectrum
discoverquincy.com

Join Stars of the Spectrum for the nation's largest music festival by autistic artists, for the autism community. Celebrate and elevate the voices and stories of people with autism. The festival is sensory-inclusive so everyone can enjoy the live music and mission-centric vendors and artisans.

August 24

Plymouth Waterfront Festival

Downtown Waterfront
Plymouth, MA
plymouthwaterfrontfestival.com

Each August, the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce hosts this free family event along the city's beautiful waterfront. Activities include a beloved duck race, live entertainment, the popular classic car show and more than 200 arts & crafts vendors and local non-profits. It is a perfect way to enjoy one of America's most historic cities.



September 12-15

Rockport Celtic Festival

Shalin Liu Performance Center
Rockport, MA
rockportmusic.org

Rockport Music and Artistic Director and harpist Maev Gilchrist host the annual Celtic gathering in the acoustically brilliant Shalin Liu Performance Center in downtown Rockport. The festival celebrates traditional and contemporary Celtic music with a thrilling lineup of new and familiar musicians, singers, dancers, and storytellers from throughout the Celtic world.

October 19

Boston Irish Beer Festival

Irish Cultural Centre
Canton, MA
irishculture.org

Enjoy some of Ireland's leading beers, stouts & ciders, along with favorite Irish foods and Irish whiskey & liquor samplings. The festival features two live Irish music stations



& local bands all day long. Other family-friendly activities include The Vikings reenactment, Tug-O-War, archery, face painting, petting zoo, kids singalong and arts & crafts stations.

irishboston.org/festivals.php