

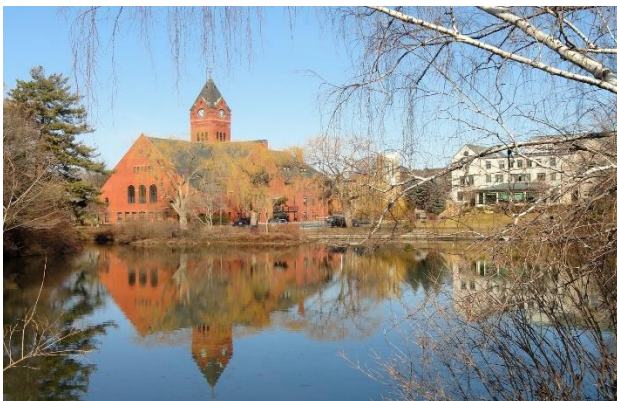
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## Wicked Fun in Massachusetts Artistic Gardens & Historic Spaces Three Day Tour ~ July 30-August 1, 2025

Highlights: Two Charming Nights in History at Longfellow's Wayside Inn • Nine Historic Buildings of The Wayside Inn Historic Site • Wayside Inn Museum Rooms & Exhibits • Wayside Inn Scenic Walking Paths & Hiking Trails • deCordova Sculpture Park • Garden in the Woods • Historic New England's Eustis Estate • Mysterious Ponyhenge  
All Inclusive Meals! • All Breakfasts • Three Lunches • Two Dinners • Fully Escorted

New England has many nooks and crannies perfect for exploration from a deep-seated history to serene forests and vividly blooming gardens to whimsical art that emanates the feelings of joy. So why not see it all! We'll step back in time and experience more than 300 years of history and hospitality at Longfellow's Wayside Inn, where more than three centuries of stories have been handed down from innkeeper to innkeeper and from neighbors to guests, from one generation to the next. From here we'll venture into unique artistic displays tucked into small gardens, a whimsical mystery, a botanic garden like no other, and a rare surviving example of late 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture and design. So why not leave New Jersey behind and have some wicked fun in Massachusetts, and perhaps along the way, we'll find out why "chowda" is better than chowder!

**Day 1.** New England awaits, so let's get started! Along our journey north towards the unique artistry of deCordova Sculpture Gardens, we'll make a whimsical stop to stretch our legs and enjoy an included lunch at a cool local spot. Now it's time to wander the artsty grounds on the former of Julian & Lizzie deCordova who's passions were travel and art. Take your time to take in the creative sculptures that blend in with the beautifully landscaped lawns, forests, fields, gardens, and terraces on a rolling site along the shores of Flint's Pond. A Massachusetts mystery is close by, so we must stop to see this bizarre quirky spectacle. Along a winding back country road lies Ponyhenge, a mysterious collection of more than 30 toy rocking horses of all sizes, shapes, and colors creating a spontaneous art installation that grows in number and occasionally changes position. Last stop of the day is a blast with the past at the lovely Longfellow's Wayside Inn. Get comfy in your modernized but historic country style room furnished with authentic antiques or take a stroll on one of the easy walking paths or hiking trails that reveal a quintessential rural New England landscape. Enjoy traditional New England cuisine for an included dinner at your leisure right here among historic rooms radiating with charm.



**Longfellow's Wayside Inn**



**de Cordova Sculpture**

**Day 2.** Take the morning to explore the 9 historic buildings and museum exhibits of the Wayside Inn Historic Site to learn about the early inhabitants of the area; about the Howe family who settled and farmed the land, operated the inn, and fought in the wars for independence; about poets and artists; and about Henry Ford and his vision to create a living history museum here. After, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a fun local spot. Now we need to walk off a few calories at the Garden in the Woods where the beauty of native plants shine in a naturally dramatic panorama. Take your time to wander this magical place among New England flora interspersed within a space sculpted by retreating glaciers resulting in valleys, brooks, ponds and wetlands. Enjoy the rest of the evening as you please at the tranquil Wayside Inn with an included dinner at your leisure.

**Day 3.** A magnificent piece of architecture and design awaits our visit today. The Eustis Estate is a Gilded Age treasure set upon 80 acres of picturesque land at the base of the Blue Hills. Our guided tour will lead us through this beauty where we'll be wowed at every turn while learning the stories of its previous owners and of the renowned architect who created its spectacular design. Onto one last included lunch together before we hit New Jersey and are home sweet home. © 2024 Group Tours & Travel

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Departs Madison's Kings Road Parking Lot, 62 Kings Rd. at 7:45 AM and returns at approximately 7:45 PM

Departs Ridgewood's Graydon Pool South lot (across Linwood Ave) at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 7:00 PM

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