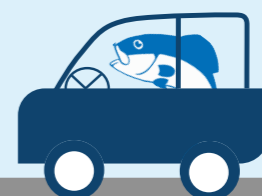




The Great American Hatchery Road Trip!

↙ Northeast Edition



WELCOME TO Massachusetts

There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the anticipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!



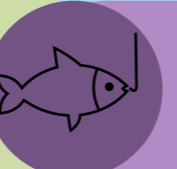
Berkshire

National Fish Hatchery

Berkshire is a 148-acre cold-water facility located in the woods of Monterey, Massachusetts. It supports the restoration of lake trout populations in the lower Great Lakes by supplying lake trout eggs to other federal hatcheries. They also raise native brook trout for stocking in local waterways to support recreational fishing and educational programs.



With an abundance of critters to be found at Berkshire, the only appropriate song to listen to is Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild."



If you love brook, rainbow, and brown trout, you're in luck! Recreational fishing is allowed along the Konkapot River and the hatchery's outreach pond. Pro tip: if you love brook trout, head straight to the outreach pond, where they're the primary catch.



This answer is quick and easy: with 148 acres of forested land, you'll find plenty of trails for recreational use!



We're pretty sure this is an animal lovers PARADISE. Make sure to bring your binoculars to this wildlife hot spot and be on the lookout for deer, black bear, bobcat, raccoons, rabbits, turkeys, and possibly an occasional moose!



Impress your group by dropping this bit of trivia: did you know that Berkshire is the only federal fish hatchery that was once run entirely by volunteers?!



Bring along some plaster of Paris and make casts of animal tracks you find along the paths. This might sound labor intensive, but with a paper cup and a little bit of water, this is an easy project!



MAP LEGEND

- The Angler
- The Explorer
- The Animal Lover
- The Historian
- The Artist



Roughly 2 hours east is the town of Sudbury, home to the Redstone Schoolhouse, which is supposedly where a student named Mary once brought her little lamb. Yep, THAT Mary and her little lamb. Origins of the nursery rhyme are unknown, but a plaque on the schoolhouse indicates this is where it went down.



Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.

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