

2025 Field Trip Guide

FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS



With its distinctive and unique cultural and historical attractions, **Fall River is a great destination for entertaining and educational field trips** that provide memorable learning experiences for students.



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Noteworthy and popular things to see and places to visit in Fall River include:

- The world's largest collection of U.S. naval ships
- The world's largest Lizzie Borden collection
- One of the world's largest *RMS Titanic* collections
- The site of one of the world's most famous unsolved crimes
- A restored colonial house dating back to the American Revolution era
- A children's museum with fourteen interactive exhibit rooms
- An innovative museum of contemporary art

This guide is an introduction to seven Fall River organizations that offer field trips and school visits for elementary, middle, and high school students. Age groups served, fees, and other details are subject to change; please contact the organizations and visit their websites for the most up-to-date information.

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Battleship Cove

battleshipcove.org

5 Water Street

Fall River, MA 02721



Known as America's Fleet Museum, Battleship Cove has been preserving New England and U.S. military heritage since 1965 and is home to five National Historic Landmarks and other craft, including Battleship USS Massachusetts (BB-59); Destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. (DD-850); Submarine USS Lionfish (SS-298); and PT Boats 617 and 796.

Features

World's largest collection of U.S. naval ships and PT boat artifacts and memorabilia; distinguished maritime heritage museum; Official Veteran Memorials to 9/11, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf Wars; *Women Protecting US* exhibit dedicated to the contributions of female veterans.

From Battleship Cove's Website

If you're a teacher seeking to captivate your students in a distinctive thrilling manner, Battleship Cove is the ideal place to visit. As the biggest floating classroom in New England, we provide a range of educational programs that are both entertaining and enlightening. Allow us to assist you in motivating students and making your subject matter more engaging! Add-ons include The Maritime Museum, lunch specials, scavenger hunts, and workshops.

For More Information

www.battleshipcove.org/field-trips

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battleship@battleshipcove.org

Children's Museum of Greater Fall River

cmgfr.org

441 North Main Street

Fall River, MA 02720



Founded in 1999 to enrich the lives of children and serve as a resource for parents and educators, The Children's Museum of Greater Fall River has fourteen exhibit rooms that offer a wide range of opportunities to learn, discover, and explore through hands-on experiences. One of the museum's goals is "to support public and private education systems by providing enriching interactive learning experiences that are consistent with specific curriculum areas."

Features

Fourteen interactive exhibit rooms. These include Violet's Music Room, The Color Room, The Dinosaur Room, The Forest Adventure Room, The EyePlay Room, The Reading Nook, The Arts and Crafts Room, The Transportation Station, The Outer Space Exhibit, The Corner Clinic, Richie's Diner, and Astro Activities.

From the Museum's Website

When you schedule a field trip with us, we supply full use of the facilities, a lunch room for up to 28 people with notification at the time of booking—larger groups can have multiple lunch times, and someone who will assist with set up and clean up if needed. Access to an outdoor grassy area with picnic tables may also be available, weather permitting.

For More Information

www.cmgfr.org/visit/parties-and-field-trips

508-672-0033

info@cmgfr.org

Fall River Historical Society

lizzieborden.org

451 Rock Street

Fall River, MA 02720



Founded in 1921 and housed in a grand granite French Second Empire mansion that was once an Underground Railroad station, Fall River Historical Society is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It maintains the world's largest collection of Lizzie Borden material,

Features

Extensive collections of material about Lizzie Borden's life and trial, including trial exhibits, original crime scene photos, the alleged murder weapon, and examples of Borden's personal belongings; collections of costumes and accessories, decorative arts, furniture, ephemera, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, and manuscripts; maritime and Fall River textile industry collections.

From the FRHS Website

Designed to make history come alive, our field trips will enhance any curriculum and are geared specifically to students' age levels. They last approximately one hour and may have up to 30 students, with at least one adult chaperone for every 10 students. All field trips are led by experienced FRHS guides ... [we are] committed to offering inquiry-driven programs that support the Common Core State Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies and the Massachusetts State Standards for the visual arts. When possible, we will adapt one of our tours to your interests or develop a custom tour.

For More Information

<https://fallriverhistorical.org/visit/special-tours/field-trips/>

508-679-1071

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Fall River Museum of Contemporary Art

frmoca.org

44 Troy Street

Fall River, MA 02720



Founded in 2020, the Fall River Museum of Contemporary Art (FR MoCA) connects the global contemporary art world to the Fall River community through exhibitions, artistic research, and educational outreach and works in collaboration with UMass Dartmouth's Early College Program and other area schools.

Features

The museum's areas of focus include exhibitions, supplemental programming, youth engagement, and educational outreach initiatives. It works "to preserve space for the artistic process and its outputs as a means of creating discourse in relation to place and the community, as well as gain new insights into pedagogy, ecology, technology, and conflict as they relate to local industrial and lived realities."

From the FR MoCA Website

We welcome students from various regional schools to FR MoCA for guided tours and educational workshops. Notably, classes from institutions like RISD, UMASS Dartmouth, MASS Art, and Durfee High School have visited in the past.

For More Information

info@frmoca.org

Lafayette-Durfee House

www.lafayettedurfeehouse.org

94 Cherry Street

Fall River, MA 02722



Dating back to the American Revolution era and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Lafayette-Durfee House was the home of Judge Thomas Durfee, whose son, Colonel Joseph Durfee, led the Fall River militia during the War for Independence. It is said that the Marquis de Lafayette often visited the house during this period. Field trips for third grade and up are available.

Features

Lafayette-Durfee House is Fall River's only restored colonial house open to the public. Every room in the house has been recreated to look as it would have in 1750. Displays include 18th century-style handstitched clothing, civilian muskets and military weapons, furnishings, cooking and household items, and medical equipment.

From Lafayette Durfee's Website

You will step back in time as you visualize women cooking at the large fireplace or making candles, men smoking pipes and playing cards in the parlor. or children playing with toys and dolls in the bedroom.

For More Information

<http://www.lafayettedurfeehouse.org/visit.html>

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Lizzie Borden Bed & Breakfast/Museum

www.lizzie-borden.com

92 Second Street

Fall River, MA 02722



In 1892, thirty-two-year-old Lizzie Borden was accused of brutally murdering her father and stepmother in the house where she lived with them, shown above. Lizzie was subsequently acquitted, but the case remains one of the world's most famous crimes of all time and has been the subject of many books, articles, films, and documentaries. Today the house operates as a bed and breakfast and museum and has been named one of the ten most haunted places in the United States.

Features

House tours, ghost tours, and ghost hunts are available throughout the year. The house has been restored to look as it did at the time of the crime, and original features such as doors and hardware are still in place. Artifacts from the case and period memorabilia are on display.

From the Museum's Website

Welcome to the location of America's greatest unsolved murder mystery, which took place on August 4, 1892. The Lizzie Borden house means many things to many people, from a historic gem to the most haunted house in the United States. Today, the property remains open daily from 10am to midnight, operating as an inn with breakfast as well as a museum featuring a variety of tours and experiences. throughout the day and evening including historic House Tours, Ghost Tours, and Ghost Hunts.

For More Information

<https://lizzie-borden.com/tours/>
508-675-7333

Maritime Museum

<https://www.battleshipcove.org/maritime-museum>

70 Water Street

Fall River, MA 02721



Located at Battleship Cove, the Maritime Museum was founded in 1968 as a nautical history museum with collections of artifacts, memorabilia, and ship models. It holds one of the world's largest collections dedicated to the *RMS Titanic*, including a 28-foot replica of the ill-fated liner. The main gallery exhibit is called "Sails, Paddles & Screws: The History of Maritime Travel and Culture."

Features

Maritime Museum's acclaimed Titanic exhibit includes a passenger's audio account of the liner's sinking, a variety of artifacts, and information about the discovery of Titanic in 1985. Also on view are exhibits about the famed Fall River Line, which operated between 1847 and 1937, transporting passengers between Boston and New York.

From the Museum's Website

Come see the exhibit "The Birth and Death of a Titan: The Story of the TITANIC," in which visitors will walk through her passageways, check out the menu options, and learn about fellow passengers as they explore the 28' TITANIC model featured in the 1953 20th Century Fox film of the same name.

For More Information

<https://www.battleshipcove.org/maritime-museum>

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