

FACT SHEET

HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND

About Historic New England

Historic New England—founded as the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities on April 2, 1910—serves as a leader in historic preservation in the New England region and beyond, and is one of the most comprehensive independent preservation organizations in the United States. Historic New England welcomes the public to thirty-eight exceptional museums and landscapes, including several coastal farms.

The organization operates a major collections and archives center in Haverhill, MA, and has the world's largest collection of New England artifacts, comprising more than 125,000 decorative arts and objects and 1.5 million archival documents including photographs, architectural drawings, manuscripts, and ephemera. Engaging education programs for youth, adults, and preservation professionals and award-winning exhibitions and publications are offered in person and virtually. The Historic New England Preservation Easement program is a national leader and protects more than 125 privately owned historic properties throughout the region.

Historic New England serves the public through six key program areas: Homes, Farms, and Landscapes; Collections and Exhibitions; School and Youth Programs; Preservation Services; Research; and Community Engagement and Leadership.

The thirty-eight historic sites span four centuries of architectural styles and five New England states. Historic New England takes care of 167 buildings with 5,027 windows, 156 chimneys, 73 heating systems, and 312,185 square feet of roofs.

HOMES, FARMS, AND LANDSCAPES

Number of Historic New England sites that are National Historic Landmarks:

14 

Acres of historic gardens and open spaces that Historic New England preserves:

2,400 

Historic New England shares more than 1,376 acres with the public at its historic sites. In total, it protects more than 2,400 acres of land, which includes the 1,118 acres protected through the Preservation Easement Program.

Arnold House
Lincoln, RI

Beauport, the
Sleeper-McCann House
Gloucester, MA

Boardman House
Saugus, MA

Gropius House
Lincoln, MA

Hamilton House
South Berwick, ME

Jackson House
Portsmouth, NH

Langdon House
Portsmouth, NH

Lyman Estate
Waltham, MA

Nickels-Sortwell House
Wiscasset, ME

Otis House
Boston, MA

Quincy House
Quincy, MA

Roseland Cottage
Woodstock, CT

Sarah Orne
Jewett House
South Berwick, ME

Spencer-Peirce-Little
Farm Manor House
Newbury, MA

COLLECTIONS

Number of objects in Historic New England's object collection:

125,000 

There are more than 125,000 objects in Historic New England's collection. It is the largest assemblage of New England art and artifacts in the country. It shares this collection with the public through exhibitions; the Collections Access database; and at the historic sites, where more than 40,000 objects are on display.

Number of items in Historic New England's Library and Archives:

1.5 million 

There are more than 1.5 million items documenting New England's history in the Library and Archives. The archival collection includes:

450,000 photographs and negatives

1,000 linear feet of manuscripts

61,000 architectural drawings

765 maps and atlases

25,700 pieces of ephemera

700 drawings and watercolors

10,000 newspaper clippings

Historic New England's institutional archives

11,400 books

2,500 prints

PRESERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

Number of privately owned properties in the Preservation Easement Program:

126 

There are currently 126 privately owned historic properties across New England protected through Historic New England's Preservation Easement Program, one of the first preservation easement programs in the country and the model on which many other programs are based. This program protects 241 buildings and 1,118 acres.

MEMBERSHIP

Number of Historic New England members:

8,500 

Members receive free admission to thirty-eight Historic New England homes, farms, and landscapes; three issues per year of *Historic New England* magazine; Historic New England's monthly ENews; membership card; passport; discounts on purchases made at museum shops, farm produce from Casey Farm, and items purchased at the Lyman Estate Greenhouses; access to members-only events across the region; and discounts on public programs and events throughout the year.

Historic New England has 8,500+ member households. More than 90 percent of Historic New England members live in one of the six New England states, but the breadth, importance, and vitality of its mission draws the interest and support of individuals from forty-three states, plus the District of Columbia.

Historic New England provides complimentary and discounted house tour admissions to the following groups/members with appropriate identification:

AAA *Two-for-one admission*

American Alliance of Museums *Free*

Active duty military and families *Free*

Children five and under *Free*

Children ages six to twelve
See individual site listings

Card to Culture/EBT
\$2 admission for house tours for up to four guests

Group tour leaders *Free*

Henry Sheldon Museum of Vermont History *Free*

Massachusetts Audubon
Two-for-one admission

Massachusetts Teachers Association
Two-for-one admission

MSPCA/Nevins Farm
Two-for-one admission

Museum professional (with staff ID)
Free admission

Museums for AII/SNAP/EBT
\$2 admission for house tours for up to four guests

Pass to the Past
Free admission for up to four guests

Press and tour planners
Free

Senior citizens
See individual site listings

Students with valid ID
See individual site listings

Town residents *Free*

Veterans *Free*