

## Amusement Parks

### [Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort & Adventure Park](#)

37 Corey Road  
Hancock, Massachusetts  
(413) 738-5500

"Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort is the largest ski and snowboard resort in southern New England, summer home to Mountain Adventure Park and the only mountain resort in North America to generate its own energy using alternative wind power." --*From the Jiminy Peak web site.*

### [Six Flags New England](#)

1623 Main Street  
Agawam, Massachusetts 01001  
(413) 786-9300

"From thrilling rides to world-class entertainment, Six Flags New England has it all." --*From the Six Flags web site.*

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## Arenas, Civic Centers and Stages

### [CityStage](#)

1 Columbus Center  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103  
(413) 788-7033

"Off-Broadway comedies, dramas and musicals are presented October through April in the intimate, 487-seat Blake Theatre; the 70-seat Winifred Arms Theatre is host to numerous community events, performances and meetings." --*From the City Stage web site.*

### [MassMutual Center: Springfield](#)

1277 Main Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103  
(413) 787-6610

"When re-opened under the new name, the MassMutual Center (MMC) represents a major physical expansion and "elevation of services" of the original Springfield Civic Center building (SCC), which opened in 1972." --*From the MMC web site.*

### [Mullins Center: UMass-Amherst](#)

200 Commonwealth Avenue  
Amherst, Massachusetts 01003  
(413) 545-3001

"The William D. Mullins Memorial Center sits on Commonwealth Avenue on the western edge of the UMass campus. Overlooking the outdoor playing fields and offering a wide vista of the Hadley Hills and the Holyoke Range..." --*From the Center web site.*

### [Symphony Hall](#)

34 Court Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
(413) 788-7033

"The 2,611-seat Symphony Hall is home to Broadway-style theatre, top-quality children's programming, internationally-recognized speakers and numerous concerts and performances." --*From the Symphony Hall web site.*

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## The Arts

### [Cultural Pittsfield](#)

City of Pittsfield  
70 Allen Street  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

"Visit our Online Events Calendar for upcoming arts and cultural events." --*From the City of Pittsfield web site.*

### [In the Spotlight, Inc.](#)

"Supporting the Arts in Western New England and Beyond." --*From the web site.*

### [Northampton Center for the Arts](#)

17 New South Street  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413) 584-7327

"The Northampton Center for the Arts (NCFA) is a private, non-profit arts organization established in 1984 to promote the arts in the greater Northampton area. Located in downtown Northampton adjacent to the Academy of Music, NCFA provides low-cost exhibit and performance space for area artists and arts organizations in an elegant turn-of-the-century performance hall and two adjoining galleries. NCFA is dedicated to programming theater, music, art and dance that is culturally diverse." --*From the NCFA web site.*

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## Comedy

### [Funny Fridays](#)

Northampton Center for the Arts  
17 New South Street, Third Floor  
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060  
(413) 584-7327

"The Happy Valley just got a lot happier! Comedians from near and far are banding together to bring you a smorgasbord of regular laughter! It's a three-course meal of delight at every show, featuring IMPROVBOSTON, local comedy favorites, and stand-up comedians. Each show is completely unique and different, so come to them all!" --*From the Funny Fridays web site.*

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## Dance

### [Jacob's Pillow](#)

358 George Carter Road  
Becket, Massachusetts 01223  
(413) 243-9919

"The Pillow presents dance from all over the world in all forms, styles, and traditions, plus approximately 200 free events each season, including performances, lectures, tours, film showings, exhibits, and talks with artists, which result in around 83,000 visitor experiences each summer." --*From the Pillow web site.*

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## Distant Day Trip Destinations

### [Battleship Cove](#)

Five Water Street  
PO Box 111  
Fall River, Massachusetts 02722-0111  
(800) 533-3194 (New England only)  
(508) 678-1100

"The world's largest collection of historic naval ships" --*From the Battleship Cove web site.*

### [Foxwoods Resort Casino](#)

39 Norwich-Westerly Road  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

"Foxwoods is the largest casino in the world, with 340,000 square feet of gaming space in a complex that covers 4.7 million square feet." --*From the Foxwoods web site.*

### [Gillette Castle State Park](#)

67 River Road  
East Haddam, Connecticut 06423  
(860) 526-2336

"It looks like a medieval fortress, but a step inside the stone castle reveals the built-in couches, table trackway, and woodcarvings that all point to the creative genius that was William Gillette." --*From the Gillette Castle web site.*

### [Howe Caverns](#)

255 Discovery Drive  
Howes Cave, New York 12092  
(518) 296-8900

"Howe Caverns offers guided cavern tours every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. Traditional Tours include a quarter-mile boat ride on the Underground Lake of Venus." --*From the Howe Caverns web site.*

### [Mohegan Sun](#)

1 Mohegan Sun Blvd  
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382  
(888) 226-7711

"A world at play and a world to its own, Mohegan Sun, created in 1996 by the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, is one of the world's most amazing destinations with some of New England's finest dining, hotel accommodations, retail shopping, live entertainment and sporting events. It is also host to the fabulous Kids Quest/Cyber Quest family entertainment facility, a luxurious day spa, convention center and meeting facility, as well as three major entertainment venues with seating from 300 to 10,000." --*From the Mohegan Sun web site.*

### [Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration](#)

55 Coogan Boulevard  
Mystic, Connecticut 06355-1997  
(860) 572-5955

"Mystic Aquarium, one of America's leading aquariums, showcases the living collections, science and conservation work of Sea Research through exhibits, demonstrations and educational programs, emphasizing hands-on, interactive, live animal contact experiences for all ages. Hosting more than 750,000 visitors annually, the Aquarium is open year-round and is Connecticut's largest non-casino attraction. Mystic Aquarium is one of the few in North America housing Beluga whales and other rare and remarkable sea creatures." --*From the Mystic Aquarium web site.*

### [Old New-Gate Prison & Coppermine](#)

115 Newgate Road  
East Granby, Connecticut 06026  
(860) 653-3563

"The tunnels left behind by miners burrowing deep underground in search of copper ore became Connecticut's first prison in 1773." --*From the New-Gate Prison web site.*

### [Southwick Zoo](#)

2 Southwick Street  
Mendon, Massachusetts  
(800) 258-9182

"The Brewer family and its staff are dedicated to the preservation and conservation of all animals. The Southwick team's mission: to provide an extensive zoological collection and educational facility for our visitors. We strive to promote an exciting environment for a positive family experience." --*From the Southwick Zoo web site.*

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## **Guides & Planners**

### [The Berkshire Visitors Bureau](#)

Discover the Berkshires Visitor Center  
3 Hoosac Street  
Adams, Massachusetts 01220  
(413) 743-4500 or 800-237-5747

### [Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)

1441 Main Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103  
(413) 787-1548 or 800-723-1548

"With everything from fantastic attractions to fascinating arts and entertainment, outstanding outdoor recreation and great shopping - the Pioneer Valley is the place to be!" --*From the CVB web site.*

### [Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism](#)

10 Park Plaza Suite 4510  
Boston, Massachusetts 02116  
(617) 973-8500 or 800-227-MASS

### [The Mohawk Trail Association](#)

North Adams, Massachusetts 01247  
info@mohawktrail.com

"Blaze the Highway of History and discover the wonderful world of adventure waiting for you in the four season vacation land along the Mohawk Trail." --*From the Association web site.*

### [Visit Western Massachusetts](#)

"The official web site for finding FUN in Western Massachusetts" --*From the VWM web site.*

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## Kids

### [Big Adventures: The Family Fun Center](#)

The Mill at Crane Pond  
77 Mill Street  
Westfield, Massachusetts 01085  
(413) 562-6146

"We are a family-owned business providing a fun, safe place for kids and families to come and enjoy themselves." --  
*From the Big Adventures web site.*

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## Malls & Retail Attractions

### [Berkshire Mall](#)

Old State Road & Route 8  
Lanesborough Massachusetts 01237  
(413) 445-4400

"Strategically located between US Route 7 and Route 8 in Lanesborough, Massachusetts, Berkshire Mall is the only enclosed shopping center in the county." --*From the Mall web site.*

### [Eastfield Mall](#)

1655 Boston Road  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01129  
(413) 543-8000

"75 retailers...International food court...16-screen cinemas...2 full-service restaurants... Registry of Motor Vehicles...Do it all at Eastfield Mall!" --*From the Mall web site.*

### [Granville Country Store](#)

Jct. Routes 57 & 189  
Granville, Massachusetts  
(413) 357 - 8555 (orders)

"Home of Cellar Aged Cheddar Cheese." --*From the Country Store web site.*

### [Hampshire Mall](#)

367 Russell Street  
Hadley, Massachusetts 01035  
(413) 586-5700

"Situated in the heart of one of the highest concentrations of student populations in the Northeast, Hampshire Mall draws visitors from all parts of Western Massachusetts and Western New England, including the "knowledge corridor" of Springfield and Hartford." --*From the Mall web site.*

### [Holyoke Mall at Ingleside](#)

50 Holyoke Street  
Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040  
(413) 536-1440

"At Holyoke Mall you'll find an impressive selection of retail stores, services and restaurants to make your shopping experience a truly exceptional one!" --*From the Mall web site.*

### [Prime Outlets - Lee](#)

50 Water Street  
Route 20 East  
Lee, Massachusetts 01238  
(413) 243-8186

"Prime Outlets - Lee is located in the heart of the Berkshires...Many tourists find that Lee is a perfect place to stop and shop." --From the *Prime Outlets web site*.

### [Williamsburg General Store](#)

12 Main Street  
Williamsburg, Massachusetts 01096-0757  
(413) 268-3036

"...an incredible collection of gifts and accessories. We think you'll enjoy the experience and come away with a little piece of olde New England." --From the *General Store web site*.

### [Yankee Candle Village](#)

25 Greenfield Road  
South Deerfield, Massachusetts 01373  
(877) 636-7707

"Discover an unbelievable mix of shopping, entertainment and dining. And every visit is an exciting adventure because there's always something new!" --From the *Yankee Candle web site*.

<http://www.yankeecandle.com>

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## Museums

Check out EWM's [Museums of Western Massachusetts](#) for a list of nearly fifty local museums by town, including Springfield's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge and more.

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## Music

### [Berkshire Choral Festival](#)

Berkshire School  
Route 41  
Sheffield, Massachusetts 01257  
(413) 229-1999 (*Box Office*)

"The Berkshire Choral Festival is a not-for-profit educational institution dedicated to enhancing the skills of choral singers while extending the knowledge and appreciation of choral singing and its tradition to singers and audiences." --From the *Festival web site*.

### [The Calvin Theatre and Performing Arts Center](#)

19 King Street  
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060  
(413) 586-8686

### [Iron Horse Music Hall](#)

20 Center Street  
Northampton, Massachusetts 01060  
(413) 584-0610

### [Mohawk Trail Concerts](#)

Federated Church  
Route 2  
Charlemont, Massachusetts  
1-888-682-6873

"Concerts are held in the Federated Church at Charlemont, which has been fully restored and air conditioned. The Church is a warm, intimate setting with superb acoustics, located directly on the Mohawk Trail amidst beautiful countryside and a wealth of other cultural and artistic attractions." --*From the MTC web site.*

### [The Pines Theatre at Look Park](#)

300 North Main Street  
Florence, Massachusetts 01062

### [Springfield Symphony Orchestra](#)

1350 Main Street  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103  
(413) 733-2291

"The established mission of the SSO is to maintain and develop a professional symphony orchestra that produces musical performances of high artistic quality; to entertain and educate our audiences; to expand and develop our audiences; and to sponsor related programs and concerts that enhance the musical life of the region we serve." --*From the SSO web site.*

### [Tanglewood](#)

297 West Street  
Lenox, Massachusetts 01240  
(413) 637-1600

"The Boston Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Labor Day Weekend Tanglewood Jazz Festival...at the orchestra's summer home in Lenox, Massachusetts." --*From the Tanglewood web site.*

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## **Outdoors**

### [Agri-Tourism Farms](#)

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114  
(617) 626-1700

"Whether you are driving past beautiful vistas throughout Massachusetts or enjoying day at our majestic seacoast, be sure your itinerary includes a stop at one of the many agri-tourism destinations along the way. We are very proud of the over 250 farm attractions open to the public offering interesting and educational activities that will create memorable experiences." --*From the MDAR web site.*

### [Ashuwillticook Rail Trail](#)

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
Lanesborough, Cheshire, Adams, Massachusetts  
(413) 442-8928 (Western Reg. HQ)

"The Ashuwillticook Rail Trail is a former railroad corridor converted into a 10-foot wide paved, universally accessible, passive recreation path. The Ashuwillticook runs parallel to Route 8 through the towns of Cheshire, Lanesborough and Adams." --*From the DCR web site.*

### [Berkshire East Canopy Tours](#)

66 Thunder Mountain Road  
Charlemont, Massachusetts 01339  
(413) 339-6617

"Berkshire East Canopy Tours are Western Massachusetts best new summer activity. Race your friends down the mountain top of Berkshire East Ski Area and prepare yourself to fly down 850 feet of 1/2" cable, 150 feet in the air at speeds up to thirty miles an hour." --*From the Berkshire East web site.*

### [The Bridge of Flowers](#)

Village Information Center  
75 Bridge Street  
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts

"Every year visitors from around the world stroll across the Bridge of Flowers and enjoy the beauty of this unusual garden - the only one of its kind in the world." --*From the Shelburne Falls web site.*

### [Crabapple Whitewater Rafting](#)

2056 Mohawk Trail  
Charlemont, Massachusetts 01339  
(800) 553-7238

"In the northern Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, Crab Apple Whitewater is pleased to bring you five different white water rafting adventures. River rafting trips range from mild to WILD, full or half-day. From beginners to more experienced rafters, our family will enjoy taking your family, group or organization down these beautiful rivers. Come see us this season!" --*From the Crabapple web site.*

### [Deerfield Valley Canopy Tours](#)

7 Main Street (Office)  
Charlemont, Massachusetts 01339  
(800) 532-7483

"Try Zoar Outdoor's newest adventure on a Deerfield Valley Canopy Tour in Charlemont Massachusetts. Our 3-hour-long zip line canopy tour leads adventurers on an aerial trek through the woods by means of zip lines and sky bridges suspended in the trees in the northern Berkshires and connected through platforms that sit high above the forest floor." --*From the Canopy Tours web site.*

### [Dinosaur Footprints](#)

Route 5  
Holyoke, Massachusetts  
(413) 684-0148

"Dinosaur footprints, fossilized plants, and delicate ripple marks of a prehistoric pool are preserved in stone at this reservation near the west bank of the Connecticut River." --*The Trustees of Reservations.*

(See EWM post: [A Visit to Holyoke's Dinosaur Footprints](#), May 13, 2008)

### [Hiking - State Parks](#)

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2104  
(617) 626-1250

### [Trail Maps - State Parks](#)

"The Department of Conservation and Recreation is steward of one of the largest state parks systems in the country. Its 450,000 acres is made up of forests, parks, greenways, historic sites and landscapes, seashores, lakes, ponds, reservoirs and watersheds." --*From the DCR web site.*

### [Lady Bea River Cruises](#)

Brunelle's Marina  
1 Alvord Street  
South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075  
(413) 315-6342

"From Spring through the Fall, the Lady Bea departs daily for 75-minute narrated cruises at 1:00, 4:00 & 7:00 PM. These daily cruises meander up the Connecticut River from Brunelles Marina to Northampton. The pristine waters, unspoiled views, sandy beaches and unmatched history will be a truly enjoyable experience for all." --*From the Lady Bea web site.*

### [Massachusetts Maple Producers Association](#)

(413) 628-3912

"...visit...members' sugar houses. All welcome visitors when they are boiling and offer pure maple syrup for sale." --*From the MMPA web site.*

### [Massachusetts Swimming Holes](#)

"SwimmingHoles.info focuses on moving, fresh water spots - like creeks, rivers, springs and waterfalls." --*From the web site.*

### [Mike's Maze at Warner Farm](#)

"Our 2009 Maze celebrates the 173rd anniversary of the conclusion of the voyage of The HMS Beagle! Huh? OK, how about just celebrating Charles Darwin's 200th birthday? Happy Birthday Chuck! Our maze features the famed British naturalist with his penetrating gaze chiseled out of solid corn. Darwin is pictured with an assortment of the Galapagos finches whose habitats, despite appearances above, were not long, thick beards but instead, isolated volcanic islands." --*From the Mike's Maze web site.*

### [Moxie Outdoor Adventures](#)

1 Thunder Road  
Charlemont, Massachusetts 01339  
(800) 866-6943

"Enjoy White water rafting in Massachusetts on the Deerfield River as it flows through the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains in western Massachusetts." --*From the Moxie Outdoor Adventures web site.*

### [Nash Dinosaur Track Quarry and Rock Shop](#)

Route 116 - Amherst Road  
South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075  
(413) 467-9566

"Located just one mile from where the very first dinosaur track was found, Nash Dinosaur Track Quarry and Rock Shop has been welcoming visitors since 1939." --*From the Nash Dinosaur Track Quarry web site.*

### [Northfield Drive-in Movie Theatre](#)

981 Northfield Road, Route 63  
Hinsdale, New Hampshire 03451  
(603) 239-4054

"Join us for some good old-fashioned family fun." --*From the Northfield Drive-in web site.*

### [Norwottock Rail Trail](#)

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)  
Damon Rd., Northampton  
(413) 586-8706 ext. 12

"The Norwottock Rail Trail is an 8.5 mile path linking Northampton, Hadley, and Amherst along the former Boston & Main Railroad right-of-way. The path's level terrain provides safe passage for pedestrians, wheelchairs, joggers, skaters, bicyclists, and cross-country skier of all ages and abilities." --*From the DCR web site.*

### [Zoar Outdoor River Rafting](#)

7 Main Street  
Charlemont, Massachusetts 01339  
(800) 532-7483

"We create experiences that enhance the lives of our guests, our staff and our community through exposing people to the best human-powered outdoor adventures available. We strive to be leaders in the field of outdoor adventure through constantly rethinking and improving our programs." --*From the Zoar Outdoor web site.*

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## **Parks**

### *Forest Park*

Sumner Avenue  
Springfield, Massachusetts

#### [Forest Park Zoo](#)

<http://www.forestparkzoo.com>

#### [Bright Nights at Forest Park](#)

<http://www.brightnights.org>

#### [Other Springfield Parks...](#)

<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com/Park>

To learn more about the history of Forest Park through images of yesterday, take a look at *EWM* posts, [Photographs: Forest Park at the Turn of the 20th Century](#) (with lots of great links) and [Postcards: Forest Park, Springfield, Massachusetts.](#)

### [Great Falls Discovery Center](#)

2 Avenue A  
Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376  
(413) 863-3221

"Visit the Great Falls Discovery Center and learn about the Connecticut River Watershed's rich natural, cultural and industrial history. The Center is fully accessible and is housed within a complex of old mill buildings and includes open habitat exhibits, fish tanks, and a multipurpose program room. The four-acre park that surrounds The Center has butterfly gardens, native plantings views of the canal and river as well as safe play areas. This park is linked to a railtrail that runs from Turners Falls to Deerfield, a walking tour through downtown Turners Falls, and the watchable wildlife areas of Barton's cove and along the canal." --*From the Discovery Center's web site.*

### [Look Memorial Park](#)

300 North Main Street  
Florence, Massachusetts 01062  
(413) 584-5457

"Look Park is located on the Berkshire Trail (Route 9) in the Florence section of Northampton, Massachusetts, in the heart of the Pioneer Valley." --*From the park web site.*

### [Natural Bridge State Park](#)

McCauley Road, off Rte. 8  
P.O. Box 1757  
North Adams, Massachusetts 01247  
(413) 663-6392  
(413) 663-8469 (off-season)

"Discover a geologic wonder at this 48 acre park. Examine the only naturally formed white marble arch and man-made white marble dam in North America, and tour an abandoned marble quarry." --*From the DCR web site.*

### [Stanley Park](#)

400 Western Avenue  
Westfield, Massachusetts 01085  
(413) 568-9312

"Stanley Park is pleased to offer, free to the public, numerous educational, cultural and entertainment venues. Stanley Park also provides boundless access to both passive and active recreational opportunities." --*From the park web site.*

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## Racing

### [Southwick Motocross 338](#)

46 Powder Mill Road  
(American Legion Post 338)  
Southwick, Massachusetts 01077  
(413) 569-6801

"The Southwick Motocross 338 track is approx. 1 1/4 mile in length on 28 acres owned by the American Legion Post 338.' ...Motocross since 1972.'" --*From the Motocross 338 web site.*

### [Whip City Speedway](#)

Airport Industrial Park Road  
Westfield, Massachusetts 01085  
(413) 562-8092

"Racing events are held every Saturday May to October. The track is a 1/4 mile clay oval with a 1/8 mile inner oval" --*From the Speedway web site.*

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## Shooting Ranges

### [Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center](#)

299 Page Boulevard  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01104  
(413) 846-6400

"To use the range, participants must be 18 years of age or older and have two (2) forms of valid ID including one with a photo issued by a governmental agency and one with your name printed on the ID. Participants must complete the range safety orientation, must not be subject to any legal restriction against possession or use of firearms, and must comply with range eligibility and safety rules." --*From the Smith & Wesson web site.*

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## Sports

### [The Blandford Club - Golf & Tennis](#)

North Street  
Blandford, Massachusetts  
(413) 848-2443

"Founded 100 years ago, this historic golf and tennis club is perfectly right for today's active families." --From the *Blandford Club's web site*.

### [Springfield Falcons Hockey \(AHL\)](#)

45 Falcons Way  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103  
(413) 739-3344

"Black and blue hockey since 1936" --From the *Falcons web site*.

### [Westfield Wheelmen Vintage Base Ball Club](#)

Westfield, Massachusetts  
dl.genovese@verizon.net

"2008 Western Division Champions New England Vintage Base Ball League." --From the *WWVBBC web site*.

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## Zoos/Animal Attractions

### [Lupazoo](#)

545 West Street  
Ludlow, Massachusetts 01056  
(413) 589-9883

"Lupazoo is a conservation and education institution demonstrating the value, beauty and interdependence of all living things." --From the *Lupazoo web site*.

### [Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory & Gardens](#)

281 Greenfield Road  
South Deerfield, Massachusetts 01373  
(413) 665-2805

"Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory & Gardens, opened in October of 2000, consists of an 18,400-square foot facility that includes a 8,000-sq. ft. glass conservatory filled with butterflies, moths and tropical vegetation." --From the *Magic Wings web site*.

### [The Zoo in Forest Park](#)

Sumner Avenue  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01138

"The Zoo in Forest Park is a non-profit organization governed by the Forest Park Zoological Society. Situated in Forest Park, a 735 acre woodland park in Springfield, the Zoo features exotic and indigenous animals representing a large variety of species found throughout the world and in North America." --From the *Zoo web site*.