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## WE'RE KNOWN FOR OUR HOSPITALITY

### After All, We Were America's "First Resort!"

Since the middle of the 18th century, Newport has been the vacation spot of choice for some of America's most wealthy families. (Even George Washington sent his nephew there for a "rest cure.")

Times have changed, but tourists still flock to our shores. And it's no wonder! There's more to see and do here than the average family can squeeze into any one visit.



### A Trip Back In Time

Newport's famous "cottages"—mansions built by the wealthy who summured there—have been lovingly restored, and many are now open to the public. The Blackstone Valley in northern Rhode Island commemorates the American Industrial Revolution—and the people who labored in our first factories.

Fall River's Battleship Cove harbors the Battleship Massachusetts and the HMS



Bounty. The home of one of New England's most notorious women—

Lizzie Borden—can also be found in Fall River. Three centuries of American architecture are preserved in Providence—a city rated among the top ten in the country for historic attractions.

### An Ocean Of Opportunities

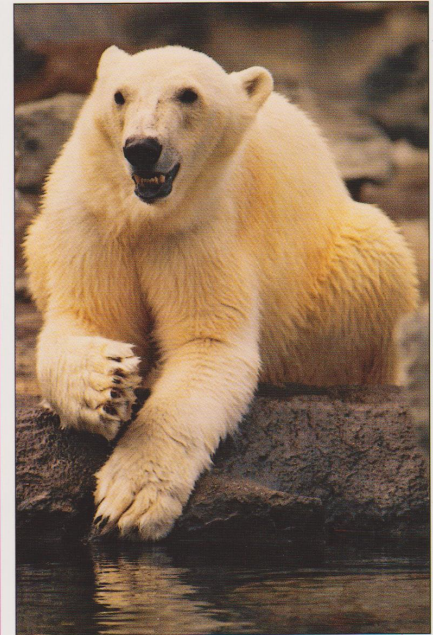
More than 400 glorious miles of coastline make Rhode Island the Ocean State. And true to our name, we are host to every type of waterfront activity: sunning, surfing, swimming, boating, fishing, diving—and, of course, sailing. (Newport was the host of the America's Cup Race for more than 50 years.) Numerous fresh water rivers, ponds and lakes offer additional opportunities for rest and recreation.

### The Best Of The Bay

Need a break from the beach? Visit one of our three historic carousels—or spend a day at nationally-acclaimed Roger Williams Park Zoo. Take a hike along the primitive North/South Trail. Or strike out on the 10-mile long East Bay Bicycle Path—soon to be linked to the 46-mile path connecting Providence to Worcester.

### Good Service Means Good Business

Close to 30 million travelers visit Rhode Island every year—making tourism our number two industry. Visitors to New England tend to be



wealthier and better educated than the average US travelers—so it's no surprise that tourism is proving to be one of the most recession-proof segments of our economy.

A short trip through the pages of the Providence Journal-Bulletin helps visitors and residents decide how—and where—they'd like to spend their leisure time. Special events, lodging, restaurants and natural resources are all covered in both regular and special sections.

