



Boutiques and galleries abound in Rhode Island

To some Rhode Island visitors, fun means surfing, sunning or sightseeing. But to a special group of people, fun means only one thing – shopping. From factory outlets to boutiques, unusual discount stores and immense special sales, shopping in Rhode Island can be a new adventure every day.

Wickford Village in North Kingstown is the perfect place for a day of leisurely browsing. Antiques, unusual clocks and gifts, custom-made reproduction furniture, interior decorating accessories and vintage clothing are among the attractions a shopper can find on Brown Street. The Wickford Gourmet offers salads, sandwiches and baked goods for lunch along with plenty of pastas, mustards and coffees, hand-dipped candles and tabletop accessories.

For serious antique shopping, Newport has one of the largest concentrations of shops in New England, with more than 60 in a ten-mile radius. Numerous stores along Thames Street contain English and Colonial furniture, pottery, jewelry, fine arts and collectibles. Galleries and fashion boutiques can be found along Bellevue Avenue while shops on Brick Market Place offer everything from handcrafted toys to imported crystal.

Indicative of the region's roots, there are many manufacturers who maintain outlets in the Blackstone Valley, where bargains on furniture, quality textiles, home goods and jewelry can be found year-round. Antiques, country furnishings, and gourmet food are available at Brown & Hopkins Country Store, the nation's oldest continuously operating general store, located in the village of Chepachet.

For regional and national chain stores, there are several malls throughout the state, including Providence Place Mall, Warwick Mall, Garden City and the Lincoln Mall.

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