

Providence, RI



Founded in 1636, Providence is one of the oldest cities in the United States and is the capital of RI. Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) bus service provides an easy and affordable way to Providence. Route 60 runs through Bristol with beginning/ending destinations in both Newport and Providence. Buses run this route 7 days a week, with Sunday being the only day of limited service.

WATERFIRE – SEASONAL EVENT

Over 80 sparkling bonfires are lit shortly after sunset on three rivers of downtown Providence. Stroll along the river to view the fires and take part in the festivities happening on the surrounding streets. Dates and times range throughout the year. Most Waterfires take place during the Summer months, although a few special events are held in late fall/winter. Parking lots are available in the downtown area for a fee. For more information, visit www.waterfire.org



PROVIDENCE PLACE MALL

Located in the heart of downtown Providence, this three story mall features over 100 stores, an IMAX Theater and a variety of restaurants. A limited height parking garage is available with fee based on the number of hours parked. Local parking lots in the surrounding area are available for a fee. For more information, visit www.providenceplace.com.

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO

One of the nation's oldest zoos, Roger Williams Park Zoo is home to over 100 species of rare and fascinating animals from around the world. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last admission at 4:30 p.m. Just outside the zoo in Roger Williams Park is Carousel Village. The Victorian-style carousel is open to the public for rides. They offer a military discount and free parking on-site. For more information, visit www.rwpzoo.org

BANKNEWPORT CITY CENTER

Located in downtown Providence, City Center features an ice rink that is twice the size of the rink at Rockefeller Center in NYC. Ice skating begins in late November and runs through mid-March. The rink is reopened in April as a premier event and programming center and hosts a number of events for the public, including concerts and festivals. These events run into October, just in time for the skating season to begin again. For more information, visit www.theprovidencerink.com.

PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Located in Rhode Island's capitol city, and is a non-profit children's museum that is dedicated to the idea that children learn through play. Their hands-on learning environment and programs are designed for children ages 1 to 11. For more information, visit www.childrenmuseum.org.



MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND PLANETARIUM

Located in Roger Williams Park, near the RWP Zoo, the Museum of Natural History and Planetarium is home to over a quarter million objects. Much of the collection is of Rhode Island origin; however, the museum also houses specimens and objects from all over the world. Throughout the year, the museum hosts a number of special events and workshops. Military members and up to five family members receive free admission from Memorial Day to Labor Day with a valid Military ID. The museum is open daily, while the planetarium is only open during showtimes. For information, visit www.providenceri.com/museum.

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN (RISD) MUSEUM

This internationally renowned museum has art from all over the world – more than 80,000 pieces of art in total. Collections include: ancient art, Asian art, Contemporary art, costume and textiles, painting & sculpture, photography, and much more. Active duty military and their families receive free admission with ID. Paid parking and limited free parking is available.

