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It's Apple Harvest Time in New England

Pick Your Own Apples at These New England Orchards

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Does anything taste better than a crisp, snappy apple when you've been out hiking in the cool autumn air? Longing for a cinnamon-smelling, warm, soothing slice of apple pie fresh from the oven to savor while you watch the wind rip crimson leaves from the trees and float them dizzily to the ground? Autumn is synonymous with apple harvest time in New England. Don't forget your friends, co-workers, family and neighbors when you pick your own delicious apples--why not cart apples home as a tasty souvenir of your New England getaway this fall?

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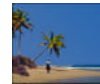
Here's a quick round-up of Internet links to pick-your-own orchards in New England. Plus, [click here](#) for more than 50 spectacular [apple recipes](#) from New England inns and restaurants. **Enjoy!**

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[Bishop's Orchards](#) - *Guilford, Connecticut*

This 135-year-old family farm has been an apple picking

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products at the Farm Market and even play golf on Lyman's two 18-hole courses.

[Silverman's Farm](#) - *Easton, Connecticut*

Silverman's provides a handy chart of apple varieties and offers apple picking in southern Connecticut throughout the fall.

Maine

[Apple Acres Farm](#) - *South Hiram, Maine*

Visitors to Apple Acres are encouraged to do much more than just pick apples. They can picnic, view the fall foliage, eat fudge-dipped apples (oh, twist my arm!) and take hayrides to the pumpkin patch, too.

[Lakeside Orchards](#) - *Manchester, Maine*

Lakeside Orchards offers more than a dozen different varieties of apples. Apple lovers are invited to pick their own fruit, visit the retail store or even order Maine apple gift packs by phone.

[Maine Apple Orchards](#) - *statewide*

The Maine Department of Agriculture provides this directory of Maine apple orchards, searchable by county.

Massachusetts

[Autumn Hills Orchard](#) - *Groton, Massachusetts*

Pick your own apples at this authentic working farm on more than 80 acres. Autumn Hills Orchard offers more than 20 varieties of apples and pears, spectacular mountain views and antique tractors. The orchard's Ann Harris tells me that though Autumn Hills is near Boston, it's a bit off the beaten path, "but that's the fun of it, as there are no crowds." She also says, "Our fruit is very high quality, as we grow for specialty commercial markets as well

has been an apple picking destination since the 1940s.

[Lyman Orchards](#) - *Middlefield, Connecticut*

If you're looking for an apple picking outing that offers so much more, Lyman Orchards is your ideal spot for a daytrip. Visit the Cider Mill, get lost in the corn maze, buy specialty



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Carver Hill Orchard - *Stow, Massachusetts*

Carver Farm offers apple picking, plus cider, apple pies, pumpkins, crafts and apple gift packages for shipment anywhere.

Nashoba Valley Winery - *Bolton, Massachusetts*

Nashoba Valley Winery grows a variety of fruits--and not just for wines! The orchard offers apple pickers 13 varieties to choose from in a beautiful, scenic setting.

Red Apple Farm - *Phillipston, Massachusetts*

Located 60 miles from Boston, in addition to pick-your-own apples, Red Apple Farm offers pumpkin picking, hayride tours, a petting zoo, walking trails, fall weekend barbeques and New England gift packs for shipping.

Shelburne Farm - *Stow, Massachusetts*

Shelburne Farm is the oldest pick-your-own apple orchard in eastern Massachusetts. Stop at the Apple Shop for New England goodies including sweet cider, Vermont and Massachusetts cheeses, jams, jellies and other local products. Hayrides and hot cider doughnuts are available on weekends.

Tougas Family Farm - *Northborough, Massachusetts*

During fall apple picking season, enjoy a hayride (weekends and weekday afternoons) and pick your own apples at this family farm, open through October.

New Hampshire

Alyson's Apple Orchard - *Walpole, New Hampshire*

This pick-your-own apple orchard is part of a 500-acre Connecticut River Valley farm. A farm stand is open daily through Thanksgiving as well.

DeMeritt Hill Farm - *Lee, New Hampshire*

In addition to 25 varieties of apples for you to pick, this apple farm offers a bakery, children's play area, family hiking trails, a farm store and hayrides on the weekends. Dogs are welcome if they're kept on a leash.

Gould Hill Orchards - *Contoocook, New Hampshire*

This 200-year-old family farm grows more than 85 varieties of apples. First-time apple pickers are welcome--orchard personnel

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[Poverty Lane Orchards](#) - *Lebanon, New Hampshire*

McIntosh, Cortland and Macoun apples thrive at this New Hampshire orchard, which also grows a range of other varieties "just for curiosity's sake." Pick your own apples daily through early October, and sample the orchard's Farnum Hill Ciders line of hard ciders, too.

[Riverview Farm](#) - *Plainfield, New Hampshire*

Pick your own fresh apples straight from the trees at this 10-acre orchard.

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