



# Bristol, RI



Bristol is a small town located halfway between the capitol city of Providence and Newport. It is a beautiful town, full of local shops and restaurants. It is most known for its spectacular July 4th celebration. Although small, Bristol has plenty to experience!

### ***Parking***

In addition to on-street parking throughout most of Downtown Bristol, there are many convenient parking lots in close proximity to all Bristol offers. The following list are lots that are free and open to the public:

- ***Independence Park:*** on the north end of Downtown: In addition to on-street parking on Thames, there is offstreet parking at the East Bay Bike Path terminus
- ***Thames Street:*** just south of Rockwell Park, across the street from Robin Rug.
- ***State Street:*** between Jesse-James Antiques and New Leaf Hair Studio
- ***Court Street:*** behind Bristol Oyster Bar.
- ***Court Street:*** next to Town Hall. Please note that parking in this lot is for Town Hall employees Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ***State Street:*** at the Bristol Town Common

### ***Downtown Bristol***

Located along the waterfront, Downtown Bristol features a variety of unique specialty shops and local restaurants. Most shops and eateries can be found along Thames Street and Hope Street, but don't forget the side streets for more great finds! Parking is recommended along Thames Street and on side streets. For a list of shops, restaurants and more information, visit [www.explorebristolri.com](http://www.explorebristolri.com)

### ***Colt State Park***

This public park occupies approximately 464 acres and includes trails, picnic groves, boat ramps, an observation tower and an open air Chapel-by-the-Sea. Limited, free parking is available throughout the park. For more information, visit [www.riparks.com](http://www.riparks.com)

### ***Blithewold Mansion, Gardens and Arboretum***

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this mansion is home to nearly 10 acres of woody plants. It features over 300 native and exotic species. Located at 101 Ferry Road, free parking is available to all visitors on site. Tickets can be purchased online or at their Visitors Center and a discounted military rate is offered. For more information, visit [www.blithewold.org](http://www.blithewold.org)

### ***Prudence Island Ferry***

The third largest island in Narragansett Bay, Prudence Island is a great getaway. It has become a summer getaway for many and features a number of rental properties for vacation purposes. The island is accessible via the Prudence Island Ferry out of Bristol, RI. Reservations can be made online or in person at Church Street Wharf. Parking is available in a lot run by Bristol's Harbor Master's Office for a fee, call (401) 253-1700. For more information and schedules, visit [www.prudenceisland.com](http://www.prudenceisland.com)

### ***Visiting for 4th of July***

Fourth of July Celebration, Located at the Town Common (High Street), this carnival will have a number of rides, games and concessions, and fireworks leading up to July Fourth. Bring a blanket or chair down to Bristol Harbor to watch the fireworks. Fourth of July Parade at 10:30 a.m. This parade is nationally known, as it is part of the oldest Fourth of July celebration in the United States. The 2.5 mile route begins at the corner of Chestnut and Hope Street and ends on High Street. For more information, visit [www.july4thbristolri.com](http://www.july4thbristolri.com)

