

museums10

museums10.org

10 great museums in western Massachusetts



museums10

museums10.org

1 Beneski Museum of Natural History, Amherst College

Amherst, MA | 413.542.2165 | amherst.edu/museums/naturalhistory
Open Tues–Fri 11 a.m.–4 p.m. | Sat and Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Admission: Free

2 Emily Dickinson Museum

Amherst, MA | 413.542.8161 | emilydickinsonmuseum.org
Open March–Dec. Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m. | Closed Jan. and Feb.
Open extended hours June–Aug. | Admission: \$

3 The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

Amherst, MA | 413.559.6300 | carlemuseum.org
Open Tues–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. | Sun 12–5 p.m.
Open Mondays July–Aug. and during MA school vacation week | Admission: \$

4 Hampshire College Art Gallery

Amherst, MA | 413.559.5544 | gallery.hampshire.edu
Open Mon–Fri 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Open during the school year Sun 2–5 p.m. | Admission: Free

5 Historic Deerfield

Deerfield, MA | 413.775.7214 | historic-deerfield.org
Open daily April–Dec. 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Weekends Jan.–March 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | Admission: \$

6 Mead Art Museum at Amherst College

Amherst, MA | 413.542.2335 | amherst.edu/mead
Open Tues–Thur and Sun 9 a.m.–midnight | Fri 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m. | Admission: Free

7 Mount Holyoke College Art Museum

South Hadley, MA | 413.538.2245 | artmuseum.mtholyoke.edu
Open Tues–Fri 11 a.m.–5 p.m. | Sat and Sun 1–5 p.m.
Call for summer and Jan. closures | Admission: Free

8 Smith College Museum of Art

Northampton, MA | 413.585.2760 | smith.edu/artmuseum
Open Tues–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. | Sun 12–4 p.m. | Thur 4–8 p.m. (Sept.–June)
Second Fridays 10 a.m.–8 p.m. (free 4–8 p.m.) | Admission: \$

9 University Museum of Contemporary Art at UMass Amherst

Fine Arts Center, Amherst, MA | 413.545.3672 | umass.edu/umca
Open during school year only | Tues–Fri 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sat and Sun 2–5 p.m. | Admission: Free

10 Yiddish Book Center

Amherst, MA | 413.256.4900 | yiddishbookcenter.org
Open Sun–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m. | Closed legal and Jewish holidays
Admission: Suggested donation

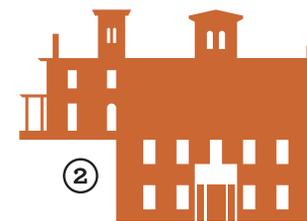
museums10

museums10.org

10 great museums in western Massachusetts



1 Beneski Museum of Natural History, Amherst College



2 Emily Dickinson Museum



3 The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art



4 Hampshire College Art Gallery



5 Historic Deerfield



6 Mead Art Museum at Amherst College



7 Mount Holyoke College Art Museum



8 Smith College Museum of Art



9 University Museum of Contemporary Art at UMass Amherst



10 Yiddish Book Center

We've got it all—great art, fascinating historical sites, world-class collections. Enjoy a tour tailored to your interests and curiosity. Find them on your phone or computer at museums10.org/itineraries

Adventures with Families

1 + 3 + 5 + 7

Campus Art Museums

4 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9

Contemporary & Modern Art

4 + 6 + 8 + 9

For the Love of Books

2 + 3 + 10

Nature & History

1 + 2 + 5 + 10

10 great museums in western Massachusetts

① Beneski Museum of Natural History, Amherst College



Columbian mammoth
(*Mammuthus columbi*),
~20,000 years ago.

Meet Amherst College's first official mascot, the "MAMMOTH" found on display with over 1,700 specimens at the Beneski Museum. The Columbian Mammoth featured here lived in family groups through the end of the last Ice Age. This 13-foot tall 10,000-pound specimen was collected during a 1924–25 Amherst College expedition to Florida. It can be found in the museum, along with other mammals, dinosaurs and many rare fossils.

⑥ Mead Art Museum at Amherst College

Named for its founder, William Rutherford Mead (an 1867 graduate of Amherst College and a partner in the storied architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White), the Mead holds the art collection of Amherst College, celebrated for its American and European paintings, Mexican ceramics, Tibetan scroll paintings, English paneled room, ancient Assyrian carvings, Russian avant-garde art, West African sculpture and Japanese prints. The Mead is situated in the vibrant Five Colleges academic community of western Massachusetts, and serves as a laboratory for interdisciplinary research and innovative teaching involving original works of art. Eight galleries feature regularly changing exhibitions and installations spanning a wide range of historical periods and artistic media.



Rotherwas Room, Mead Art Museum. Photo by Maria Stenzel.

② Emily Dickinson Museum



The Homestead, where poet Emily Dickinson was born and lived most of her life, and The Evergreens, home of the poet's brother and his family, share three beautiful acres of the original Dickinson property in the center of Amherst. Comprising both historic houses, the Emily Dickinson Museum seeks to educate diverse audiences about Dickinson's life, family, creative work, times and enduring relevance, and to preserve and interpret The Homestead and The Evergreens as historical resources for the benefit of scholars and the public.

⑦ Mount Holyoke College Art Museum

The contemporary and the traditional thrive at MHCAM. The Museum specializes in innovative approaches to teaching with art and material culture from across the globe. Founded in 1876, the collection includes over 24,000 objects, with strengths in Greek, Roman and Egyptian antiquities; art and artifacts from the indigenous Americas; paintings and decorative art from Europe and the U.S.; and photography, prints, ceramics and numismatics. Through thought-provoking exhibitions and programs, MHCAM serves as a nexus for experiential learning and creative engagement.



Albert Bierstadt, Hetch Hetchy Canyon (oil on canvas), 1875.

③ The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art



The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art offers everyone who loves picture books a chance to experience them as never before. Witness the beauty of Eric Carle's art and other renowned artists in three galleries. Create your own work of art in our hands-on Art Studio. Enjoy films, theater, storytimes and musical performances. Plus, shop at "the best bookstore for picture books in the entire world," according to *Parent's Choice*.

⑧ Smith College Museum of Art

Four floors of galleries, including the Nixon Gallery for works on paper, the new Asian art and digital media galleries, and a "Talk Back" learning space.

SCMA's permanent collection includes more than 25,000 art works from antiquity to the present day by artists from around the world.

Starting in September, SCMA will be open extended hours on Thursdays, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

Also, ongoing Second Fridays 10 a.m.–8 p.m. (free 4–8 p.m.).



Lynne Graves for SCMA.

④ Hampshire College Art Gallery



lê thi diêm thúy
sông sông / river song
(installation detail), 2017.

The Gallery is a dynamic space for contemporary art and collections-based exhibitions and research. Projects often merge questions from the humanities, the sciences and social inquiry to explore contemporary issues through an interdisciplinary lens. In addition to showcasing student and faculty art, we regularly work with exciting regional, national and international artists. The Gallery is committed to experimental curatorial approaches, including digital and speculative strategies.

⑨ University Museum of Contemporary Art at UMass Amherst

As the teaching museum of the University Massachusetts Amherst, the UMCA is a multidisciplinary, international laboratory for the exploration and advancement of contemporary art.

Through exhibitions, a permanent collection, educational programming, and a visiting artists program, the UMCA acts as a forum where renowned and emerging artists can test ideas and where diverse audiences can participate in cultural experiences that enhance understanding of the art of our time.



Baule people, Côte d'Ivoire;
Red-faced Mask. Wood, black
paint. From the Collection of
Charles Derby.

⑤ Historic Deerfield



Visit Historic Deerfield, an authentic eighteenth-century New England village in the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts. Four beautifully restored museum houses with period architecture and furnishings. See Yankee ingenuity at work in demonstrations of colonial-era trades.

Open daily April–December, limited weekend hours January–March.

Visit historic-deerfield.org for further information.

⑩ Yiddish Book Center

The world's first Yiddish museum, the Yiddish Book Center is home to permanent and visiting exhibits on Yiddish and Jewish culture. The Center offers a full schedule of public programs including films, talks, and the annual Yidstock, educational programs for all ages, and a Field Trip Program.

Free guided public tours, as well as group tours, are also available. Open Sunday–Friday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

