

South Shore museums, non-profits and businesses hope greatest places list will draw in more people

South Shore well-represented in poll of Mass. residents of their favorite places to go.



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From walking at World's End in Hingham to exploring the Milton Art Museum in Canton to reliving history at Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, the South Shore is well-represented on the state's list of the 1,000 greatest places in Massachusetts. State officials hope the list, which was released Monday and includes 77 South Shore locations, will be a roadmap for vacationers and residents.

"We are always frustrated when we bump into someone from Quincy who has never been here," said Michael Condon, executive director of the **USS Salem** in Quincy. "Now I hope that people inside the (Interstate) 495 belt will say, 'Let's get in the car and go have fun.'"

A commission of state legislators and tourism officials compiled the list from about 13,000 nominations by residents. Commission Chairman Eric Turkington, a former Falmouth state representative, said Monday he hopes it gives places "a boost not only in terms of tourism and the economy but also in terms of pride and knowing that the world knows how special they are." Plymouth led the region with nine places on the list. "As with so many places, visitation is kind of soft," said Anne Berry, executive director of **Pilgrim Hall Museum** in Plymouth. "This kind of publicity can only help."

Katrina Bergman-Banagis, executive director of New England Wildlife Center in Weymouth, hopes inclusion on the list will raise money for the teaching hospital. "We literally exist payroll to payroll," Bergman said, but this "feels like a real affirmation of the work that we are doing."

Neighborhoods such as Cohasset Village and Marshfield's Brant Rock also made the cut. "It's great to get recognition," said Stephen Drosopoulos, owner of **Venus II Restaurant** in Brant Rock. "This is a quiet little subdivision of Marshfield that in the past few years has revitalized itself."

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