



# 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. Cost will range from \$10 to \$20
- For more information, visit [www.waterfire.org](http://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, ranging from \$10 to \$20.
- For more information, visit [www.providenceplace.com](http://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 at just \$2 per person.
- Tickets are available to purchase at the gate at 50% off for military with a valid ID.
- Free parking is available on-site in the zoo's parking lot.
- For more information, visit [www.rwpzoo.org](http://www.rwpzoo.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.

- Admission in to the museum is \$2 per person and the Planetarium is \$3 per person. Military members and up to 5 family members receive free admission from Memorial Day to Labor Day with a valid ID.
- The Museum of Natural History is open daily, while the Planetarium is only open during showtimes. For the full schedule and hours of operation, visit [www.providenceri.com/museum](http://www.providenceri.com/museum)

### **Providence Children's Museum**

- Located in Rhode Island's capitol city, the Providence Children's Museum 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.
- Tickets are available at the museum for \$9.00 per person.
- For hours and more information, visit [www.childrenmuseum.org](http://www.childrenmuseum.org)

### **Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Museum**

- The RISD Museum is composed of 5 buildings located in the historic East Side of Providence. Throughout these buildings, there are more than 90 thousand works of art, which range from ancient sculptures to contemporary art in a variety of mediums, including textiles, ceramics, glass and furniture.
- The museum is part of the Rhode Island School of Design. It presents a number of special exhibitions throughout the year and has public programs and events for all ages.
- RISD Museum is a Blue Star Museum, offering free admission to active duty US military personnel and their families.
- For hours and more information, visit [www.risdmuseum.org](http://www.risdmuseum.org)

### **Alex and Ani City Center**

- Located downtown, near Kennedy Plaza, the Alex and Ani 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. It 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 a list of events and hours of operation, visit [www.alexandanicitycenter.com](http://www.alexandanicitycenter.com)