Greater Cape Ann Holiday Highlights 2025

CAPE ANN

November 29: Small Business Saturday

ESSEX

December 2: Wreath Making with Susie Talbot at Essex Shipbuilding Museum | 5 – 7 PM

December 6: A Very Essex Christmas Celebration | 4 – 7 PM; Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive by boat.

December 6: Winter Wonderland Pancake Breakfast @ Essex Elementary School | 8 – 11 AM

December 9: Essex Division Holiday Party at The James Pub & Provisions | 5 – 7 PM

December 13: Community Christmas Breakfast First Congregational Church | 9 – 11 AM

December 13: Holiday Market in the Shipyard | 10 – 5 PM

GLOUCESTER

Through January 4: Deck The Halls at Hammond Castle Museum

Through December 11: Pack the Bus Toy Drive, Beauport Hotel

November 29: Cape Ann Makers Market Holiday Sip & Shop Cruiseport Gloucester | 10 AM – 4 PM

November 29 & 30: Annual Parade of Trees – First Baptist Church | 10 AM – 8PM & 11 AM – 5 PM

December 7: Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting | 3 – 4:30 PM (Rescheduled due to weather)

December 9: Lights of Love Tree Lighting; Addison Gilbert Hospital | 6 PM – 7 PM

December 4: 52nd Annual "Ladies Night" All Day | 10 AM – 8 PM

December 4: Holiday Market at Grand Banks | 3 - 7 PM

December 5: Home for the Holidays Special at Gloucester Stage | 7:30 – 10 PM

December 6: Bowl with Santa at Cape Ann Lanes | 11 AM – 1 PM

December 6: Backyard Growcery Pop Up at The Cut | 7:30 – 11:30 PM

December 6 & 7: Second Glance Holiday Market | 9 AM – 5 PM & 9 – 11 AM

December 7: Happy Holidays Half MerryThon & 5K Race - Good Harbor Beach | 9 AM

December 11: 48th Annual "Men's Night" All Day | 10 AM – 8 PM

December 11: Wreath Making Class; Beauport Hotel | 7 PM

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GLOUCESTER (continued)

December 13: Middle Street Walk | 10 AM – 4:30 PM
December 13: Rocky Neck Holiday Art Trek | 12 – 5 PM
December 13: Santa Claus Returns to Hammond Castle | 4 – 6 PM
December 13: Lobster Trap Tree Lighting at Solomon Jacobs Park | 4:30 PM
December 14: Santa at Sea at Beauport Cruiselines | 11AM – 3:30 PM
December 16: Lobster Trap Menorah Lighting at Temple Ahavat Achim | 6 PM
December 18: Chamber Holiday Party at Chamber Office, 24 Harbor Loop | 5 – 7 PM
December 19 – 21: Firebird Pops Orchestra: Christmas at Hammond Castle

IPSWICH

November 28, 29, 30, & December 5, 6, 7: Tree Jubilee Fundraiser at Marini Farm
November 29: Holiday Pops Concert at Ipswich High School | 2 PM
November 30: Sip and Shop at Ipswich Country Club | 12 – 3 PM
November 30 and December 21: Ipswich Ale Brewing Company Holiday Market | 1 – 4 PM
December 4: Wreath Decorating with Hearts N Flowers at Ipswich Ale Brewery | 5 – 8 PM
December 4: Trustees Holiday Shop at Castle Hill | 2 – 7 PM
December 5-28: Christmas at Castle Hill
December 6: Ipswich Memory Tree Dedication, Town Hill | 6:30 PM
December 6-7: Home Grown Holiday Market; Floriana Mansion & Hellenic Center | 10 AM – 4 PM
December 11: Ipswich Division Holiday Party at Ipswich Ale Brewery | 5 – 7 PM
December 13: Jingle Bell Walk | 11 AM – 1 PM
December 13: A Holiday Stroll in Downtown Ipswich | 11 AM – 4 PM
December 18: North Shore Mosaic's Holiday Workshop; Ipswich Ale | 5:30 – 8 PM
December 21: Public Menorah Lighting on Town Hill | 4:30 PM
December 21: Chanukah Celebration at Gathr | 5 PM
January 2: Ipswich Town Hall Winter Ball | 7 PM

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MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

November 29: Holiday Pops Concert at Manchester Essex Regional High School | 7:30 PM
November 30: Holiday Pops Concert at Manchester Essex Regional High School | 2 PM
December 4: Manchester Division Holiday Party at 35 Beach Restaurant | 5 – 7 PM
December 5: The Manchester Holiday Stroll (bit.ly/CBTS-2025) | 3 – 8 PM
December 5: Winter Market & Open House at Olson Leis + Architects | 3 – 8 PM
December 6: Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum Holiday House Tour | 12 – 4 PM
December 6: Santa Arrives by Boat at Masconomo Park | 1 – 3 PM
December 7: Breakfast & Photos with Santa at American Legion Hall | 9 AM – 12 PM
December 7: Community Friendship Tree Lighting & Program | 9 AM – 4:30PM
December 12: Christmas Craft Fair at American Legion | 5 – 9 PM

ROCKPORT

December 3: Rockport Division Holiday Party at Rockport Brewing Company | 5 – 7 PM
December 5: Holiday Shopping Event | 11 AM – 9 PM
December 6 thru December 31: Mistletoe Madness
December 6: Santa's Arrival by Lobster Boat | 1 PM; Photos with Santa | 1:15 - 3:30 PM
December 6: Holiday Carolers and Tree Lighting Ceremony | 4 PM
December 7: Holiday Open House, Sandy Bay Historical Society & Museum | 3 - 5 PM
December 13: Jul Fest at Spiran Hall | 9 AM – 1 PM
December 13: Strolling Carolers on Bearskin Neck | 1 – 3 PM
December 13: Horse-drawn Carriage Rides | 1 – 4 PM
December 14: Menorah Lighting at Barletta Park | 4-5 PM
December 20: North Shore Christian Men's Choir, Baptist Church | 2:30 – 3:30 PM
December 21: 79th Annual Live Christmas Pageant | 5 PM
December 20-21: Last Minute Stocking Stuffer Weekend
December 31: Rockport New Year's Eve | 4 PM – Midnight

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