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THE COOLEST SCULPTURE GARDENS IN NEW ENGLAND

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New England has a legendary reputation for its scenic and diverse landscape. Seems that we put a ton of sculpture out in it.

We love the foliage, mountaintops, lush gardens, streams, rivers, and (sometimes) snow. But what about the enormous elephant carved from boxwood in Providence? Or the bronze Cat in the Hat lounging in the heart of Springfield? Or craggy modern sculptures in the haunting woods of Brookline, New Hampshire? Turns out New England's cultural cool and landscape diversity is matched by its dozens of public sculpture parks, museum sculpture gardens, and public outdoor collections. Next time you're in the car, on a bike, or hiking up your favorite mountain, take a second look at that picturesque view ... there might be a twisting, abstract heap of metal in the distance worth some pondering.

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Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum

Ridgefield

The sculpture garden at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum features a wide range of rotating, site-specific commissions from artists all over the world.

Studio 80 Sculpture Grounds

Old Lyme

With over 100 sculptures to explore across nearly five acres of land, visitors are encouraged to roam the grounds "and interact with the works, perhaps turning kinetic elements or wandering through open pieces." Proceed with caution, especially when interacting with the intricate works by [David Smalley](#) and [Gilbert Boro](#).

Edward Tufte's Hogpen Hill Farms

Woodbury

The 234-acre tree and sculpture farm features seven sculpture fields spread across a swath of northwest Connecticut owned by data-visualization genius [Edward Tufte](#). "One day each year for the past five years, Tufte has opened his property, Hogpen Hill Farms, to visitors so they can see his 80 sculptures, wander his peaceful grounds, and meet and talk to him." — *Hartford Courant*.