

NEFFA Presents the 68th Annual

# New England Folk Festival

April 20-22, 2012  
Mansfield, Mass.



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## Folk Dance!

Contra, Couple & International!  
Performances & open dances!

## Folk Music!

Concerts & Workshops

## Family Events!

Stories, Songs, Dance & Crafts



Arthur Ferguson

## Food!

Ethnic & American

## Play! Sing!

Join in a Jam Session or singalong

## Enjoy!

Ethnic Dance Performances

## Shop!

Handmade Crafts and Folk Bazaar

### Three Days - Four Sessions

Sessions	Program Hours	Doors open & food for sale
Friday	7pm-11:30	6pm
Sat. Day	10am-5:30pm	9am
Sat. Eve.	4pm-11:30	<i>already open</i>
Sunday	10am-5:30pm	9am

**“It's a wonderful, magical event that I treasure!!!”**

- Festival Evaluation

## Mansfield High & Middle Schools

Most events held indoors in two adjacent buildings.  
For advance ticket sales visit [neffa.org/ticketing](http://neffa.org/ticketing).  
Tickets also sold at the door.

Schedules and info at  
[neffa.org](http://neffa.org)

Category	Friday	Sat. Day, Sat. Eve, or Sun.	Entire Festival
Prices shown are Regular (Member)			
Adult (25-64)	\$20 (\$17)	\$25 (\$21)	\$75 (\$64)
Senior (65+) or Young Adult (18-24)	\$16 (\$14)	\$20 (\$17)	\$60 (\$51)
Youth (9-17)	\$6 (\$5)	\$8 (\$7)	\$24 (\$20)
Child (0-8)	free	free	free

Ticket sales only cover a part of Festival costs. Please support NEFFA by becoming a member! You can join at the Festival or on our website.

Get free passes for volunteering!  
See [neffa.org/volunteering](http://neffa.org/volunteering) for information.

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## The Program

Along with some new performers and experiences, you'll find an exciting Festival lineup featuring:

### Participatory Dancing

Contras, International Folk, Couple Dancing, English Country Dancing, traditional Square Dancing, and more, with special introductory sessions for people just starting out (all three days!)

### Folk Singing

Performances, sing-alongs, workshops

### For Musicians

Instrument workshops, concerts, jamming (free instrument checking)

### Family Activities

The Activity Room (hands-on arts and crafts), dances, singing, stories (most events during daylight hours)

### Discussion Sessions

For callers, administrators, dancers and more. Endless opportunities for informal discussions and networking!

### Crafts & Bazaar

Handmade items, demonstrations, books, recordings, clothing

### Performances

Ethnic dance groups, folksingers, instrumentalists, jammers, English ritual dance (morris, rapper sword, longsword, and garland)

### Ethnic and American Food

A dozen or so food vendors provide tempting snacks or meals during the Festival. Come hungry!

Check the NEFFA website at [neffa.org](http://neffa.org) for the event lineup!



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[neffa.org](http://neffa.org)

The New England Folk Festival Association is a non-profit, §501(c)(3) organization with these objectives:

- To preserve folk traditions in New England and elsewhere;
- To encourage the development of a living folk culture; and
- To encourage high standards of quality and performance in the folk arts.

In addition to this annual festival, NEFFA runs the Thursday contra dance in Concord Mass., a grants program, the Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend in NH, and (with the Folk Arts Center of N.E.) the Family Dance in Concord.

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## Details

- **No animals** other than service dogs assisting attendees with disabilities are allowed on the Festival grounds.
- NEFFA policy is to allow **video- and audio-taping for personal use only**. Please respect performers' requests to have recording devices turned off during their session.
- **Food must be eaten in the cafeteria, outdoors, and in the "Bistro" in the High School**, and is not permitted in any of the other rooms or the hallways.
- **Sealed non-breakable water bottles**, such as sports bottles, are permitted, but must remain sealed when not in use and may contain only water.
- The New England Folk Festival Association, Inc., its agents, servants and employees do not assume any liability for any damage, theft, or other loss of your vehicle or your property that occurs as a result of parking your vehicle in any of the lots designated for Festival use.
- **Overnight parking is not permitted** in any of the lots used for Festival parking. **No on-site camping** permitted.
- **The school does not permit tobacco use or alcoholic beverages on school grounds.**
- **Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.** Events coded "F" are designed for you and your children to participate in together.
- NEFFA encourages all dancers to **exercise care in their dancing**. The New England Folk Festival Association, Inc., its agents, servants and employees do not assume any liability for any injuries that may be sustained due to the condition of the halls or the dancing.
- **Don't leave valuables unattended** at the Festival.
- To reach the Festival site **for urgent issues only**, call 617-299-1590. Use 9-1-1 to report public safety emergencies.
- For Festival **Lost & Found**, call 617-299-1590 or visit the Lost and Found page on the NEFFA website..

## Where to Stay

## Hotels & Motels

The appearance of a lodging on this list is not an endorsement, but is provided for your information only. The cheapest double occupancy rates exclusive of tax are listed and were quoted in Dec 2011. Better rates may be found through membership programs like AAA or AARP, etc. For information on B&B's consult the NEFFA website at [neffa.org/lodging.html](http://neffa.org/lodging.html).

## Campgrounds

**Canoe River Campground** – 137 Mill Street, **Mansfield, MA**, 2.3 miles (4 minutes), 508-339-6462, access on weekends until 11 p.m.. Seasonal campground, approx. \$40.00 per site, full hook-up, (These are 2011 rates; the 2012 rates have not been published yet.) Dogs on short leash, 2 adults & 3 kids. Camper left on site. [canoeriver.com](http://canoeriver.com)

**Normandy Farms Family Camping Resort** – 72 West Street, **Foxboro, MA**, 4.6 miles (10 minutes), toll-free 866-673-2767 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; year-round, approx. \$70 per site a night for full hook-up; 2 adults, kids \$5. extra each, over 18 \$10 extra per person; pets allowed, 24 hour access. [normandyfarms.com](http://normandyfarms.com)

**AMC Ponkapoag Camp** — 1100 Randolph St., **Canton, MA** (in Blue Hills Reservation) 20 miles (27 minutes), 781-961-7007 8:30am to 12noon; weekend rates: cabins \$50-\$70, tent sites \$35. [tinyurl.com/ponkapoag](http://tinyurl.com/ponkapoag)

Hotel	Location	Phone	Price	Bkfst.
Days Inn	Attleboro	508-761-4825	\$85 APNR	Continental
Courtyard	Foxboro	508-543-5222	\$99*	Add'l chg.
<i>* Ask for "New England Folk Festival Association" rate for \$99 King Bed or \$109 two queens by 5 Apr</i>				
Residence Inn	Foxboro	508-698-2800	Var* APNR	Hot
<i>* Ask for "2012 New England Folk Festival" rate for \$99 Studio, \$109 1BR, or \$179 2BR by 23 Mar</i>				
Comfort Inn	Foxboro	508-543-1000	\$109	Continental
Renaissance Boston	Foxboro	508-543-5500	\$179	Add'l chg
Hampton Inn	Franklin	508-520-2999	\$134 APNR	Hot
Hawthorne Suites	Franklin	800-527-1133	\$159	Hot
Residence Inn	Franklin	508-541-8188	\$159 APNR	Hot
Holiday Inn	Mansfield	508-339-2200	\$120* APNR	Add'l chg.
<i>* Ask for "New England Folk Festival" rate of \$115 (room type based on availability) by 29 Mar..</i>				
Red Roof Inn	Mansfield	508-339-2323	\$90	Add'l chg.
Doubletree	Milford	508-478-7010	\$179 APNR	Add'l chg.
Holiday Inn Express	Milford	508-634-1054	\$89 APNR	Hot
Courtyard	Milford	508-634-9500	\$99 APNR	Add'l chg.
La Quinta Inn	Milford	800-531-5900	\$90	Continental
Comfort Inn	Milford	508-634-2499	\$89	Continental
Fairfield Inn	Milford	508-478-0900	\$89 APNR	Hot
Holiday Inn Express	N. Attleboro	508-643-9900	\$115 APNR	Hot
Super 8	N. Attleboro	508-643-2900	\$79	Continental
Extended Stay America	Norton	508-285-7800	\$95	
Residence Inn	Norwood	781-278-9595	\$104 APNR	Hot
Courtyard	Norwood	781-762-4700	\$129	Add'l chg.
Holiday Inn Express	Plainville	508-809-7840	\$90 APNR	Hot
Hampton Inn	Raynham	508-822-6222	\$120 APNR	Hot
Econolodge	Sharon	781-784-5800	\$70	Continental
Holiday Inn Express	Sharon	781-784-1000	\$109 APNR	Hot
Taunton Inn & Conf. Ctr. <i>(formerly Holiday Inn)</i>	Taunton	508-823-0430	\$150	Add'l chg.

APNR : Advance Purchase, Non-refundable rates are available at attractive discounts. See hotel website.

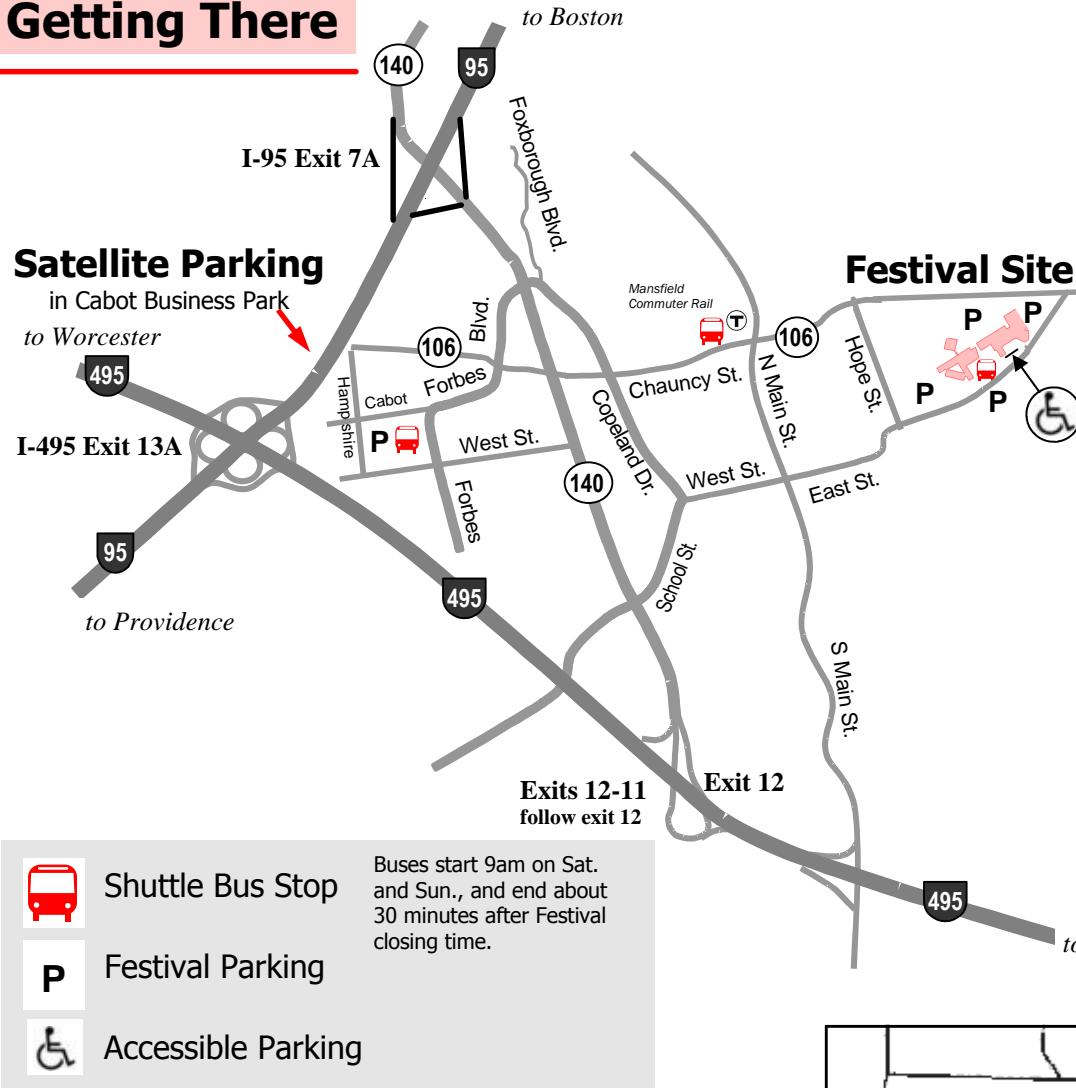
## Accessibility



We welcome people with special access needs. Large-print versions of the program grid are available in the lobby and at the Information table.

Parking for individuals with disabilities and injuries is in the lot in front of the High School. See signs as you approach the school. The site is fully wheelchair accessible.

# Getting There



## Parking Advice

**Friday:** Drive directly to the Festival Site, which will likely handle all attendees. If full, cars will be sent to Satellite Parking and shuttle bus started.

**Saturday & Sunday:** Festival Site parking will be full around 10am Saturday and 10:30am on Sunday. After that, driving directly to the Satellite Parking would be most efficient. Some spaces open up at the Festival Site during the day (mostly mid-afternoon) so you can try your luck there if arriving then.

Shuttle Bus Stop  
Buses start 9am on Sat. and Sun., and end about 30 minutes after Festival closing time.

Festival Parking

Accessible Parking

## Driving Directions

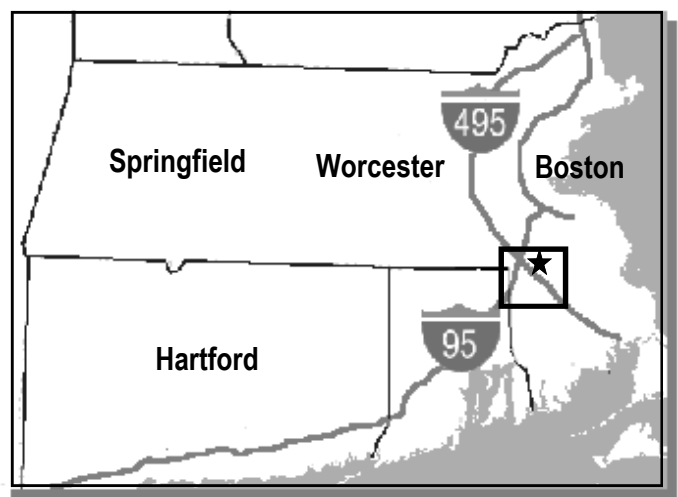
- From I-495**
- Take Exit 13A onto I-95 North
  - Follow directions for I-95
- From I-95**
- Take Exit 7A onto Rt. 140 South.
  - In 0.6 miles, take your choice:

**To Satellite Parking**  
241 Forbes Blvd.  
Mansfield MA 02048

- Take exit (on right) onto Forbes Blvd.
- Follow Forbes even as it turns left in 0.5 miles.
- The parking area will be on your right. Watch for signs.

**To Festival**  
250 East St.  
Mansfield MA 02048

- In 0.3 miles, turn left at light onto Rt. 106 East.
- In about 1.8 miles, turn sharp right onto East St.
- Arrive at Festival site in about 0.5 miles.



## Public Transit

The Mansfield commuter rail station services trains to/from Providence, TF Green airport and Boston. Consult the [mbta.com](http://mbta.com) website for schedules. When arriving at the station, call a phone number that will be posted at the station (and the NEFFA website a week before the Festival) to get a pickup by the free NEFFA shuttle bus at the station house. To return to the station, request a station stop from the bus driver.

For intercity bus service to Foxboro/Mansfield bus station go to the Peter Pan Bus website: [peterpanbus.com](http://peterpanbus.com) Once you arrive at the bus station, your best bet is to call for a local taxicab to take you to the Festival site.