



Columbus Day Weekend Activities and Events

Boston's Columbus Day Parade



Boston's spectacular Columbus Day Parade features an eclectic mix of marching brass bands, military units and Colonial militias, Italian-Boston organizations, Duck Boat floats, politicians, other entertainers, and even vintage autos.

It always occurs on the Sunday before Columbus Day.

Columbus Park Fall Festival



Friends of Christopher Columbus Park will host a fun Fall Festival on Columbus Day sponsored by lots of local North End and Waterfront businesses.

This annual family-friendly event begins with a children's parade through the park followed by a ceremony at the Christopher Columbus statue, and includes lots of free entertainment and games.

Cranberry Harvest Festival



Boston Cranberry Harvest Festival - Christopher Columbus Day Event

Cranberry harvesting takes place from mid-September through early November, making Columbus Day Weekend the perfect time for the annual Cranberry Harvest Celebration sponsored by the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

This old-style family festival celebrates this favorite New England tradition with tours to a cranberry bog to see the harvest in progress, carnival rides for children, food vendors, artisans displaying their crafts, and the opportunity to buy super-fresh cranberries.

Things to Do with Kids on Columbus Day Weekend in Boston

Family-oriented activities to do with kids in Boston on Columbus Day weekend include:

New England Aquarium - Kids and grownups alike love all the exhibits - great rainy weather choice also - plus huge IMAX Theater next door. Free Aquarium admission if you have a GoBoston card, plus you go to the head of the line. More about New England Aquarium

Boston Duck Tours - Kids' favorite way to tour the city by land and water! More about Boston Duck Tours

Faneuil Hall Marketplace - Bring your whole family to this popular Freedom Trail site and shopping/eating/entertainment destination