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2022



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## BAR

## GlenPharmer Distillery

It's the place Franklin never knew it needed, but now can't live without: an artisanal distillery with its own bustling tasting room and full-service restaurant. Here, friends, neighbors, and couples alike clink glasses of the award-winning vodkas—offered as flights with other spirits or in a variety of creative cocktails—at high-tops inside a former covered bridge and at the cozy, stone-walled bar. Looking to make a day of it? Book a tour of the former mill building turned distillery and get a look at how the spirits in your glass were born. Franklin, [glenpharmer.com](http://glenpharmer.com).



## HOTEL INN AT HASTINGS PARK

Here's a victory for Lexington: a Relais & Châteaux boutique hotel complete with luxurious Frette linens and fireplaces in the guest rooms, a special-occasion-worthy restaurant downstairs, and history all around. Looking for an excuse to get away without going too far from home? Book one of the 1800s-built inn's immersive culinary weekends, which include cooking classes with owner Trisha Pérez Kennealy, who trained at Le Cordon Bleu in London. Lexington, [innathastingspark.com](http://innathastingspark.com).



## SALON

## Haven Beauty

Forced to shut down just months after opening due to the pandemic, Emily Sobers had a challenging start to her new business. But there's no sign of those early struggles today inside her aptly named clean-beauty salon and wellness space, which offers flawless cuts, highlights, facials, and more. And Sobers and her team seem to be adding more ways to unwind every day, first with yoga and Pilates classes and most recently with their "Relax and Restore" room, complete with an infrared sauna. Hopkinton, [havenbeautyma.com](http://havenbeautyma.com).

## BOUTIQUE SALT BOUTIQUE

Owner Jennifer Devlin opened the first location of coastal-chic Salt Boutique on her home island of Nantucket in 2015, but as of 2020 modish mainlanders can browse beloved brands including Agolde, Citizens of Humanity, and Peony year-round in her Wellesley shop. Although one look at Salt's fashion-forward floral dresses and bold-colored bikinis, and you might just find yourself beach-bound anyway. Wellesley, [saltnantucket.com](http://saltnantucket.com).

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## FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITY

## New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

Think horticulture and high-energy kids don't mix? You haven't been to this Boylston sanctuary, which continued its growth this year by

unveiling a 1.5-acre children's garden—dubbed the Ramble—designed for the littlest plant lovers. The pre-K set will especially appreciate the

space's new Nature Play Days, offering story time, crafts, dress-up, and more. Parents, meanwhile, will relish the thousands of gorgeous flowers in bloom—not to mention an on-site café overlooking Mount Wachusett (with mac 'n' cheese for the kiddos, of course). Boylston, [nebg.org](http://nebg.org).