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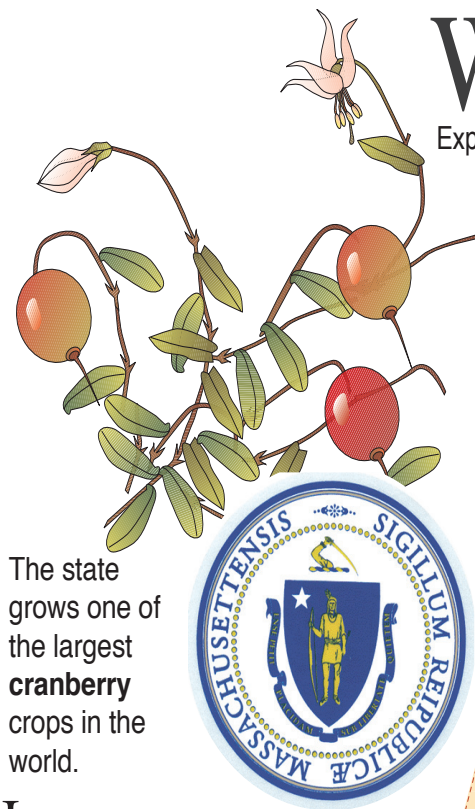


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Tourism is one of Massachusetts' largest industries. Visitors are attracted by the state's rich history, quaint towns and natural beauty. The landscape varies from rocky shores, sandy beaches, and salt marshes to valleys and rolling hills.



The state grows one of the largest **cranberry** crops in the world.

In a name

Massachusetts is named after a Native American tribe called the Massachusetts, which lived in the region around Boston. The name is loosely translated as "near the great hill." Historians think it probably refers to the Great Blue Hill region south of Boston. Massachusetts has been nicknamed the Bay State and the Old Colony State.

The state motto is "*Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem*," which is Latin for "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty."

First people

Before the Europeans arrived, many Algonquian-speaking tribes lived in the region.

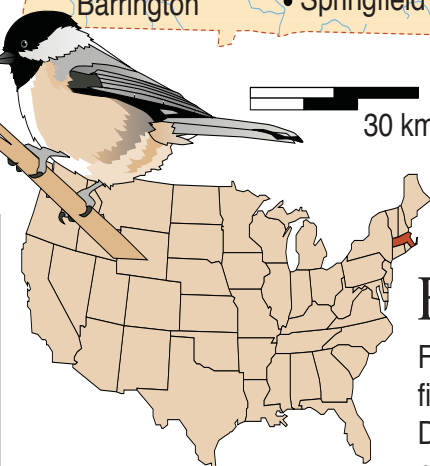
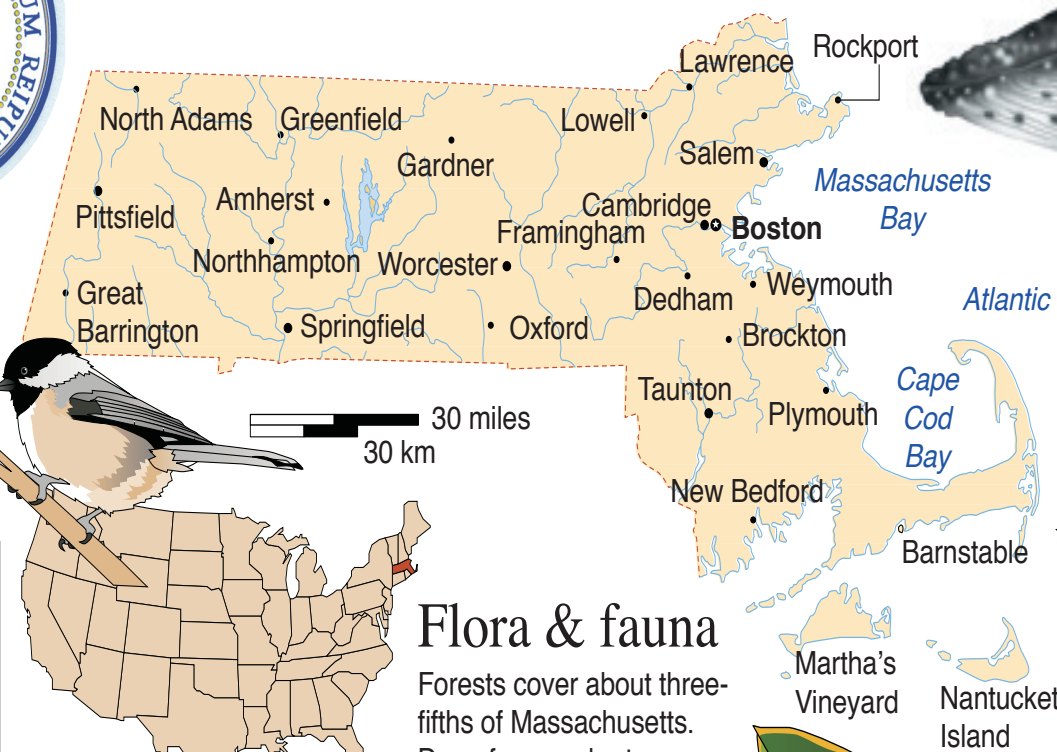
The Pilgrims were saved from total starvation by **Squanto** of the Pawtuxet tribe. Relations between settlers and Native Americans deteriorated over the years, resulting in violence and war.

Pilgrims & Puritans

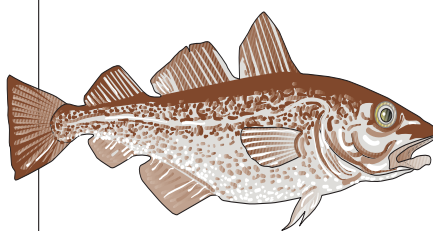
Both Pilgrims and Puritans left England in search of economic opportunity and religious freedom, but they did have different beliefs.

The **Pilgrims**, also known as Separatists, left the Church of England to establish their own more strict and holy congregation. More than half of the original settlers from the Mayflower died the first winter from starvation, exposure and disease. The Pilgrim settlement was **Plymouth**.

The **Puritans** arrived in 1630 with 17 ships, more than 700 passengers and resources. Like the Pilgrims, Puritans believed the Church of England needed to be reformed, but did not feel they needed to abandon the church entirely. The Puritans settled the **Massachusetts Bay Colony**, which eventually would also include Plymouth.



Common loon



Native Americans and Pilgrims used **cod** for food and fertilizer.

Flora & fauna

Forests cover about three-fifths of Massachusetts. Deer, fox, muskrats, porcupines, raccoons and skunks are common.

Massachusetts has 4,230 miles (6,808 km) of rivers and more than 1,300 lakes and ponds.

Fresh water provides habitat for many species, such as the **common loon**.

Saltwater species, such as Atlantic cod, haddock and American lobster, are found off this state's shores.



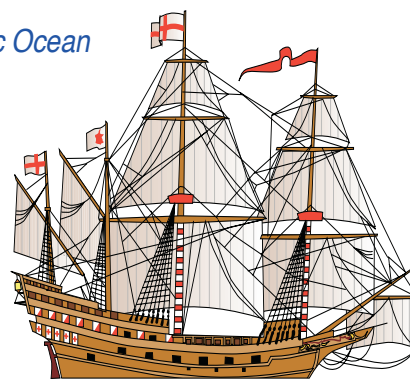
Trailing arbutus



American lobster



Humpback whale



On November 11, 1620, after 10 weeks at sea, the **Mayflower** anchored near the tip of Cape Cod. The ship carried 102 passengers and about 30 crew members.

Just the facts

Area	10,565 sq. mi. (27,337 sq. km)
Population	6,892,503
Capital city	Boston
Highest elevation	Mount Greylock 3,489 ft. (1,063 m)
Lowest elevation	Atlantic Ocean (sea level)
Agriculture	Dairy, nursery and greenhouse products, eggs, vegetables, cattle, hogs, sheep, cranberries and fruit
Fishing	Crabs, clams
Industries	Textiles, electronics, publishing, education, tourism, fishing
Mining	Clay, lime, marble, sand and gravel, silica, quartz, granite, limestone, sandstone and slate

Major history

Many of the events that led up to the **Revolutionary War** took place in Massachusetts. Angry mobs demonstrated against taxes. **Paul Revere** made his famous ride to warn the patriots about the British troop movement. The Battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

Did you know?

Four U.S. presidents were born in Massachusetts. **John Adams**, the second president, and his son, **John Quincy Adams**, the sixth president, were both born in Braintree (now Quincy). **John F. Kennedy**, the 35th president, was born in Brookline. **George H. W. Bush**, the 41st president, was born in Milton.

Deborah Samson (also spelled Sampson) disguised herself as a man and fought in the **War of Independence** under the name of Robert Shurtleff. When she was wounded, her identity was revealed.

One of the first Europeans to sail the Massachusetts coast may have been the **Viking Leif Ericson** around the year 1000. In 1498, the English explorer John Cabot visited the region.



John Adams
1735-1826



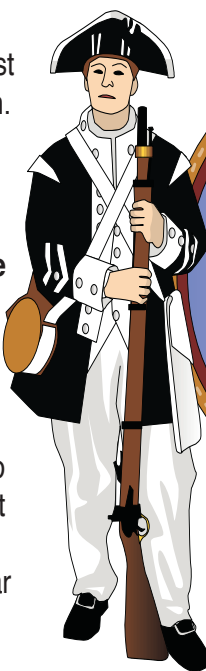
John Quincy Adams
1767-1848



John F. Kennedy
1917-1963



George H.W. Bush
1924-2018



Deborah Samson
1760-1827



John Hancock
1737-1793

In 1780, **John Hancock** became the first elected governor of Massachusetts.

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