



# Living in Chelmsford

**Chelmsford (and the surrounding region) offer tremendous recreational, educational, and health care opportunities for its residents.**

## Local

Chelmsford is home to a number of overnight accommodations, and a diverse range of restaurants, shopping, and specialty services. The town takes great pride in its recreational and open space resources highlighted by over 1,000 acres of conservation land, the Chelmsford Country Club, a public nine-hole golf course with a practice range, function and dining room suitable for groups of 25 to 80 people, the only public boat launch on the Merrimack River between Lowell and the New Hampshire border at Southwell Park and the 6.8 mile Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, part of a larger 25-mile trail traveling through Lowell, Chelmsford, Westford, Carlisle, Acton, Concord, Sudbury, and Framingham accessible for jogging, hiking, bicycling, horseback, and cross-country skiing.



Bridging the Chelmsford/Carlisle town line and named an “Editor’s Pick 2000” by *Yankee Magazine’s Travel Guide to New England*, Great Brook Farm State Park offers four-season recreation, including canoeing and

kayaking, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing on groomed trails. An active dairy farm is located on park grounds with year-round tours available.

## Regional

The City of Lowell serves as the regions arts, cultural and entertainment center with its numerous historic attractions, museums, art galleries, performing art revenues and sporting events.

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- The National Historical Park
- The Brush Art Gallery and Studios
- The New England Quilt Museum
- The Boott Cotton Mills Museum
- The National Streetcar Museum
- The Whistler House

## CELEBRATIONS

The Lowell Folk Festival is the largest of its kind in the U.S. This three-day festival is the city’s premier cultural event, attracting thousands to a celebration of traditional music and folk entertainment.



## RECREATION

The Merrimack and Concord Rivers provide fishing, canoeing, sailing, water skiing, and high quality white water rafting. Enjoy hiking, jogging, horse-back riding and cross-country skiing on six miles of trails at the The Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest. The Vandenberg Esplanade is a prime venue for walking, biking, swimming, and picnicking along the banks of the Merrimack River.

Also in Boston are a number of major league professional sports teams including the Boston Red Sox (baseball), The Boston Celtics (basketball), and nearby Foxboro is home to the New England Patriots (football).

The Boston metropolitan area offers many attractions including the Boston Pops, Faneuil Hall, the JFK Library and Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Freedom Trail, the New England Aquarium, the Paul Revere House, and more.

## Education

### Chelmsford Public Schools

The Chelmsford Public School System is made up of five K – 4 elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. Chelmsford has recently completed a \$31 million construction project for the renovation and expansion of Chelmsford High School and the Town's two middle schools. Students perform at high levels on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) and are accepted into the nation's finest colleges and universities.

**“...our town has a long history of supporting public education. In fact, many of our graduates return to Chelmsford to marry and raise their families.”**

Donald R. Yeoman, Ed.D., Superintendent

## Higher Education

Located in Middlesex County, 3 miles southwest of Lowell and 22 miles northwest of Boston, Chelmsford students have access to numerous colleges and universities throughout the region including the University of Massachusetts Lowell and Middlesex Community College.

## The University of Massachusetts Lowell

is a fully accredited, 4-year public university that offers 15 doctoral, 29 master's and 38 bachelor's degree programs in science, engineering, health, humanities, social sciences, fine arts, education and management. Signature programs include sound recording technology, plastics engineering, economic and social development of regions, and community health and sustainability. [www.uml.edu](http://www.uml.edu)

Middlesex Community College is the largest community college in Massachusetts offering 79 degree and certificate programs, hundreds of noncredit courses, career training, online courses and programs, and bachelor's degree completion programs with Salem State and Fitchburg State colleges. [www.middlesex.mass.edu](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu)

## Lowell General Hospital

The Lowell General Hospital (LGH) has grown into one of the top community hospitals in the nation. In 2006, Thomson 100 Hospitals named Lowell General as the only New England community hospital among the nation's Top 100 Performance Improvement Leaders.

The hospital has 200 beds, 38 bassinets, and two satellite locations in Chelmsford: The Surgery Center/Patient Services Center and the Women's Imaging Center. In addition to 24-hour emergency services, critical care, surgical care, and critical care, LGH also offers specialty services including cancer care, cardiac services, and pediatric clinics in partnership with NEMC/Floating Hospital for Children.

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