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# 10 Nearby road trips and quick getaways

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## Birders' delight

**New York.** Three days of birding hikes, walks, outings, and seminars throughout the beautiful wilderness and forests of Hamilton County. Field trips are free; registration required. **Adirondack Birding Festival**, multiple locations, June 10-12.

[www.adirondackexperience.com/events/adirondack-birding-festival](http://www.adirondackexperience.com/events/adirondack-birding-festival)

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## We're outta here!

**Delaware.** A few weeks before July 4, 1776, the counties of Delaware (then part of Pennsylvania) declared their independence from both the colony to the north and England. That's reason enough for a party, with food and craft beers, a historic encampment, vendors, and a colonial BBQ competition. **Separation Day**, New Castle, June 10-11. [www.sepdayde.com](http://www.sepdayde.com) (<http://www.sepdayde.com>)

## Stroll and sniff

**New Jersey.** About 40 public and private gardens in this town by the Raritan Bay are on view for self-guided walking or biking tours. Pick up a garden guide at the Keyport Waterfront Pavilion. **Keyport Garden Walk**, Keyport, June 4-5.

[www.keyportgardenwalk.org](http://www.keyportgardenwalk.org) (<http://www.keyportgardenwalk.org>)

## Fiddlin' around

**Pennsylvania.** There's a full day of down-home music at the Berks County Heritage Center, featuring country, bluegrass, and traditional Scottish performers. Plus a fiddle contest by age groups, with cash prizes. **Early Bird Fiddle Fest**, Reading, June 11 (rain date: June 12)

[www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Parks/Pages/FiddleFestival.aspx](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Parks/Pages/FiddleFestival.aspx)

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## Welcome to Bawlmer

**Maryland.** In classic Baltimore lingo, everyone is called "hon." This street festival celebrates neighborhood warmth, the glory of the beehive hairdo, and the working women who held it all together. Music on three stages, food and crafts vendors, contests for the best hon (age 3 to adult). **HONfest**, Baltimore, June 11-12. [www.honfest.net](http://www.honfest.net)  
[\(<http://www.honfest.net>\)](http://www.honfest.net)

## Open spaces

**Delaware.** Celebrating 65 years of state park operations. Free admission (with a few exceptions - see website) to all state parks on the first Sunday in June. **Free Day in the Parks**, statewide, June 5. [www.destateparks.com/65years/](http://www.destateparks.com/65years/)  
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## Gracious living

**Connecticut.** Four-day event explores town's Victorian heritage with evening lantern tour, tours of Victorian and historic homes, band concert, art show, and other features. **Victorian Days**, Willimantic, June 2-5. [www.victorianwillimantic.org](http://www.victorianwillimantic.org)  
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## Big bang

**Maryland.** Lasers, lights, video, fireworks, and music illuminate the North Division Street beach at the other O.C. Three shows every summer Sunday night. **O.C. Beach Lights Spectacular**, Ocean City, Sundays through Sept. 4. [www.ocbeachlights.com](http://www.ocbeachlights.com)  
(<http://www.ocbeachlights.com>)

## Brew tasting

**New Jersey.** Sample beers from local craft breweries while enjoying food, live music, and crafts offered by vendors. Held in Fox Park, with three timed ticket sessions; may attend only one. Designated driver tickets available. **Wildwood Beer Fest**, Wildwood, June 10-11. [www.wildwoodbeerfest.com](http://www.wildwoodbeerfest.com) (<http://www.wildwoodbeerfest.com>)

## Rainy-day option

**Pennsylvania.** Photography exhibit captures the changing vistas of the Susquehanna River, from New York state to the Chesapeake Bay. John Pfahl's photographs, on display at the Susquehanna Art Museum, echo early American landscape paintings. **The Luminous River**, Harrisburg, June 10-Sept. 18. [www.sqart.org/galleries/john-pfahl/](http://www.sqart.org/galleries/john-pfahl/)  
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