



Boston Area Outlet Shopping

Boston has a good number of discount clothing stores, including TJ Maxx, Marshall's, DSW Shoes and Filene's Basement. However, when "discount" isn't enough, then thoughts turn to "Outlets". Indeed, many of our welcome visitors from overseas make *Outlet Shopping* one of their top priorities. While we don't have Outlet Malls within the city itself, we certainly do have them within a short distance.

The Granddaddy of outlet malls is the famous **Kittery Outlets** in Kittery, Maine. While that may sound far away, it's less than an hour from Boston and has over 120 outlet stores, including Ralph Loren, Banana Republic, Bass, Calvin Klein, J. Crew, Nautica, Tommy Hilfiger and Levi's. Open Sunday - Thursday 10am - 6pm and Friday and Saturday 10am - 8pm. Take Route 95 North to Exit 3 in Maine, marked Kittery/Coastal Route 1 North. The Kittery Outlets are a half mile beyond, on Route 1 North.

Freeport is a beautiful coastal Maine village with over 200 upscale outlets, designer shops and eclectic boutiques. It is home to the world-famous L.L.Bean, plus Burberry, Brooks Brothers, Reebok and Polo Ralph Loren. Hours vary by store, but LL Bean is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Freeport is 2.5 hours north of Boston. Take I-95 to the Maine Turnpike, Exit 52.

Follow signs to I-295 North and take Exit 17, 20 or 22 for Freeport. All of these Exits lead directly to US Route 1.

The Cape Cod Factory Outlet is the largest factory outlet mall on Cape Cod and is only about an hour from Boston. There are over 20 nationally known factory outlet stores, including Bass, Van Heusen, L'Eggs, Hanes, Bali, Playtex, Izod and Jones New York. Route 93 South to Route 3 South to Route 6, Exit 1, Sagamore.

Finally, **Wrentham Premium Outlets** has 170 stores, including Banana Republic, Barneys New York, Burberry, Coach, Tahari, Hugo Boss, J.Crew, Kenneth Cole, Lacoste, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Salvatore Ferragamo, Sony. Open Mon-Sat: 10am-9pm, Sun: 10am-6pm. 45 minutes southwest of Boston. Take Route 93 S to 95 S, to 495 N, Exit 15, or I-90 W to 495 S, Exit 15, Wrentham. Note that this is the only outlet mall reachable via public transportation from Boston. The bus information is available at: <http://www.brushhilltours.com/tours/wrentham.html>. See your hotel concierge for further information.

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