## APPLE AND PUMPKIN PICKING FARMS NEAR BOSTON

## NORTH OF BOSTON

<u>Brooksby Farm-</u> Peabody, MA. 37-Minutes via Rt 1 N: As you peruse their orchards, don't forget to stop by their on-site farm store to indulge in cider donuts and other baked goods before taking a hayride around the farm, visiting their barn animals, or finding the perfect pumpkin in their pumpkin yard.

<u>Russell Orchards</u>- Ipswich, MA. 1-Hour via Rt 1 N.: With fields of pick-your-own apples, a bakery and farm store selling baked goods, cider, small batch ice cream, and local produce, and a winery all on-site, you can spend an entire day exploring the farm. Don't miss out on grabbing a Cider Slushie to enjoy while you explore!

Connor's Farm- Danver's, MA. 35-Minutes via Rt 1N: With a beethemed corn maze, train rides, hayrides, a ropes course, pick-yourown apples and pumpkins, and tons of other fall-themed activities. Every Friday and Saturday night in October, Connors Farms transforms into HYSTERIA, featuring the spine-chilling Haunted Fields and the family-friendly, non-haunted flashlight corn maze.

<u>Boston Hill Farm-</u> North Andover, MA. 35-Minute via I-93 N: This Family-owned farm offers a variety of apples to pick and a farm stand selling local produce, freshly baked pies, homemade soups, grain cups to share with the farm's animals, and, of course, apple cider donuts. After your visit, stop by the nearby Harold Parker State Forest for breathtaking views of New England's iconic fall foliage.

<u>Smolak Farms</u>- North Andover, MA. 40-Minutes via I-93 N: With 20 varieties of apples grown on-site, including a unique selection of heirloom apple varieties that are no longer commercially grown, chances are, you'll discover something new on this stop. Beyond the apple orchards, you'll find a bakery with incredible pies, a farm

stand, and even a petting zoo. The farm also hosts various events throughout the season, from fall festivals to hop-on hayrides.

## **WEST OF BOSTON**

Honey Pot Hills Orchard- Stowe, MA. 47-Minutes via I-90 W: Over 200 acres of apple orchards to explore and three corn mazes, the farm is the perfect place to lose track of time on a fall weekend. Don't forget to stop by Honey Pot Hill's farm store for freshly baked goods, including their iconic apple cider donuts, and local produce, or their Hard Cider Tent for handcrafted hard cider, picturesque views of the orchards, and live music.

<u>Belkin Family Lookout Farm</u>- South Natick 37-Minutes via I-90 W: Some things are meant to go together—like farm-fresh hard cider, apple cider donuts, and apple picking. One of America's oldest working farms. Lookout Farm offers U-pick apples, a farm store, outdoor dining, and an on-site taproom.

<u>Carlson Orchards</u>- Harvard, MA. 49-Minutes Via I-495 N: The orchard is well-known for its wide variety of apples, from the classic McIntosh to lesser-known heirloom varieties, and its cidery, which features flights of their legendary hard ciders and a full food menu.

<u>Shelbourne Farm</u>- Stowe, MA. 49-Minutes vi I-90 W: Boston Magazine's "Best Apple Picking". Featuring dozens of varieties of apples available for picking or purchase, barn animals like llamas, goats, donkeys, and rabbits, weekly live music, food trucks, a hard cider barn, and a John Deere tractor-themed playground, there's something for every at the farm.

## **SOUTH OF BOSTON**

<u>Pakeen Farm</u>- Canton, Ma. 31-Minutes via I-93 S: The perfect place to get pick-your-own pumpkins. Although you can't pick apples at the farm yet, make sure to stop by the "Little Apple Orchard" to see Pakeen Farm's future pick-your-own apples before purchasing fresh cider, apples, and pies from the shop.