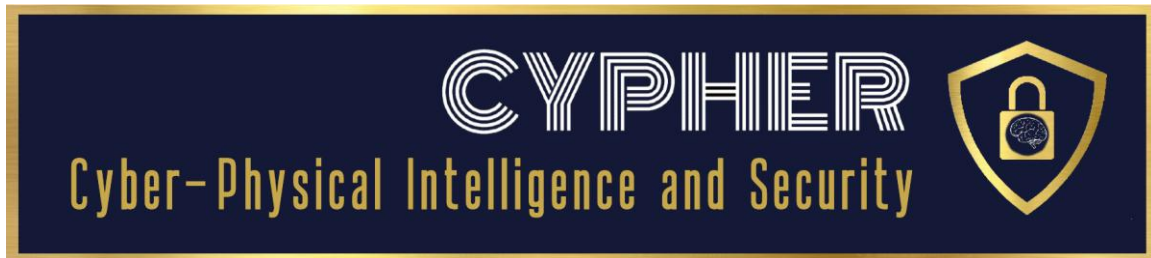


Welcome to South Kingstown – IPT Meetings 2026



Overview

Welcome to the University of Rhode Island and the town of South Kingstown. This guide includes recommendations for transportation, lodging, dining, and local attractions to help make your visit for the IPT Meetings, June 15–18, 2026, enjoyable and stress-free.

Transportation

Airports:

Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport (PVD), Warwick, RI – about 30–35 minutes from URI

Logan International Airport (BOS), Boston, MA – about 90–120 minutes from URI, depending on traffic

Ground Transportation:

Uber and Lyft are available in the area.

Rental cars are available at both airports.

Parking is available on campus, but visitors should park in the Fine Arts Lot (Flagg Rd. side). Visitor parking information can be found through URI Transportation & Parking.

Lodging

Hampton Inn South Kingstown - 20 Hotel Dr, South Kingstown, RI

Holiday Inn South Kingstown - 3009 Tower Hill Road, Saunderstown, RI

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott South Kingstown Newport Area

Shepherd's Run, boutique hotel and vineyard experience

Dining

On-Campus:

The URI Kingston Emporium, located at 99 Fortin Road, is one of the main on-campus dining areas at URI. It includes several quick-service options for breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee, pizza, sandwiches, sushi, Thai food, Tex-Mex, and casual takeout. This is a convenient option for visitors who want something close to campus without driving into Wakefield or Narragansett. Hours may vary during the summer, so visitors should check current hours before going.

Casual:

Mews Tavern - 456 Main Street, Wakefield, RI

Brickley's Ice Cream - 322 Main Street, Wakefield, RI

Whalers Brewing Company - 1174 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI

Kingston Pizza - 63 Briar Lane, Kingston, RI

GoPasta - 139 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI

Crazy Burger Cafe and Juice Bar - 144 Boon Street, Narragansett, RI

Iggy's Doughboys & Chowder House - 1151 Point Judith Road, Narragansett, RI

Monahan's Clam Shack - 190 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI

Boon Street Market - 145 Boon Street, Narragansett, RI

Sit-down:

Spain of Narragansett - 1144 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI

Coast Guard House - 40 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI

Matunuck Oyster Bar - 650 Succotash Road, East Matunuck, RI.

Chophouse Grille - 191 Old Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI

Trattoria Romana South - 71 South County Commons Way, South Kingstown, RI

Tavern on Main - 195 Main Street, Wakefield, RI

TwoTen Oyster Bar & Grill - 210 Salt Pond Road, South Kingstown, RI

George's of Galilee - 250 Sand Hill Cove Road, Narragansett, RI

The Bike Stop Cafe - 148 Boon Street, Narragansett, RI

Sea Craft - 113 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI

Coffee & Bakeries:

TLC Coffee Roasters - 3362 Kingstown Road, West Kingston, RI

Sweet Cakes Bakery - 1227 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI

Audrey's Coffee House & Lounge - 60 South County Commons Way, South Kingstown, RI

Caf Bar - 396 Main Street, Wakefield, RI

Cool Beans Cafe - 18 Kingstown Road, Narragansett, RI

Java Madness - 134 Salt Pond Road, Wakefield, RI

Allie's Donuts - 3661 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown, RI

Del's Lemonade - 1200 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI

Local Attractions & Activities

URI Botanical Gardens – Adjacent to the Fascitelli Center for Advanced Engineering

The URI Botanical Gardens encompass 4.5 acres behind the greenhouse complex and beside the Mallon Outreach Center. The gardens are home to more than 1,000 plant species across more than 500 genera and 138 families. The gardens are maintained by Rhode Island Master Gardeners, URI faculty, and URI staff, and are open year-round to visitors.



Narragansett – Coastal walk

Walk along Ocean Road in Narragansett, RI, about 18 minutes from URI.

Enjoy a short walk from the Coast Guard House area toward the Narragansett seawall and nearby waterfront. Street parking may be available, but visitors should check posted parking rules.

Sandy beaches

Make sure to bring beach towels, flip flops, sunscreen, and swimsuits.

- Narragansett Town Beach, 39 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett, RI
- Scarborough State Beach, 970 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI
- Roger Wheeler State Beach, 100 Sand Hill Cove Road, Narragansett, RI
- Salty Brine State Beach, 254 Great Road, Narragansett, RI
- East Matunuck State Beach, 950 Succotash Road, South Kingstown, RI



Newport

Newport is one of Rhode Island's best-known tourist destinations and is about 35–45 minutes from URI, depending on traffic. A day trip is recommended, and two days is better if time allows. The following is a recommended route.

Easton's Beach, 175 Memorial Boulevard, Newport, RI

Easton's Beach is near the starting point of the Cliff Walk, a 3.5-mile scenic walk. Metered parking is available.

Newport Mansions

Newport has several historic mansions open to the public. The Breakers is one of the best-known mansions and was the Gilded Age summer home of the Vanderbilt family. It includes ornate artwork, gardens, and tours. The Breakers is also near the Cliff Walk, but visitors should check current access and restoration updates before planning around it.



Brenton Point State Park, Ocean Drive, Newport, RI

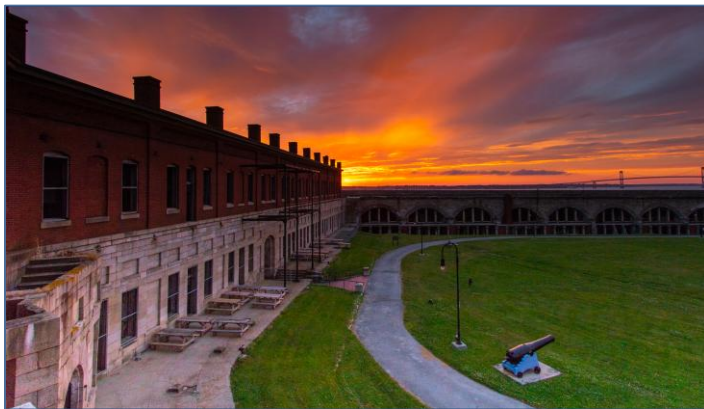
Put Brenton Point State Park into your GPS and enjoy the drive along Ocean Drive. There are several places to stop and enjoy views of the coastline.

Castle Hill Inn, 590 Ocean Drive, Newport, RI

Enjoy a drink on the lawn at Castle Hill Inn. The property overlooks the water, with views of sailboats and yachts passing by.

Fort Adams State Park, 80 Fort Adams Drive, Newport, RI

Take a short walk to the Fort Adams lookout point. Visitors can also look into seasonal harbor shuttle or water taxi options around Narragansett Bay.



Bowen's Wharf, Newport

Walk around Bowen's Wharf. The International Tennis Hall of Fame is also within walking distance. Brick Alley Pub on Thames Street is a popular restaurant nearby.

Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge, 769 Sachuest Point Road, Middletown

Sachuest Point offers scenic walking trails and coastal views. The full loop is about 2.4 to 2.5 miles.

Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 3rd Beach Road, Middletown

Norman Bird Sanctuary has multiple trails. Adult trail admission is listed at \$7. It is close to Second Beach and Third Beach.



Providence

Providence is about 40 minutes from URI and makes a worthwhile day trip if time allows. The city is fairly walkable in several areas and offers a range of museums, historic campuses, restaurants, shops, and seasonal events. Popular attractions include:

RISD Museum

Art museum affiliated with the Rhode Island School of Design, featuring paintings, decorative arts, textiles, photography, sculpture, and design objects from many cultures and time periods.



Brown University

Historic Ivy League university located on College Hill. Visitors can walk around the campus and nearby streets, which include historic buildings, shops, cafes, and views of Providence.

Roger Williams Park Zoo

Family-friendly zoo located within Roger Williams Park, featuring animal exhibits, walking paths, gardens, and seasonal events.



Federal Hill

Providence neighborhood known for Italian restaurants, bakeries, cafes, specialty food shops, and a lively dining atmosphere.

WaterFire Providence

Seasonal public art event where bonfires are lit along the downtown rivers, often accompanied by music, walking routes, food vendors, and large evening crowds.



Nearby Universities

Many universities in the Northeast are within roughly a two-hour drive of URI, depending on traffic. These include Brown, Yale, Harvard, MIT, Boston University, Northeastern University, UMass Amherst, and URI itself.

Shopping & Essentials

Belmont Market, grocery store

Wakefield Mall

CVS and Walgreens, pharmacies

Emergency & Organizer Contacts

South County Hospital: (401) 782-8000

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