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Get Your Licks

Sample the region's ice cream specialties one scoop at a time at these local shops

BY STEPHANIE THURROTT

REMEMBER RIDING IN THE "WAY BACK" of the station wagon on humid summer nights to line up outside an ice cream stand for a butter brickle cone? That tradition lives on in New England, even though in many places chocolate-chip cookie dough and the SUV have replaced butter brickle and the family wagon. Stop in one of these shops and try a cone for yourself.

CONNECTICUT

Ashley's Ice Cream Cafe *Guilford*, 203-458-3040. Chocolate banana was Ashley's favorite flavor—she's the dog for which the cafe is named.

Collins Creamery *Enfield*, 860-749-8663. Try the peanut-butter-cup sundae. You choose three scoops of your favorite flavors and Collins will add peanut butter sauce, hot fudge, Reese's Pieces and whipped cream topped with a cherry.

James Gallery and Soda Fountain *Old Saybrook*, 860-395-1222. Have an ice cream soda at this spot—it's on the National Register of Historic Places.

Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream *Salem*, 860-859-2980. With so many flavors to choose from, you'll need extra time just to read the menu.

UConn Dairy Bar *Storrs*, 860-486-2634. Coffee espresso crunch carries plenty of students through all-nighters.

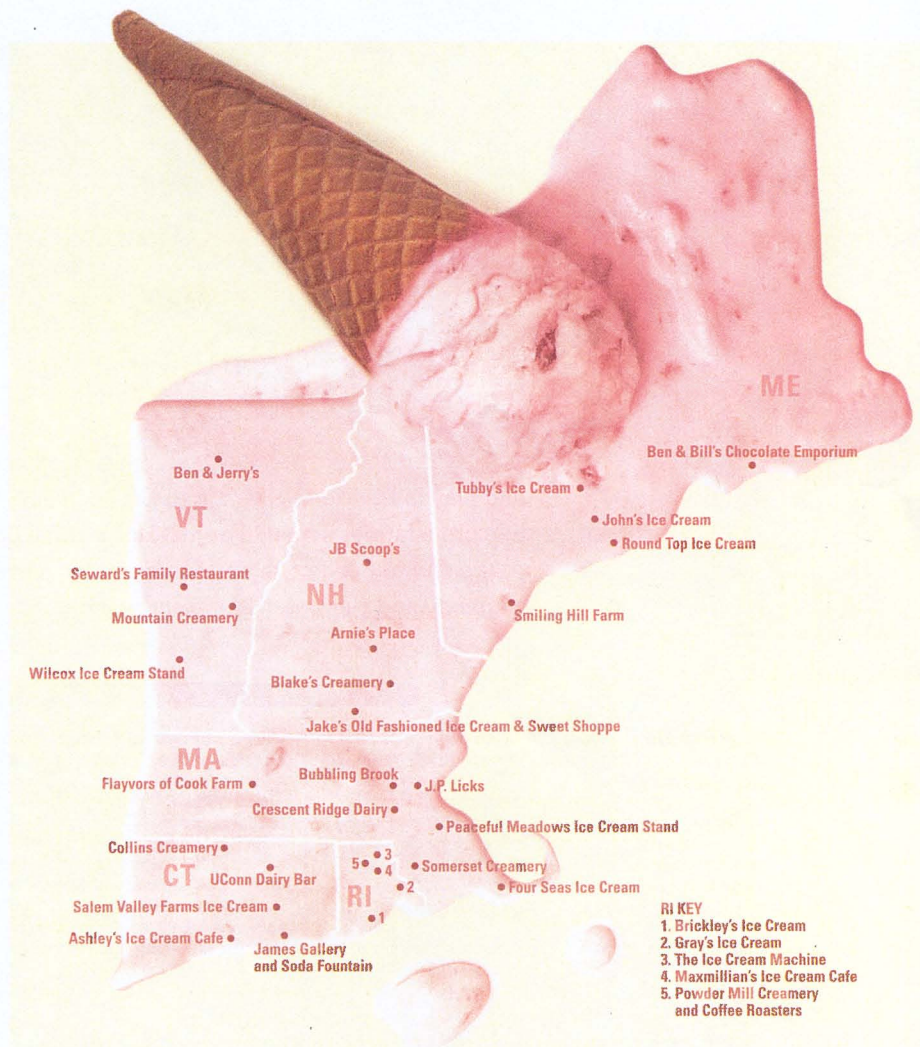
MAINE

Ben & Bill's Chocolate Emporium *Bar Harbor*, 800-806-3281. Don't be afraid to taste the lobster ice cream.

John's Ice Cream *Liberty*, 207-589-3700. You'll go nuts for the homemade pistachio ice cream—it's made with real nuts.

Round Top Ice Cream *Damariscotta*, 207-563-5307. Stop for a seasonal treat, like peach or pumpkin ice cream, before a show at the nearby Round Top Center for the Arts.

Smiling Hill Farm *Westbrook*, 207-775-4818. This farm's been in business since the



1700s. Take home some apple pie ice cream for a twist on pie à la mode.

Tubby's Ice Cream *Wayne*, 207-685-8181. Enjoy the view of Pocasset Lake with your old-fashioned ice cream cone.

MASSACHUSETTS

Bubbling Brook *Westwood*, 781-762-9860. The annual opening of Bubbling Brook is a sure sign of spring. Don't want ice cream? Sip a raspberry lime rickey instead.

Crescent Ridge Dairy *Sharon*, 781-784-2740.

Lucky locals can have ice cream delivered home by the half gallon.

Flavors of Cook Farm *Hadley*, 413-584-2224.

Home of the old-fashioned ice cream float.

Four Seas Ice Cream *Centerville*, 508-775-1394. The only things better than the ice cream are the toppings, like crème de menthe and walnuts in maple syrup.

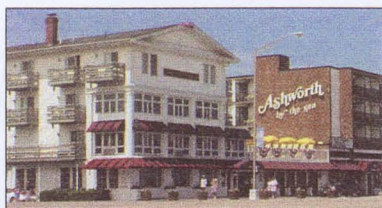
J.P. Licks *Jamaica Plain*, 617-524-6740. Homemade bittersweet hot-fudge sauce makes even the best sundae taste better.

Peaceful Meadows Ice Cream Stand *Whitman*,

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781-447-3889. This stand stakes claim to the best frappe anywhere.

Somerset Creamery *Somerset*, 508-672-5510. Pack a pint of chocolate coconut to go.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Arnie's Place *Concord*, 603-228-3225. On Tuesday nights, vintage cars pack this lot for thick black-raspberry shakes.

Blake's Creamery *Manchester*, 603-623-7242. Where else can you find Graham Central Station ice cream?

Jake's Old Fashioned Ice Cream & Sweet Shoppe *Amherst*, 603-594-2424. Call ahead if you and 28 of your closest friends want to make your own sundaes.

JB Scoop's *Meredith*, 603-279-6703. Choose from 40 toppings for your homemade ice cream at the make-your-own-sundae bar.

RHODE ISLAND

Brickley's Ice Cream *Narragansett*, 401-789-1784. Ice cream is served in huge waffle cones at this cool spot.

Gray's Ice Cream *Tiverton*, 401-624-4500. Try the famous coffee ice cream or a scoop of ginger ice cream made from the root.

The Ice Cream Machine *Cumberland*, 401-333-5053. You'll feel like you're at camp, thanks to the s'mores ice cream with chocolate, marshmallow and graham crackers.

Maxmillian's Ice Cream Cafe *Providence*, 401-273-7230. Locals love the coffee crunch, Max's mud pie, and cookies and cream.

Powder Mill Creamery and Coffee Roasters *Greenville*, 401-949-3040. They'll make you a "cabinet" (what Rhode Islanders call a frappe or milkshake) from more than 60 flavor combinations.

VERMONT

Ben & Jerry's *Waterbury*, 802-882-1240. Fans of Wavy Gravy will be happy to hear this retired flavor is back.

Mountain Creamery *Woodstock*, 802-457-1715. Try the maple-walnut ice cream made with local maple syrup.

Seward's Family Restaurant *Rutland*, 802-773-2738. Drive a classic car? Get a free ice cream cone every second Tuesday night of the month.

Wilcox Ice Cream Stand *Manchester Center*, 802-362-1223. Five generations have been making ice cream at this Vermont farm, where the vanilla is made with pure bourbon extract.

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