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# Berkshires North County: The Perfect Weekend Respite



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The seven renovated Victorian-era buildings that make up Porches Inn are homey, quirky and ...  
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From visiting MASS MoCa, the world-renowned contemporary art museum, to eating some of the best burgers in the Berkshires at Freight Yard Pub, here's what to do in the North County of the Berkshires.

## Where to Stay

For a truly unique experience, stay at [Porches Inn at MASS MoCA](#) where it feels like the Addams Family meets grandma chic. With 26 rooms and 18 suites, the property is located across the street from the famous and eccentric MASS MoCA art museum, in North Adams, Massachusetts, in the heart of Berkshires' North County. The inn has an interesting history: It was originally created to provide housing for the area's mill workers. Over time, the seven renovated Victorian-era buildings were transformed into an inn complete with long porches and plenty of rocking chairs.

The inn's eclectic collection of American antiques complements the retro and contemporary design—it's a whimsical, intentional blend of old and new, with industrial architecture mingling with modern comforts translating into a homey, quirky spirit. The inn reflects its own unique nod to art and design (think collectibles that range from vintage plates and paint-by-number pictures framed on the walls to vintage TV lamps). It's a bit wacky, a bit out there, a bit different—which is what makes it unique and that's the appeal for travelers. Many travelers use Porches as their home base for art exploration throughout the area.

In these Covid-sensitive times, travelers are questioning what properties are doing to keep travelers safe. When it comes to Covid-19 protocols, Sarah Eustis, CEO of Main Street Hospitality Group, which owns the Porches Inn, appointed the company's first CCO, a Covid Compliance Officer. The CCO makes monthly visits to the hotel for routine cleanliness inspections. As a board-certified physician, the CCO makes sure all CDC, local, state, and federal mandates and recommendations are being implemented correctly. The CCO also stays informed on the latest public health advancements in order to advise on any necessary changes to the hotel's protocols and procedures.

The hotel also formed a partnership with Blue Canary, a company that trains hotels in hospital-level cleaning methods and conducts regular check-ins. The Porches Inn staff, through Blue Canary, has implemented new procedures including housekeeping in the rooms for longer periods, using stronger disinfectants, and identifying critical, high-touch areas that require the most attention to ensure guest health and safety.

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