

Every Christmas Stockbridge, Massachusetts' main street transforms into a beautiful Christmas scene. First memorialized in Norman Rockwell's painting of the town's Main Street in 1967, Stockbridge has successfully managed to keep that classic feeling alive to this day. To celebrate the beauty of the town, the Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual Christmas festival from December 1-3. The street is decked in wreaths and lights, as visitors mill about the historic town.

Every day there are a myriad of activities for the whole family to enjoy. On the first day of the festival, cozy up in the library and listen to relaxing stories of the Christmas season. On Saturday, the town offers tours of several historic properties, inns, and hotels in Stockbridge. There is also a children's holiday story time for the little ones in your family to enjoy! That evening, grab a candle or flashlight and join the Caroling Luminaria Walk and sing along to familiar Christmas tunes, followed by the Holiday Concert. This year, the concert features the Berkshire Lyric and the Blafield Children's Chorus and is hosted by the First Congregational Church.

But the last day of the festival is when the real magic happens! The town decorates Main Street to look exactly like Rockwell's 1967 painting, down to the very last detail. It even brings in vintage cars to occupy the parking spaces depicted in the painting! The street comes alive with music by Monument Mountain Regional High School, the scent of snacks from the Christmas Food Booth, the sound of horse hooves from horse drawn carriage rides by Clay Hill Farms. The Norman Rockwell Museum also sponsors Santa's Workshop, where kids can play, and create Christmas memories. You can also take them to visit Santa so he can learn all of their magical Christmas wishes. There are lots of photo opportunities along the way to capture all the family fun this holiday season. I can't think of a more unique place to visit this Christmas! For more information and to plan your trip to the 28th Annual Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas, visit [www.stockbridgechamber.org](http://www.stockbridgechamber.org)