

South Coast Weekend Guide (July 15-17)



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New Bedford is in store for another warm, sunny, summer weekend. The weather.com forecast for the weekend predicts sunny skies Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with temperature highs up to 89°F. Perfect weather for the beach and spending time outdoors.

This weekend, definitely check out one or some of the many opportunities in the area to listen to local music, celebrate nightlife, enjoy the arts, or benefit a good cause. As always, most events discussed here are from LocalOracle. To have your events promoted for FREE, submit them [HERE](#). If you need directions, simply click on the event name for contact info and directions. If you want to save some money check out the South Coast Discount Coupons!

FRIDAY, JULY 15

If you are a Harry Potter fan, today is the day you've been waiting for. The final installment of the book-turned-movie series opens in movie theatres 7/15/11. Head over to Flagship Cinemas (500 Kings Highway) for popcorn and a great summer movie; show times available [here](#). Or head into Providence to enjoy *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* in 3-D at the Providence Place Mall (9



Providence Place) IMAX theatre; show times available here.

For live, local music Friday night, check out Ice Chest Bar and Grille (136 Huttleston Ave, Fairhaven) to hear three-piece, all-purpose band The Morons; have dinner and stick around after 9pm to listen to hits from back in the day, and today. Also, Russ Peterson will be playing oldies and classic rock at Candleworks Restaurant (72 N. Water St.) at 9:30pm. Or listen to reggae band Ting and I after enjoying sangria and a burrito at No Problemo (813 Purchase St.).

For other nightlife, enjoy the downtown bar scene at Catwalk Bar and Grille (34 Union St.), Hibernia Irish Pub (109 William St.), Rose Alley Ale House (94 Front St.), or Cork Wine and Tapas (90 Front St.). Or for something different, check out recently opened Top Shelf Bar and Grill (1825 Acushnet Ave.).

For more events, check [HERE](#)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

This Saturday morning, start the weekend by making an impact in our area by volunteering to be a part of Operation Clean Sweep. This event is a great opportunity to support a wonderful cause and participate in community service while directly benefiting New Bedford. From New Bedford Guide: *"Operation Clean Sweep will hold a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, July 16, 2011 in Ward 5 from 8:30 am until Noon. Hosted by Southcoast Hospitals Group, cleanup headquarters will be located at St. Luke's Hospital in the Hawthorn/ Page Street parking lot."* Operation Clean Sweep is being held from 8:30am to noon at Ward 5 (corner of Page St. and Hawthorn St.). To volunteer, sign up [HERE](#). Lunch, tools, and gloves will be provided as well as there will be live broadcasting from FUN107.



Saturday is also the first day of the first weekend of an incredible local event, the South Coast Artist's Open Studio Tour 2011. This is the 8th year of this very special event in our area that showcases the artistic talent and creativity of many of our local residents. The South Coast Artist's Open Studio Tour 2011 is a self-guided tour that travels across highways and through rural and farm landscapes; exhibiting art in Tiverton, RI, Little Compton, RI, Dartmouth, MA and Westport, MA. Along this tour will be many different local artists opening up their studios for exclusive tours of their one-of-a-kind artworks. The tour is free to the public, and all ages are welcome.

From South Coast Artists: *"This is your chance to visit the studios of some of the best artists living, working and exhibiting in the four beautiful coastal towns of Tiverton, Little Compton, Westport and Dartmouth...Along the way you'll discover the work of welcoming artists working in such diverse mediums as oils, acrylics, watercolors, photography, sculpture, basketry, fiber arts, ceramics, glass, wood, metal, jewelry, paper and mixed media. All you have to do is follow the map in the brochure and look for the blue and white Open Studio signs and windsocks marking each studio or gallery."*




The South Coast Artist's Open Studio Tour 2011 is being held twice this year on July 16-17, and August 20-21. For more information on the check out the online brochure, or click here for the open studio tour map. Check here for the full list of South Coast Artists.

Check out the J.Kelley Band at Down the Hatch on West Island in Fairhaven from 8 PM – 12 AM. If you missed Russ Peterson at Candleworks Restaurant (72 N. Water St.) on Friday, be sure

to check him out Saturday night at 9:30pm. For other nightlife, check out the Video Lounge at Hibernia Irish Pub (109 Williams St.) or Mechanical Bull Riding at Libad's Bar (578 Brockton Ave.).

For more events, check [HERE](#)

SUNDAY, JULY 17

On Sunday, enjoy a lazy day at the beach. Check out public  beach West Beach (West Rodney French Blvd.) for fun in the sun and sand. West Beach is located at the southern end of the city on the west side of the peninsula. Enjoy a beautiful day at the beach overlooking Clarks Cove and Dartmouth coastline. Be sure to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen!

Or sleep in and enjoy a late brunch or lunch date at Cork Wine and Tapas (90 Front St.) or Dog Day Sundays with your BFF (best furry friend) at Hibernia Irish Pub (109 William St.). Don't forget about Sunday Night Jam Session at Pour Farm (780 Purchase St); starting at 7pm and hosted by local musician Matt Antunes. Support independent, local musicians who are looking to get their music out to you! Want to jam? Give Matt a shout at straightlacedproductions@comcast.net. End the weekend with Karaoke at the Catwalk Bar and Grille (34 Union St.) at 9:30pm.

Have a great weekend!