

## **CT's 'Best Family Travel Destination' Is Maritime Aquarium, Says Reader's Digest**

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The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk is celebrating another national kudo as Reader's Digest has named the popular attraction the "Best Family Travel Destination" in Connecticut.

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— *an announcement from the* [Maritime Aquarium](#)

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The Maritime Aquarium is Connecticut's entry in ["The 50 Best Family Travel Destinations in Each State."](#) recently published on Reader's Digest's website.

Under a photo of the sharks in the Aquarium's "Ocean Beyond the Sound" exhibit, Reader's Digest says:

There's something about peering through the glass into an underwater world that completely captures children's imaginations.

At The Maritime Aquarium, kids can get up close and personal with marine animals at the Touch Tank, see hundreds of beautiful jellyfish at the Jellies exhibit, and learn about the unique ecology of the Long Island Sound.

Be sure to hang around to watch feeding time for the noisy seals!

Other destinations on the list include Horseshoe Bend of the Grand Canyon (Arizona), Disneyland (California), Boston Public Garden (Massachusetts), the St. Louis Zoo (Missouri), Glacier National Park (Montana), the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (Ohio) and Colonial Williamsburg (Virginia).

“It’s very rewarding to be included in a list of such other celebrated institutions and national parks,” said Aquarium spokesman Dave Sigworth. “Recognition like this from Reader’s Digest speaks well of the hard work of our staff and volunteers, and of the positive experiences of our guests.

“We offer guests the most big sharks, the most jellies, the biggest IMAX Theater and the most affordable ticket prices of any aquarium in the region, plus — this summer — the only flamingos in Connecticut,” Sigworth said.

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“We’ll continue to build on all that as we strive to ensure that The Maritime Aquarium is always an amazing family travel destination.”

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The plug from Reader’s Digest is just the latest national recognition for the aquarium:

- In fall 2015, TripAdvisor honored the aquarium with its top award, revealing that – based on traveler reviews — the Maritime Aquarium rates higher than any other aquarium in the Northeast.
- In May 2016, Yankee Magazine named the Maritime Aquarium “Best Family Attraction” in New England.
- Actually, this isn’t even the first time that the Maritime Aquarium has received Reader’s Digest’s seal of approval. Back in March 1994, the Aquarium (then The Maritime Center) was included in an article titled “10 Great Aquariums to Visit.”

Learn more about exhibits, IMAX® movies, cruises, camp programs and other offerings this summer at [the Maritime Aquarium website](#).