



5 Genealogy Centers Make it Easy to Research Family History on Vacation

Centers provide access to documents and genealogists for one-on-one assistance

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The American Ancestors Research Center

Location: Boston

Admission: Free for members. \$20 day pass for nonmembers.

Appointment needed: No

Offerings: This center is the oldest genealogical society and considered one of the top 10 world destinations for family history. "We've been collecting since 1845," says Lindsay Fulton, the chief research officer at the American Ancestors Research Center. "It's an eight-story library that is full of books, periodicals, manuscripts and rare books." Originally the collections were mostly focused on the New England area but it has since expanded to all regions. The center, previously known as the New England Historic Genealogical Society, is currently closed for renovations but is expected to open later this year.

Historic family fun activities: A popular activity is the Freedom Trail where you can do a self-guided tour or a fee-based guided tour of 16 significant locations to U.S. history. There is also a free guided tour or a self-guided tour of the Black Heritage Trail featuring significant sites of the African American community.

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