

# Woburn MA (nr. Boston) Travel & Hotels

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**Venue:** Best Western New Englander Hotel

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[www.bestwestern.com/newenglander](http://www.bestwestern.com/newenglander)

For making reservations for our classes, **let the front desk know you are with the VortexHealing group.**

The Best Western New Englander is a much newer and more modern hotel than the Lord Wakefield, as a comparison, as well as has more amenities, described below.

## **Hotel Rates & Rooms:**

For classes for 2013 - 2015, the price for a room at the venue varies with the time of year. For Oct, 2013 it is \$82 + tax; for all 2014 classes currently scheduled it is \$77 + tax; for 2015, for classes through April it is \$77 + tax, and for Oct it is \$82 + tax. All these rates are good if reserved up to just 1 week before the start of class, **BUT** late booking may mean there are no rooms left to book. Best to reserve early.

Rooms all have a phone, TV, microwave, refrigerator, coffee/tea maker, iron & ironing board, and a hairdryer. Some rooms have a king bed and some have 2 double beds. Local and 800 calls are free. The rooms also have free high-speed internet access through an Ethernet cable that is provided in the room, and there is free wireless in the lobby.

With the room comes a *deluxe* continental breakfast, which includes waffles, bagels, muffins, toast, yogurt, fruit, juice and boiled eggs.

The hotel has a fitness room and an indoor, heated swimming pool.

The hotel also has a free shuttle that will operate within 3 miles of the hotel. It will take you to Woburn Mall, Target and to the Woburn movie theatre. But the shuttle only runs from 8am-8pm, so if you go to a movie at night you'll need to take a taxi back, which should be inexpensive.

There is a decent handful of restaurants within a short walk of the hotel.

**Other Places to Stay:** Should the New Englander be full, or you book late, there are other places to check. We don't have group rates with any of these though.

1) *Comfort Inn:* This is a short walk only. You'd be better off at the venue though, as the rooms should be nicer, with more amenities for probably the same price, and with a much better breakfast. The number for the Comfort Inn is 1-781-933-5363, and it is located at 14 Hill St, in Woburn.

2) *Hilton Boston/Woburn:* This is a short drive away. Located at 2 Forbes Road, Woburn. Tel: 1-781-932-0999

3) *Extended Stay Deluxe, Woburn:* Also a short drive away. These are studios with fully equipped kitchens. Located at 831 Main, Woburn. Tel: 1-781-938-3737 or 800-804-3724.

Website: <http://www.extendedstayhotels.com/hotels/boston-woburn-esd.html>

4) There are other places as well, but further away, and you have to get past a major highway intersection for these, which could be time-consuming in rush hour. You can Google 'hotels 01801' to see these.

## **Travel:**

**By Air:** Fly into Boston Logan Airport. Then either take a **taxi** to the hotel (about \$60 +tip to the hotel), or follow the *public transportation* option described in detail below, which is not too difficult.

If you are going to rent a car, you also have the option of flying into Pease Int'l Airport in Portsmouth New Hampshire (50 miles away), or MHT in Manchester, New Hampshire (45 miles away). Southwest Airlines flies into MHT, and uses ATA airlines to fly into Logan Airport.

**Taxi:** Taxis are the easiest way from airport to hotel. For trips to Woburn, they will charge by meter rather than a fixed rate. The cost should be somewhere about \$45-\$60, depending on traffic, not including tolls & fees (~\$2.25 airport fee & \$5.25 tolls). Calling a taxi service for a pickup there will not be any cheaper and there may be an extra \$3 charge that the airport charges them for doing a pickup there. The more luggage you have, or the longer your flight getting to Boston, the more attractive the taxi option will be. (*Note:* although very few cab drivers will 'take you for a ride', such drivers do exist. If you feel that you have been overcharged, it is recommended that you ask the taxi driver for a receipt showing the driver's name, the taxi company, the amount paid, and the medallion number. And then call his taxi company and/or the Massport Ground Transportation Unit Manager at 1-617-561-1659.)

For the **return trip**, you would need to call a local car service. As of this writing, Woburn Cab (1-781-933-5000) charges \$55// Checker Cab (1-781-937-6000) charges \$56// and Wakefield Taxi (1-781-245-1111) charges \$53. There are no tolls going back to the airport.

**Logan Woburn Express (Shuttle):** You can get this shuttle from the airport to the Anderson Regional Transportation Center (\$20 roundtrip or \$11 each way), which is only 3.4 miles from the hotel (1-781-721-9487 for more info). Then you could call the hotel (1-781-835-8160) and ask for their free shuttle to come pick you up, or you could take a taxi from there to the hotel, which the hotel estimates at about \$12 (plus tip). Usually, the hotel's pickup shuttle only leaves the hotel to go there on this schedule, when there is someone needing to go or return:

Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm & 5pm-9pm / leaves the hotel on the hour

Sat & Sun, 9am-9pm / leaves the hotel every other hour.

It then takes ten minutes or so for the shuttle to get to the pickup Center.

With the Woburn Express, be aware that there are shuttles to different places, so make sure you take the Woburn one. Because you may have to wait awhile for the hotel's shuttle, this option may take a bit longer.

**Hotel Shuttle use while at the hotel:** The shuttle will make a trip to Whole Foods twice a day for us, once around 1:15 pm for lunch, and once around 6:15pm for dinner. Once dropped off, you need to be ready to return in 30 minutes.

**Train:** This option is the most complex. For this option, you will take an MBTA subway train from the airport (also called the T), then a regular commuter train, and then call the hotel for its free shuttle to come and get you. Specifically, you take the Blue Line subway train at the airport going into Boston (coming back to the airport you'd take the Blue Line toward Wonderland). You get off either at State and transfer to the Orange Line heading towards Oak Grove, or you can get off at the next stop on the Blue Line, at Government Center, and transfer to the Green Line heading to Lechmere. In either case, you get off at North Station and buy a ticket for the Lowell Line (commuter rail) going to Anderson station in Woburn. (*Note* that tickets for the commuter rail can be purchased at the ticket booth or on the train, as the ticket booths may be closed on weekends.) From Anderson you would call the hotel for its shuttle.

Be aware that commuter trains are not well designed to accommodate luggage, but most train-cars do have a small area for that. In addition, they are more expensive than the T, and they

run frequently on weekdays in the morning and later afternoon, when they are also most crowded, but not so often on weekends and at other times of the day. Returning to the airport is easier because you can time your departure according the commuter train's schedule.

If you have to arrive at South Station, you would take the Red Line towards Alewife, transfer to a Green Line train at Park St, heading towards Lechmere, and get off at North Station. Another option from South Station, especially on weekends when commuter trains don't run much, is to take the Red Line from the airport all the way to the end, which is Alewife Station, in Cambridge, and then take a taxi from there to the hotel, which should be a much less expensive taxi ride than from South Station.

**Bus:** Buses from most major northeastern cities will go into South Station.

**By Car:** The hotel is just off Interstate 93, a little south of Interstate 95. Coming from the airport, you find your way to Interstate 93N (probably via Rte 1A North) and get off at exit 36, Montvale Ave, toward Stoneham/Woburn. Turn left and then it is just .2 mile down the road.

If you are coming from the North, going south on I-93, you would turn right as you get off at exit 36.

**For general Boston Logan airport information, go to:**

<http://www.massport.com/Logan/default.aspx>

## Form For Paying Ric's VortexHealing® Classes with Visa, MC or Discover.

*All 8 items need to be completely filled out, below.* Then mail to: Yvonne Andrus, 54233 Scarboro Way, Shelby Twp, MI, 48316. USA; or email it her at [yvonnevortex@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnevortex@gmail.com).

1. Name (as printed on your credit card):
2. Name of Student attending, if different from name on card:
3. Billing Address (including country), phone, & email address for confirmation:
4. The credit card number-- *Specify if Visa/ MC/ Discover, and if emailing, write some numbers as words for Internet security:*
5. The expiration date is:
6. The last 3 numbers that are printed on the *back* of your card (if you have them) are:
7. Write out, in numbers and words, the amount you wish us to charge your credit card.
8. **Sign and Date** the statement at the bottom of this page.

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### Deposit/ Refund Policy

**Discounts:** For deposits received 1 month before the start of class. The discounts are: \$30 for 3-7 day classes // \$20 for shorter classes // \$60 for some 7-day or longer classes (check with organizer as to which ones), where a \$30 discount is given for deposits received by a month before class AND another \$30 discount is given for full balances paid by 2 weeks before the start of class.

**Refunds:** Administration fees are \$30. Any 'balance' payments, in excess of required 'deposits', are fully refundable. Refunds requested prior to a month before the class: full refund less the admin fee. Requested prior to 2 weeks before class: ½ the deposit refunded, less the admin fee. Requested less than 2 weeks before class: deposits are nonrefundable.

**Once class has begun**, all tuition payments (deposits + balances) are Non-Refundable.

**Late Arrivals on First Day** may not be admitted to class and may be treated as a no-show.

**Early Departures:** for class credit, students cannot miss any part of a class without teacher's ok. If a student does not complete the class due to missed segments, tuition payments are non-refundable.

#### **Transfer of Deposits to Another Class:**

Deposits may be transferred only to classes taught by the same teacher. Once a deposit is transferred, it is non-refundable; it must be used for a class. Requested prior to one month before the class: transfer of full amount of deposit. Requested prior to 2 weeks before the class: 1/2 of deposit transferred. Requested within 2 weeks of the start of class: the deposit is Non-Transferable/ Non-Refundable. If transferred more than once, only the first deposit is free of admin fees & must be used within 4 years of the original canceled class.

**Bounced checks:** An admin fee of \$30 is charged for these.

**Violation of Class Drug-Use Policy:** Student will need to drop out of class, with no refund of tuition.

**Non-US Credit Cards:** A foreign transaction fee will be added to all non-US credit cards, not to exceed 3%.

\* **Consent:** I, \_\_\_\_\_ (write name, or type name if emailing), have read and agree to the costs and the deposit/ balance / refund policy delineated on this page. I also assert that I have provided all the credit card details given above.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_