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...the most comprehensive guide to discovering The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor and beyond. Together the 35 towns and cities of eastern Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts that are The Last Green Valley weave a tapestry of opportunities for adventurers, families, romantics and those who want to travel the scenic path. We have more than 500+ miles of trails to tackle on foot, mountain bike, snowshoes or even a horse! Our rivers and streams, including more than 90 miles of National Recreation Water Trails, offer seclusion and peace for an easy paddle all the way to the challenge of whitewater. And the fishing is among the best you will find. Step into American history here. Dine on the freshest foods, sourced from a farm just minutes away, sip wine overlooking rolling hills and uncover artistry living in our valleys and on our hills.

The Last Green Valley is wide open for any adventure you choose. Explore! is your guide to enjoying and caring for this unique National Heritage Corridor, so together we can pass it on to future generations!

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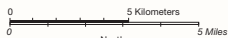
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What is a National Heritage Corridor?

With the first National Heritage Area designated in 1984, a new idea for community-led conservation, heritage preservation and economic development was born. As President Ronald Reagan designated the first area in Illinois, he called the National Heritage Area program “a new kind of national park.”



Moving forward to 1994, The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor was designated and signed into existence by President Bill Clinton as only the 4th heritage area in the nation. Our Heritage Corridor redefined the entire program, having been conceived and willed into existence by a large group of passionate residents representing history, agriculture, the waterways, forests and economic development. Their passion and persistence changed how Congress defined a National Heritage Corridor, leaving its management in the hands of the community. It's fitting that local determination was the most important factor in the region's designation. This land has shaped a history and forged a community of trailblazers since the first Indigenous Peoples walked this region and that spirit is still at the heart of The Last Green Valley.

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) is the non-profit created by those residents to carry on the work of the Heritage Corridor and ensure what made this region worthy of being an area of national significance remains. Today there are 55 National Heritage Areas throughout the country.



[Learn more about National Heritage Areas at the National Park Service website \[nps.gov/heritageareas\]\(https://www.nps.gov/heritageareas\).](https://www.nps.gov/heritageareas)

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TLGV Programs & Events

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) staff and volunteers invite you to join the fun and learn about The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor by participating in our programs. Keep up to date on our website thelastgreenvalley.org and on our social media feeds.



TLGV Acorn Adventures

Kids, bring your adults out to explore The Last Green Valley every month. Perfect for people 12 and under — and sure to keep people 12 and over entertained — Acorn Adventures will take us all across The Last Green Valley to dig in the mud and search streams for water critters, look toward the skies at our beautiful moon and twinkling stars, learn about birds of prey, be good stewards and much more! Visit thelastgreenvalley.org for more details. Acorn Adventures are sponsored by Centreville Bank.

TLGV Member Programs

Join Chief Ranger Bill Reid at monthly member programs varying from a mid-winter eagle survey to farm visits, historic site tours, night sky programs and more. Not yet a member? Join today! We have launched a new Pay-What-You-Can Membership program. As an added benefit, TLGV members receive *In Touch*, a magazine that highlights the special people, places, treasures and stories that make The Last Green Valley a National Heritage Corridor.

TLGV Rangers

Want to learn more about The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor? Contact our Chief Ranger Bill Reid and look for TLGV Rangers at festivals, fairs and town celebrations throughout the year.

Is your organization looking for an interesting and informative program? Consider a presentation about The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. TLGV currently offers 9 different presentations, each lasting approximately 45 minutes. Contact Chief Ranger Bill Reid at Bill@tlgv.org or call him at 860-774-3300 for more information. The Ranger program is sponsored by Savers Bank.

Night Sky Rangers

Join TLGV's team of Night Sky Rangers to help collect data on light pollution throughout the National Heritage Corridor. TLGV and our Lead Night Sky Rangers are available to assist municipalities and businesses in reducing their light pollution. Contact TLGV Assistant Director Fran Kefalas at 860-774-3300 or Fran@tlgv.org to learn more.

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Spring Outdoors

Spring Outdoors brings thousands of people out of hibernation to explore all the National Heritage Corridor has to offer between the Vernal Equinox and the Summer Solstice. Join our partners and members on guided walks, bikes, paddles and tours during the entire season. Learn interesting stories and see things spring to life in The Last Green Valley.

Trail Assessment Team

TLGV's Trail Assessment Team hits the trail every spring through fall to evaluate trails for accessibility. More than 20 miles of the Air Line Trail State Park have been assessed as well as boat launches and other locations. Visit TLGV's website for accessibility information. Contact LyAnn Graff at LyAnn@tlgv.org or 860-774-3300 to learn more about the team and its work.

Tastes of the Valley

Tastes of the Valley is an annual celebration for the taste buds of locally grown and produced foods and beverages created by some of the most innovative chefs, vintners, brewers and more from The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. It is also a fundraiser for TLGV, supporting the work we do to help our local farms and food producers keep growing.

Walktober

What started 32 years ago as a walking weekend with 22 adventures is now 300+ opportunities to explore The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor from the Autumnal Equinox through the first week of November. Walktober is the premiere fall event in Southern New England with walks, hikes, runs, pedals, paddles, climbs, stargazing and more for every interest. In between your adventures, use your Explore! guide or our online directory to eat, shop, visit, enjoy, learn and connect to The Last Green Valley!

Water Quality Monitoring

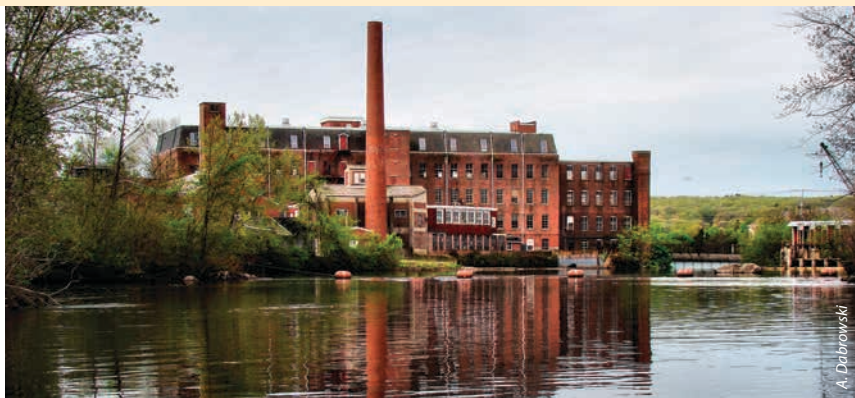
TLGV's citizen science teams of water quality monitoring volunteers provide data that shape efforts to restore and preserve the region's waterways. TLGV is always looking for more citizen scientists to help monitor the health of our streams, rivers, ponds and lakes. Whether you would like to monitor once a season, once a month or once a week, we have an opportunity for you. Training and equipment are provided. Together, we can identify, track and correct problems that might otherwise go undetected. For more information contact Jean Pillo, TLGV's Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator at Jean.Pillo@comcast.net



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35 Special Places

The 35 towns and cities of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor each have adventures to offer and unique and interesting stories to tell. Together they are an extraordinary region tied together by the waters, forests, farms, history and people.



9 MASSACHUSETTS TOWNS

Brimfield (1731) (brimfieldma.org): Known for its huge annual antiques show, held 3 times a year, you can enjoy award-winning, locally-made wines, ciders and beers after a day of outdoor adventures in Brimfield State Forest. Hike, fish, hunt and snowmobile or paddle across East Brimfield Lake, part of the Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail.

Charlton (1755) (townofcharlton.net): Visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Buffumville Lake for year-round fun and programs or visit the 86-acre Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary with trails and Visitor Center with live animal exhibits. Scenic views abound from Charlton's hilltops and July means a blueberry festival in town.

Dudley (1731) (dudleyma.gov): History and hiking are easy to find here. The Black Tavern hosts programs year-round, and The Dudley Conservation Land Trust has conserved almost 350 acres and has miles of trails to explore. You'll also find plenty to do at the Pearle L. Crawford Library, a state-of-the-art facility where you will be greeted by friendly faces and tons of programs for all ages. Don't miss the annual strawberry festival.

East Brookfield (1920) (eastbrookfieldma.us): The northernmost town in The Last Green Valley and the youngest town in the Commonwealth, East Brookfield is known as the "baby town of the Commonwealth." Home to baseball legend Connie Mack, the center of town hugs beautiful Lake Lashaway. You'll find plenty of fresh air in East Brookfield.

Holland (1783) (town.holland.ma.us): If you love the water, Holland is for you. Lake Siog has it all in every season — swimming, scuba diving, paddling and fishing (on the ice too) beckon you. There is also a competitive water ski team, a vibrant community center and trails for miles of hikes, runs, bikes and snowshoeing.

Oxford (1713) (oxfordma.us): History and the outdoors are abundant in Oxford. A Firefighter's Museum, an abandoned Huguenot Fort and the Clara Barton Birthplace Museum entice explorers with a historical interest. Enjoy the outdoors as the Mid-State Trail passes through town and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hodges Village Dam offers paddling, hiking and much more.

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Southbridge (1816) (ci.southbridge.ma.us): One of the “cities” of The Last Green Valley, Southbridge’s industrial revolution past is alive in its architecture and museums. Learn how Southbridge became “The Eye of the Commonwealth” at the Optical Heritage Museum, dine in the downtown restaurants, hit the trails or paddle the Quinebaug River all within easy reach of the heart of downtown. You’ll find a stop on The Last Green Valley letterboxing trail here too.

Sturbridge (1738) (sturbridge.gov): History and nature come together in Sturbridge. Old Sturbridge Village brings history to life and an active trail system keeps you moving so you can enjoy all the wonderful dining options guilt-free. You’ll also find luxury lodging, camping and more for a trip to remember.

Webster (1832) (webster-ma.gov): Home to Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagogg-gchaubunagungamaugg, the largest natural lake in southern New England (1,442 acres), Webster welcomes boaters, fishermen and bald eagles. The French River flows through town and there is an active hunting and fishing community. It’s also home of the new Samuel Slater Experience, a local book store, a stop on The Last Green Valley letterboxing trail and so much more!

26 CONNECTICUT TOWNS

Ashford (1714) (ashfordtownhall.org): You can enter the land of the pixies in Ashford if you trek on the blue-blazed Nipmuck Trail to Pixies Falls in Nipmuck State Forest. Or tackle miles of trails on Joshua’s Trust properties before stopping at an orchard for some locally crafted spirits or attending a program at Horizon Wings, a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey.

Brooklyn (1786) (brooklynct.org): Brooklyn’s center is iconic New England with the entire district on the Register of National Historic Places. Visit the Brooklyn Historical Society Museum & Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office while visiting the town center. New paddlers will also love Riverside Park canoe/kayak launch, which is easy to find and has great parking.

Canterbury (1703) (canterburyct.org): Enjoy a scenic drive on National Scenic Byway Rt. 169 through the heart of town. You’ll see many buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including the home of the Connecticut State Heroine, Prudence Crandall. You can also paddle the Quinebaug River with two launches in town.

Chaplin (1822) (chaplinct.org): A place steeped in legend and beautiful in every season, Diana’s Pool is one of the many extraordinary stops along the Natchaug River that calls to campers & fishermen year after year. You can also find history throughout town and the amazing blue-blazed Natchaug Trail in Natchaug State Forest.

Coventry (1711) (coventryct.org): The western most town in the Heritage Corridor, State Hero Nathan Hale called Coventry home. The Hale Homestead is a CT Landmarks site and home to one of southern New England’s largest farmers markets, The Coventry Farmer’s Market. Hale State Forest is also a popular place to walk and mountain bike.

Eastford (1847) (eastfordct.org): Jump on the blue-blazed Nipmuck Trail on Westford Rd. and you’ll be walking on part of the Old Connecticut Path, a trail blazed by the Indigenous People of the region long before the colonists came to town. If ancient cemeteries pique your interest start with Phoenixville Cemetery where Civil War hero Nathaniel Lyon is laid to rest. You can then hike the blue-blazed Natchaug Trail to the ruins of his old homestead.

Franklin (1716) (franklinct.com): The seven rolling hills of Franklin shape the town’s landscape and history. The people of Franklin have a rich history and deep roots, the descendants of the town’s first settler still living on the land 10 generations later. You’ll find beautiful vistas and trails through still wild land. Visit the Ashbel Woodward Museum to learn more about this quiet and beautiful town.

Griswold (1815) (griswold-ct.org): Spend the day or camp and spend a week at Hopeville Pond State Park, where you can picnic, paddle, hike, bike, swim and fish. You'll find plenty of spots in town to fuel up with a hearty breakfast, lunch or dinner. The town's active Recreation Department hosts events many times a year and if you prefer your adventure off a trail you can check out the skate park.

Hampton (1786) (hamptonct.org): A historic town center has wonderful architecture but not a single stop light. The Air Line State Park Trail and Goodwin State Forest will give you plenty of reasons to stop and enjoy the scenery. Or take a walk in the footsteps of naturalist and author Edwin Way Teale at Connecticut Audubon's Trailwood, Teale's home that he donated to the non-profit.

Killingly (1708) (killingly.org): Killingly has something for everyone — a historic downtown, shopping, dining, parks, rural areas, the Quinebaug River and year-round events thanks to an active business association, town staff and volunteers. Home to one of the best locations to watch the sunrise, you'll also find one of the locations on The Last Green Valley's letterboxing trail in town too.

Lebanon (1700) (lebanonct.gov): The iconic Lebanon Town Green is the home of history, a vibrant farmer's market, wonderful antiques sale and much more. Want to stand where George Washington did? You can in Lebanon. The Historical Society Museum & Visitors Center offers engaging displays and hands-on activities for the whole family and there are several other historic sites lining the green to visit. You'll also find one of the locations on The Last Green Valley's letterboxing trail in town too.

Lisbon (1786) (lisbonct.com): National Scenic Byway Rt. 169 goes right down the middle of town. With the Shetucket River to the west and the Quinebaug River to the east, the views are indeed scenic. Lisbon's trails bring together its bountiful natural world and its historic places, such as Burnham Tavern.

Mansfield/Storrs (1702) (mansfieldct.gov): The home of UConn and its rich cultural and historical venues, there's plenty to do, buy, eat and drink in Storrs. Mansfield Hollow State Park and Mansfield Hollow Dam, one of six Army Corps properties in the Heritage Corridor, offer the opportunity to get away from all the action. The town's commitment to open space also ensures a trail is never far away.

Norwich (1659) (norwichct.org): The oldest city in The Last Green Valley, the history of the nation, from the early relationships between Indigenous people and the colonists to the American and Industrial Revolutions, can be told in Norwich. The home of Benedict Arnold and Samuel Huntington, Norwich's history is alive through its regular historic tours and its architecturally stunning downtown. You'll find dining from around the world and a harbor where the bald eagles soar.

Plainfield (1699) (plainfieldct.org): Rochambeau's troops camped here for four days in 1781 on their way to meet George Washington and the town has been a place for travelers ever since. The East Coast Greenway and Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail pass through Plainfield, and there are several sites on the Washington-Rochambeau National Trail here as well.

Pomfret (1713) (pomfretct.gov): The legend of Israel Putnam and the last wolf in CT happened in Pomfret before the Revolutionary War. Today wildlife finds a haven in Pomfret thanks to the CT Audubon Society's Bafflin Sanctuary, land trust properties, the Air Line State Park Trail and Mashamoquet Brook State Park. The town has also developed new mountain biking trails on one of its properties.

Preston (1686) (preston-ct.org): On the southern-most tip of The Last Green Valley, Preston is bounded by Poquetanuck Cove and the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers, providing important food sources and habitat for bald eagles. Of course this means great bird watching, fishing and paddling opportunities are available to you too.

Putnam (1855) (putnamct.us): A destination downtown offers unique shops, dining, entertainment and perhaps one of the most photographed waterfalls in all of Southern New England. The town and businesses work together to provide year-round events, closing Main Street for pedestrian-friendly celebrations or filling the banks of the Quinebaug River in Rotary Park with music.

Scotland (1857) (scotlandct.org): Founded by Isaac Magoon and named for his country of birth, Scotland hosts the annual Scotland Highland Festival, held at the Edward Waldo House each Columbus Day weekend in Walktober. It's also the birthplace of Samuel Huntington and has a museum at his homestead. State lands also offer a variety of hiking opportunities.

Sprague (1861) (ctsprague.org): The Shetucket River meanders through Sprague, creating incredible views, great paddling and fabulous fishing, especially for salmon. The town's efforts to conserve land has resulted in miles of trails in the Sprague Land Preserve. You'll also find Baltic, an entire village listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sterling (1794) (sterlingct.us): Long vistas offer lovely views along Rt. 14A and from atop scenic Rt. 49. The Quaddock and Moosup Rivers provided power to the mills in the early 1800s and an old rail trail connecting to Rhode Island's trail system now offers a nice woodland walk with views of the Moosup. You'll also find one of the largest corn mazes and an iconic farm in town.

Thompson (1785) (thompsonct.org): West Thompson Dam's miles of trails and beautiful lake enhance a robust town-maintained trail system. Visit the Tri-State Marker and the sight of a historic train wreck. Along with its history, agriculture and New England's largest alpaca farm, Thompson has a little bit of something for everyone.



Union (1734) (unionconnecticut.org): Outdoor recreation rules in the least populous town in Connecticut. Nipmuck State Forest, Bigelow Hollow State Park and Yale-Myers Forest comprise 1/3 of the town's forest land (that's 34,000 acres). The town's motto? Smallest town, biggest heart.

Voluntown (1721) (voluntown.gov): An outdoorsperson's playground, Voluntown is more than 70 percent state forestland and the heart of Pachaug State Forest, the largest forest in CT. You can camp, glamp or backpack like a true thru hiker in Voluntown. A farmer's market can fuel your outdoor adventures and a historic CCC camp awaits your discovery.

Windham/Willimantic (1692) (windhamct.com): A true mill town, Windham and its city within, Willimantic, boast incredible Victorian architecture, the famous Frog Bridge, a vibrant downtown food scene and a new outdoor stage. Home to Eastern Connecticut State University, the Air Line Trail makes its way through town and you'll find one of The Last Green Valley Letterbox Trail stops here. The town's Lauter Park also boasts a skate and BMX park designed by skaters for skaters.

Woodstock (1686) (woodstockct.gov): Area-wise, as the second largest town in CT, Woodstock is home to numerous working farms offering fresh food, CSAs and much more. Start your Bull Hill hike on the Woodstock side of this Wyndham Land Trust property, visit the amazing Pink House (aka Roseland Cottage), or stroll through Roseland Park and Palmer Arboretum.

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Scenic Route 169 –A National Scenic Byway

Stretching more than 47 miles from Norwich, CT to Charlton, MA, Route 169 is a drive through history, a slice of life in Southern New England and an opportunity to escape to a quieter, more peaceful place. Just a note, Route 169 is known by many street names as it traverses the National Heritage Corridor.

The information here is listed from south to north along Route 169 and is color-coded by interest:

■ **History**

■ **Outdoor Activities**

■ **Tastes, Sips, Retail & Entertainment**



Start your historic trek at the southern end of Rt. 169 at **Leffingwell House Museum**, 348 Washington St., Norwich, CT, located across the road from the beginning of Rt. 169. Built in 1675, the museum's architecture and history tell the story of the colonies and early America. Learn more on pgs. 54 and 112.

If you enjoy history, there are many **Cemeteries**, some pre-dating the nation, dotting Rt. 169 along its length that are fascinating places to explore.

Norwich's **Mohegan Park** is an oasis in the city featuring swimming, walking trails, disc golf, several playgrounds and the city's famous Rose Garden. See pgs. 47, 86 and 163 for more information.

Ouellet Park is just off Rt. 169 at 20 Old Canterbury Tpke., Norwich. The park gives access to fishing at Taftville Reservoir and has a playscape and playing fields. See pg. 39 for more information.

Lisbon Meadows Park & Trails has parking right on Rt. 169 (just south of the Rt. 138/169 intersection) in Lisbon and features trails, playing fields and open fields for family-fun. Learn more on pgs. 47 and 85.

In Lisbon you will find the **John Bishop House** at 11 Rt. 169, an 11-room Georgian post-and-beam farmhouse built in 1810. The John Bishop House is a slice of the agricultural history of Southern New England. See pg. 112 to learn more.

A small detour on Rt. 138 will bring you to the **Anshei Israel Synagogue**, 142 Newent Rd., Lisbon, which is designated on the National Register of Historic Places. Pg. 112 offers more information.

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The Burnham Tavern sits at 223 North Burnham Hwy, Lisbon, and was built in the early 1700s. It became an important stop for colonial troops during the American Revolution. While currently closed for renovations, the property leads to about 1.5 miles of walking trails marked with interpretative signs. For more information, see pg. 112.

State Heroine Prudence Crandall ran a private school for girls in her home at the intersection Rts. 169 and 14 in Canterbury, which is now **The Prudence Crandall Museum** at 1 South Canterbury Rd., Canterbury. At the behest of Norwich's Sarah and Mary Harris, Crandall began educating young Black women, which led to Crandall being arrested and threats on her life and those of her students. See pg. 114 to learn more.

Paddle the **Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail** from the boat launch on Butts Bridge Rd. in Canterbury, less than a half-mile from Rt. 169. See pg. 128 for more information.

The Finnish American Heritage Society, 76 North Canterbury Rd., Canterbury, tells the story of Finnish American immigration and its role in the region. The Society also offers many programs throughout the year, including the chance to experience Finnish food at its finest. See pg. 109 for more information.

The last weekend of August means **The Brooklyn Fair** with the fairgrounds right on the National Scenic Byway.

The Brooklyn Historical Society sits in the heart of Brooklyn's National Historic District at 25 Canterbury Rd., Brooklyn. The museum shares the exploits of Revolutionary War Gen. Israel Putnam, while the law office is the 19th century office of Putnam's great-grandson Daniel Putnam Tyler and is furnished as it might have been during his career. Learn more on pgs. 48 and 107.

Davis Forest & Disc Golf Course is just a few minutes off Rt. 169 at the end of Salmon Dr. in Brooklyn and features an 18-hole forested disc golf course and walking trails. Learn more on pg. 46.

Lapsley Orchard at 403 Orchard Hill Rd., Pomfret Center, features a classic New England farm stand open mid-July through Dec. 24th. See pgs. 64 and 120 for more information.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/Wolf Den, 147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rt. 44), just off Rt. 169, is where the outdoors and history meet. Hike a 4.75-mile loop to the Wolf Den, a site on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy numerous other outdoor adventures. Find more information on pgs. 30 and 88.

If your travels have you thirsty, **Watercure Farm Distillery**, 426 Mashamoquet Rd., Pomfret Center, has spirits for you that are distilled right in front of you. See pgs. 66, 137 and 168 for more information.

Bring binoculars when you visit the **Connecticut Audubon Center at Pomfret**, 218 Day St., Pomfret, for spectacular sightings of birds and other wildlife on this beautiful property. Audubon runs programs year-round. Learn more on pgs. 87, 100 and 118.

You won't miss the stunning connecting bridge that takes **The Air Line State Park Trail** over Rt. 169 in Pomfret. The Air Line Trail is a great place to walk, run, bike and more from a parking area off Railroad St. in Pomfret Center. See pgs. 28, 72, 94, 102, 153 and 174, for more about the iconic Air Line Trail.

If trail races in iconic locations interest you, **Tackle The Trail** supports the QVCC Foundation and is held during Walktober on the Air Line Trail. Learn more on pgs. 57, 75 and 121.

You'll find breakfast, lunch and dinner and live music at the **Vanilla Bean Café**, 450 Deerfield Rd., Rt. 97, Pomfret, or a sweet treat to keep you fueled for more adventures. Learn more on pgs. 24 and 168.

Surprise your loved one with a bouquet of fresh flowers from **Garden Gate Florist** at 30 Putnam Rd., Pomfret. Learn more on pgs. 135 and 173.

For a sit-down dining experience consider **Grill 37**, one of TLGV's Tastes of the Valley partners. The restaurant is just off Rt. 169 at 37 Putnam Rd., Pomfret. Visit www.grill37.com to learn more.

Take home a selection of pasture-raised beef and other farm fresh foods from **Pinecroft Farms** at 159 Butts Rd., Woodstock. Learn more on pgs. 65 and 136.

Loos Center for the Arts at Woodstock Free Academy, 150 Rt. 169, Woodstock, will offer you entertainment year-round in their renovated auditorium. You'll find more information on pgs. 23 and 54.

If you're traveling on Labor Day Weekend, soak in the long-running **Woodstock Fair**, hosted by the Woodstock Agricultural Society, at 281 Rt. 169, Woodstock. See pgs. 25, 57 and 122, for more information.

In the mood for wine, cider or beer? Visit **Taylor Brooke Winery and Brewery** just a few minutes off Rt. 169 at 818 Rt. 171, Woodstock. Learn more on pgs. 65, 122, 141, 142 and 168.

Roseland Park is just off Rt. 169 at 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock. It's open year-round and you can stroll, paddle, fish, picnic and more! See pgs. 38, 92, 121, 128 and 178, for more information.

The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, offers historic luxury for you to spend a night, or a few, during your tour of the National Scenic Byway. See pgs. 19 and 173 for more information.

Woodstock Orchards at 494 Rt. 169, Woodstock, has a farm store featuring a variety of local fruits and vegetables, a bakery and more. The store is open year-round. For more information, see pgs. 66 and 122.

Palmer Arboretum at 523 Rt. 169, Woodstock, offers ample opportunity for both education about local plants and a chance to find moments of serenity. Learn more on pg. 55.

A labyrinth awaits visitors to the **First Congregational Church – U.C.C.** at 543 Rt. 169, Woodstock, and it's always open to the public. Please see pgs. 92 and 118 for more information.

Tour the iconic **Roseland Cottage**, aka The Pink House, at 556 Rt. 169, Woodstock, for a glimpse at 19th century opulence. For more information, see pg. 18.

For fresh organic produce and flowers stop at **Echo Farm's farm stand**, 1051 Rt. 169, Woodstock. Please see pg. 62 for more information.

Crossing into Massachusetts, look for signs for the **Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary** on Tipton Rock Rd., Southbridge. Enjoy winding trails along the shores of Morse Pond. For more information, see pgs. 77 and 175.

The **Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail** — Southbridge Section can be accessed just off Rt. 169 on Rt. 131. Eventually this rails-to-trails project will extend 11 miles. For more information see pg. 77.

Not far from Rt. 169, **The Optical Heritage Museum**, 12 Crane St., Southbridge, highlights incredible moments in history and scientific discoveries that changed the world. Learn more on pg. 113.

Enjoy an outdoor adventure on wheels at the **Southbridge BMX/Skate Park** at Joe Capillo Park, 193 Central St., Southbridge. Learn more on pg. 152.

Cool off at the **Andrew J. Petro Memorial Swimming Pool**, 15 Randolph St., Southbridge, with a seasonal or day pass. Learn more on pg. 162.

Explore **Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary**, 56 Capen Rd., Charlton, and its 86-acres of trails from dawn to dusk. Learn more on pg 49.

Accommodations

There's so much to see along Route 169 and throughout The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, it's worth staying a couple of days. You'll find great places to stay starting on pg. 19, or if you prefer to camp, see pg. 40.

Explore!

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route is a National Historic Trail with locations from Massachusetts to Virginia. It commemorates the journey American and French forces made to and from the Siege of Yorktown, Virginia in 1781 and 1782. This list of sites includes all those located in The Last Green Valley. It begins on the border with Rhode Island then travels west to Lebanon, CT.

To learn more about the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail visit:

- w3r-us.org
- portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Historic-Preservation/01_Programs_Services/Historic-Trails/Washington-Rochambeau-Revolutionary-Route



In 1778, the French formally allied with the colonists, but it was not until the summer of 1780 that troops under the command of General Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau arrived in Newport, RI. General George Washington and General Rochambeau agreed joint military efforts should not begin until spring of 1781 so the French forces wintered in New England.

The first stop on the Trail is two stops in one and actually the last place French troops stayed in Connecticut on their way home after the Revolution. In November 1782, in what was then Voluntown but is now Sterling, French troops camped on Sterling Hill. Known along the trail as **French Infantry Campsite 49 (north) in Voluntown** it is the 49th campsite of the French forces as they returned from Virginia. The camp was in the fields east of Dorrance Tavern on the north side of Plainfield Pike (Rt. 14A) in Sterling. There is a marker for Camp 49 at 751 Plainfield Pike, Sterling, CT.

Samuel Dorrance Inn/Dorrance Tavern, 748 Plainfield Pike (Rt. 14A), Sterling, CT is where the officers stayed and dined. The officers included the marquis de Chastellux and comte de Rochambeau. Baron Ludwig von Clozen, aide-de-camp to General Rochambeau, kept a journal and wrote of their march through Connecticut, "We have, on the whole, been treated wonderfully well wherever the army has marched."

On their way to Yorktown, VA, the French forces made their first stop in Connecticut at **French Infantry Campsite 3 (south) in Plainfield** where they stayed from June 19-23, 1781. From written accounts, about 30 local families were welcoming, and the locals and troops shared music, dance and food. There are two plaques commemorating the campsite: a bronze plaque erected in 1929 on the east side of Rt. 12 about 0.4 miles north of the First Congregational Church, commemorating the Dorrance Homestead

and the Captain Eleazar Cady House, locations used by French officers; and another plaque on the north-east corner of Gallup St. and Rt. 12 commemorating the site of the Eaton Tavern.

Traveling to the next site in Canterbury, the **French Encampment at Westminster** is another location where the French stayed after Yorktown. Nov. 7-8, 1782 marked the 48th encampment of the French forces on their way to Boston. There is a marker at Westminster Congregational Church, 395 Westminster Rd. (Rt. 14), Canterbury, CT.

In 1781 the French troops marched from Plainfield to Windham for their next encampment, passing the birthplace of Samuel Huntington, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. See pg. 110 to learn more about the **Huntington Homestead**.

The French stopped in Windham both going to and coming from Virginia in support of the colonists in the Revolution. **French Infantry Campsite 4** is the location the troops camped June 20-23, 1781 on their way to Virginia. They camped next to the Shetucket River.

On Nov. 5-7, 1782 at **French Infantry Campsite 47 (north) in Windham**, French forces made their second encampment in town on their way back to Providence. This site is east of the first site. On Rt. 14 next to a stonewall-lined field is a plaque commemorating both encampments. Neither camp was at the exact location, but this is the closest roadside marker.



As the troops left Windham they journeyed to Bolton, just outside the Heritage Corridor. However, another site in The Last Green Valley played a vital role in both the French effort in the Revolution and the colonial planning of the Revolution.

From Windham make your way to the iconic **Lebanon Town Green**. From Nov. 1780 to June 1781, Lebanon provided winter quarters for 220 French cavalry soldiers known as hussars of Lauzun's Legion. Connecticut Governor Jonathan Trumbull also held more than 1,000 meetings in what we now know as the War Office. Those who met at the **War Office** include George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Henry Knox, Marquis de Lafayette, Rochambeau, Marquis de Chastelux, Israel Putnam, Samuel Parsons, Joseph Spencer, Jedediah Huntington and Duc de Lauzun.

You can learn much more about Lebanon's role in the Revolution from the **Lebanon Historical Society**, see pg. 23 for details.

For more history along the trail, you can visit the **Plainfield Historical Society** in Plainfield, **The Prudence Crandall Museum** in Canterbury, and the **Mill Museum** in Willimantic. See Museums and Historic Sites pgs. 107-114.

If you would like to enjoy a bite to eat not far from the Trail, **Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm** in Sterling has a café and market, see pg 62 for more information. **Willimantic Brewing Company** in Willimantic offers sit-down meals, craft brews and more, see pg. 170.

Explore!

NPS Passport Stamp Locations

Get your National Park Service (NPS) Passport stamped at our Visitor Centers and add to your collection of National Park Service destinations. Be sure to check with each location before you go as days/hours of operation may change. Visitors from around the world come to get stamped in The Last Green Valley!



Clara Barton Birthplace Museum

66 Old Clara Barton Rd.,
N. Oxford, MA 01537

508-987-2056, clarabartonbirthplace.org
Last Fri. in May – last weekend in Aug., Fri. – Sun. 10 am – 4 pm; Sept., Sat. only, 10 am – 4 pm; all other times by appointment. Closed July 4.



The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor

203B Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-3300, thelastgreenvalley.org,

Mon. – Thurs. 8 am – 4 pm.
Closed federal holidays.



Lebanon Historical Society Museum

856 Trumbull Hwy.,
Lebanon, CT 06249

860-642-6579, historyoflebanon.org
Wed. – Sat. 10 am – 4 pm.



Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors Center

69 East Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776,

norwichhistoricalsociety.org
May 6 – Oct 30., Fri. – Sun. 11 am – 3 pm.



Old Sturbridge Village

1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd.,
Sturbridge, MA 01566
800-733-1830, osv.org

April and Nov., Wed. – Sun. 9:30 am – 4 pm;
May – Oct., 9:30 am – 5 pm; Dec., Christmas by
Candlelight 4 pm – 9 pm.



Prudence Crandall Museum

1 South Canterbury Rd.,
Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800,

portal.ct.gov/ECD-PrudenceCrandallMuseum
Check website for days and hours.



Roseland Cottage – Historic New England

556 Rt. 169,
Woodstock, CT 06281

860-928-4074,
historicnewengland.org
June 2 – Oct. 16, Thurs. – Sun. 11 am – 4 pm,
last tour at 3 pm. Closed July 4 and
Columbus Day.



Samuel Slater Experience

31 Ray St., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-2955,
samuel SlaterExperience.org,

facebook.com/SamuelSlaterExperience
Fri. & Sat. 10 am – 4 pm, Sun. 12 pm – 4 pm,
Mon. holidays and school vacations.
Check website or Facebook for additional
hours.



Windham Textile & History Museum

411 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226

860-456-2178, millmuseum.org
Fri. – Sun. 10 am – 4 pm (temporary hours
Fri. 12 pm – 4 pm).

Explore!

Accommodations

Spend a weekend with us or spend a week. There's so much to do in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor a vacation is never far away. These establishments will offer you more than a place to rest for the night, you'll find a home away from home in these welcoming and diverse accommodations.



Ashford Business Association (ABA) 🌿

P.O. Box 342, Ashford, CT 06278
theashfordbizassociation@gmail.com,
ashfordbusiness.org, Like us on Facebook!
Ashford Business Association is a non-profit
organization promoting local business
through community networking.

Bed & Breakfasts of Mystic Coast & Country 🌿

180 Cowhill Rd., Mystic, CT 06355
thebbmc.com



Henrietta House Bed & Breakfast 🌿

125 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-477-0318, henriettahousebnb@gmail.com,
historichenriettahousebnbct.com
Beautiful hikes, scrumptious meals and a
relaxing sleep await you at our historic and
beautiful 1720's bed and breakfast with its
surrounding garden and farm. Our three
rooms are uniquely designed for your
comfort. We're located between Sturbridge
and UConn — each area offers a rich variety
of experiences, from dining and shopping to
the arts and entertainment.

The Inn at Woodstock Hill 🌿

94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0528, innwood@gmail.com,
woodstockhill.com

Little House in the Big Woods 🌿

Pomfret, CT
860-961-4607, airbnb.com/rooms/7377915,
vrbo.com/390767

Lord Thompson Manor 🌿

286 Thompson Hill Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3886, mail@lordthompsonmanor.com,
lordthompsonmanor.com



PierceCare - Creamery Brook Village 🌿

36 Vina Ln., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-8700, info@piercare.org,
piercare.org
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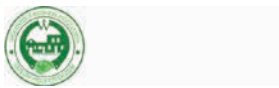

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Quiet Corner Cottage 🌿

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Our charming countryside cottage awaits anyone seeking a quiet escape! Only 2 miles from Goodwin State Forest, this vacation rental is an ideal year-round HQ for outdoor recreation of all types. The home: we offer 3 bedrooms that sleep up to 8, 1.5 bathrooms, a full kitchen, high-speed Wi-Fi, a spacious yard with a fire pit and much more!



Woodstock Business Association 🌿

P.O. Box 4, South Woodstock, CT 06267
explorewoodstock@gmail.com,
explorewoodstock.com

Along Rt. 169, one of America's National Scenic Byways, you'll experience the beauty, charm and tranquility of one of the rural towns that make up the pastoral setting of northeastern Connecticut. The Town remains a cluster of villages epitomizing the character of New England. We invite you to experience and enjoy the historic sites, farms, craft shops, antiques shops and restaurants, intermingled with light industry, which adds to the charm of Woodstock.



Publick House Historic Inn & Country Lodge 🌿

277 Main St. (Rt. 131), Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3313, 800-782-Publick (782-5425),
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Explore!

Arts & Entertainment

The arts are robust in The National Heritage Corridor and often fueled by the deep culture of the region. From amazing artists and galleries to festivals and live theater and music, you are never far from amazing entertainment!



Art and Garden Tour of Northeastern CT 🍁

Ashford, Coventry, Mansfield and Willington
ArtGardenCT.com, Like us on Facebook!
June 11 & 12, 2022, 10 am - 5 pm. Visit our
website for a listing of 11 garden sites hosting
17 artists plus GPS information and maps.
Virtual tours featured year-round.

Art Guild – Northeast 🍁

info@artguildne.org, artguildne.org, facebook.
com/artguildne
Art at area businesses & classes at Windows
Art Gallery.

Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry at UConn 🍁

1 Royce Cir., Ste. 101B, Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-8580, bimp@uconn.edu,
bimp.uconn.edu



The Bradley Playhouse, Theater of Northeastern CT 🍁

30 Front St., P.O. Box 71, Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7887, office@bradleyplayhouse.org,
thebradleyplayhouse.org

The Bradley Playhouse is a 121-year-old
vaudeville theatre, now a community theatre,
in the heart of the Putnam antiques and
restaurant district. Managed since 1991 by
the Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut, Inc.
(TNECT), the performing arts center puts on
7-9 live main shows per year plus comedy
nights, concerts, movies, acting workshops,
children's shows and more.

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Coffee Break Gallery – Windham ARTS 

East Brook Mall, 95 Storrs Rd.,
Mansfield, CT 06226
gallery@windhamarts.org, facebook.com/
WindhamArtsCollaborative

Coventry Arts & Antiques 

1140 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-498-0352, coventryartsandantiques.com



Florence Griswold Museum 

96 Lyme St., Old Lyme, CT 06371
860-434-5542, info@flogris.org,
florencegriswoldmuseum.org
The Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme is the historic home of the Lyme Art Colony and celebrates art, history and nature. April – Oct., enjoy the Artists’ Trail, which highlights vistas painted by the artists as well as the ecology of the site. An outdoor “faerie house trail” takes place during October’s Wee Faerie Village exhibition.



Friends of the Garden on the Bridge & The Garden Club of Windham 

440 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
gardenclubofwindhamct.org,
Like us on Facebook!
The Garden on the Bridge attracts visitors from the region and beyond. Built in 1857, this stone structure once carried traffic across the Willimantic River. Today it offers colorful plantings and exquisite views of dams and waterfalls. It is convenient to walking, hiking, and biking trails, restaurants and other amenities.



Hall Communications, Inc. 

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Heritage Information Radio, AM 1700 

Norwichtown, CT 06360
860-319-0671, info@am1700.org, am1700.org
Heritage Information Radio, AM 1700 is a low-power community AM radio station in Norwichtown that partners with The Last Green Valley and has online streaming broadcasts about our region’s history, attractions, upcoming events and community issues 24 hours a day. To publicize events, ask questions or find out how to help, call Kevin Harkins.





Highland Festival of Scotland, CT 🌿

Waldo Rd., Scotland, CT
860-917-5064, 860-887-3793, reggiepatchell@comcast.net, bill.cournoyer@gmail.com, scotlandgames.org

The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games showcasing athletic, dance, piping and harp competitions; a clan village; food and merchandise vendors; and pipe bands performing in opening and closing ceremonies. It's a bonnie good time. Mark your calendars for October 2022 when the Highland Festival will return.

Lebanon Historical Society MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER

Lebanon Historical Society Museum 🌿

856 Trumbull Hwy. (Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.org, historyoflebanon.org

Explore our campus and discover 10,000 years of local history and dig into Lebanon's past at your own pace. Visit exhibits, become a Revolutionary War soldier in our hands-on history room, research a Lebanon ancestor or join a volunteer touring our historic buildings. Open year-round Wed. - Sat., 12 - 4 pm. Tours of the Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House, Beaumont House and Pastor's Library on Saturday afternoon's mid-May - mid-October. Call for schedule. Special events include a celebration of traditional crafts on the second Saturday in June for Connecticut Open House Day and our annual antique show on the Lebanon Green held the last Saturday in Sept. Visit historyoflebanon.org for details on these and other programs.

One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley.

Lebanon Life Publications 🌿

860-450-2303, submissions@lebanonlife.org, lebanonlife.org



Loos Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy 🌿

150 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-6789,
boxoffice@theloos.org, theloos.org

The Loos Center for the Arts is dedicated to cultivating inspiration, education and engagement through the arts. Join our mailing list! Be the first to receive announcements and get pre-sale access to events. Visit our website or text LOOSCFCA to (860) 963-6789.

NAC Artists' Cooperative Gallery & Gallery II 🌿

62 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-2789, administration@norwicharts.org, norwicharts.org

Norwich Arts Center & Donald L. Oat Theater 🌿

62 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-2789, administration@norwicharts.org, norwicharts.org



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31 Ray St., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-2955, admin@samuel Slater Experience.org, samuel Slater Experience.org
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"The Three C's" – Community Cultural Committee of Northeastern CT

P.O. Box 134, Pomfret, CT 06258
kidsshows@gmail.com, thethreecs.org

The Vanilla Bean Café

450 Deerfield Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-928-1562, thevanillabeancafe.com

The William Benton Museum of Art

UConn Campus, 245 Glenbrook Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4520, benton@uconn.edu, benton.uconn.edu

Willimantic Renaissance, Inc. – 3rd Thursday Street Fests

860-450-0918, info@WillimanticStreetFest.com, WillimanticStreetFest.com, facebook.com/3rdThursdayStreetFest

Windham ARTS

1010 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-6389, info@windhamarts.org, windhamarts.org



WINY Radio

45 Pomfret St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-1350, kareno@winyradio.com,
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WINY Radio is a full-service community radio station serving Northeastern Connecticut! WINY features an upbeat Adult Contemporary music format and family-oriented programming, live talk and sports shows, plus “up to the minute” national and local news, sports and weather reports. WINY can be heard on 1350 AM, winyradio.com and 97.1 FM.



Woodstock Agricultural Society, Inc. – The Woodstock Fair

281 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06267
860-928-3246, info@woodstockfair.com,
woodstockfair.com

The Woodstock Agricultural Society hosts the annual Woodstock Fair, always Labor Day Weekend. Founded in 1859 to promote and preserve the local agricultural heritage and home arts, this tradition continues today. The barns, exhibition halls and fairgrounds are filled with exhibits, animals and more including entertainment and a carnival.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Astronomy & Night Sky Views

Green by day and dark by night, our National Heritage Corridor is a distinctively dark haven amid the urban and suburban glow in the sprawling metropolitan Boston-to-Washington corridor. The Last Green Valley has a variety of places to explore dark skies — on your own or with TLGV's Night Sky programs. You can also help TLGV ensure we can continue stargazing into the future by becoming a Night Sky Ranger and working with us to reduce light pollution. Visit our website to learn more!


Charlton Public Library

40 Main St. (Rt. 31), Charlton, MA
508-248-0452, charltonlibrary.org
The goal of the Library Telescope Program is to help foster scientific literacy, stimulate an interest in astronomy, and provide people who have never looked through a telescope the chance to experience the excitement that comes from discovery. The Telescope was donated to the library by the Southbridge Rotary Club and is maintained by a partnership with the Aldrich Astronomical Society.

Eastern CT State University Planetarium

83 Windham St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-5300
easternct.edu/physicalscience/planetarium/
Bring your class, scout troop, office or community group on a tour of the Universe. See the wonders of our solar system; learn about the night sky and more. All shows are free of charge. Seating is limited. The dark environment may not be suitable for children under 7 years old. See details & schedule on the website. No fee, but donations accepted.



Girl Scouts of Connecticut 
340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
800-922-2770
customercare@gsofct.org, gsofct.org
Visit gsofct.org & see the wide variety of fun things we do across Connecticut! In The Last Green Valley, Camp Laurel in Lebanon, CT is the site for year-round day and overnight events for individual girls, troops, and families.

Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Telescope

2 Lake St. (Rt. 12), Webster, MA 01570
508-949-3880, gladyskellylibrary.org
You are encouraged to borrow this telescope. The StarBlast 4.5" Astro Reflector Telescope was donated through the Aldrich Astronomical Society and the tabletop version is available for a 1-week conditional loan. Experience excitement while viewing various celestial bodies. Contact library to learn more.



Hitchcock Free Academy – A Community Center

2 Brookfield Rd., P.O. Box 155, Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-9977, execdirector@hitchcockacademy.org, hitchcockacademy.org
Enjoy Sips & Stars, an annual summer stargazing event with beer/wine tasting, live music, and guided tour of the night sky at Brimfield Winery, a weekly seasonal farmers' market, spring plant sale, and a lively outdoor summer concert series, along with cultural, educational, and recreational classes and programs all year long.

Jacob Edwards Library Telescope

236 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-764-5426, jacobedwardslibrary.org
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Joshua Hyde Public Library

306 Main St. (Rt. 131), Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2512, sturbridgelibrary.org
The library has an Orion Starblast 4.5"
Altazimuth Reflector Tabletop Telescope and
supporting materials to lend.

Lebanon Town Green

580 Exeter Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
Park in the municipal lot behind the library
and walk away from the few lights in the area.
The Lebanon Town Green provides great sight
lines in every direction. This spot is a good
place to view the constellations.

McLean Research Associates

astronomy@mcleanresearch.com
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Offering indoor presentations on all
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See website for more info.

Oxford Free Public Library

339 Main St. (Rt. 12), Oxford, MA 01540
508-987-6003, oxfordmapubliclibrary.org
The library has an Orion Starblast 4.5"
Altazimuth Reflector Tabletop Telescope and
supporting materials to lend.

Pearle L. Crawford Library Telescope

40 Schofield Ave. (Rte. 12), Dudley, MA 01571
508-949-8021, crawfordlibrary.org
Added to the library collection in early 2017
by a generous resident of Dudley, the new
Orion telescope is ready for patrons to explore
our dark skies. Look for presentations by the
Aldrich Astronomical Society and learn what
you can see beyond The Last Green Valley.

Sturbridge Trails Heins Farm Conservation Area

197 Leadmine Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetrails.org
Park in the lot, cross the road and take
Stafford Tpk. Trail to either the upper or
lower field for spectacular night sky viewing.
These fields are not seen from the road, so
be prepared for an amazing surprise when
you step in and look up. Friends of Sturbridge
Trails (FrOST) offers programs throughout the
year, including night hikes during important
viewing times, such as meteor showers.
No fee.

UConn Horsebarn Hill

Horsebarn Hill Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-2413, animalscience.uconn.edu;
ecohusky.uconn.edu/development/parks.html
Climb Horsebarn Hill for fantastic views of
the UConn Storrs Campus & then turn to view
the forests in the other direction. Wow. Great
night sky views in either direction. No fee.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
The boat launch area offers dark skies in spite
of the light at the dam. Bring a lawn chair
and relax as you view the stars and meteor
showers. No fee.

Your Own Backyard!

35 towns in The Last Green Valley
Do you have great night sky viewing in your
own backyard? You just might! Take time to
step outside in the evening and gaze skyward.
Priceless!

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Bicycling & Mountain Biking

Get a different perspective on The Last Green Valley from a bike seat. There are peddling opportunities as easy or challenging as you like. Safety is key when biking. Be sure your bike is in working order and you are wearing proper attire, including a helmet and highly visible clothing. Know what to expect of the terrain, stay hydrated and let someone know where you are headed and when you expect to return. For the most up-to-date and detailed information on mountain biking, be sure to contact QC NEMBA.



Air Line State Park Trail

Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523 • portal.ct.gov/deep

This linear gravel/pebble covered trail is flat, easy and travels for almost 50 miles in The Last Green Valley. 3 sections: South from E. Hampton to Windham (22 miles), and North from Windham to Pomfret (21 miles) plus the Thompson section (6.6 miles). The 4-mile section from Pomfret to Putnam is currently under construction. It is being refurbished and regraded and will include new road crossings. Originally used from 1873 through 1955 as a Boston to New York railroad, the "Ghost Train" was seen traveling this route in earlier days. Now a place to frequent in all seasons: hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, jogging, horseback riding and even walking your leashed dog. Parking locations, section maps, videos and historical information available on the website. No fee.

Bigelow Hollow State Park & Nipmuck State Forest

Rts. 190 & 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/deep

Advanced Intermediate. Old school technical riding, rough and rocky with elevation for days. Be prepared to hike a bike depending on your choice of routes.

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687,

mass.gov/locations/brimfield-state-forest
More than 20 miles of roads & trails offer room for mountain biking & more! Some fees.

Brimfield – Trolley Trail

120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rt. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
413-324-8350

info@brimfieldtrail.org, sites.google.com/view/brimfield-trail-association/home
Approximately 4 miles out & back, this trail is open year-round and available for walking and bicycling. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to Sturbridge), this is flat & easy and is also a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.

East Coast Greenway

greenway.org
2,900 miles total from ME to FL with 198 miles thru CT, includes 56 miles in The Last Green Valley. Most sections on trails in Coventry (Hop River Trail), Windham, Chaplin, Hampton and Pomfret (Air Line Trail), Putnam (River Trail), Killingly (Quinebaug River Trail), and Plainfield (Moosup Valley Trail). Some sections on roads in Willimantic, Pomfret, Putnam, Killingly, Plainfield and Sterling. Travel through varied terrain including old rail trails, historic mill towns, forests and farmlands. No fee.



Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm

227 Ekonk Hill Rd., Sterling/Moosup, CT 06354
860-564-0248, info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com, ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com

Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm is the largest grower of pasture raised turkeys in Connecticut. CSA sales available Jan. - June. In addition to your holiday turkeys, the farm features a full farm store and the Brown Cow Café, which includes homemade turkey pies, locally raised meats, dairy and Ekonk Hill's signature ice creams, scooped March - Nov. In the fall one of the region's largest corn mazes will keep the whole family entertained, and homemade apple cider donuts (with or without the ice cream) can be your sweet treat reward. Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, where tasting is believing!



Friends of Pachaug Forest, Inc.

36 Tatro Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-5295, friendsopachaugforest@gmail.com, friendsopachaugforest.com
Pachaug is the largest forest in Connecticut with 26,477 acres. This beautiful, bountiful forest has offered so much to so many for generations. People come from near and far to enjoy boating, backpacking, camping, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, horse camping, hunting, motorcycling, mountain biking, picnicking, scenic vistas, snowmobiling and youth group camping. Pets can also enjoy the forest if they are leashed.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.), Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/
1,200 varied acres include more than 20 miles of trails for year-round use, including mountain biking. Note that off-road vehicle trails allow dirt bikes & snowmobiles. No fee.

Hop River State Park Trail

Coventry, Windham, CT
860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Hop-River-State-Park-Trail
A former railroad line originating to 1849, the trail winds from Vernon over 20 miles outside The Last Green Valley before entering Coventry and Windham. A bridge now connects this trail in downtown Willimantic to the Air Line State Park Trail for miles of recreational possibilities across the National Heritage Corridor. Parking locations, section maps, historical information and more available on the website. No fee.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920, 860-376-0313
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Hopeville-Pond-State-Park
Many recreational options. Open land plus trails for hiking & biking. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. No fees for day use.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/James-L-Goodwin-State-Forest
20+ miles of trails great for biking and more in this 3 square mile forest. Hop on the Air Line Trail here, too. Check for trail availability as some trails are closed for tree maintenance. Open year round. No fee.

Killingly Quinebaug River Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail

Jct. Rts. 12 & 6, Killingly, CT 06239
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Parking by ball fields behind wastewater treatment facility. Just over 4 miles up and back, this easy paved trail passes the town's dog park & has great views of the Quinebaug River. Informative signage along the way. Scenic overlooks add to this easy pedaling experience. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mansfield-Hollow-State-Park
Multiple parking areas lead to trails of varying difficulty. Enjoy panoramic views from the dam with an easy flat paved path from the Rt. 6 parking area near the airport out and back (approximate 2.5-mile round trip). No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/Wolf Den

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rt. 44),
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park
Limited mileage, easy cart roads and some single track.

Mohegan State Forest

Waldo Rd. (off Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep
Roadside parking by gate (no parking area) will lead you to gravel road for mountain biking. No fee.

Moosup Valley State Park Trail

Jct. Main St. & Rt. 14, Plainfield, CT 06354
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Moosup-Valley-State-Park-Trail
A 5.8-mile linear trail runs to Sterling with connection to Rhode Island. A former rail trail, you'll traverse gravel to ballast surfaces. Glimpse the Moosup River & Sterling Pond in this rural setting. Good for beginners. No fee.

Mooween State Park

Old Rt. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd.,
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mooween-State-Park
Various levels. Currently an 11-mile, Intermediate and up, mountain bike specific designed loop is available to enjoy. Plenty of features and climbing for various desires. The park also contains a number of cart roads for beginners.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Pilsfeshire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Natchaug-State-Forest
13,200-acre park spreads over 6 towns. Year-round activities include mountain biking & more. No fee.

Nathan Hale State Forest

off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
Intermediate and up. Miles of single track can be explored in these old, historic woods. Lots of great rock work, features and flow to keep it fun. There are old cart/access roads for an easier ride, but they are often flooded in places.

North Brookfield Rail Trail

122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield, MA 01515
www.Facebook.com/NorthBrookfieldRailTrail/Park at the East Brookfield Public Library/
Town Hall on Connie Mack Dr. The trail is a 4.2 mile spur line that runs from the live lines in East Brookfield, behind an old shoe factory, to the depot in North Brookfield on Elm St. Please note the trail is sometimes closed per the rail line. Please check the facebook page.

North Grosvenordale River Walk/Park

Riverside Dr. (Rt. 12), N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440, thompsonct.org/trails-committee
Parking on Rt. 12: at Gazebo, Thompson Public Library or behind Knights of Columbus Hall. Bike through a historic mill village, along the French River and pond. Easy 3.2 miles round-trip. Mostly paved, with crushed gravel at the end. Gazebo in park hosts summer concerts. No fee.

Old Furnace State Park/ Ross Pond State Forest

So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rt. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
Intermediate and up. Locals will tell you miles count as double at Old Furnace. Plenty of climbing and tech to get a good workout. Great views as well. About 10 miles, but you can mix up your loop to get more.

Pachaug State Forest

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Pachaug-State-Forest
With 24,000 acres, CT's largest forest has an exceptional activity selection, including mountain biking. Quiet Corner NEMBA has worked with CT DEEP to develop mountain biking trails.

Pomfret Forest

118 Wolf Den Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
nemba.org/node/2584
Pomfret Forest is open to hikers, trail runners, dog walkers (on leash), mountain bikers and equestrians. The 150-acre parcel of land on Wolf Den Road near Gwyn Careg Inn was recently acquired by the Town of Pomfret, which has partnered with QC NEMBA to let them build almost 8 miles of trails in a wooded setting adjacent to the Air Line Trail State Park. Trail users can navigate using the TrailForks.com phone app (search for Pomfret Forest).

Putnam Quinebaug River Trail/ Cargill Falls

Kennedy Dr. & Rt. 44, Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800, putnamct.us
Parking lots in a few locations along Kennedy Dr. The 1.32-mile Putnam River Trail, flat & paved, perfect for new/young pedalers, winds through the park & includes a walk along the Quinebaug River & past Cargill Falls. Interpretive plaques explain area's history with a storybook trail, too. No fee.



Quiet Corner NEMBA

qcnemba@gmail.com, nemba.org/chapters/qcnemba, Like us on Facebook!
NEMBA is a non-profit mountain bike advocacy organization with 31 chapters in New England. Its mission is to promote responsible mountain biking and protect and preserve New England trails and open spaces. Quiet Corner NEMBA helps maintain and develop multi-use trails in northeast Connecticut and create riding opportunities for all levels. We host weekly group rides, offer trail maintenance days and annual riding events.

Quinebaug Lake State Park

59 Shepard Hill Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
portal.ct.gov/deep
A short 2-mile loop around the lake that can be combined with the River Trail if you venture across Rt. 12. Often flooded during high water, plan accordingly.

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Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail – Perryville Section

Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA 01571
dudleyma.gov/residents/recreation/rail-trail/
Trail head and parking are located off Rt. 12/ Schofield Ave near the intersection with New Boston Rd. An ongoing rails-to-trails project for the discontinued Providence & Worcester rail spur from Webster to Southbridge, currently this section is 1.5 miles in length from Hill St. in Webster to the CT state line. Note this section is not contiguous with the Southbridge/West Dudley section of the trail. No fee.

Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail – Southbridge Section

Rt. 131, Southbridge, MA 01550
ci.southbridge.ma.us/385/Quinebaug-Valley-Rail-Trail

Trail head and parking are located off Rt. 131 across from the Golden Greek Restaurant. An ongoing rails-to-trails project for the discontinued Providence & Worcester rail spur from Webster to Southbridge. The project envisions a connection from Southbridge's Heritage Trail to the onset of the rail trail on Crane Street. When completed, it will extend 11 miles. At this time there are about 5 miles completed from Rt. 131 to the Dudley line where it connects to the Dudley trail system. No fee.

Robbins Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

Fred Davis Rd. (off Quaddick Town Farm Rd.)
Thompson, CT 06277 • 860-963-2090
info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Park at gate. 128-acre diverse tract includes forests & meadows and allows mountain biking. No motorized vehicles, dogs must be leashed. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.



UConn Forest – Fenton Tract

Off Storrs Rd. (Rt. 195), Storrs, CT
sustainability.uconn.edu/trails-trees-and-forests
UConn offers many locations for biking & hiking. Both the Fenton Tract & the Hillside Environmental Education Park (HEEP) Trails are close to campus and offer many different routes to explore. Maps available online. No fee.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-9257
mass.gov/locations/wells-state-park
1,400 wooded acres known for hiking (10 miles of trails) is also great for mountain biking. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/
Various levels, Cart roads to single track, from smooth flow to some very technical areas. The boat launch side of the lake offers the more technical trails, while the Reardon Rd. side offers more cart roads and forgiving single track. About 15 miles total.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Boating & Fishing

Sponsored by Cornerstone Bank



Water is the lifeblood of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, and its rivers, streams, lakes and ponds offer an incredible variety of boating and fishing opportunities. Be sure to read the "State & Federal Parks & Forests" and "Paddling" sections and visit these websites packed with information to ensure every outing is safe and fun. Rules and regulations apply and must be followed. No fee unless noted otherwise.



Connecticut Main Fishing Page
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CT-Fishing

Connecticut Freshwater Fishing Page
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Freshwater/Freshwater-Fishing

Connecticut Fishing Guide
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/General-Information/Fishing-Guide

Connecticut Boating & Paddling Page
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boating-and-Paddling

Massachusetts Main Fishing Page
mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-fish-and-game

Massachusetts Freshwater Fishing Page
mass.gov/freshwater-fishing-information

Massachusetts Fishing & Boating Page
mass.gov/fishing-and-boating-access

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Boating Page
sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Boating/

Amos Lake
158 Preston Plains Rd., Preston, CT 06365
113-acre trout & bass management area, with pickerel, perch & more. Trailered boat launch. 8 mph limit.

Ashland Pond
Main St. (Rt. 201), Griswold, CT 06351
89-acre pond runs along Main St. Home to largemouth bass, pickerel & yellow perch.

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Aspinook Pond

Butts Bridge Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
301-acre pond covers Canterbury, Griswold & Lisbon. The Quinebaug River flows through the pond and this boat launch is on the Quinebaug. Paddle south for access to the pond. The launch is off Butts Bridge Rd., near the bridge. A fee launch is at Ross Hill Rd. private campground. Largemouth bass, perch & carp.

Avery Pond

Lynn Dr., Preston, CT 06365
36-acre shallow pond with boat launch, 8 mph speed limit. Largemouth bass, pickerel, perch & more.

Beach Pond

Shore Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
Boat launch available for 372-acre pond abutting RI, where both state's licenses apply. ADA accessible fishing, too. Largemouth & smallmouth bass, pickerel & more.

Beachdale Pond – Pachaug State Forest/Chapman Area

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep
Boating & fishing at 46-acre Beachdale Pond with trailered launch, 8 mph limit. ADA fishing platform. Largemouth bass, trout & perch. Paddling too.

Big Alum Pond

Clark Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
198-acre pond, 23-45' deep, clear waters. Boat launch available, but not much shore fishing (pond surrounded by private homes). Trout stocked, also fish for large & smallmouth bass, pickerel & more. Swimming & waterskiing are allowed.

Bigelow Hollow State Park

Rt. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Bigelow-Hollow-State-Park-Nipmuck-State-Forest
Adjoining Nipmuck Forest, 3 bodies of water for pond fishing & scuba diving. Bigelow Pond (more than 20 acres) has launch for trailered boats, no internal combustion

engines allowed. Mashapaug Lake (287 acres, a big bass management area) has launch for trailered boats, 10 mph limit. Breakneck Pond (92 acres) is more remote, no motors allowed. Pit toilets. Seasonal fee for non-state residents.

Black Pond

100 Camp Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208, woodstockconservation.org
73-acre pond with black crappie, brown bullhead, rainbow trout, yellow perch, largemouth & smallmouth bass. Dirt boat launch, 5 mph limit.

Breakneck Pond

Rtes. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Bigelow-Hollow-State-Park-Nipmuck-State-Forest
92-acre pond in Nipmuck Forest, walk in access only (1.2 miles) is in both CT & MA, both state licenses allowed. Fish for largemouth bass, perch, pickerel & more. No internal combustion engines or motor vehicles.

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687,
mass.gov/locations/brimfield-state-forest
Fishing is allowed in this state forest. Seasonal day use fee.

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Buffumville-Lake/
Year-round parking at boat ramp at 229 Oxford Rd. 200-acre lake, with largemouth bass, pickerel, horned pout, bream & other fish species. ADA accessible fishing dock on Buffumville Beach. Boat ramp and culvert underneath Oxford Rd. permit boating & paddling on both sides of the lake. Lake used for other water activities too. Seasonal day use fee to enter Buffumville Park, but boat launch is free & open all year

Columbia Canoe & Kayak Club at Mansfield Hollow State Park

860-456-4906, baglady@charter.net,
susanaudette@gmail.com,
columbiacanoclub.weebly.com,
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A non-profit canoe and kayak club located at Mansfield Hollow State Park in Mansfield Center, CT. Originally founded on Columbia Lake (thus the name) in 1961, we were fortunate to make our home at Mansfield Hollow in 1989 and built a new clubhouse in 1998. We have a variety of canoes and kayaks in the clubhouse plus accessories. Contact us if you are interested in joining - usually new members are sponsored by a current member.

Coventry Lake

30 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boat-Launches/
Coventry-Lake-Boat-Launch
373-acre lake with concrete boat ramp.
Waterskiing is popular here and speed limits differ at different times. Trout, large and smallmouth bass, and more. See website.

Diana's Pool

Diana's Pool Rd. (off Rt. 198), Chaplin, CT 06235
On the Natchaug River, this is a favorite spot for experienced kayakers, fishermen and anyone trying to capture the pulse of water spilling over rock outcroppings and through natural pools of rushing river water. Please note Diana's Pool is not for beginners.

Eagleville Lake

Rt. 275 (off Rt. 32), Coventry, CT 06238
willimanticriver.org
Car-top/carry-in launch at dam of 77-acre lake, 8 mph limit. Fish for largemouth & smallmouth bass, perch, pickerel & more.
ADA accessible.

East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave. (off Rt. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/
Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/
Diverse fishing from water or shore. Trout stocked in spring by MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. Northern pike, pickerel & bass also swim here. Boat launches too.



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Glasco Pond & Doaneville Pond

45 Hillview Heights (off Rt. 201)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-7060, griswold-ct.org
Gravel & grass parking spots at boat launch. Glasco (a long, winding 168-acre pond with paved boat launch) and Doaneville (68-acre pond accessible by waters running under Sheldon Rd.) offer fishing (largemouth bass, perch, bullhead & more), water skiing, jet skis. Paddlers can get more of a wilderness experience by paddling east & under Rt. 165.

Green Falls Reservoir – Pachaug State Forest/Green Falls Area

Rt. 138, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/
Pachaug-State-Forest-Green-Falls-Area
48-acre Green Falls Reservoir has boat launch, but no internal combustion engines allowed. Trout, largemouth bass & more. Swimming is also allowed here.

Halls Pond

80 Kennerson Rd. (off Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boat-Launches/
Halls-Pond-Boat-Launch
82-acre bass management area with car-top/carry-in boat launch, 8 mph speed limit. Catch bass, pickerel, pike & more. No water skiing.

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Hampton Reservoir

Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/Boat-Launches/Hampton-Reservoir-Boat-Launch
88-acre water body is located in Natchaug State Forest. Car-top boats only, no internal combustion engines. Largemouth bass, perch, pike & more.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540, 508-248-5697
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/
Ponds, wetlands & swamp are just part of the make-up of this area, with fishing & paddling. The neighboring French River extends your water fun. Common fish species include brook, brown and rainbow trout, slimy sculpin and longnose sucker, largemouth bass, white and yellow perch, and chain pickerel.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920, 860-376-0313 (for camping)
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Hopeville-Pond-State-Park
The 137-acre lake offers fishing, boat launch & boating (8 mph limit), plus swimming & paddling. No water skiing. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Seasonal fee for non-state residents.

Howard T. Brown Park

100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700, norwichct.org
Park offers docks, boat launch and fishing for shad, salmon, eel & other species. Paddling available, too. A paved walkway follows the Yantic River through historic Norwich.

Hurlburt Pond

Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800, putnamct.us
Access from St. Mary's Cemetery off Providence St. (not marked). Shore fishing only, 3 acres.

Killingly Pond State Park

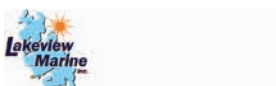
Pond Rd. (off Rt. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
More than 120 acres, this pond is good for carry-in boats & fishing. Acidic waters mean bass will bite — perch & pickerel, too. CT or RI license allowed. Paddlers also enjoy a whirl around this lake.

Lake Lashaway

Harrington St. (off Rt. 9), East Brookfield/North Brookfield Line, MA
508-835-3607
293-acre warm water pond, transparent & average depth of 10' with a maximum of 18' with a very developed shoreline. Paved ramp at north end of pond off of Harrington St. Large variety of fish to catch, most abundant are largemouth bass & white perch. Pickerel here make for good ice fishing too.

Lake Siog Recreation Area/ Holland Pond

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/
Major recreation area offers paddling, boating (launches) & fishing in Holland Pond/Lake Siog. ADA accessible



Lakeview Marine & Paddlesport Rentals

311 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-6020, rentals@lakeviewwebster.com,
LakeviewWebster.com
Rent a stand-up paddleboard or kayak and paddle some of the 1,442 acres of the largest natural lake in southern New England. Launch from our marina - rentals are available for one hour up to a full day. Walk-in's welcome, reservations preferred. See website for hours, pricing and policies.

Leadmine Pond

487 Leadmine Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-389-6300
mass.gov/orgs/department-of-fish-and-game
53-acre pond is less than 50' deep. Many species of fish including largemouth bass and yellow perch. Limited shore access (surrounded by summer homes). Car-top or paddlers carry in across county property off of Leadmine Rd. Dirt boat launch located on Carey Rd. Sleepy, rustic pond perfect for nature lovers.

Little River

Recreation Park Rd., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800, putnamct.us
Intermittent sections from Roseland Lake downstream to the Quinebaug River. Access from Recreation Park Rd. or the adjacent Murphy Park.

Long Pond

Champeaux Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/
Located in East Brimfield Lake area, enjoy ADA accessible shore fishing facilities at Champeaux Rd. Launch for trailered boats on north side of Rt. 20. Great for trout and bass. Open year round.

Mansfield Hollow Lake & State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Mansfield-Hollow-Lake/
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mansfield-Hollow-State-Park
The man-made 450-acre lake is a bass management area, with boat launch (8 mph limit) & paddling. Reel in large & smallmouth bass, perch, pike & trout. No swimming. Pit toilets.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rt. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park
Springtime trout stocking of this brook will hook you on stream fishing.

Merino Pond

Mason Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-389-6300,
dudleyma.gov/residents/recreation/
Park behind Mason Rd. School. Fishing in designated areas only.

Natchaug State Forest/Natchaug River

66 Pifershire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Natchaug-State-Forest
13,200-acre park spreads over 6 towns. Rivers & ponds offer varied paddles & fishing, including the Natchaug River, a designated Trout Park that is stocked weekly. The river is considered a trophy trout stream. Pit toilets.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rts. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Nipmuck-State-Forest-Bigelow-Hollow-State-Park
Adjoining Bigelow Hollow, 3 bodies of water for pond fishing, paddling & scuba diving. Bigelow Pond (more than 20 acres) has a launch for trailered boats, no internal combustion engines allowed. Mashapaug Lake (287 acres, a big bass management area) has a launch for trailered boats, 10 mph limit. Breakneck Pond (92 acres) is more remote, no motors allowed. Pit toilets.

Pine Acres Lake – James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd., (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/James-L-Goodwin-State-Forest
Shallow 190 acres, with boat launch (nonmotorized boats only) for fishing & paddling around the stumps, where largemouth bass, perch & bullheads love to swim.



Quaddick State Park

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Quaddick-State-Park

This more than 400-acre reservoir is an active water area with many activities, including fishing with trailered boat ramp, plus paddling. A northern pike lake, also home to largemouth bass, pickerel, perch & more. Seasonal fee for non-state residents.

Quinebaug Lake State Park

Shepard Hill Rd. (off Rt. 12), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
88-acre lake sparkles with exceptionally clear waters (aka Wauregan Reservoir). Bass management area and catfish lake, plus CT DEEP stocks brown & rainbow trout occasionally. Cartop boat ramp (electric motor only/no internal combustion) & easy paddling, too.

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery

141 Trout Hatchery Rd., Central Village, CT 06332
860-564-7542, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Fisheries-Management/Quinebaug-Hatchery
One of the largest state hatcheries. Glass wall for viewing, tours available (self-guided). Restricted fishing: Onsite children's fishing pond frequently stocked, may be where your child catches their first trout! Ponds & trails for views of birds, turtles & more. Daily 8 am - 3 pm.

Red Cedar Lake – Mooween State Park

Old Rt. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mooween-State-Park
125-acre Red Cedar Lake welcomes boating, paddling & fishing. No developed launch, informal car-top only. Largemouth bass, pickerel, perch & more.

Robbins Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

Fred Davis Rd. (off Quaddick Town Farm Rd.), Thompson, CT 06277
860-963-2090, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Park at gate. 28-acre diverse tract, a former working farmland, includes forests & meadows. Permitted activities include fishing along the Five Mile River, which cuts through the middle of this property. No motorized vehicles. Dogs must be leashed. Visit website for map & more details.

Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557, ssbn598gold@gmail.com,
roselandpark.org
Roseland Park sits along the 96-acre Roseland Lake open to fishing, boating and paddling. Catch largemouth bass, carp, pickerel, perch, trout & more. Winter activities include ice fishing. Open daily, closes at sunset. No swimming.

Ross Pond – Old Furnace State Park

223 Ross Rd. (off Rt. 6), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
31-acre Ross Pond has car-top/carry-in boat launch, paddling & fishing. No internal combustion engines. Hook largemouth bass, perch & more.

Ross Pond State Park

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
2 ponds here: smaller northern is Upper Ross (or Half Hill Pond), larger is southern 31-acre Ross Pond with car-top/carry-in boat ramp, frequently stocked for trout fishing from small boat, no internal combustion engines. Easy paddling spot.

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rt. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Campgrounds/Salt-Rock-State-Campground
 Fishing is available by permit along the Shetucket River.

Spaulding Pond – Mohegan Park

Park Center Rd/Mohegan Park Rd.
 Norwich, CT 06360, 860-823-3798,
norwichct.org
 14-acre pond also allows swimming in areas. A bass management, trout park, catfish & community fishing area welcomes you to catch them all. Some fees.

Streeter Point Recreation Area

6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566
 508-347-9316, mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-conservation-recreation
 Paddling, boating, fishing, & ice fishing available with access to 400-acre East Brimfield Reservoir via U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramps on Rt. 20. See East Brimfield Lake listing.

Taftville Reservoir (Ouellet Park)

20 Old Canterbury Tpke., Norwich, CT 06360
norwichct.org
 25-acre reservoir accessed through Ouellet Park is a bass management area, with trout & sunfish, too.

Walker Pond – Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49),
 Sturbridge, MA 01566
 508-347-9257, mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-conservation-recreation
 1,400 wooded acres include Walker Pond with boat launch, fishing & ice fishing, & paddling. Largemouth bass, pickerel, perch, and more can be found. Seasonal day use fee.



Webster Fish & Game Association, Inc.

91 Gore Rd., Webster, MA 01570
 508-943-9806, fishandgamewebster@outlook.com, rachelpiette@yahoo.com
 Outdoor sportsmen's club featuring walking trails, fishing and a beautiful disc golf course. Full bar is available onsite.

Webster Lake

Memorial Beach Dr., Webster, MA 01570
 508-389-6300
mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-fish-and-game
 1,442 acres make this the largest natural lake in southern New England, 45' at deepest point, originating as 3 spring-fed ponds, clear enough to see down 15', with 2 boat launches. Home to many species including American eel, smallmouth bass, trout, bullheads & stocked with brood salmon. Seasonal day use fee.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
 860-923-2982, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/
 Variety of wildlife & activities include fishing on the 200-acre lake (with boat launch, 5 mph limit) & on Quinebaug River. Trophy carp waters, trout stocked, plus catch pickerel, perch, sunfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass. Paddle the lake & Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail too.

Westville Lake

24 Riverview Ave., (off Rt. 20), Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
 508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Westville-Lake/
 23-acre lake & access to the Quinebaug River offers anglers largemouth bass & panfish. The state stocks the river above the dam with trout for fly-fishing. Boaters & paddlers have 2 launches for easy access to lake & slow-moving portions of river.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Camping

There is nothing like sleeping under the stars! The National Heritage Corridor has amazing places for tent camping, RVs, cabins and more! We urge you to review our "State & Federal Parks & Forests" section and visit the websites for each location. Don't forget the s'mores!



Connecticut Camping Info

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Camping

Massachusetts Camping Info

mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-conservation-recreation

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Camping Info

nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/recreation.gov

More State and Federal Camping Info

reserveamerica.com

Brialee Family Campground

174 Laurel Ln., Ashford, CT 06278
860-429-8359, 800-303-CAMP, admin@brialee.net, brialee.com

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697, reserveamerica.com, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Buffumville-Lake/
3-acre island available to rent for up to 1 week. Primitive camping; boat needed for the short trip to the island. Reservations start Jan. 1 each year. Call 508-248-5697 to register. Some fees.


girl scouts
of connecticut

Camp Laurel – Girl Scouts of Connecticut

175 Clubhouse Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
800-922-2770
customer-care@gsofct.org, gsofct.org
Girl Scouts of Connecticut's Camp Laurel in Lebanon is home to both day and sleep-away summer campers. Open to all girls grades K-12, Camp Laurel provides girls an all-around camp experience.

Charlie Brown Campground 🌿

98 Chaplin Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-0142,
info@charliebrowncampground.com,
charliebrowncampground.com

Highland Campground 🌿

42 Toleration Rd., Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-5684, highlandcmpg@aol.com,
highlandcampground.com

Hopeville Pond State Park

193 Roode Rd., Jewett City, CT 06351
1-877-668-CAMP (2267), 860-376-0313
reserveamerica.com, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/
State-Parks/Parks/Hopeville-Pond-State-Park
80 wooded campsites available as well as
many more activities. Restrooms on site. Main
gate open seasonally. Some fees.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd., (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/
James-L-Goodwin-State-Forest
Youth Group Camping available by permit'
Campsite includes a fire pit with benches, 20'
X 40' pavilion with 6 picnic tables, 16' X 20'
pole building, and pine canopy for 10 to 12
tents, close by Goodwin Conservation Center.
Camp hasouthouses but no running water,
electricity, public phone or trash cans.
Some fees.

**June Norcross Webster Scout
Reservation – Boy Scouts of America,
CT Rivers Council** 🌿

231 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-913-2700, 860-710-5136 pat.boyd@
scouting.org, gotowebster.org

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rt. 44),
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-
Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park
2 camping areas are available. The
Mashamoquet Brook Campground has 18
wooded sites. Wolf Den Campground offers
35 campsites. Open from mid-April through
Columbus Day, these can also be reserved for
Youth Group Camping. Some fees.

**Natchaug State Forest/General Lyons
and Knowlton Brook Campsites**

66 Pilsfshire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/
Natchaug-State-Forest
Backcountry camping zones offer both
primitive backpack & horse camping with few
facilities. Backpack camping only. Pit toilets in
forest. Length of stay at 1 location is limited to
1 night. No fee.

**Natchaug State Forest/
Silvermine Horse Camp**

104 Kingsbury Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-
Parks/Forests/Natchaug-State-Forest
25 wooded sites with basic facilities available.
No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rts. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-
Parks/Forests/Nipmuck-State-Forest-Bigelow-
Hollow-State-Park
Backpack camping allowed by permit along
the blue-blazed trail at Breakneck East Lean-
to, Breakneck South Lean-to, and Breakneck
West Campsite. 1-night limit. See website for
permit details. Some fees.

**Pachaug State Forest/Dawley Pond,
Dry Reservoir, Legend Wood and
Peg Mill Shelters**

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-
Parks/Forests/Pachaug-State-Forest
Backcountry camping zones offer primitive
camping with few facilities. Length of stay
at any one location is limited to 1 night.
Some fees.

**Pachaug State Forest/
Frog Hollow Horse Camp/Campground**

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/
Pachaug-State-Forest
18 camping sites available. Some fees.



**Pachaug State Forest/
Green Falls Campground**

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/
Pachaug-State-Forest
18 wooded sites. Pond fishing, swimming.
Some fees.

**Pachaug State Forest/
Mount Misery Campground**

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 , portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-
Parks/Forests/Pachaug-State-Forest
22 wooded sites on 1st come/1st served basis.
Stream fishing, swimming nearby. Some fees.

Quaddick State Forest

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/
Quaddick-State-Park
This mostly undeveloped forest is north of
Quaddick Park with Youth Group Camping
available by permit. Some fees.

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rt. 97),
Baltic/Sprague, CT 06330
860-822-0884, reserveamerica.com, portal.
ct.gov/deep, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/
Campgrounds/Salt-Rock-State-Campground
Utilities at some sites, bathroom, dumping
station, showers, in-ground swimming pool.
Two pets/site permitted. Permit needed for
fishing along the Shetucket River with 1-plus
mile of waterfront access; obtain permit at
campground office. Some fees.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566. 508-347-9257
reserveamerica.com, mass.gov/orgs/
department-of-conservation-recreation
60 campsites (55 tent/rv sites, 4 yurts, 1 group
camping area), no hookups. Flush toilets,
showers, picnic tables and fire rings.
Swimming, fishing, boating, nature programs
and more. No pets at yurt sites. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982, reserveamerica.com,
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
24 campsites (11 basic, 11 premium with
electric & water hookups, and 2 lean-to
shelters). Quiet, wooded, private environment
for all types of RV's (small pop-ups to 45'
campers). Handicap accessible comfort
station with flush toilets & hot showers, dump
station & firewood, too. Nature programs,
hiking trails, children's play area, basketball
court & horseshoe pits. Some fees.



Windham – Tolland 4-H Camp 

326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-3379
campdirector@4hcampct.org, 4hcampct.org
Day & overnight camp for eight different
theme weeks every summer for children 6-15.
This “unplugged” program on 270 acres offers
a variety of activities chosen by campers.
Campers need not be 4-H members. Camp is
ACA accredited and licensed by the State of
Connecticut.

Explore!

Chambers & Economic Development

Local businesses drive the economy of The Last Green Valley. By partnering with business groups throughout the corridor we can shine a brighter light on the National Heritage Corridor. These business groups are valuable resources and provide networking opportunities and support to help you Explore The Last Green Valley to its fullest potential.



The Chamber of Central Mass South & The Sturbridge Townships

46 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2761, 800-628-8379, info@cmschamber.org, cmschamber.org
Sturbridge is widely known for its great shops, fine dining, beautiful countryside and, of course, Old Sturbridge Village. Fact is, Sturbridge is at the center of eleven towns that are filled with unique places and experiences. Collectively, we call these communities the Sturbridge Townships. And if you're willing to travel a little bit off the beaten path, we're here to reward you with some pretty wonderful discoveries.



Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut

914 Hartford Tpke., Waterford, CT 06385
860-701-9113, marketing@ChamberECT.com, ChamberECT.com
The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut strives to create and maintain a positive business climate by supporting economic development, tourism and sustainable growth in the region.

Chamber of Commerce, Windham Region

1010 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-428-7739, info@windhamchamber.com, windhamchamber.com

Eastern CT Veterans Community Center

1010 Main St., Willimantic, CT, 06226
860-423-9949,
easternctvetcommunitycenter@gmail.com,
easternctveteranscommunitycenter.com



Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce

187 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-1647, angelaadams@norwichchamber.com, norwichchamber.com
Members Supporting Members is our Chamber's philosophy. When we support buying from each other, we invest in each other, keeping our local economy strong. GNACC believes in and is passionate about networking. We believe nothing can take the place of personal interaction when it comes to growing a business. #GNACCSupports



HomeLight

100 1st St., Ste. 2600, San Francisco, CA 94105
855-999-7058, support@homelight.com,
homelight.com/danielson-ct/sell-house-fast
HomeLight empowers people to achieve better outcomes during one of life's most important events: buying or selling their home. Our vision is a world where every real estate transaction is simple, certain and satisfying.

Killingly Business Association (KBA)

172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
info@killinglyba.org, killinglyba.org,
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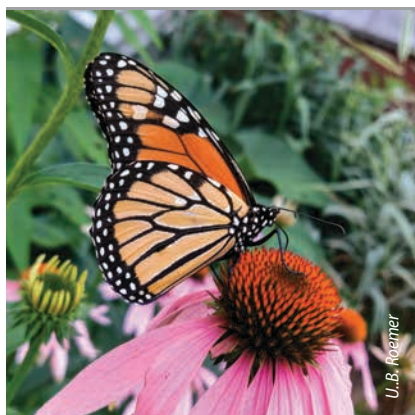
Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.

23 Royce Cir., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-2740, mdp@mansfieldct.org, mansfieldct.org
The Mansfield Downtown Partnership is a non-profit organization created by the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut to oversee the redevelopment of Downtown Storrs, a vibrant, walkable neighborhood with over 75 businesses, two wooded preserves with over 3 miles of hiking trails, a community playground and much more.



Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce (NECT Chamber)

210 Westcott Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8001, info@nectchamber.com, nectchamber.com
Our organization represents more than 500 businesses in the 23-town region and is committed to the concept that there is enormous strength in unity and great benefit to be gained in networking and the exchange of information and ideas. Whether you are planning to relocate to Connecticut's northeast or visit our area for a short time, we are confident that our business community is anxious to make your time here pleasant and productive.



Norwich Community Development Corporation

66 Franklin St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-6964, info@askncdc.com, askncdc.com

Norwich Community Development Corporation – Foundry 66

66 Franklin St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-6964, info@foundry66.com, foundry66.com

Norwich Community Development Corporation - Global City Norwich

66 Franklin St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-304-8505, info@globalcitynorwich.com, globalcitynorwichct.com



Plainfield Business Association

P.O. Box 107, Plainfield, CT 06374
860-546-8414, plainfieldbusinessassociation@gmail.com, plainfieldbusinessassociation.org
Focused on Bringing the Community Together. The mission of the PBA is to unite the Plainfield business community with its residents in an effort to promote the local economy and foster a positive community environment. Together we have the power to make a difference! Visit our website and Facebook page for details on year-round events and activities.



Putnam Business Association (PBA)

158 Main St., P.O. Box 691, Putnam, CT 06260
800-604-1512, coordinator@putnambusiness.org, putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com
A premier tourist destination with an 'arts & al fresco' motif. The town of Putnam boasts an assortment of award-winning restaurants, bars, cafes, antiques, art galleries, collectible toy and comic book stores, boutiques and The Bradley Playhouse Theater. In addition, Putnam offers a river trail, a Dog Park, and a large assortment of sculptures and murals that will leave you with a sense of "Character Around Every Corner" and keep you coming back for more.



Town of Killingly, Economic Development Office 🌿

172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
860-779-5350, ecdev@killinglyct.org,
killinglyct.org

Town of Killingly Economic Development offers business resources for new and expanding industrial & retail businesses. Incentives available. Opportunities include commercial areas and industrial areas as well as an historic downtown district, the Killingly Industrial Park, Killingly Plaza, Killingly Commons and Dayville Four Corners. Visit Killingly from exits 37, 38, 41 and 43 off Interstate 395.



Town of Voluntown, Economic Development Commission 🌿

115 Main St., P.O. Box 96, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4089, voluntown.gov, voluntown.biz
Come and experience Connecticut's largest state forest. Hike the trails. Ride the horse trails. Camp at the private or state campgrounds. Boat and swim on Beach Pond. Mountain bike. Enjoy the Summer Farmers' Market. Adventures are waiting for you in Voluntown, CT.

Webster Dudley Business Alliance, Inc. 🌿

P.O. Box 821, Webster, MA 01570
contact@thewdba.org, thewdba.org



Wheelabrator Lisbon 🌿

425 S. Burnham Hwy., Lisbon, CT 06351
860-885-3512, wtienergy.com
Wheelabrator Lisbon is an energy from waste plant. We use everyday waste from local homes and businesses as a sustainable fuel to create renewable energy, which in turn, can power 13,000 homes. We commenced operation in Jan. 1996.



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Windham ARTS 🌿

1010 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-6389, info@windhamarts.org,
windhamarts.org

Woodstock Business Association 🌿

P.O. Box 4, South Woodstock, CT 06267
explorewoodstock@gmail.com,
explorewoodstock.com
Along Rt. 169, one of America's National Scenic Byways, you'll experience the beauty, charm and tranquility of one of the rural towns that make up the pastoral setting of northeastern Connecticut. The Town remains a cluster of villages epitomizing the character of New England. We invite you to experience and enjoy the historic sites, farms, craft shops, antiques shops and restaurants, intermingled with light industry, which adds to the charm of Woodstock.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Disc Golf

Disc golf courses dot the landscape of the National Heritage Corridor and are a great way to enjoy a different kind of “birdie” in The Last Green Valley. From young to old, disc golf can be as relaxing or challenging as you choose.



Brooklyn Recreation Department Davis Forest & Disc Golf Course

End of Salmon Dr. (off South St.),
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-3411, brooklyncnct.org

Enjoy walks along the trails on the many acres of this wooded area, then try your skills on a newly-constructed 18-hole disc golf course. Keep active as a family while enjoying the quiet and scenic areas of Davis Forest. No fee.

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Buffumville-Lake/
Buffumville Lake offers year-round recreation, with Buffumville Park open daily from mid-May through mid-September. The dam site, surrounded by Buffumville Lake on one side & Buffum Pond on the other, features a very popular 27-hole disc golf course, ranging from amateur to pro holes. No fee on U.S. Army Corps property.

Creaser Park Disc Golf Course

Case Road, Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068, coventryct.org
Home to the Coventry Community Garden, two miles of trails, a few fishing holes and a 9-hole disc golf course. The Rec. Dept. has disc golf sets available for checkout from town hall.

Crystal Pond Disc Golf Course

305 Crystal Pond Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208
crystalpondpark.com/disc-golf.html
On the border of Eastford and Woodstock, this course located at a former Boy Scout camp on Crystal Pond consists of 18 holes good for all skill levels. Fee of \$5/person.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540, 508-248-5697,
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/
Hodges-Village-Dam/
For year-round outdoor recreation, including a 13-hole disc golf course, visit Hodges Village Dam. U.S. Army Corps Park Rangers are available to assist you during your visit. No fee.



Holland Community Center

40 Brimfield Rd., Holland, MA 01521
 413-245-3163
 communitycenter@hollandma.org
 town.holland.ma.us/community-center
 Small course along a path behind the center. Good place for a beginner or children, open terrain. No fee.

Lisbon Meadows Park

39 S. Burnham Hwy. (off Rt. 169),
 Lisbon, CT 06351
 860-376-9791, lisbonct.com
 9-hole golf course that goes around a soccer field. Good place for a beginner, fairly open terrain. No fee.

Mohegan Park Disc Golf Course

Mohegan Park Rd., Norwich, CT 06360
 870-823-3798, norwichct.org
 One of the region's newest courses, visit the largely wooded 9-hole disc golf course at Mohegan Park. The city's largest park, it is also open to fishing, letterboxing, walking and more.

Pomfret Recreation Department Disc Golf

576 Hampton Rd. (Rt. 97),
 Pomfret Center, CT 06259
 860-974-1423, pomfretct.gov
 This 9-hole course is open to the public from dawn to dusk, but groups or tournaments need to register with the town. Park in designated area (not in grass) and carry out all your debris after using course. No fee.

Voluntown Recreation Commission Disc Golf

115 Main St. (off Rt. 138),
 Voluntown, CT 06384
 860-376-4089, voluntown.gov/recreation
 New course behind the town hall. The Voluntown Public Library has a disc golf playing pack that can be checked out. No fee.



Webster Fish & Game Association, Inc.

91 Gore Rd., Webster, MA 01570
 508-943-9806, fishandgamewebster@outlook.com, rachelpiette@yahoo.com
 Outdoor sportsmen's club featuring walking trails, fishing and a beautiful disc golf course. Full bar is available onsite.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
 860-923-2982, recreation.gov
 A U.S. Army Corps property, West Thompson Lake's challenging 18-hole disc golf course is known for long drives, including 8 holes under 300', 6 holes 300-400', and 4 holes over 400'. Great for all skill levels and ages with scenic views of West Thompson Lake and Dam. No fee.

Explore! Education

Life-long learning adventures are easy to find in The Last Green Valley at any age. Whether it's history, the environment, health or another topic, there's an opportunity to learn more from one of our partner educators.



Acorn Adventures

The Last Green Valley
Visit our website, TheLastGreenValley.org, to see our schedule of kid-friendly adventures designed to teach the next generation about all the things that make The Last Green Valley National Heritage a special place.

The Barton Center for Diabetes Education

30 Ennis Rd., N. Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056, info@bartoncenter.org
bartoncenter.org

Blue Slope Country Museum

138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-377-8312, museum@blueslope.com,
blueslope.com

Boy Scouts of America, CT Rivers Council

60 Darlin St., East Hartford, CT 06108
860-291-0286, council066@gmail.com,
ctscouting.org



Brooklyn Historical Society Museum & Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office

25 Canterbury Rd. (Rt. 169),
Brooklyn, CT 06234

860-774-7728, brooklynct.org

Located behind the majestic equestrian statue of Revolutionary War hero General Israel Putnam (1718 - 1790) is the Brooklyn Historical Society Museum. The museum houses the permanent General Putnam Gallery whose exhibits "Israel Putnam: Facets of a Hero" and "General Israel Putnam Remembered" explore the fascinating life of the farmer and citizen soldier whose daring exploits in a Pomfret wolf den and during the French and Indian War made him a legend in his own day, and the creation of the statue that honors him. The Museum's Special Exhibit Gallery features changing displays of local history. The current exhibit, "Treasures from Brooklyn's Attic," showcases some of the varied objects of our collections, items such as silver spoons and spectacles made by Edwin Newbury (1799 - 1872) in his small shop near

the Brooklyn Green, a Civil War era silk dress, ice harvesting equipment, and a circa 1835 - 1840 oil painting Young Girl with Cat. This year there will be an additional display, "The History of Brooklyn's Hillandale Handweavers." The museum is wheelchair accessible and air conditioned. Behind the museum is the 19th-century law office of Putnam's great-grandson Daniel Putnam Tyler (1798 - 1875) furnished as it might have been during his career, which included his service as a County Court Judge and Secretary of State when he supervised Connecticut's first comprehensive economic census. Both museums are open May 25 through Oct. 9, every Wed. and Sun. from 1 to 5 pm, or by special appointment. Please call 860-774-7728 to schedule. There is no admission charge for either museum.



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860-701-9113, marketing@ChamberECT.com,
ChamberECT.com

The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut strives to create and maintain a positive business climate by supporting economic development, tourism and sustainable growth in the region.

Connecticut Landmarks

1 Amos Bull House
59 South Prospect St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-247-8996, ctlandmarks.org

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132 Military Hwy. (Rt. 12), Preston, CT 06365
860-889-4900, covanta.com/where-we-are/
our-facilities/seconn



Coventry Historical Society

P.O. Box 534, Coventry, CT 06238
info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org,
ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org, facebook.
com/coventryhistory

The Coventry Historical Society is a non-profit group dedicated to discovering, collecting and preserving whatever pertains to the history of the Town of Coventry and promoting historical research in all its aspects and making available to the members of the Society and to the public, the results of this research.



Coventry Historical Society - Brick School House

951 Mellow Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
Built in 1823-25, the school is the center of study and research on what school was like in the early 20th century up through present day schools. Oral histories have been collected from people who attended school in the one-room schoolhouses in Coventry. Many donations of photographs and other memorabilia from former students and teachers add to the vast collections. The Brick School is open to the public on the first and third Sunday of the month, May - Oct., from 1 - 4 pm and on special occasions. Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.



Coventry Historical Society – Strong Porter Museum & Archive 🌿

2382 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
 Strong-Porter Museum circa 1730, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as the Historical Society’s Museum. Several rooms of the house, as well as several outbuildings, including a carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, carriage sheds and barn are open to the public. Open Sundays, June through mid-Oct. Admission is free.



The Daughters of the Holy Spirit 🌿

508B Pomfret St., Putnam, CT 06260
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 The Daughters of the Holy Spirit is an international religious congregation. Reverencing in a special way the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in ourselves, others and all of creation is a vital part of our mission in today’s world.



Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center 🌿

109 Pequotsepos Rd., Mystic, CT 06355
 info@dpnc.org, dpnc.org
 DPNC is a non-profit environmental education center in Mystic, offering year-round programs for all ages. With two locations connected by a greenway, the outdoor sanctuary encompasses 300 acres and 10 miles of trails. The main campus features natural history exhibits and live birds of prey.



Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center’s Coogan Farm Nature & Heritage Center 🌿

162 Greenmanville Ave. (Rt. 27), Mystic, CT 06355
 info@dpnc.org, dpnc.org
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East Woodstock Congregational Church 🌿

220 Woodstock Rd., Woodstock CT 06281
 860-928-7449, eastwoodstockchurch.org
 We are an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ and look forward to welcoming you as we worship God and serve the people of our community and the world. Join us for our annual Fourth of July Jamboree on the East Woodstock Common!



EASTCONN 🌿

376 Hartford Tpke., Hampton, CT 06247
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896 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-5636, eastconn.org/act
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EASTCONN – Quinebaug Middle College (QMC) 🌿

742 Upper Maple St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-932-4100, eastconn.org/qmc
Quinebaug Middle College (QMC) is a NEASC accredited high school that allows students to earn free college credits. The school provides a challenging, personalized, comprehensive learning environment that fosters the skills, knowledge, habits and individual discipline necessary for students from diverse backgrounds to realize their ambitions and contribute in a positive, meaningful way to their community and culture.

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. 🌿

238 West Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-319-8806, Dan.Mullins@comcast.net,
conservect.org/eastern



Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association, Inc. 🌿

P.O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234
ecfla.org
Education and technical support for sustainable forest management, preservation of diverse natural habitats and open spaces, management of land trust properties for passive recreation and use as outdoor classrooms.

Federated Church of Christ 🌿

15 Hartford Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-9817, fccoffice@fccbrooklynct.org,
fccbrooklynct.org
Thrift Shoppe open Thurs. – Sat.

Franklin Historical Society & Calvert Library History Room 🌿

P.O. Box 73, N. Franklin, CT 06254
860-642-1988
franklinhistoryroom@gmail.com
calvertlibrary.org/supporters-3/franklin-historical-society

Friends of the Ashbel Woodward Museum 🌿

387 Rt. 32, P.O. Box 73, Franklin, CT 06254
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sites.google.com/site/ashbelwoodwardmuseum



Girl Scouts of Connecticut 🌿

340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
800-922-2770, customer-care@gsofct.org,
gsofct.org
Visit gsofct.org & see the wide variety of fun things we do across Connecticut! In The Last Green Valley, Camp Laurel in Lebanon, CT is the site for year-round day and overnight events for individual girls, troops and families.

Gov. Jonathan Trumbull House Museum & Wadsworth Stable – CT Daughters of the American Revolution

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Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-7558, gjth-ws@ctdar.org,
govtrumbullhousedar.org

Hay Burr Inn Equine Rescue & Sanctuary

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hayburrinn.org



Highland Festival of Scotland, CT

Waldo Rd., Scotland, CT
860-917-5064, 860-887-3793, reggiepatchell@comcast.net, bill.cournoyer@gmail.com,
scotlandgames.org

The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games showcasing athletic, dance, piping and harp competitions; a clan village; food and merchandise vendors; and pipe bands performing in opening and closing ceremonies. It's a bonnie good time. Mark your calendars for October 2022 when the Highland Festival will return.



Hitchcock Free Academy – A Community Center

2 Brookfield Rd., P.O. Box 155,
Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-9977, execdirector@hitchcockacademy.org, hitchcockacademy.org
Enjoy an annual summer stargazing event with beer/wine tasting, live music and guided tour of the night sky at Brimfield Winery, a weekly seasonal farmers' market, spring plant sale and a lively outdoor summer concert series, along with cultural, educational and recreational classes and programs all year long.



Horizon Wings, Inc.

9 Sand Hill Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
horizonwingsraptorrehab@gmail.com,
horizonwings.org

Horizon Wings is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization specializing in birds of prey, including corvids and vultures. We offer private and public programs with our non-releasable raptors as well as tours of our facility.



Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Museum

780 Trumbull Hwy. (Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.org
historyoflebanon.org

Tour the elegant 18th century home of Eunice and Jonathan Trumbull Jr. Mr. Trumbull served as George Washington's military secretary, Speaker of the House and Governor of Connecticut. Visitors can select from a menu of self-guided tours and talk with our history interpreter about the house and its residents. Call for open hours or to make an appointment. The museum is owned and operated by the Lebanon Historical Society. Admission is free.

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Joseph Carpenter Silversmith Shop – Society of the Founders of Norwich 🌿

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860-889-9440, info@leffingwellhousemuseum.org, leffingwellhousemuseum.org



Joshua's Tract Conservation & Historic Trust 🌿

642 Wormwood Hill Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023, administration@joshuastrust.org, joshuastrust.org
Joshua's Trust is a non-profit land conservation trust protecting 5,000 acres in Northeastern Connecticut that will remain open space and protected from development forever. Joshua's Trust works in fourteen towns in Windham and Tolland counties and cooperates with other land trusts beyond this region. We maintain 40 miles of walking trails for the public to appreciate and enjoy, and two sites of historic significance: the Gurleyville Grist Mill and Atwood Farm in Mansfield. Explore our properties, learn more about what we do and find out how to get involved! We hope to see you out on the trails soon!

Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society 🌿

196 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
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Lebanon Historical Society
MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER

Lebanon Historical Society Museum 🌿

856 Trumbull Hwy. (Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.org, historyoflebanon.org
Explore our campus and discover 10,000 years of local history and dig into Lebanon's past at your own pace. Visit exhibits, become a Revolutionary War soldier in our hands-on history room, research a Lebanon ancestor or join a volunteer touring our historic buildings. Open year-round Wed. - Sat., 12 - 4 pm. Tours

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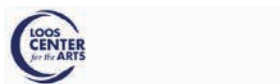
Leffingwell House Museum/Society of the Founders of Norwich 🌿

348 Washington St., P.O. Box 62, Norwich, CT 06360
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The Light Source Center 🌿

2437 Albany Ave., Ste. 101C, West Hartford, CT 06117
860-287-3119, lightsourcecenter.org
The Light Source Center is a non-profit school of meditation offering classes where students can learn the tools to create balance, love themselves and live in Light. Our focus is on the student and each individual journey. Classes and programs are held both in person and on Zoom.



Loos Center for the Arts at Woodstock Academy 🌿

150 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-6789, oxoffice@theloos.org, theloos.org
The Loos Center for the Arts is dedicated to cultivating inspiration, education and engagement through the arts. Join our mailing list! Be the first to receive announcements and get pre-sale access to events. Visit our website or text LOOSCFCA to (860) 963-6789.

Mansfield Historical Society, Museum & Library

954 Storrs Rd., P.O. Box 145, Storrs, CT 06268
860-429-6575, mansfield.historical@snet.net,
mansfieldct-history.org

"The Mill Museum" – Windham Textile & History Museum

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Nathan Hale Homestead, Connecticut Landmarks

2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-6917, hale@ctlandmarks.org,
ctlandmarks.org

Norwich City Historian

100 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360
860-949-5784, norwichcityhistorian@gmail.com



Old Sturbridge Village

1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd.,
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Preston Historical Society, Inc.

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Historical-Society, facebook.com/
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Quiet Corner Garden Club 

P.O. Box 1004, Woodstock, CT 06281
 860-923-1964, qcgardenclub@gmail.com,
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 QCGC members share a love of gardens and
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**Quinebaug Valley Community
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Slater Memorial Museum 

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 slatermuseum.org

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TEEG – Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group 🌿

15 Thatcher Rd., P.O. Box 664,
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539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
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voluntownpeacetrust.org



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860-974-3379, campdirector@4hcampct.org,
4hcampct.org

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57 Academy Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6575, woodstockacademy.org
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Woodstock Agricultural Society, Inc. – The Woodstock Fair 🌿

281 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06267
860-928-3246, info@woodstockfair.com,
woodstockfair.com

The Woodstock Agricultural Society hosts the annual Woodstock Fair, always Labor Day Weekend. Founded in 1859 to promote and preserve the local agricultural heritage and home arts, this tradition continues today. The barns, exhibition halls and fairgrounds are filled with exhibits, animals and more including entertainment and a carnival.

Explore!

Electric Car (EV) Charging Stations

Electric car charging stations help keep the green in The Last Green Valley, and more appear in our National Heritage Corridor each year. If you know of one not on this list, please let us know so that we can share it in future publications and on our website. Charging stations are open 24 hours unless noted.



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Coventry

- Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Rd.
- Coventry Town Hall, 1712 Main St.

Killingly/Danielson

- Quinebaug Valley Community College, 742 Upper Maple St.
- Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St. (Rt. 12)

Lisbon

- Lisbon Landing, 160 River Rd. (for Tesla use only)

Mansfield/Storrs

- Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Rd.
- Mansfield Community Center, 10 S. Eagleville Rd.
- Price Chopper, 1220 Storrs Rd.
- Storrs Center Parking Garage, 9 Dog Ln.
- UConn Center Garage, 33 Royce Cir.
- UConn South Garage, 505 Jim Calhoun Way
- UConn North Garage, 103 N. Eagleville Rd.
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Norwich

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- Downtown Charging Station, 50 Franklin St.
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Plainfield

- Central Auto Group, 98 Lathrop Rd.
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Pomfret

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- Pomfret School, 398 Pomfret St.

Putnam

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- Putnam Downtown Municipal Lot,
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- Putnam Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM Kia,
157 Providence Pike
- Putnam Municipal Complex, 208 School St.
- Putnam Ford, 3 Park Rd.

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- Windham Town Hall, 979 Main St.
- Windham High School, 355 High St.
- Stop & Shop, 1391 Main St.

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- Charlton Service Area – Eastbound, I-90 E
- Charlton Service Area – Westbound, I-90 W
- Charlton Town Hall, 37 Main St.
- Tree House Brewing Co., 129 Sturbridge Rd.
- St. Vincent Medical Group, 9 Trolley Crossing Rd.

Dudley

- Marty's of Dudley, 119 Main St.

East Brookfield

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- Howe Lumber, 225 W. Main St.
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Oxford

- McDonald's, 26A Sutton Ave.

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- Southbridge Town Hall, 41 Elm St.
- Harrington HealthCare, 96 South St.

Sturbridge

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Webster

- Place Motors, 19 Thompson Rd. (Rt. 193)

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Ashford Business Association (ABA)

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Ashford Business Association is a non-profit organization promoting local business through community networking



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Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2710, rblackmer@charter.net,
facebook.com/BlackmerFarm
Retail greenhouse and farm stand selling perennials, hanging baskets, bedding and vegetable plants. Famous for our fresh picked sweet corn, tomatoes and other vegetables. Also offering our own beef, pork & chicken. See us on Facebook.

Blue Slope Country Museum 🌿

138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-377-8312, museum@blueslope.com,
blueslope.com



Bright Acres Farm Sugar House 🌿

36 Old Kings Hwy., Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9654, brightacresfarmct@gmail.com,
facebook.com/BrightAcresFarmSugarhouse
Our self-serve stand is open year-round, seven days a week for maple syrup, maple cream and maple sugar purchases. We also sell chicken and duck eggs. Call 860-455-9654 with any questions. Our products are also found at: Full Moon Farm, Bluebird Hill Farm, Sweet Grass Creamery, Mountain Dairy and Baldwin Brook Farm.



Cedar Ledge Tree Farm 🌿

260 Coventry Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-423-5690, contact@cedarledgetreefarm.com,
cedarledgetreefarm.com
Located in the scenic hills of Mansfield. Visit our tree farm at Christmas. We offer pre-cut and cut-your-own trees, beautifully decorated wreaths made on the farm, a Christmas shop, and we offer complimentary tractor rides and hot chocolate with the purchase of your tree. Check website for hours.

Chamberlin Mill, Inc. 🌿

286 Old Turnpike Rd.,
Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
chamberlinmill@gmail.com, chamberlinmill.org



Cherry Ledge Farm – “Minis Helping Many” 🌿

11 Swenson Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-617-7708, cherryledgefarm@aol.com,
cherryledgefarmct.com, facebook.com/
Cherryledgefarm
Offering Private Riding Lessons ages 3 & up, “Emotional Pet Therapy” using Miniature Horses, Children’s 2 Hour Intro to Horses, Training, Clinics, New Horse Owner’s Course & Meet America’s Morgan Horse. Open Barn events - summer, fall/winter, check our website for full offerings. Visitors by appointment. Owned by Karen L. Swanberg since 1992.



Cook's Farm Orchard 🌿

106 Haynes Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-3241, cooksorchard@gmail.com,
facebook.com/cooksfarmorchard
Open daily 10 am - 5 pm from Labor Day - Columbus Day for PYO apples and fresh cider. Tractor rides and bakery on the weekends.

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PRODUCE SEASONS



With a bevy of farmers markets, farm stands and pick your own locations there are many opportunities to get fresh fruits and vegetables throughout The Last Green Valley. The seasons can vary from year to year depending on a number of factors, such as weather and the farm.

- Apples (many varieties): As early as mid-July, but most September through October
- Asparagus: May
- Beans (several varieties): July through September
- Beets: June through September
- Blackberries: Mid-July through July
- Blueberries: Mid-July to early-September
- Broccoli: July through September
- Cabbage: Mid-June through October
- Cauliflower: October through November
- Collards: August through October
- Cucumbers: July through August
- Eggplant: Mid-July to mid-September
- Onions: Late-June through July
- Peaches: August to mid-September
- Pears: Mid-August through August
- Peas: July through September
- Peppers: Mid-July through October
- Potatoes: Late-July through September
- Pumpkins: Late-September through October
- Raspberries: Early-July through September
- Rhubarb: June through July
- Snap Beans: Late-June to late-July
- Squash: Late-June through early-September
- Spinach: May through June
- Strawberries: Mid-June
- Sweet Corn: August to late-September
- Tomatoes: Mid-July to mid-September

Creamery Brook Bison

19 Purvis Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-0837, creamerybrookbison@gmail.com, creamerybrookbison.com

Eileen D. Brown Charitable Trust

587 Ekonk Hill Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-861-3843, djackman8@comcast.net
The Eileen D. Brown Charitable Trust supports local agriculture and natural resources.



Dovehill Farm

110 Plainfield Rd., Moosup, CT 06354
203-804-1362, 860-771-9110, dovehillfarmllc@gmail.com, dovehillfarmct.com
Dovehill is a 7-acre family farm specializing in produce, eggs, flowers, wood products, jams, pickles, local syrup and honey, wool and fiber arts. We are breeders of registered Finnsheep. farm tours are available by appointment. We sell on farm as well as local markets. FMNP certified.



Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm

227 Ekonk Hill Rd., Sterling/Moosup, CT 06354
860-564-0248, info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com, ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm is the largest grower of pasture raised turkeys in Connecticut. CSA sales available Jan. - June. In addition to your holiday turkeys, the farm features a full farm store and the Brown Cow Café, which includes homemade turkey pies, locally raised meats, dairy and Ekonk Hill's signature ice creams, scooped March - Nov. In the fall one of the region's largest corn mazes will keep the whole family entertained, and homemade apple cider donuts (with or without the ice cream) can be your sweet treat reward. Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, where tasting is believing!

Echo Farm

1051 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-481-3726, echofarmct.com

Fairholm Farm, Inc. 🌿

72 Chandler School Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
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Farm Credit East 🌿

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Farm Credit East has worked with thousands of agricultural business owners across the Northeast. Our goal is to provide you not only financing and working capital, but the professional services you will need to find and service your markets, manage your business and grow your profits. We are: #1 financial services cooperative for northeastern agricultural businesses, part of the national Farm Credit System, a leader in helping small, young and beginning farmers get started in agriculture and proud sponsors of dozens of activities & organizations.




FORT HILL FARMS

Fort Hill Farms & Gardens 🌿

260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-234-1153, herrootsrundeeep@gmail.com,
forthillfarms.com

Stepping into Fort Hill ground brings you into the World of The Outdoors. Find out why Fort Hill is so beautiful, who designed our view with such sensitivity, intuition, passion, scholarship and education, and how we steward this creativity with love and passion you can bring to your own life. May – Oct. is time for BYO Picnic Program (call to reserve high-top picnic tables), Outdoor Movies and The Farmer’s Cow Ice Cream in quarts. Aug. – Oct. our A-Maze-ing Corn Maze is a “thing of beauty and educational as none other” (customer quote we hear over and over) and PYO Pumpkins. NO pets or alcohol.



FORT HILL FARMS

Be an **OUTSIDER** on land inspired
by Frederick Law Olmstead

See what **Boundless Energy** is all about!

Nature/Botany Walks \$15pp
Guided Individual or Personal Bubble Group Walks
During the Nature Walk you will see 3 of FLO’s
Signature Landscape Elements

Joyercise Classes – No Contract \$65pp

BYO Picnic Apr. – Oct.
Call to reserve your hi-top picnic table

Come out in the Fall to check out the corn maze!

Fort Hill Farms & Boundless Energy
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Fort Hill Farms – Boundless Energy 🌿

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Botany and nature walks as well as Joyercise fitness sessions can be made by appointment all year long - includes only you and the people you bring - \$15/pp. The only true way to get good, lasting energy is OUTside! Getting your energy OUTside at Fort Hill Farms is special - everywhere you look is a VIEW because our VIEW was inspired by none other than Frederick Law Olmsted himself - and that’s another reason your workOUT is amazing here, The Genius of Place took his walks here. Joyercise is for women 18+ and your first workOUT is free, call 860-234-1153.

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Hansen Family Tree Farm, LLC

424 Rt. 198, Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
860-974-1592, d.hansen@charter.net,
hansenfamilytreefarm.com, facebook.com/
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Hansen Family Tree Farm LLC is a full-service
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Hart's Greenhouse & Florist

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860-779-9377

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Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-6541

Hart's Greenhouse & Florist – Norwich

43 Clinton Ave., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-4278

Hart's Greenhouse & Florist – Preston

99 Poquetanuck Rd. (Rt. 2A), Preston CT 06365
860-887-8482

Hay Burr Inn Equine Rescue & Sanctuary

169 Black Hill Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
860-932-2092, hayburrinn@gmail.com,
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Lapsley Orchard

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Morning Beckons Farm 🌿

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Alpaca & Emu farm offering farm tours on
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New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) 🌿

32 Foster St., Littleton, MA 01460
978-952-6856, lhayden@newenglandforestry.
org, newenglandforestry.org
Properties throughout The Last Green Valley
and beyond. See [newenglandforestry.org/
explore/forest-stories](http://newenglandforestry.org/explore/forest-stories).

Pakulis Farm, LLC 🌿

63 Creamery Brook Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-450-6566, lou.brodeur@gmail.com

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818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-315-7503, info@taylorbrookebrewery.
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Taylor Brooke Brewery is located on a
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quality beverages for our local community. We
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taylor brooke

Taylor Brooke Winery 🌿

818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-1263, linda@taylorbrookewinery.
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Westview Farm 

209 Prospect St., Woodstock, CT 06281
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Willimantic Food Co-op 

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A member-owned natural foods store. We work with local farms and producers to bring you the best our region has to offer. Serving our membership and our community since 1980. Open to the public - everyone is welcome!

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Explore! Farmers' Markets

In The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor we are lucky to be able to eat and drink foods and beverages produced locally. The region's many Farmers' Markets connect us to the people who create these wonderful products.



Ashford Farmers' Market

Tremko Ln./Pompey Hollow Rd. (Rt. 44),
Ashford, CT 06278
[facebook.com/ashfordfarmersmarketct](https://www.facebook.com/ashfordfarmersmarketct)
The Ashford Farmer's Market runs every
Sunday May 8 - Nov. 20 from 10 am - 1 pm at
Pompey Hollow Park, across the street (Rt. 44)
from Town Hall. Seasonal produce, fruits, meats,
cheese, baked goods, syrups, jams and more.



Brimfield Farmers' and Artisans' Market – Hitchcock Free Academy

2 Brookfield Rd./North Main St.,
Brimfield, MA 01010, [hitchcockacademy.org](https://www.hitchcockacademy.org)
Every Saturday 9 am - 1 pm from April 16 -
Oct. 29 (open rain or shine, closed Flea Market
weeks). Fresh produce, fruits, vegetables,
herbs, plants, meat, eggs, honey, maple syrup,
ice cream, baked goods, jams, breads, soaps,
lotions and crafts. Some vendors accept EBT-
SNAP, HIP & coupons.

Coventry Farmers Market at Hale Homestead

**Coventry Farmers' Market
at Hale Homestead**
2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
[coventryfarmersmarket.org](https://www.coventryfarmersmarket.org), Like us on
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The Coventry Farmers' Market is dedicated
to providing the most vibrant, community
minded market possible. Open every Sunday
from June – Oct., our market carries the
tradition of being the largest farmers' market
in Connecticut, featuring some of the best of
CT-grown, CT-made products around at one
of the most unspoiled countryside settings in
the state.

Lebanon Farmers' Market

579 Exeter Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-2006
<https://www.lebanonct.gov/farmers-market>
Early June – Oct., Saturdays, 9 am – noon.
Green Certified FMNP Authorized.

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**NECT Farmers' Market Association/
Northeast CT Farmers' Market**

860-564-1117

mmolodich@snet.net, nectfarmersmarket.org,
[facebook.com/nectfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/nectfarmersmarket)

The Association operates four markets each week in Killingly, Putnam, Plainfield and Brooklyn, during our growing/harvesting season from May - Oct. Keep up to date online & on Facebook.

Putnam Saturday Farmers' Market

Putnam Riverview Marketplace, 18 Kennedy Dr., Putnam, CT 06260, 860-963-6834
putnamfarmersmarket.org

Accepts SNAP/EBT cards and debit cards.
Open Saturdays, early June – late Oct., 10 am - 1 pm. Certified FMNP Authorized.

Southbridge Farmers' Market

Big Bunny Market, 942 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-765- 9824 ext.101

pete@bigbunnymarket.com, [facebook.com/southbridgefarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/southbridgefarmersmarket)
Saturdays, 9 am - 2 pm, May 29 - Oct. 16. EBT-SNAP Accepted, HIP.

Storrs Farmers' Market

Audrey Beck Municipal Bldg. parking lot, 42 N. Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
storrsfarmersmarket.org
May – Nov., Saturdays, 3 - 6 pm rain or shine.

Sturbridge Farmers' Market

Sturbridge Town Common, 278 Main St. Sturbridge, MA 01518, 508-347-2500 ext. 1411
sturbridgefarmersmkt@gmail.com,
sturbridgefarmersmarket.com
Sundays, 9 am - 1 pm, June 6 - Oct. 10.



Voluntown Farmers' Market 

195 Main St. (Rt. 138), Voluntown, CT 06384
voluntown.biz/voluntown-farmers-market-2edc@voluntown.gov

July 10 - Oct. 9, every Sunday 10 am - 1 pm.
Serving the people of Voluntown by providing locally grown, fresh, high-quality produce and products, and to provide local farmers, producers and artisans with an economic outlet within Voluntown.

Willimantic Farmers' Market

28 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06226
[facebook.com/WillimanticFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/WillimanticFarmersMarket)
Saturdays 8 am - noon, May - Oct. Certified FMNP Authorized.

Explore!

Health & Wellness



Sometimes staying healthy means getting some help. In The Last Green Valley there are plenty of partners to help you be the healthiest you – and have fun while you are at it!



Alternatives for Health Herbal Apothecary

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Ashford Business Association (ABA)

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theashfordbizassociation@gmail.com,
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Ashford Business Association is a non-profit organization promoting local business through community networking.



The Arc Eastern CT

125 Sachem St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-4435, info@thearect.org,
thearect.org
The Arc Eastern Connecticut, established by two groups of families in 1952, provides advocacy and supports people with

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Azuluna Foods

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fitness sessions can be made by appointment
all year long - includes only you and the
people you bring - \$15/pp. The only true
way to get good, lasting energy is OUTside!
Getting your energy OUTside at Fort Hill
Farms is special - everywhere you look is a
VIEW because our VIEW was inspired by none
other than Frederick Law Olmsted himself -
and that’s another reason your workOUT is
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walks here. Joyercise is for women 18+ and
your first workOUT is free, call 860-234-1153.

**Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center –
A Branch of the YMCA of Greater
Hartford** 

9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
860-315-9622, haley@ghymca.org,
haleYMCA.org



The Light Source Center 

2437 Albany Ave., Ste. 101C,
West Hartford, CT 06117
860-287-3119, lightsourcecenter.org
The Light Source Center is a non-profit school
of meditation offering classes where students
can learn the tools to create balance, love
themselves and live in Light. Our focus is
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Opacum Land Trust 

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Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is non-profit, regional
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by volunteers in 2000 to protect natural
and cultural resources in South Central
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Reliance Health Inc. 🌿

40 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-6536, reliancehealthinc.org

Sturbridge Herbfest 🌿

Sturbridge Town Common, Rt. 131, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2111, sturbridgeherbfest.com, Like us on Facebook!
Saturday Oct. 1, 2022, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm.



Willimantic Food Co-op 🌿

91 Valley St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-3611, willimanticfood.coop, info@willimanticfood.coop

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Woodstock Sustainable Farms & Azuluna Event Center 🌿

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Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Hiking, Walking & Running Trails

Category Sponsored by Savers Bank



You can hike, walk and run your way around the National Heritage Corridor. There are more than 500 miles of trails, from those suited for the most ambitious hikers and runners to wooded paths for the most relaxed strollers. This list is only a sample of what you can find. Enjoy guided adventures offered by TLGV every month and join us and our partners during Spring Outdoors from March through June, and Walktober each fall. To help you explore more of The Last Green Valley we've organized this section by town; listed first in this section are the trails that cross town borders, as well as our partners who have land or support public lands in multiple towns.



MULTI-TOWN

Air Line State Park Trail

Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523, portal.ct.gov/deep
This linear gravel/pebble covered trail is flat, easy and travels for almost 50 miles in The Last Green Valley. 3 sections: South from E. Hampton to Windham (22 miles), North from Windham to Pomfret (21 miles), and the Thompson section (6.6 miles). The 4-mile section from Pomfret to Putnam is almost complete and has new road crossings. Additional refurbishing and regrading is ongoing. Putnam is working on connecting

the trail through town to Thompson. Originally used from 1873 through 1955 as a Boston to New York railroad, the "Ghost Train" was seen traveling this route in earlier days. Now a place to frequent in all seasons: hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, jogging, horseback riding and even walking your leashed dog. Parking locations, section maps, videos and historical information available on the website. Business-card sized z-maps for many of sections of the trail are available with each town and at The Last Green Valley office. Mobility reference guides are also available at TheLastGreenValley.org. No fee.



Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. 🌿

P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06372
 860-884-3500, info@avalonialc.org, avalonia.org
 Avalonia is dedicated to conservation through acquisition of open space in southeastern Connecticut since 1968. We believe that the conservation of natural resources for the benefit of people and wildlife is essential to ensure healthy and livable communities for generations to come. To visit our preserves, go to Avalonia.org.

Bigelow Hollow State Park & Nipmuck State Forest

Rts. 190 & 171, Union, CT 06076
 860-684-3430, 860-424-3200
 portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Bigelow-Hollow-State-Park-Nipmuck-State-Forest
 Parking at entrance on Rt. 171. 9,000+ acres of extensive hiking opportunities of varied difficulty & length, from the shorter Bigelow Pond Loop to the seemingly endless Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Trail, and more! Varied make-up provides exceptional scenic beauty. See website for trail maps. Some fees.



The Chamber of Central Mass South & The Sturbridge Townships 🌿

46 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
 508-347-2761, 800-628-8379, info@cmschamber.org, cmschamber.org
 Sturbridge is widely known for its great shops, fine dining, beautiful countryside and, of course, Old Sturbridge Village. Fact is, Sturbridge is at the center of eleven towns that are filled with unique places and experiences. Collectively, we call these communities the Sturbridge Townships. And if you're willing to travel a little bit off the beaten path, we're here to reward you with some pretty wonderful discoveries.



Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association, Inc. 🌿

P.O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234
 ecfla.org
 Education and technical support for sustainable forest management, preservation of diverse natural habitats and open spaces, management of land trust properties for passive recreation and use as outdoor classrooms.



Friends of Pachaug Forest, Inc. 🌿

36 Tatro Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
 860-376-5295, friendsofpachaugforest@gmail.com, friendsofpachaugforest.com
 Pachaug is the largest forest in Connecticut with 26,477 acres. This beautiful, bountiful forest has offered so much to so many for generations. People come from near and far to enjoy boating, backpacking, camping, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, horse camping, hunting, motorcycling, mountain biking, picnicking, scenic vistas, snowmobiling and youth group camping. Pets can also enjoy the forest if they are leashed.

Grand Trunk Trail/Titanic Rail Trail

Brimfield, Southbridge, Sturbridge, MA
 sturbridgetrails.org/grand-trunk-trail.html
 Brimfield: 2 parking lots, 1 on the south side of Rt. 20 (0.5 miles east of downtown) & the other on the south side of Five Bridge Rd.
 Southbridge: parking at Marjorie Lane & in Westville Lake Recreation Area.
 Sturbridge: parking at Wallace Rd. This hard-packed trail with some incomplete sections will stretch more than 60 miles, and travels through Brimfield, Sturbridge, and Southbridge, meeting up with the Air Line Trail in Thompson. You'll find other trail connections and spurs off this trail too. No fee.

Hop River State Park Trail

Coventry, Windham, CT
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
A former railroad line dating back to 1849, the trail winds from Vernon over 20 miles outside The Last Green Valley before entering Coventry and Windham. A new bridge now connects this trail in downtown Willimantic to the Air Line State Park Trail for miles of recreational possibilities across the National Heritage Corridor. Parking locations, section maps, historical information and more available on the website. No fee.



Joshua's Tract Conservation & Historic Trust

642 Wormwood Hill Rd.,
Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023, administration@joshuustrust.org, joshuustrust.org
Joshua's Trust is a non-profit land conservation trust protecting 5,000 acres in Northeastern Connecticut that will remain open space and protected from development forever. Joshua's Trust works in fourteen towns in Windham and Tolland counties and cooperates with other land trusts beyond this region. We maintain 40 miles of walking trails for the public to appreciate and enjoy, and two sites of historic significance: the Gurleyville Grist Mill and Atwood Farm in Mansfield. Explore our properties, learn more about what we do and find out how to get involved! We hope to see you out on the trails soon!

Mitchell Preserve & Reed Woodlands – Avalonia Land Conservancy

860-884-3500, avalonialc@yahoo.com
avalonialandconservancy.org
Two trailheads: Near 371 Northwest Corner Rd. (right side) in North Stonington, and Lake of Isles Rd. Six contiguous properties extending between Preston and North Stonington. Approximately 2.5 miles of hiking trails.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Pifershire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Natchaug-State-Forest
13,200-acre park spreads over 6 towns. Hiking is featured with trail choices like the Blue-Blazed Natchaug Trail (totaling 17.6 miles) and the shorter CCC Loop Trail. Pass by the historic site of Gen. Nathaniel Lyon's birthplace while hiking the Natchaug Trail. No fee.

New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF)

32 Foster St., Littleton, MA 01460
978-952-6856, lhayden@newenglandforestry.org, newenglandforestry.org
Properties throughout The Last Green Valley and beyond. See newenglandforestry.org/explore/forest-stories.

The New Roxbury Land Trust, Inc.

P.O. Box 98, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-2669, president@thenewroxburylandtrust.org, nrlt.org



Opacum Land Trust

P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144, info@opacumlt.org, opacumlt.org
Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is non-profit, regional land conservation organization founded by volunteers in 2000 to protect natural and cultural resources in South Central Massachusetts. We maintain several public trail systems on our properties and partner with local communities for trail and programs. We rely on charitable donations and volunteers to make our work possible. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a member or supporting our work.

**Sprague Land Preserve
(aka Mukluk Preserve)**

Franklin & Sprague
Holton Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-822-3000, ctsprague.org
Take dirt road on right off Holton Rd and park at cabin, or park in Watson lot on left at end of Holton Rd. Formerly known as the Mukluk Preserve, the Town of Sprague purchased this property in 2005 with the help of a land acquisition grant from CT DEEP. Take in the beautiful setting, many wooded trails and area wildlife. Just below the Scotland Dam on the Shetucket River, enjoy 1 mile of riverfront. See website for trail map. Property has trails in both Franklin and Sprague. Hunting is allowed on the property, so take precautions. No fee.



Tackle the Trail 🌿

Northeast Connecticut
Monique Wolanin, Race Director
tacklethetrail.org
Tackle the Trail, a unique race in an amazing place! Always the 3rd Saturday in Oct., choose from Marathon, ½ Marathon and Relay team options. Runners enjoy the quiet solitude of nature with bursts of energetic and supportive fans throughout the course, which offers both technical and non-technical sections of trail through Windham, Pomfret and Putnam, CT. Highlights include amazing scenery, great swag, enthusiastic volunteers and fun post-race festivities. Proceeds from this race support students pursuing their educational dreams at Quinebaug Valley Community College. All race information can be found at tacklethetrail.org. Race does sell-out. Register now and make Tackle your destination!

**TriTown Forest Preserve –
Avalonia Land Conservancy** 🌿

Griswold, Preston, North Stonington
90 Miller Rd., North Stonington, CT 06359
860-884-3500, avalonia.org
This 527-acre property was preserved in 2018 by Avalonia Land Conservancy and has land in Preston, Griswold, and North Stonington. The best parking location is off Miller Rd. in North

Stonington. There are numerous trail loops of varying difficulty; this peaceful property has 9.4 total miles of trails. Significant historical stone walls. All trails are well marked, dogs are allowed but must be leashed. Benches allow for scenic views and tranquil resting areas. No fee.



Wyndham Land Trust, Inc. 🌿

860-963-2090, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org, wyndhamlandtrust.org
The mission of the Wyndham Land Trust is to conserve the natural resources of Northeast Connecticut - the water courses, swamps, woodlands and open spaces, the plant and animal life therein, and the scenic natural and historic sites - all of which are very much a part of the character and beauty of all communities in Northeast Connecticut. Our work is urgent.

MASSACHUSETTS

BRIMFIELD

Trolley Trail – Brimfield

120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rt. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
413-324-8350
info@brimfieldtrail.org, brimfieldtrail.org
Approximately 4 miles out & back, this trail is open year-round & available for not only walking but bicycling, horse riding, & leashed dogs, too. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to Sturbridge), it's a flat, easy walk and a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.

CHARLTON

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Bufumville-Lake/
500 acres of land for hiking, including a total of 7 miles of trails. Lake Shore Trail begins at the beach and goes around Buffumville Lake. Divide it up by doing the North Loop (3 miles) or South Loop (4.2 miles). Follow the blue blazes. Some fees.



Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary

56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5516, barbhfrederick@gmail.com,
capenhill.org

Dedicated to Preservation and Environmental Education. Come hike our 86 acres of trails from dawn until dusk, free of charge! We also offer science and nature summer camps for kids as well as a visitor center with animal residents, a mineral collection and gift shop.

Fay Mountain Farm

12 Cemetery Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
townofcharlton.net/299/Fay-Mountain-Farm-Committee

Owned by the town, a portion of the Midstate Trail cuts through the 65-acre property, which also features an orchard, berry bushes, an historic barn and a pond for fishing.

DUDLEY

Dudley Conservation Land Trust

P.O. Box 14, Dudley, MA 01571
508-949-0250, vishawielock@yahoo.com,
dudleyclt.org

Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail - Dudley Section

Mill Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-949-8000, dudleyma.gov
Park in lot on Mill Rd. in West Dudley. This trail runs 6.12 miles along the Quinebaug River, and under your feet is the old rail bed originally surveyed for the Southbridge & Blackstone Railroad in 1831. The trail also runs from Southbridge for another 0.53 miles to the CT border. No fee.

Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail - Perryville Section

Schofield Ave, Dudley, MA 01571
dudleyma.gov/recreation/rail-trail
Trail head and parking are located off Rt. 12/ Schofield Ave near the intersection with New Boston Rd. An ongoing rails-to-trails project for the discontinued Providence & Worcester

rail spur from Webster to Southbridge, currently this section is 1.5 miles in length from Hill St. in Webster to the CT state line. Note this section is not contiguous with the Southbridge/West Dudley section of the trail. No fee.

Tufts Branch Valley Wildlife Sanctuary & Keekamoochaug Wildlife Sanctuary - Dudley Conservation Land Trust

Healy Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-949-2468, dudleyclt.org
Park at trailhead & info kiosk. These 2 connected and diverse properties include forests, wetlands & meadows. With a few trail options, including loops plus intersecting trails, you will enjoy the hard work that DCLT volunteers have done, including stonewall restoration. More trails to come! See website for details. No fee.

EAST BROOKFIELD

East Brookfield Town Common

Depot Square (Mechanic & Pleasant Sts.), East Brookfield, MA 01515
508-867-6769, eastbrookfieldma.us
Park on street. Within a section of town long known as "Podunk," Vizard's Common was given by a private citizen in 1931 to the new town with the stipulation that a World War I memorial be placed there. More monuments for World War II and the Korean & Vietnam conflicts were added. The Common is surrounded by the former town hall, library, senior center, general store and various 19th-century structures. A short stroll. No fee.

North Brookfield Rail Trail

122 Connie Mack Dr., East Brookfield, MA 01515
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthBrookfieldRailTrail/>
Park at the East Brookfield Public Library/ Town Hall on Connie Mack Dr. The trail is a 4.2 mile spur line that runs from the live lines in East Brookfield, behind an old shoe factory, to the depot in North Brookfield on Elm St. Please note the trail is sometimes closed per the rail line. Please check the Facebook page.

HOLLAND**Lake Siog Recreation Area/
Lake Siog Pass**

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/, town.
holland.ma.us/trails-committee
Major recreation area includes a 0.75-mile nature trail. Access Lake Siog Pass at the Holland Trailhead on Pond Bridge Rd. too. No fee.

Quinebaug Woods

Dug Hill Road, Holland, MA 01521
413-245-7108, town.holland.ma.us
Moderate/short 1.1-mile loop trail goes along the Quinebaug River then heads up and over a steep hillside with rocky outcrops. Mixed open canopy along the top of the "hogback" ridge, hemlocks dominate below, forming dense stands. View remains from a cabin built in 1932. Look over Blake Hill to the east and Hamilton Reservoir to the south. Year-round habitat varies throughout supporting spotted salamanders, beavers, kingfishers, herons, seasonal blooms & more. No fee.

OXFORD**Hodges Village Dam**

30 Howarth Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/
Park on top of & below dam, at the end of Rocky Hill Rd., at Greenbriar Park & at Multiple Use Area off Clara Barton Rd. in North Oxford. Part of a system of 6 flood risk management projects designed and built in the Thames River Basin by the U.S. Army Corps, Hodges Village Dam is a dry bed reservoir, now with approximately 22 miles of year-round recreational trails. MA-registered off-highway motorcycles are allowed on the west side of the French River only. Some fees.

SOUTHBRIDGE**Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary –
Opacum Land Trust** 

Tipton Rock Rd. (off Rt. 169),
Southbridge, MA 01550
508-347-9144, info@opacumlt.org, opacumlt.org
Small parking lot on Tipton Rock Rd. 3 trails available (0.64, 0.5 and 0.41 miles) that wind along the shore of Morse Pond, through

stands of beech trees, hemlock, and mixed forest habitats. There are old stone walls. History and nature at the site are inspiring. No fee.

Heritage Trail – Southbridge

West St., Southbridge, MA 01550
ci.southbridge.ma.us/southbridge-trail-committee
Parking at West Street School. An 800-yard ADA-compliant trail running parallel to the Quinebaug River with benches, boardwalks with railings, a scenic river overlook & picnic area. The school offers baseball & soccer fields, tennis courts & a playground. The Heritage Trail leads west to the Westville Dam & more trails: the Heritage Trail Extension, Grand Trunk Trail and Heritage Connector Brant (over the dam spillway) form a 1.7-mile loop which circles Westville Lake. Continue west along the Grand Trunk Trail to the Ed Calcutt Bridge for 1.3 miles more. No fee.

**Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail –
Southbridge Section**

Rt. 131, Southbridge, MA 01550
ci.southbridge.ma.us/385/Quinebaug-Valley-Rail-Trail
Trail head and parking are located off Rt. 131 across from the Golden Greek Restaurant. An ongoing rails-to-trails project for the discontinued Providence & Worcester rail spur from Webster to Southbridge. The project envisions a connection from Southbridge's Heritage Trail to the onset of the rail trail on Crane Street. When completed, it will extend 11 miles. At this time there are about 5 miles completed from Rt. 131 to the Dudley line where it connects to the Dudley trail system. No fee.

**Thompson Family "Forever Wild"
Preserve Loop Trail – Opacum
Land Trust** 

Eastford Rd. (Rt. 198), just south of Dennison Dr., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-347-9144, opacumlt.org
40-acre preserve is adjacent to almost 2,300 acres of watershed land owned by the town. 1-mile loop begins at a small overgrown pasture, crosses wetlands, access roads and old logging road, back down hill to trailhead. Complete map online. No fee.

STURBRIDGE

Burgess Discovery Trail

10 Burgess School Access Rd.,
Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-7041, sturbridgetrails.org,
visitsturbridge.org

A 0.4-mile ADA-compliant trail starting and ending at the lower Burgess School parking lot. The trail passes along the ball field into an upland and wetland forest cover environment traveling over some 150-ft. of wetland (bog bridge), passes by several large glacial boulders and around a gravel drumlin upland area. Trail access information is posted on the trail sign. As this is school property, all school property access rules apply. Contact the school office at 508-347-7041 with any questions.

East Brimfield Lake Nature Trail

24 Riverview Ave., (off Rt. 20), Fiskdale
(Sturbridge), MA 01518

508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/
Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/

Using the Nature Trail Map & Guide on the website, become an amateur naturalist as you stroll the 0.75-mile loop and learn about the varied vegetation and wildlife on these 5 acres. No fees.

Heins Farm Conservation Area

Leadmine Rd. (south of Shumway Farm),
Sturbridge, MA 01566

sturbridgetrails.org, visitsturbridge.org

84 acres, originally part of neighboring private Heins Family Farm, has great cultural & historic significance to Sturbridge with historic marker on Stafford Turnpike 1.8-mile trail. 2 more walking/hiking loop trails: 0.5-mile Cabin Trail & the 0.6-mile Pond View Trail. See website for map & more. No fee.

Leadmine Mountain Conservation Area

197 Leadmine Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566

sturbridgetrails.org, visitsturbridge.org

Parking at all 3 trailheads. 994-acre conservation area with 3 trailhead/parking areas. With 15 trails to choose from, you can hike for more than 11 miles in this diverse and well-marked conservation area maintained by the Sturbridge Trail Committee. Some areas are not yet completed, such as some wetlands crossings. See website for map & more. No fee.

OFS Fitel, LLC

50 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-2261, ofsoptics.com

Old Growth Trail at Leadmine Preserve

10 OSV Access Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566

sturbridgetrails.org, visitsturbridge.org

This is an ADA-accessible trail, on an island created by Hamant Brook that has not been logged for over 150 years. The landscape reflects the tornado damage of 2011 as well as an old growth forest from the 1700s. The trail is suitable for wheelchairs.

Opacum Woods - Opacum Land Trust

Old Brook Circle, Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-9144, info@opacum.org, opacumlt.org

Park at trailhead on Old Brook Circle. No parking on Forest Lane. 4 miles of hiking trails on 266-acre property. Enjoy Blue, Red, Yellow and Green trails. Enjoy a variety of habitats, ponds, woodlands, wildlife, interesting historical features like ancient rock shelter. View trail map available online. No fee.

Wells State Park/Carpenter's Rock Trail

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49),

Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-9257, mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-
conservation-recreation

Park at headquarters. 1.5-mile easy loop in 1,500 acres of preserved land. Carpenter's Rock is a scenic overlook, accessed by a trail mix of road and footpath, year-round (also great cross-country skiing). Some fees.

Westville Lake Trail

125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/
Recreation/Westville-Lake/

1.8-mile loop trail around the 23-acre Westville Lake on abandoned railroad bed & service roads. Info kiosks at trailheads, plus benches along the way. Some fees.

WEBSTER**Webster Fish & Game Association, Inc.**

91 Gore Rd., Webster, MA 01570
 508-943-9806, fishandgamewebster@outlook.com, rachelpiette@yahoo.com
 Outdoor sportsmen's club featuring walking trails, fishing and a beautiful disc golf course. Full bar is available onsite.

Webster Memorial Beach Walk

Memorial Beach Dr. (off Rt. 193), Webster, MA 01570
 508-949-3800, webster-ma.gov
 Get moving on the 2 paved walks outside of beach area (no fee for parking before beach entrance). Rules & regulations apply for boating/launch, fishing and swimming for both town residents and non-residents. Check website for full details. Some fees.

CONNECTICUT**ASHFORD****Langhammer Trail & Spur to Ruby Fenton Preserve**

off Lustig Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
 860-487-4400, ashfordtownhall.org/directory/conservation-commission
 Limited parking off Lustig Rd., bear to the left at the end of the road. Please do not park on the road; it could inhibit the passing of emergency & other vehicles. At 72+ acre, Langhammer Forest is Ashford's largest town-owned open space parcel & contains a diversity of wildlife, plants and geological features. Now linked to the 300+ acre Willington Fenton Ruby Park and Preserve by a spur trail both towns developed to connect the areas for continuous forest adventures. Map on website. No fee.

BROOKLYN**Blackwell Brook Trail**

Rukstella Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
 860-779-3411, brooklynct.org/conservation-commission
 Parking at trailhead on Rukstella near Bailey Woods Rd. intersection. Trek the Town of Brooklyn's 2 miles of loop trail that follows Rukstella Rd., Cold Spring Brook and Blackwells Brook. Add in the smaller loop to increase your steps. See website for trail maps. No fee.

Carol Randall Memorial Nature Trail

Gorman Rd./School St., Brooklyn, CT 06234
 860-779-3411, brooklynct.org/conservation-commission
 Parking at trailhead on School St. at the Elementary School or on Gorman Rd. at the Middle School. Lots of stream crossings along this nature trail, so be sure your feet are ready, especially during wet seasons. A great place to get out into the woods with the kids. See website for trail maps. No fee.

Creamery Brook Trail

School St., Brooklyn, CT 06234, 860-779-3411
 brooklynct.org/conservation-commission
 Best parking is at trailhead on School St. at the Brooklyn Elementary School at the Carol Randall Memorial Nature Trail. Access to trail is also available at the intersection of Rts. 205 & 169, but there is no designated parking lot there. Begin at the pink Randall Memorial Nature Trail, and then take the blue Creamery Brook Trail out to Rts. 205/169. Out and back you'll cover about a mile, crossing over Creamery Brook. See website for trail maps. No fee.

Donald Francis Recreation Park Trail

Prince Hill Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
 860-779-3411, brooklynct.org/conservation-commission
 2 parking areas on Prince Hill Rd. Cross some streams and bridges along this loopy town trail, with lots of nooks & crannies to explore. Wear proper footwear. See website for trail maps. No fee.

The Milo Appley Conservation

Showcase – ECCD

139 Wolf Den Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-319-8806, conservect.org/eastern
Eastern CT Conservation District owns 85 acres adjacent to Windham County Extension at 139 Wolf Den Rd. in Brooklyn, CT. Access to the trails is through the gate at the rear of the parking lot. The trails meander around the property, crossing hay fields and wooded forest. There are a variety of habitats including streams, ponds, open fields and forests. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the property.

White Brook Sanctuary - Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./Wolf Den Land Trust

Darby Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234, ecfla.org
Park on road. Easy 0.8-mile loop trail. Beware of traffic. Sanctuary skirts the edges of both a forested and sedge swamp with numerous opportunities to view wildlife and plant species. The area is transected by White Brook and at one point follows along the top of a dike near a small pond. No fee.

CANTERBURY

Canterbury Town Green

Jct. Rts. 169 & 14, Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800, canterburyct.org
1.5-mile easy loop, beware of traffic. A National Historic District with more than 32 varied architecturally and historically significant properties dating from 1709 to 1747, including the Prudence Crandall Museum. Rt. 14, the Revolutionary route of the French Army under Rochambeau from Newport to Yorktown, crosses through the Canterbury Green. No fee.

CHAPLIN

Two Sisters Tract - Joshua's Trust

Rt. 6 (Rt. 203 intersection), Chaplin, CT 06235
860-429-9023, joshuastrust.org
Park on Rt. 6 shoulder, north of Rts. 6/203 intersection. 2 parcels, totaling 40 acres, split by the Air Line Trail. Path from Rt. 6 goes to Air Line. Cross the rail bed & a steep staircase leads to 1-mile loop trail on the larger parcel. For longer walk, park at Rt. 203, walk north along the Air Line 0.86 miles to Two Sisters loop & back for total of 2.6 miles. See website for map. No fee.

COVENTRY

Creaser Park Nature Trail

Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068, coventryct.org
2 miles easy to moderate round-trip with limited handicapped access to pond. Trail leads across meadow, along the Skunkamug River, around pond and through varied forest terrain. Search for more than 40 species of birds. Leashed dogs welcome. No fee.

Nathan Hale State Forest

off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
1,500 acres of forest and fields bordered by roads offer hiking or strolling, but no trails are maintained. A great place to hone compass skills and stumble upon ruins. Historic Nathan Hale Homestead is close by to extend your visit. Wildlife viewing is ideal. Hunting is allowed in season. No fee

EASTFORD

Boston Turnpike Trail & Greenway

Rt. 198/John Perry Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-1885, eastfordconservation.org/trails/trailsindex.html
Park in unpaved area at Rt. 198 adjacent to John Perry Rd. Trail also accessible off Old Colony Rd. Stand on the ONLY remaining unaltered portion of an early road system that first connected cities & towns during colonial times. Established under King Charles II of Britain, the roads followed trails laid out much earlier by Native Americans and were used mainly for carrying the mail. Farmers also used the roads to get their goods to markets, and they were vital for moving troops during the American Revolution. Pass through Natchaug State Forest and over privately-owned land, whose owners who have given permission for the public to use this trail. Be respectful. The portion of the trail between Old Colony Rd. and State Forest Rd. passes through a typical maple/oak/hickory forest. Near State Forest Rd., pass through wetland habitat. A small bridge & short length of boardwalk have been constructed to ease your passage through these areas. See website for more information. No fee.



George Askew Nature Trail

12 Westford Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-0125, eastfordct.org
Park in the Elementary School parking lot. This short & easy nature trail (approximately 1 mile) starts/ends behind the school's playing fields, is named for a retired teacher, was developed by students, and runs along the Still River. It's marked with points of interests with a corresponding guide book available at the town's library. Benches added with TLGV grant. No fee.

FRANKLIN

Bailey's Ravine at Ayer Gap

291 Pond Rd. (Rt. 207), Franklin, CT 06254
203-568-6270, nature.org
This 80-acre property owned by The Nature Conservancy offers a short but rugged hike through a small gorge. Bailey Brook flows through the property, offering a handful of small waterfalls. A moderate rocky incline at the start will lead to great views of Franklin's countryside. No fee.

Giddings Park

191 Pond Rd. (Rt. 207), Franklin, CT 06254
860-642-7352, franklinct.com
This town property offers numerous baseball, softball and soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, a pavilion and a playground. There is a relatively flat loop trail around the park. Behind the park, you can hike a wooded 1.3 mile loop trail; access by going down the hill from the parking areas. No fee.

GRISWOLD

Griswold Campus Nature & Cross-Country Trails

211-303 Slater Ave., Griswold, CT 06351
860-334-9459, DCrandall@griswoldpublicschools.org, griswold.k12.ct.us
Park at Elementary School lot off Campus Rd. near Rt. 164. 0.8-mile Nature Trail (blazed orange), created in 1985 by students to preserve wetlands, has guide book & signs for nature ID. Some difficult climbs, but wet areas are passable. The Quinebaug River Trail and Cross-Country Trail join the Nature Trail for a wide, easy walk. Combine the Cross Country (blazed blue) with the Nature Trail for 2.1 miles (some steep hillsides). For use only when school is not in session. No fee.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd. (Rts. 201 & 395), Griswold, CT 06351,
860-376-2920, 860-376-0313, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Hopeville-Pond-State-Park
Trails totaling up to 13.1 miles are moderate. The Blue-Blazed Nehantic Trail begins at the park and runs through pleasant scenery, descending Mount Misery into the Civilian Conservation Corps camp area of Pachaug State Forest in Voluntown. Some fees.

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HAMPTON

Blue Flag Meadow – Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association/ Wolf Den Land Trust

Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247

ecfla.org/wdlt.htm

Parking on Kenyon Rd. 25-acre property between Natchaug State Forest & Air Line Trail in Hampton provides a natural wildlife corridor. Loop trail winds through a mix of forest, open maintained fields & around a small pond. Hike is a fairly easy go, with some slightly inclined slopes. Chances to see woodcocks in the correct season! Check website for property map. No fee.

Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood

97 Kenyon Rd. Hampton, CT 06247

860-928-4948, ctaudubon.org/trail-wood-home

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247

860-455-9534, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/James-L-Goodwin-State-Forest

Numerous walks available on more than 10 miles of trails, from a stroll in the arboretum to several hours of hiking through forests and by ponds. An easy to moderate 3-mile loop, the Pine Acres Pond Trail follows the shore through varied woodlands. Access to Air Line Trail and Natchaug Trail. No fee.



Quiet Corner Cottage

41 Old Town Pound Rd., Hampton, CT 06247

860-712-8696, doufox55@aol.com, Find us on [evolve](#) and [airbnb](#)!

Our charming countryside cottage awaits anyone seeking a quiet escape! Only 2 miles from Goodwin State Forest, this vacation rental is an ideal year-round HQ for outdoor recreation of all types. The home: we offer 3 bedrooms that sleep up to 8, 1.5 bathrooms, a full kitchen, high-speed Wi-Fi, a spacious yard with a fire pit and much more!

KILLINGLY

Bear Hill Property

312 Bear Hill Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243

860-774-5310, 860-234-0196

killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org

Enjoy a 0.75-mile woodland walk along Old Trolley Trail to the edge of Alvia Chase Reservoir. No fee.

Cat Hollow Park

25 Cat Hollow Rd. (off Dog Hill Rd.),

Dayville, CT 06241

860-774-5310, 860-234-0196

killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org

0.5-mile paved walk along scenic Whetstone Brook and falls. View ponds and dams that once provided water power for two mills. Azaleas and other unique plantings by former owner. No fee.

Chase Reservoir

85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243

860-774-5310, 860-234-0196

killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org

Walk (3.5/5 miles) on woodland trail through varied 285 acres with heavily wooded forests, historic foundations, vernal pools & managed woodcock habitat. Cross-country ski or snowshoe in winter. Paddling & fishing on 80-acre lake. No horses, bikes, motorcycles, motorboats. No fee.

George's Galley

55 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239

860-774-7111, hollysbarlow@gmail.com,

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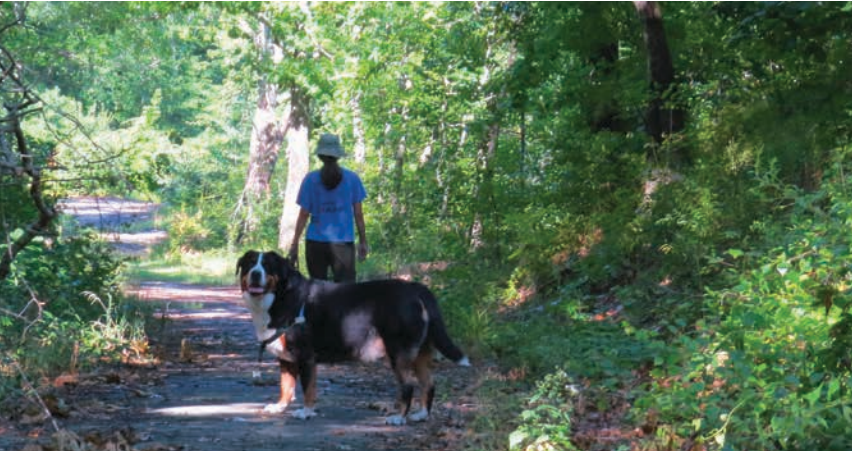
Visit us along the East Coast Greenway.

Killingly Pond State Park

Pond Rd. (off Rt. 101), Killingly, CT 06239

860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep

1.25-mile trail loop trail on the forested Old Kentucky Trail onto Quinns Hill Rd. and Pond Rd. Canoe/kayak access available too. No fee.



**Killingly Quinebaug River
Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail**

Jct. Rts. 12 & 6, Killingly, CT 06239
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Park by ball fields behind water treatment center. Just over 4 miles up and back, this easy paved trail passes the town's dog park & has great views of the Quinebaug River. Informative signage along the way. Scenic overlooks and views of historic mills viewed at Rts. 6/12 junction. ADA-Compliant. No fee.

Mason Hill Park Nature Preserve

207 Mason Hill Rd., Ballouville, CT 06241
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
A nature preserve created with the aid of the federal government to hike and view wildlife, flora & fauna on the 0.5-mile trail. You can letterbox here too! Parking lot is off Mason Hill Rd. No fee.

Old Furnace State Park

So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rt. 6), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
Easy/moderate varied 2.5-mile loop Blue-Blazed trail at the site of an 18th-century iron mill. Woodlands, streams, wetlands. Difficulty increases while climbing to summit of Ross' Cliffs to view Half Hill Pond. Head down to Ross Pond State Park, around Half Hill Pond back to Old Furnace State Park. No fee.

Old Killingly Pond Trail

194 Pond Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Part of the Killingly Pond State Park, this 1.25-mile trail loop travels on the forested Old Kentuck Trail onto Quinns Hill Rd. and Pond Rd. Canoe/kayak access available. No fee

Owen Bell Park

540 Hartford Pike, Dayville, CT 06241
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Active recreation park has 1-mile wooded trail, plus a surfaced track that is usually plowed after snow. No excuse not to get your walk in! Featuring playgrounds, ball fields, tennis courts, a skate park, basketball courts and a splash pad too. No fee.

Quandoc Conservation Area

246 Brickhouse Rd., Danielson, CT 02639
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
125-acre property features forests, several wildlife habitats, stonewalls, evidence of farm fields and recreated wetlands along Quandoc Brook. Follow yellow trail markers. 1.5-mile trail. No fee.

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Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) Foundation

742 Upper Maple St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-932-4174, mwolanin@qvcc.commnet.edu, qvcc.edu/foundation-2

Tackle the Trail, a unique race in an amazing place! Always the 3rd Saturday in Oct., choose from Marathon, ½ Marathon and Relay team options. Runners enjoy the quiet solitude of nature with bursts of energetic and supportive fans throughout the course, which offers both technical and non-technical sections of trail through Windham, Pomfret and Putnam, CT. Highlights include amazing scenery, great swag, enthusiastic volunteers and fun post-race festivities. Proceeds from this race support students pursuing their educational dreams at Quinebaug Valley Community College. All race information can be found at tacklethetrail.org. Race does sell-out. Register now and make Tackle your destination!

Ross Pond State Park/Old Furnace Trail

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
Easy/moderate Blue-Blazed 2.5-mile loop through woodlands, streams, wetlands. Difficulty increases while climbing to stunning summit of Ross' Cliffs to view Half Hill Pond. Head down to Ross Pond State Park, around Half Hill Pond back to Old Furnace Park. No fee.

Sherman Memorial Forest - Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./ Wolf Den Land Trust

170 Breakneck Hill Rd., Dayville, CT 06241
ecfla.org
Take a 3-mile woodland hike to an old stone foundation and well on land trust & town land acquired in 1892. Walk through forests, pine groves and old town roads. Trail entrance at parking area. No fee.

LEBANON

Lebanon Town Green Loop

Jct. Rts. 87 & 207, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, historyoflebanon.org
Park at the Lebanon Historical Society & Visitors Center, 286 Rt. 87. Easy 2-mile loop walk around historic 1-mile town green. A National Register Historic District that was of great importance during the American Revolution. Visit where Gen. George Washington reviewed his troops in 1781, see 30+ historic buildings & sites, including the War Office where Washington, Rochambeau & CT Gov. Jonathan Trumbull (the only colonial governor to support the Revolution) met. No fee.

Mooween State Park

Old Rt. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
This 577-acre park was a former boys camp. See chimneys, stairs & other camp relics returning to nature, as well remains of the 300-year-old Granny Austin Tavern as you hike. No fee.

Pomeroy State Park

Rt. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
This undeveloped and unmarked 200-acre park, part of which was textile manufacturer Charles Pomeroy's estate, has limited roadside parking. Hike along the top of Bush Hill. Hunting. No fee.

Whitney Forest/John Hibbard Trail

212-276 Oliver Rd. (off Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-346-TREE, info@ctwoodlands.org, ctwoodlands.org
The John Hibbard Trail, named in honor of CFPA's longtime Executive Director, John Hibbard, is a 1.5-mile loop trail through the property and acts as a forestry educational resource for all ages. Recently harvested to help regenerate oak and pitch pine species and to improve the site for wildlife. No fee.

LISBON**Lisbon Meadows Park**

Rt. 169 (south of Rt. 138/169 intersection), Lisbon, CT 06351
860-376-3400, lisbonct.com
Great town property offers ample parking, baseball & soccer fields, tennis court, horseshoes, 3 trails (0.5 mile red, 0.5 mile white, or 1.5-mile blue trail) plus a gravel road on this multi-use property. Suitable for a stroll on solid, flat land, or a quick trail run over the roots. Walk a dog, fly a kite, push a stroller or teach a toddler to ride a bike. See website for map. No fee.

MANSFIELD/STORRS**Albert E. Moss Wildlife Sanctuary**

10 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015, preserves@mansfieldct.org, mansfieldct.gov
Park at Town Hall/Community Center. Cross street to stairs by apartments for entrance. 135-acre natural area with 2.15 miles on 2 loop trails (blazed white). See wildlife while walking through a varied forest and around a 5-acre pond with a dam & waterfall. Named for Professor Moss, an inspiring educator in UConn's Forestry Department who developed the first curriculum in forest (1924) & wildlife management (1932). No fee.

**Bicentennial Pond
Universal Access Trail**

Bicentennial Pond Recreation Area, 230 Clover Mill Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015, mansfieldct.gov
This new 0.7-mile trail allows people of all abilities to access the natural areas and fitness opportunities in Schoolhouse Brook Park, which is the site of numerous recreational and educational activities.

Coney Rock Preserve – Joshua's Trust 

Chaffeeville & Mulberry Rds., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-429-3015, preserves@mansfieldct.org, mansfieldct.gov, joshuastrust.org
220 wooded acres owned partly by the town (white blazes) and partly by Joshua's Trust (yellow blazes) offer 5 easy miles of trails. For almost three centuries this location has retained the name Coney Rock, but the reference to Coney remains a mystery. No fee.

Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve

954 Storrs Rd. (Rt. 195), Mansfield, CT 06250
860-429-3015, preserves@mansfieldct.org, mansfieldct.gov
Park behind Historical Society. 102 acres of mostly forested land with an easy 1.41-mile trail. Named more for poetic alliteration than for topographic accuracy, the cliff is actually 100 feet high. Enjoy clifftop views of the Fenton River Valley, Lake Naubesatuck and the distant ridges of Scotland. Map with points of interest online. No fee.

**Friends of Mansfield Hollow
State Park** 

P.O. Box 442, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-428-3667, pedlinron@gmail.com, Like us on Facebook!

Mansfield Hollow State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
Lots of trails to explore. Easy 1.5-mile loop red-blazed Eagle Trail was completed as an Eagle Scout project. Through woodlands, old farm roads, along the reservoir and on old cart paths. Great views of lake too. No fee.

Merrow Meadow Park

Merrow Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015, preserves@mansfieldct.org, mansfieldct.gov
Easy 0.57-mile loop trail follows the east side of the Willimantic River, with interpretive signs, accessible fishing pad (0.32 miles are paved, 0.25 miles are gravel). No fee.

UConn Forest – Fenton Tract

off Storrs Rd. (Rt. 195), Storrs, CT
ecohusky.uconn.edu/trails-trees-and-forests
UConn offers many locations for biking & hiking. Both the Fenton Tract & the Hillside Environmental Education Park (HEEP) Trails are close to campus and offer many different routes to explore. You can also discover many varieties of trees on campus through the Campus Tree Touring Guide. Maps available online. No fee.

UConn Horsebarn Hill

Horsebarn Hill Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-2413, animalscience.uconn.edu
Easy 1.1-mile accessible walk with animal barns open to the public. See newborn lambs in spring. Fields of pigs, horses, cattle & sheep. Dairy Bar with famous UConn ice cream is nearby! No fee for self-guided tours.

Whetten Woods – Joshua's Trust

62 Dog Ln., Storrs, CT 06268
860-429-9023, joshuastrust.org
Park at the Hope Lutheran Church. Trail is behind church. Although there is no direct road access to this preserve, you'll find a Joshua's Trust sign & a connecting trail through the church property. 1.5 miles on the yellow-blazed trail. The view on this 37-acre property is mixed hardwood forest with upland, stream and wetland. Many stone walls. An easy walk with some rooted areas. See website for map. No fee.

Wolf Rock Nature Preserve – Joshua's Trust

Crane Hill Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-9023, joshuastrust.org
One of Mansfield's most spectacular landmarks, a 6-foot diameter glacial boulder sits atop a sheer 40-foot cliff. Wolves may have inhabited the area when the town was settled, but by the turn of this century this location became a great place for a walk. From the top of the ledge you can see the Sawmill Brook Valley below and fields on Crane Hill Rd. No fee.

NORWICH

Benedict Arnold Trail – Walk Norwich

Corner of Washington St. & Arnold Pl.
Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776, info@walknorwich.org, walknorwich.org
Park at Leffingwell House Museum, 348 Washington St., or at the Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors' Center, 69 East Town St. One of the world's most notorious traitors called Norwich home. Discover the story of a controversial and complicated Benedict Arnold, who greatly impacted our nation's history during the Revolutionary War. The self-guided tour gives a glimpse into Benedict

Arnold's complex childhood and discusses prominent Norwich figures who played a pivotal role in the Revolutionary War. Walk 2 easy miles (some uneven terrain) past the family homestead, Leffingwell Inn, Olmstead-Lathrop Manor (from the 1600s) and more. Maps & more available on website. No fee.

Ellis Walter Ruley Memorial Park

28 Hammond Ave., Norwich, CT 06360
walknorwich.org/freedom-trail/stop-15/
Part of the CT Freedom Trail and the Norwich Freedom Trail, this park features a short but steep walk up to the homestead of artist Ellis Walter Ruley. You'll find interpretive panels, the remains of Ruley's home and a place to sit and contemplate his story.

Heritage Trail – Walk Norwich

100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776, walknorwich.org
Park at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park. This riverfront trail along the Yantic River and Norwich Harbor includes historic and interpretive signs describing Chelsea Landing. The trail follows city streets for short segments. Walk upstream starting from Howard T. Brown Park on Norwich Harbor at Chelsea Harbor Drive to Yantic Falls. Some sections are handicap-accessible. Leashed dogs are welcome. No fee.

The Norwich Heritage and Regional Visitors' Center

69 East Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776, Fax: 860-886-0452
info@norwichhistoricalsociety.org, walknorwich.org
One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley

Mohegan Park

Park Center Rd./Mohegan Park Rd., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3798, norwichct.org
Park includes 3 trails (0.7 loop, plus 0.4 & 0.6 milers). Beautiful Norwich Rose Garden is located on Rockwell St. in Mohegan Park, on 2 acres of gently sloping parkland & features 2,500 rose bushes in 120 varieties. Playgrounds and more! No fees.

Uncas Leap Walking Trail – Walk Norwich

134 Yantic St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776, info@walknorwich.org,
walknorwich.org

Park at Uncas Leap at 134 Yantic St. An easy 2-mile self-guided walk features the Native Mohegan Tribe's rich history in southeastern CT, including a legendary battle with the Narragansett Tribe. Along the way you'll see stunning Yantic Falls, the Uncas monument, Royal Mohegan Burial Grounds and the Mohegan Landing. Map & more available on website. No fee.

PLAINFIELD

Fitze Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

Plainfield Recreation/Senior Center
482 Norwich Rd. (Rt. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-963-2090, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org

Park behind Rec./Senior Center. 3.5-acre wooded lot offers a Children's Discovery Trail that was created to allow youngsters a chance to explore the trees and shrubs in typical Northeast Connecticut woods. The stone walls crisscrossing the property remind us this was once open farmland. The trail is an easy 20-minute hike. Strollers are not recommended. No fee.

Moosup Valley State Park Trail

Jct. Main St. & Rt. 14, Plainfield, CT 06354
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Moosup-Valley-State-Park-Trail
A 5.8-mile linear trail runs to Sterling with connection to Rhode Island. A former rail trail, you'll traverse gravel to ballast surfaces. Glimpse the Moosup River & Sterling Pond in this rural setting. Good for beginners. No fee.

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery/Trolley Trail

141 Trout Hatchery Rd.,
Central Village, CT 06332
860-564-7542, portal.ct.gov/deep
Easy 0.7-mile walk starts at the hatchery, follows the Trolley Trail along abandoned trolley track to Plainfield's Wauregan National Historic Register District, a 19th-century mill village and c. 1850 H-shaped stone cotton mill. No fee.

POMFRET

Aicher Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

Freedley Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
860-963-2090, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org,
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Look for WLT sign, park on side of road, enter through farm gate. Cornfield is on left, a lake on right as you proceed. Turn right into a network of woods roads or continue straight ahead and over the dam. Follow the tree line to either the right or the left. From the high point of the preserve, elevation 505', you have striking views of the surrounding countryside. Below are a splendid hayfield, cornfields, and woodlands. Excellent bird habitat. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.

Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948, ctaclubon.org/pomfret-home

Duck Marsh Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

Wrights Crossing Rd. or Holmes Rd.,
Pomfret, CT 06259
860-963-2090, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org,
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Parking at both road entrances. Look for Wyndham Land Trust signs. 146-acre wetland habitat with access from Wrights Crossing Rd. on the north & Holmes Rd. on the south. Ideal location for bird watching, with 2 blinds and 2 observation platforms. No motorized vehicles allowed. Dogs must be leashed. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.

Grassland Bird Conservation Center at Pomfret – CT Audubon Society

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948, ctaclubon.org/center-at-pomfret
This 702-acre nature sanctuary is a nationally recognized important bird area and includes a large beaver pond, acres of grasslands, streams and a hemlock ravine. More than 10 miles of walking trails with interpretive signage. Environmental programming year-round. No fees for self-guided hikes, and guided hikes are offered for member & non-member prices.

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Kimball Memorial Forest – New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF)

Wolf Den Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
978-952-6856, newenglandforestry.org
This 167-acre property is located on the west side of Wolf Den Rd., 0.5 mile south of the intersection with Rt. 44. The forest connects state forest land, and consists of a variety of oaks with pine, hemlock and hardwoods mixed throughout. No fee.

Lyon Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

33 Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
860-963-2090, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org, wyndhamlandtrust.org
Park in the preserve. Look for WLT sign at entrance. 46-acre preserve with 2 portions — an upland tract characterized by early succession vegetation & lowlands bordering Mashamoquet Brook. A well-maintained trail system meanders through birding habitat with confirmed sightings of many varieties. Dogs must be leashed. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/ Wolf Den

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rt. 44),
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park
Easy to moderate 4.75-mile loop trail includes some steep hills up to the Wolf's Den, on the National Register of Historic Places, where Revolutionary War hero Israel Putnam killed the last wolf in CT according to folklore. Also see "Indian Chair" rock formation on top of a 20' cliff overlooking the valley. No fee.

Pomfret Rec. Park Trail

576 Hampton Rd. (Rt. 97),
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-1423, pomfretct.gov
Enjoy a walk through the woods starting at the trailhead by the ball fields. This trail connects to the Air Line Trail for expanded walking fun. No fee.

PRESTON

Preston Community Park Nature Trail

13 Rt. 117, Preston, CT 06365
860-887-5581, preston-ct.org
Easy 0.3-mile handicapped-accessible, family/children friendly loop trail with interpretive signs. Hilly but not strenuous, with scenic overlooks with benches. Near playscape & picnic area. Connects with Blue-Blazed Pequot Trail. No fee.

Preston Nature Preserve – Avalonia Land Conservancy

South side of Krug Rd., 0.6 miles west of Jewett City Rd., Preston, CT 06365,
860-884-3500, avalonialc@yahoo.com, avalonialandconservancy.org
Two trails featuring varied land features and vegetation, including two hills, a valley, hardwood and cedar forest, brushland, meadows, pastures, swamps and ponds. Well-established 0.5-mile trail system with bridges and Hike and Seek opportunity.

PUTNAM

Putnam Quinebaug River Trail/ Cargill Falls

Kennedy Dr. & Rt. 44, Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800, putnamct.us
Park in a few lots on Kennedy Dr. With the extension added in 2016, the Putnam River Trail is over 2.5 miles long – one way! Flat & paved, the trail winds through Rotary and Simonzi Parks and includes a walk along the Quinebaug River & past Cargill Falls. Interpretive plaques explain the area's history while storybook trail entertains the kids. No fee.

SCOTLAND

Mohegan State Forest

Waldo Rd. (off Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
700 acres in 2 parcels (smaller piece in Sprague) make up this forest of hardwood and softwood. Roadside parking by gate (no parking area), will lead you to gravel road for hiking serenity. No fee

**Pappenheimer Preserve –
Joshua's Trust** 

Devotion Rd. (Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06247
860-429-9023, joshuastrust.org
Easy wooded 1.5-mile loop on 101-acre property owned and managed by Joshua's Trust. Hunting allowed on adjacent Mohegan State Forest so take precautions. Park along shoulder of Rt. 97. No fee.

Rock Spring Preserve

Putty Hill Rd. (Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06247
203-568-6270, nature.org
The 450-acre Nature Conservancy property offers a 3.5 mile loop trail along the Little River, as well as a cut-through trail on an old farm access road. There is a great east-facing scenic vista looking over the valley into Canterbury, as well as a natural spring. Some sections of the trail along the river may be more overgrown. Park along the road. No fee.

SPRAGUE

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rt. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-376-4075, 860-822-0884, portal.ct.gov/deep
149 wooded acres offer many modern camping amenities and room to stroll on walking trails. No fees to visit. Camping fees apply.

THOMPSON

Bull Hill Recreation Area

Messier Rd. (off Ravenelle Rd.) N.
Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440, thompsonct.org/trails-committee
Park at Messier Rd. gate or next to soccer field. Trail starts 50' after gate on right. Easy, 1-mile round-trip (about 30 minutes): 0.66-mile woods trail with additional 0.33 miles on road. Small bridge at end. No fee.

Fisherman's Walk Trail

Fabyan-Woodstock Rd., N.
Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440, thompsonct.org/trails-committee
Park at trailhead on Fabyan-Woodstock Rd. Easy 1-mile round-trip (about 30 minutes) between Quinebaug River and old spill-way



canal to grassy glade. Add 0.1 mile to river bend for 1.2 miles total. Car-top boat launch for National Recreation Water Trail ending in West Thompson Lake. No fee.

North Grosvenordale River Walk/Park

Riverside Dr. (Rt. 12),
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440, thompsonct.org/trails-committee
Park on Rt. 12 at Gazebo, Public Library, or behind Knights of Columbus. Walk through historic mill village, along French River and pond. It's an easy 3.2-mile roundtrip (1 hour 20 minutes). Mostly paved, with crushed gravel at the end. Mobility & bike accessible. No fee.

Quaddick State Park Red Loop Trail

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
In a park well known for its water activities, be sure to take an easy hike on the 1.54-mile loop trail through forested areas, which also crosses Quaddick Town Farm Rd. Some fees.

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Robbins Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

Fred Davis Rd. (off Quaddick Town Farm Rd.)
Thompson, CT 06277, 860-963-2090
info@wyndhamlandtrust.org,
wyndhamlandtrust.org

Park at gate. 128-acre diverse tract, a former working farmland, includes a mature hemlock forest & grassy meadow interspersed with pine & spruce. Birdwatching (whip-poor-whill's nest on the property), fishing, horseback riding & mountain biking. No motorized vehicles, dogs must be leashed. Visit website for trail map. No fee.

Thompson Common

Intersection Rts. 200 & 193, Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3776, thompsonhistorical.org
Beautiful all year, the Thompson Common is a short & peaceful stroll. While you are there, stroll over to the Ellen Larned Museum and the Old Town Hall to enjoy history too. No fee.

Tri-State Marker

E. Thompson Rd. & New Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-9440, thompsonct.org/trails-committee
2-mile round-trip (1 hour) Blue-Blazed Trail starts on flat Air Line Trail, to CT/MA stone border marker on right, then challenging uphill, rocky climb to historic tri-state marker erected in 1883. Off-shoot trails into RI & MA, connecting to Mid-State Trail & Douglas State Forest Loop Trail. No fee.

West Thompson Lake Shoreline Trail

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/
Easy 4+ mile loop trail starts to right of boat ramp. Follow West Thompson Lake's shoreline through meadows to mature forest. The corps has completed the crossing to Blain Rd. with a new bridge. No fee.

UNION

Bigelow Hollow State Park

Rts. 190 & 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
You'll find easy to moderate and difficult hiking here depending on season and conditions. For a short, easy hike consider the Bigelow Pond Loop. If you want a challenge, Mashapaug Lake offers a hike of more than 10 miles. Expect water crossings. Keep your eyes on the skies and the tree line to spot the pair of bald eagles calling the lake home.

VOLUNTOWN

Pachaug State Forest/ Green Falls Pond Trail

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep
Easy to moderate 2-mile loop trail beginning at either end of the camping and picnic area is blue-blazed with red mark. Goes around Green Falls Pond and down Green Falls Brook. If you lose your bearings, follow lake shore until you pick up trail again, or you arrive back at the camping area. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest/ Mount Misery Trail

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep
Moderate 3-mile woodland trail; the Blue-Blazed Pachaug and Nehantic Trails become a single path as they ascend Mount Misery (411'), with views to the RI border; return via same trail. A 9+ mile trail loop can also be accessed here. Pachaug State Forest, with 26,000+ acres, is the largest state forest with 35+ miles of marked trails. No fee.

WINDHAM/WILLIMANTIC Allanach-Wolf Woodlands – Joshua's Trust

165 Back Rd., Windham, CT 06280
860-429-9023, joshuastrust.org
An easy 3.1 mile out-and-back trail on a 102-acre property managed and owned by Joshua's Trust. Trail is well marked. Property features beautiful views of the 22-acre shallow pond known as Lake Marie. Fantastic bird watching and blinds for photography. No fee.

Beaver Brook State Park

Back Rd. (off Rt. 14), Windham, CT 06280
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
Beaver Brook runs through this undeveloped 401-acre State Park. There are no marked trails, and lots of trees. No fees for parking or entrance to this still very natural park.



Friends of The Garden on the Bridge & The Garden Club of Windham

440 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
gardenclubofwindhamct.org,
Like us on Facebook!

The Garden on the Bridge attracts visitors from the region and beyond. Built in 1857, this stone structure once carried traffic across the Willimantic River. Today it offers colorful plantings and exquisite views of dams and waterfalls. It is convenient to walking, hiking, and biking trails, restaurants and other amenities.

Frog Bridge, "Thread City Crossing"

Jct. Main St. (Rts. 32 & 66) and Church St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3000, windhamct.com
Notable for its 11' tall bronze frogs sitting atop giant thread spools, the Frog Bridge connects Main St. to Pleasant St. Be careful of traffic. No fee.

Garden on the Bridge

Main St. (Rts. 32 & 66), Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3000, windhamct.com
Park at Windham Mills Heritage Park. Built in 1857 as a pedestrian bridge over the Willimantic River, this unusual structure features granite planters, flowers and trees. Great photo ops. No fee.

Victorian Foot Bridge

off Main St. (opposite North St.), Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3000, windhamct.com
Built in 1906, the only footbridge in the eastern U.S. to cross a highway, river and rail line, the footbridge connects Main St. and Pleasant St. Bring your camera. No fee.



ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Not all trails suit the needs of everyone, but everyone deserves an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. TLGV's Trail Assessment Team has assessed more than 40 miles of trails, collecting objective information and developing guides to help individuals determine whether a trail is right for them. In the online Explore Guide at TheLastGreenValley.org you can search for hiking by town and will find this information published within the listings of trails that have been assessed. Trails that have been assessed and published information include:

- **Air Line State Park Trail**
- **Bicentennial Pond Universal Access Trail in Mansfield, CT**
- **Burgess Discovery Trail in Sturbridge, MA**
- **Cat Hollow Park's Linear Trail**
- **Hop River Trail**
- **Heritage Trail in Southbridge, MA**
- **Killingly River Trail**
- **Lebanon Town Green Loop in Lebanon, CT**
- **Merrow Meadow in Mansfield, CT**
- **North Grosvenordale River Walk and Park in Thompson, CT**
- **Putnam River Trail**

TLGV is not the only organization working to make the outdoors accessible to everyone. While the following trails do not yet have TLGV's mobility guides, they have been reviewed by others and are considered suitable for some people with mobility challenges. You will find information in this printed Explore Guide and online for:

- Old Growth Trail in Sturbridge, MA
- Preston Community Park Nature Trail in Preston, CT

Willimantic Whitewater

Partnership & Park

28 Bridge St., P.O. Box 406, Willimantic, CT 06226
info@willimanticwhitewater.org,
willimanticwhitewater.org

WOODSTOCK

The Beeches Recreation Park

Senexet Village Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595, woodstockconservation.org
Entrance to trail is near the basketball court on the west side of the soccer field. Loop trail is about 0.87 miles, flat or gently sloping except for 2 sections with slight grade. Wraps around a residential development, a shady walk with pretty views of Little River waterway. Good for cross-county skiing or snowshoeing if there is snow. More family-friendly fun available: basketball court, soccer field, playscape, paddling too. See website for more. No fee.

Border Woods Preserve – The New Roxbury Land Trust

Eastford Rd. (Rt. 198), north of Rt. 197,
Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-2669, nrlt.org
36.7 mostly-wooded acres (lots of oaks & hemlocks) open for walking, hiking and bird watching. There are no developed trails, some erosion and a bit of wetlands, but it's still a great place to explore. Respect the property, leaving nothing behind. No motorized vehicles allowed. No fee.

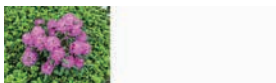
The Fifty-Acre Wood

Pond Factory Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208, woodstockconservation.org
Park by the kiosk at the entrance to the trailhead. 50-acre wooded property donated to the Town of Woodstock by the Darby family in memory of Herbert C. & Virginia Darby in 2001, features an easy 1.5-mile loop trail plus letterboxing. Hunting & motorized vehicles are prohibited. Leashed dogs are welcome. Please do not litter. No fee.



First Congregational Church of Woodstock, UCC & Hill Church Labyrinth

543 Rt. 169, Woodstock, Connecticut 06281
860-928-7405, firstchurchwoodstock.org
In the backyard of our church, you will find an eleven-circuit, left-hand, classical labyrinth. It is free and open to the public at all times. Labyrinths are used for meditation, for prayer, for healing. A labyrinth is a unicursal maze – a maze in which you cannot get lost. There is one path in. You come back out the same way. Walking at a normal pace to the center of this labyrinth and out again takes about twelve minutes. Visit our website to learn more about our open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ.



Palmer Arboretum

523 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 ext. 310, woodstockct.gov/
arboretum-committee
A place for education, enjoyment and enlightenment. Plants include American Sweetgum, Hoops Blue Spruce, Mountain Laurel, Large Fothergilla, Azaleas and various Cyprus. For complete listing of plants, see the downloadable brochure under the documents tab of the Arboretum Committee.

Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557, ssbn598gold@gmail.com,
roselandpark.org



JUST OUTSIDE THE CORRIDOR



Denison Pequotsepos
Nature Center

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109 Pequotsepos Rd., Mystic, CT 06355
info@dpnc.org, dpnc.org
 DPNC is a non-profit environmental education center in Mystic, offering year-round programs for all ages. With two locations connected by a greenway, the outdoor sanctuary encompasses 300 acres and 10 miles of trails. The main campus features natural history exhibits and live birds of prey.



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Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center's Coogan Farm Nature & Heritage Center

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FLORENCE GRISWOLD MUSEUM
 Home of American Impressionism

Florence Griswold Museum

96 Lyme St., Old Lyme, CT 06371
 860-434-5542, info@flogris.org,
florencegriswoldmuseum.org
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Groton Open Space Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 9187, Groton, CT 06340
 860-536-9811, gosaemail@gmail.com,
gosaonline.org
 Groton Open Space Association advocates for the protection of land, water and wildlife habitats while providing stewardship and public access for passive recreation on their properties.

Niantic River Headwaters Community Forest – NEFF

Goldfinch Terrace, East Lyme, CT 06333
newenglandforestry.org
 Acquired in 2017, the 200-acre property is NEFF's fourth community forest in Connecticut. Visitors can enjoy an excellent loop trail as well as the property's diverse wildlife, plant communities, wetland resources, and topography.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Horseback Riding & Horse Camping

The Last Green Valley is horse country. Horseback riding is allowed on all Connecticut State Park and Forest trails, unless posted otherwise, and also allowed on many Massachusetts State Park trails and some federal and local properties.



CT State Parks & Forests

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks

MA State Parks & Forests

mass.gov/horseback-riding-trails-in-state-parks

Air Line State Park Trail

Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523, portal.ct.gov/deep
Stretching across eastern Connecticut from Thompson to East Hampton, this flat, linear gravel & rock trail, formerly a railroad line, is ideal for horseback riding. Take in some views, enjoy relaxation and solitude. Find parking options & locations as well as more info on the website. No fee.

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687, mass.gov/orgs/department-of-conservation-recreation
20+ miles of roads & trails offer room for horseback riding. Seasonal day use fee.

Brimfield – Trolley Trail

120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rt. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
413-324-8350

info@brimfieldtrail.org, brimfieldtrail.org
About 4 miles out & back, this trail is open year-round & available for not only walking but horseback riding. An old trolley rail bed, this is a flat, easy trail, and a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.


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Camp Laurel – Girl Scouts of Connecticut

175 Clubhouse Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
800-922-2770

customer-care@gsofct.org, gsofct.org
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860-617-7708, cherryledgefarm@aol.com,
cherryledgefarmct.com, [facebook.com/
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Offering Private Riding Lessons ages 3 & up,
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Horses, Children’s 2 Hour Intro to Horses,
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Barn events - summer, fall/winter, check
our website for full offerings. Visitors by
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since 1992.



Friends of Pachaug Forest, Inc.

36 Tatro Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-5295, friendsofpachaugforest@gmail.com,
friendsofpachaugforest.com
Pachaug is the largest forest in Connecticut
with 26,477 acres. This beautiful, bountiful
forest has offered so much to so many for
generations. People come from near and
far to enjoy boating, backpacking, camping,
cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, horseback
riding, horse camping, hunting, motorcycling,
mountain biking, picnicking, scenic vistas,
snowmobiling and youth group camping. Pets
can also enjoy the forest if they are leashed.



Hidden Springs Farm

78 Lewis Rd., Hampton, CT
thegifhorseofkent@gmail.com,
hiddenspringshorsesct.com
You’ll arrive to beautiful views of the home
to the most lovable rescue horses, each with
their own story. In a visit to the farm you can
meet, groom and bond with the horses, book
a trail ride or enjoy a picnic by the pond.
Organic grass-fed beef & boarding.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.),
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697
[nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/
Hodges-Village-Dam/Over 20 miles of trails
— blue blazed & the Midstate Trail \(yellow
triangles\) — on both the east and west sides
of French River are for non-motorized use and
great for horseback riding. No fee.](http://nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/Over%20miles%20of%20trails%20-%20blue%20blazed%20&%20the%20Midstate%20Trail%20(yellow%20triangles))

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd., (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534, portal.ct.gov/deep
Covering more than 3 square miles, this state
forest offers recreation every season of the
year. An extensive variety of trails includes
the miles long Air Line Trail, and equestrian
trail plus trail connections to Natchaug State
Forest. Open from dawn until dusk, 365 days
a year. No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/ Indian Chair Trail

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rt. 44),
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121, [portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-
Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park)
The 1.06 mile Equestrian Trail, the “Indian
Chair Trail” is entirely within state park
boundaries and a nice addition to this
location. See website for map. Seasonal fee.

Mohegan State Forest

Waldo Rd. (off Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
700 acres in 2 parcels (smaller piece in
Sprague) of woodland offer gravel road for
horseback riding. Roadside parking only
by gate (no parking area), will make it a bit
challenging for trucks/ trailers. Note there is
hunting in season. No fee.



Natchaug State Forest/ Silvermine Horse Camp Site

104 Kingsbury Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
[portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/
Natchaug-State-Forest](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Natchaug-State-Forest)

This vast state forest offers not only horseback riding on miles of trails and other trail connections to James L. Goodwin State Forest and the Air Line Trail, but has horse camping at the Silvermine Horse Camp Site available on a 1st come/1st served basis, designed specifically for equestrian use. Horse rentals are not available. Pit toilets. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest/Frog Hollow Equestrian Camping Area

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075,
[portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/
Pachaug-State-Forest](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Pachaug-State-Forest)

CT's largest forest with more than 24,000 acres offers miles of CT Horse Council recommended roads & trails for great horseback riding, with horse camping at Frog Hollow Equestrian Camping Area. Some fees.

Pomfret Horse & Trail Association, Inc.

860-617-1863, pomfrehorseandtrail@gmail.com,
pomfrehorseandtrail.com

Quinebaug Woods

Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
413-245-7108, town.holland.ma.us
Parts of the moderate/short 1.1 mile loop trail are suitable for horseback riding, but a hike ahead of time will dictate if your 4-legged friend would like this trail. Follow the Quinebaug River. Head up and over a steep hillside with rocky outcrops if conditions allow. Mixed open canopy along the top of the "hogback" ridge, hemlocks dominate below, forming dense stands. View remains from a cabin built in 1932. Look over Blake Hill to the east and Hamilton Reservoir to the south. No fee.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566, 508-347-9257
877-422-6762, [mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-
conservation-recreation](http://mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-conservation-recreation)
This popular 1,400-acre woodland park welcomes equestrians for horseback riding on different trail surfaces throughout. Seasonal day use fee.



Windham – Tolland 4-H Camp

326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-3379, campdirector@4hcampct.org,
4hcampct.org
Day & overnight camp for eight different theme weeks every summer for children 6 - 15. This "unplugged" program on 270 acres offers a variety of activities chosen by campers. Campers need not be 4-H members. Camp is ACA accredited and licensed by the State of Connecticut.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Hunting

Our National Heritage Corridor is known for its abundant pheasant, turkey, waterfowl, small game and deer. Hunters must abide by all permit regulations, seasons, designations and safety measures for hunting and trapping in CT & MA. Please check each state's website for the most up-to-date information about seasons, specific locations and types of hunting allowed on each property. Check the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' website before hunting on federal lands. Please obey all posted signs.

Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Information

portal.ct.gov/deep/Hunting/CT-Hunting-and-Trapping, 860-424-3000

Massachusetts Hunting Areas

mass.gov/topics/hunting, 508-389-6300

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Recreation Areas

recreation.gov, 888-448-1474

Bartlett Brook Wildlife Management Area

Goshen Hill Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249

Beaver Brook State Park

Rt. 14, Windham, CT 06280
Chaplin, Hampton, Scotland and Windham.

Bennett Wildlife Management Area

Gould Rd., Charlton, MA 01507

Bigelow Hollow State Park

Rt. 171, Union, CT 06076
Bow hunting only. Contiguous with Nipmuck State Forest.

Breakneck Brook Wildlife Management Area

Breakneck Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
Southbridge and Sturbridge.

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010

East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01518

Franklin Swamp Wildlife Management Area

391 Rt. 32, N. Franklin, CT 06254
Parking also off Under the Mountain Rd.

Hitchcock Mountain Wildlife Management Area

W. Sturbridge Rd., E. Brookfield, MA 01515

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property.
Hunting only allowed on the west side of the French River.



Hull Forest Products

101 Hampton Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-0127, info@hullforest.com, hullforest.com/forestry/recreational-leasing
Connecticut's largest sawmill, we promote recreational leasing in our southern New England forests. Our managed forestland in Massachusetts and Connecticut—complete with access roads and miles of trails—is an attractive resource for hunters, fishermen, hikers, horseback riders, and other outdoor enthusiasts seeking an exclusive recreational lease for passive non-motorized recreation. Contact us for more information.

James V. Spignesi, Jr. Wildlife Management Area

Pudding Hill Rd. (Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06247
Canterbury and Scotland. Pheasants only released east of Rt. 97.

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Killingly Pond State Park

Rt. 101, Killingly, CT 06241
No hunting allowed north of Quinns Hill Rd.

Leadmine Wildlife Management Area

Leadmine Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
Brimfield and Sturbridge.

Little River Wildlife Management Area

Sand Hill Rd., Hampton, CT 06247

Mansfield Hollow Lake

Warrenville Rd. (Rt. 89), Mansfield, CT 06250
Chaplin, Mansfield and Windham. Bow hunting only in certain sections of the lake.

Mansfield State-Leased Field Trial Area

N. Windham Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250

McKinstry Brook Wildlife Management Area

Pleasant St., Southbridge, MA 01550
Southbridge and Sturbridge. Additional parking off of McGilpin Rd.

Merrill Pond Wildlife Management Area

Hudson Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
Oxford plus out-of-corridor Millbury and Sutton. Additional parking on West Sutton Rd. In Sutton.

Mine Brook Wildlife Management Area

Rawson Rd., Webster, MA 01570

Mohegan State Forest

Devotion Rd. (Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
Canterbury, Scotland and Sprague. Hunting also permitted at the Waldo Tract. Contiguous with Talbot Wildlife Management Area.

Mooween State Park (Red Cedar Lake)

Camp Mooween Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249

Natchaug State Forest

Rt. 198, Eastford, CT 06242
Ashford, Brooklyn, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton and Pomfret. Certain sections by Mansfield Hollow Wildlife Area are bow hunting only.

Nathan Hale State Forest

Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06233

Nipmuck State Forest

Rt. 190, Union, CT 06076
Ashford, Eastford, Union and Woodstock.

Pachaug State Forest

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
Griswold, Sterling and Voluntown. Bow hunting only in Voluntown between Rt. 165 and Rt. 49.

Pease Brook Wildlife Management Area

Horiska Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249
Access off Waterman Rd.; Horiska Rd. is a dirt road.

Pomeroy State Park

Rt. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
Lebanon and Windham.

Quaddick State Forest

Quaddick Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
Killingly, Putnam and Thompson.

Quinebaug River Wildlife Management Area

Sugar Brook Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
Canterbury and Plainfield. Includes the Aspinook Pond area.

Rose Hill Wildlife Management Area

Rose Hill Rd., Preston, CT 06365
Additional parking east of Rt. 117 and south of Rt. 2.

Ross Marsh Wildlife Management Area

Saw Mill Hill Rd., Killingly, CT 06377
Killingly and Sterling.

Ross Pond State Park

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06241
Bow hunting only.

Talbot Wildlife Management Area

Bass Rd., Scotland, CT 06247

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566

West Thompson Dam

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property.

Wolf Swamp Wildlife Management Area

Glendale Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01518
Sturbridge plus out-of-corridor Brookfield. Additional parking on Rice Corner Rd. and Molasses Hill Rd. in Brookfield.



Explore!

Kids Programs



From outdoor camps to farm experiences and a chance to shine on the stage, there's plenty for a kid to Explore in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor.



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The Barton Center for Diabetes Education

30 Ennis Rd., N. Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056, info@bartoncenter.org
bartoncenter.org

Boy Scouts of America, CT Rivers Council

60 Darlin St., East Hartford, CT 06108
860-291-0286, council066@gmail.com,
ctscouting.org



The Bradley Playhouse, Theater of Northeastern CT

30 Front St., P.O. Box 71, Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7887, office@bradleyplayhouse.org,
thebradleyplayhouse.org

The Bradley Playhouse is a 121-year-old vaudeville theatre, now a community theatre, in the heart of the Putnam antiques and restaurant district. Managed since 1991 by the Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut, Inc. (TNECT), the performing arts center puts on 7-9 live main shows per year plus comedy nights, concerts, movies, acting workshops, children's shows and more.



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Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary

56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5516, barbhfrederick@gmail.com,
capenhill.org

Dedicated to Preservation and Environmental Education. Come hike our 86 acres of trails from dawn until dusk, free of charge! We also offer science and nature summer camps for kids as well as a visitor center with animal residents, a mineral collection and gift shop.

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Cherry Ledge Farm – “Minis Helping Many”

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Cherryledgefarm](https://www.facebook.com/Cherryledgefarm)

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for full offerings. Visitors by appointment.
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Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948, ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home



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Enchanted Jewelry

131 Norwich Rd., (Rt. 12, Central Village),
Plainfield, CT 06374

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enchantedjewelry.com

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maintain, repair, restore and redesign for
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active in the local community. Thank you for
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Explore The Last Green Valley Trail Camp

Coventry, Thompson and Beyond
TLGV, Thompson Rec, TEEG and Coventry Rec
have teamed up to offer a unique trail camp
in 2022. Campers will have the opportunity to
hike a variety of trails, their skills developing
over the course of the week, be able to
understand trail signs, read a map and use
a compass when they are done. They’ll
also be exposed to outdoor STEM-based
activities, such as learning about water quality
monitoring, the sun and more. They will learn
about local history and agriculture and have
the opportunity to connect to one another
and the adults assisting the camp in a small
group environment.

Fairholm Farm, Inc.

72 Chandler School Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
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 Visit gsofct.org & see the wide variety of fun things we do across Connecticut! In The Last Green Valley, Camp Laurel in Lebanon, CT is the site for year-round day and overnight events for individual girls, troops and families.

Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center – A Branch of the YMCA of Greater Hartford 🌿

9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
 860-315-9622, hale@ghymca.org,
 haleYMCA.org



Hitchcock Free Academy - A Community Center 🌿

2 Brookfield Rd., P.O. Box 155,
 Brimfield, MA 01010
 413-245-9977, execdirector@hitchcockacademy.org, hitchcockacademy.org
 Enjoy an annual summer stargazing event with beer/wine tasting, live music and guided tour of the night sky at Brimfield Winery, a weekly seasonal farmers’ market, spring plant sale and a lively outdoor summer concert series, along with cultural, educational and recreational classes and programs all year long.



Horizon Wings, Inc. 🌿

9 Sand Hill Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
 horizonwingsraptorrehab@gmail.com,
 horizonwings.org
 Horizon Wings is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation organization specializing in birds of prey, including corvids and vultures. We offer private and public programs with our non-releasable raptors as well as tours of our facility.

June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation – Boy Scouts of America, CT Rivers Council 🌿

231 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
 860-913-2700, 860-710-5136 pat.boyd@scouting.org, gotowebster.org

OFS Fitel, LLC 🌿

50 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
 508-347-2261, ofsoptics.com

“The Three C’s” – Community Cultural Committee of Northeastern CT 🌿

P.O. Box 134, Pomfret, CT 06258
 kidsshows@gmail.com, thethreecs.org



Windham – Tolland 4-H Camp 🌿

326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
 860-974-3379, campdirector@4hcampct.org, 4hcampct.org
 Day & overnight camp for eight different theme weeks every summer for children 6 - 15. This “unplugged” program on 270 acres offers a variety of activities chosen by campers. Campers need not be 4-H members. Camp is ACA accredited and licensed by the State of Connecticut.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Letterboxing & Geocaching

Feel like a treasure hunter and search out the amazing number and variety of geocaches and letterboxes hidden along the trails in The Last Green Valley. Learn about letterboxing at thelastgreenvalley.org and explore our Letterboxing Trail! More locations are added all the time so check back often. We can't possibly list all the letterbox and geocaching opportunities in the Heritage Corridor. Please check the following resources too. Letterboxing.org lists active letterboxes throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. Geocaching.com app for smartphones is free and lists many hides in The Last Green Valley. Always bring a trail map when searching off-road!



State of CT Letterbox Clue Page

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Recreation-Information/LetterboxingGeocaching-in-State-Parks-and-Forests

The Last Green Valley Letterboxing Trail

Take the TLGV Letterboxing Challenge! Earn an iron-on patch when you visit any 4 boxes. Visit "Recreation" under the "Explore" tab of our website thelastgreenvalley.org for detailed clues, directions and rules. More locations to come in 2022! Current locations:

- French River Park, Webster, MA
- Westville Lake, Southbridge, MA
- Goodwin State Forest, Hampton, CT
- Owen Bell Park, Killingly, CT
- Creaser Park, Coventry, CT
- Mohegan Park, Norwich, CT
- Lebanon Historical Society Museum, Lebanon, CT
- Lauter Park, Willimantic, CT

Air Line State Park Trail

121 Riverside Dr., Thompson, CT
A large parking area here will allow you access to the trail and a number of geocache sites.

Cat Hollow Park

25-45 Cat Hollow Rd.
Dayville (Killingly), CT 06241
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
The park features an easy 0.5 mile paved trail that parallels Whetstone Brook and is suitable for wheelchairs, bicycles and strollers. You can letterbox here, too.



The Chamber of Central Mass South & The Sturbridge Townships

46 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2761, 800-628-8379, info@cmschamber.org, cmschamber.org
Sturbridge is widely known for its great shops, fine dining, beautiful countryside and, of course, Old Sturbridge Village. Fact is, Sturbridge is at the center of eleven towns that are filled with unique places and experiences. Collectively, we call these communities the Sturbridge Townships. And if you're willing to travel a little bit off the beaten path, we're here to reward you with some pretty wonderful discoveries.

Dresser Park

Main St., Southbridge, MA
One of several geocaches you will find in and around downtown Southbridge using Geocaching.com. This one is a micro-cache so keep your eyes sharp!



Enchanted Jewelry

131 Norwich Rd., (Rt. 12, Central Village), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-317-1014, enchantedjewelryct@gmail.com, enchantedjewelryct.com
Follow Enchanted Jewelry on Google, Facebook, Instagram & Pinterest! Enchanted Jewelry is a third-generation, full-service, fine jewelry shop now located in a homelike store along Route 12 in Central Village. We put passion into everything we make, maintain, repair, restore and redesign for you! Enchanted Jewelry supports and is very active in the local community. Thank you for choosing us!



Girl Scouts of Connecticut

340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
800-922-2770, customercare@gsofct.org, gsofct.org
Visit gsofct.org & see the wide variety of fun things we do across Connecticut! In The Last Green Valley, Camp Laurel in Lebanon, CT is the site for year-round day and overnight events for individual girls, troops and families.

Hopeville State Park

929 Hopeville Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/
Hopeville-Pond-State-Park
Ample parking, many amenities and several geocaches await you.

Lebanon Historical Society MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER

Lebanon Historical Society Museum

856 Trumbull Hwy. (Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.org, historyoflebanon.org
History-themed letterboxes await you in Lebanon and its historic green. Explore our campus and discover 10,000 years of local history and dig into Lebanon's past at your own pace. Visit exhibits, become a Revolutionary War soldier in our hands-on history room, research a Lebanon ancestor or join a volunteer touring our historic buildings. Open year-round Wed. - Sat., 12 - 4 pm. Tours of the Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House, Beaumont House and Pastor's Library on Saturday afternoon's mid-May - mid-October. Call for schedule. Special events include a celebration of traditional crafts on the second Saturday in June for Connecticut Open House Day and our annual antique show on the Lebanon Green held the last Saturday in Sept. Visit historyoflebanon.org for details on these and other programs.

One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley.

Mansfield Hollow State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep

At the EarthCache named "After the Ice Age," observe post-glacial sediments that were deposited in the park at the end of the last Ice Age. You will observe the shape they give to the land and explore how and in what sequence the sediments were formed. Look to the state and geocaching websites for specific activities related to this Earth Cache.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Pilsfershire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep

Letterbox is on the "CCC Trail," a blue/yellow Connecticut Forest & Park Association trail. Approximately 1 mile in, round trip 2 miles, or do loop hike of 3.1 miles. Bring a topographic map & compass if you do loop hike or get off the trail to explore.

Nathan Hale State Forest

off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
Rather short walk to letterbox, hidden off of South River Rd., located on site of an 18th-century farm & given special attention as an archeological site. Don't remove or disturb anything in the area. Dogs must be leashed & under control. Don't disturb wildlife.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rts. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/deep
The letterbox lies in a ravine along Mashapaug Pond View Trail, west of Bigelow Hollow State Park in Union, in the Breakneck Block of Nipmuck. Hike in 1 mile, round trip is 2 miles, with longer hikes available. If unfamiliar with area, drive to trailhead in the park and look at the trail system map posted.

Opacum Woods – Opacum Land Trust

Old Brook Circle, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144, info@opacumlt.org,
opacumlt.org
Park at trailhead on Old Brook Circle. No parking on Forest Lane. 4 miles of hiking trails on 266-acre property offers a letterbox and many geocaches. Details available online.

Pachaug State Forest

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep
Letterbox is off Wyassup Lake Rd, No. Stonington, off blue trail near summit of High Ledge Lookout. 2 miles round trip — hilly, rocky terrain with steep stretches. Plan on 1.5 hours. May be slippery when wet. Be aware of your surroundings. There is also an active letterbox, "Gulliver" on the blue trail, that starts at the trail entrance just after the intersection of Rt. 201 and Rt. 138 in Griswold (on the left just after the intersection when heading towards RI on Rt. 138). Visit letterboxing.org for the clues.



Palmer Arboretum

523 Scenic Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 ext. 310, woodstockct.gov/arboretum-committee
A place for education, enjoyment and enlightenment. Plants include American Sweetgum, Hoops Blue Spruce, Mountain Laurel, Large Fothergilla, Azaleas and various Cyprus. For complete listing of plants, see the downloadable brochure under the documents tab of the Arboretum Committee.

Quaddick State Forest

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Quaddick-State-Park
Letterbox lies off Quaddick Town Farm Rd. Easy hike about 0.5-mile roundtrip, on easy terrain. Plan for 45 minutes. Mosquitoes & deer flies can be thick by wet areas. Consider bringing bug repellent. Check out the tall & straight red pine while you're there.

Explore!

Libraries of The Last Green Valley!

The libraries of our National Heritage Corridor offer much more than books and periodicals. They host fun and educational programs and events for all ages, have maker spaces, offer passes to area attractions and more. Look for TLGV's publications, including our Walktober guide! Many of the libraries change their hours seasonally.



IN MASSACHUSETTS

Brimfield Public Library

25 Main St. (Rt. 20), brimfieldpubliclibrary.org

Charlton Public Library

40 Main St. (Rt. 31), charltonlibrary.org

Dudley's Pearle L. Crawford Library

40 Schofield Ave. (Rt. 12), crawfordlibrary.org

East Brookfield Public Library

122 Connie Mack Dr., eastbrookfieldlibrary.org

Holland Public Library

23 Sturbridge Rd., town.holland.ma.us/library

Oxford Free Public Library

339 Main St. (Rt. 12), oxfordmapubliclibrary.org

Southbridge's Jacob Edwards Library

236 Main St. (Rt. 131), jacobedwardslibrary.org

Sturbridge's Joshua Hyde Public Library

306 Main St. (Rt. 131), sturbridgeliibrary.org

Webster's Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

2 Lake St., gladyskellylibrary.org

IN CONNECTICUT

Ashford's Babcock Library

25 Pompey Hollow Rd. (Rt. 44), babcocklibrary.org

Brooklyn Town Library

10 Canterbury Rd. (Rt. 169), brooklyntownlibrary.org

Canterbury Public Library

1 Municipal Dr. (Rt. 14), canterburylibrary.org

Chaplin Town Library

130 Chaplin St., chaplinpubliclibrary.org

Coventry's Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

1134 Main St. (Rt. 31), coventrypl.org

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Eastford Public Library

179 Eastford Rd. (Rt. 198)
eastfordct.org/domain/1133

Franklin's Janet Carlson Calvert Library

5 Tyler Dr. (Rt. 32), calvertlibrary.org

Griswold's Slater Library & Fanning Annex

26 Main St. (Rt. 12)
sites.google.com/site/slaterlibrary/

Hampton's Fletcher Memorial Library

257 Main St. (Rt. 97),
fletchermemoriallibrary.org

Killingly Public Library

25 Westcott Rd. (Rt. 607), killinglypl.org

Lebanon's Jonathan Trumbull Library

580 Exeter Rd. (Rt. 87), lebanonctlibrary.org

Lisbon – see Griswold's listing

Mansfield Public Library

54 Warrenville Rd. (Rt. 89)
mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org

Norwich's Otis Library

261 Main St., otislibrarynorwich.org

Plainfield's Aldrich Free Public Library

299 Main St. (Rt. 14), aldrichlibrary.org

Pomfret has 2 public libraries:

- **Abington Social Library**
536 Hampton Rd. (Rt. 97)
facebook.com/Abington-Social-Library-1997999126879700
- **Pomfret Public Library**
449 Pomfret St. (Rt. 169), pomfretlibrary.org

Preston Public Library

389 Rt. 2, prestonlibrary.org

Putnam Public Library

200 School St.
putnamct.us/putnam-public-library

Scotland Public Library

21 Brook Rd. (off Rt. 14)
scotlandpubliclibrary.org

Sprague Public Library

76 Main St., sites.google.com/view/spraguepubliclibrary/home

Sterling Public Library

1183 Plainfield Pike (Rt. 14A)
sterlingct.us/departments/library

Thompson Public Library

934 Riverside Dr. (Rt. 12)
thompsonpubliclibrary.org

Union Free Public Library

979 Buckley Hwy. (Rt. 171/190)
unionctfreepubliclibrary.org

Voluntown Public Library

107 Main St. (Rt. 138)
voluntownlibrary.com

Windham has 3 public libraries:

- **Guilford Smith Memorial Library**
17 Main St., South Windham
guilfordsmith.blog
- **Willimantic Public Library**
905 Main St. (Rt. 66), willimanticlibrary.org
- **Windham Free Library**
7 Windham Green Rd., Windham Center
windhamfreelibrary.org

Woodstock has 4 public libraries:

- woodstockct.gov/services/woodstock-libraries
- **Bracken Memorial Library at Woodstock Academy**
57 Academy Rd.
 - **May Memorial Library**
15 Prospect St. (off Rt. 169)
 - **North Woodstock Library**
1286 Rt. 169
 - **West Woodstock Library**
5 Bungay Hill Rd. (off Rt. 171)

Explore!

Museums & Historic Sites

You can walk in the footsteps of history throughout the National Heritage Corridor. From Native American history to the modern day our region's museums, historical sites and historical societies explore a unique and rich history and culture that separates our National Heritage Corridor from all others.



The American Museum – Windham ARTS

1010 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-1878, info@windhamarts.org,
facebook.com/WindhamArtsCollaborative

Aspinock Historical Society

Putnam Municipal Complex, 200 School St.,
Ste. 250, Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800 ext. 300,
putnamaspinockhistsoc.com,
Like Us on Facebook!

Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry at UConn

1 Royce Cir., Ste. 101B, Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-8580, bimp@uconn.edu,
bimp.uconn.edu

The Black Tavern Historical Society, Inc.

138 Center Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-8782, info@theblacktavern.com,
theblacktavern.com

Blue Slope Country Museum

138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-377-8312, museum@blueslope.com,
blueslope.com



Brooklyn Historical Society Museum & Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office

25 Canterbury Rd. (Rt. 169), Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-7728, brooklynct.org

Located behind the majestic equestrian statue of Revolutionary War hero General Israel Putnam (1718 - 1790) is the Brooklyn Historical Society Museum. The museum houses the permanent General Putnam Gallery whose exhibits "Israel Putnam: Facets of a Hero" and "General Israel Putnam Remembered" explore the fascinating life of the farmer and citizen soldier whose daring exploits in a Pomfret wolf den and during the French and Indian War made him a legend in his own day, and the creation of the statue that honors him. The Museum's Special Exhibit

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Gallery features changing displays of local history. The current exhibit, "Treasures from Brooklyn's Attic," showcases some of the varied objects of our collections, items such as silver spoons and spectacles made by Edwin Newbury (1799 - 1872) in his small shop near the Brooklyn Green, a Civil War era silk dress, ice harvesting equipment, and a circa 1835 - 1840 oil painting Young Girl with Cat. This year there will be an additional display, "The History of Brooklyn's Hillandale Handweavers." The museum is wheelchair accessible and air conditioned. Behind the museum is the 19th-century law office of Putnam's great-grandson Daniel Putnam Tyler (1798 - 1875) furnished as it might have been during his career, which included his service as a County Court Judge and Secretary of State when he supervised Connecticut's first comprehensive economic census. Both museums are open May 25 through Oct. 9, every Wed. and Sun. from 1 to 5 pm, or by special appointment. Please call 860-774-7728 to schedule. There is no admission charge for either museum.

Chamberlin Mill, Inc.

286 Old Turnpike Rd.,
Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
chamberlinmill@gmail.com, chamberlinmill.org

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum

66 Clara Barton Rd., N. Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056 ext. 2013,
clarabartonbirthplace@bartoncenter.org,
clarabartonbirthplace.org

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Columbia Historical Society

323 Rt. 87, P.O. Box 551, Columbia, CT 06237
ColumbiaCtHistoricalSociety@gmail.com,
Columbia-History.org

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum

55 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-9999, info@cteastrrmuseum.org,
cteastrrmuseum.org

Connecticut Landmarks

Amos Bull House
59 South Prospect St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-247-8996, ctlandmarks.org



Coventry Historical Society

P.O. Box 534, Coventry, CT 06238
info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org,
ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org, facebook.
com/coventryhistory

The Coventry Historical Society is a non-profit group dedicated to discovering, collecting and preserving whatever pertains to the history of the Town of Coventry and promoting historical research in all its aspects and making available to the members of the Society and to the public, the results of this research.



Coventry Historical Society – Brick School House

951 Merrow Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
Built in 1823-25, the school is the center of study and research on what school was like in the early 20th century up through present day schools. Oral histories have been collected from people who attended school in the one-room schoolhouses in Coventry. Many donations of photographs and other memorabilia from former students and teachers add to the vast collections. The Brick School is open to the public on the first and third Sunday of the month, May - Oct., from 1 - 4 pm and on special occasions. Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.



Coventry Historical Society – Strong Porter Museum & Archive 🍃

2382 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
 Strong-Porter Museum circa 1730, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as the Historical Society’s Museum. Several rooms of the house, as well as several outbuildings, including a carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, carriage sheds and barn are open to the public. Open Sundays, June through mid-Oct. Admission is free.



Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center 🍃

109 Pequotsepos Rd., Mystic, CT 06355
 info@dpnc.org, dpnc.org
 DPNC is a non-profit environmental education center in Mystic, offering year-round programs for all ages. With two locations connected by a greenway, the outdoor sanctuary encompasses 300 acres and 10 miles of trails. The main campus features natural history exhibits and live birds of prey.



Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center’s Coogan Farm Nature & Heritage Center 🍃

162 Greenmanville Ave. (Rt. 27), Mystic, CT 06355
 info@dpnc.org, dpnc.org
 DPNC is a non-profit environmental education center in Mystic, offering year-round programs for all ages. With two locations connected by a greenway, the outdoor sanctuary encompasses 300 acres and 10 miles of trails. The Coogan Farm offers a visitor center, Giving Garden, meeting and classroom space. At Coogan Farm, nature and history can shape the future for our children and our community.

Eastford Historical Society 🍃

P.O. Box 350, Eastford, CT 06242
 860-933-0468, 860-974-1610, ehsarchives@gmail.com, eastfordct.org/domain/1137
 Florence Warren Latham Museum at 65 John Perry Rd., open 2nd and 4th Sundays, May - Oct., from 2 - 4 pm.

Federated Church of Christ 🍃

15 Hartford Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
 860-774-9817, fccoffice@fccbrooklynct.org, fccbrooklynct.org
 Thrift Shoppe open Thurs. - Sat.



The Finnish American Heritage Society 🍃

76 N. Canterbury Rd. (Rt. 169), Canterbury, CT 06331
 860-546-6671, info@fahs-ct.org, fahs-ct.org, Like us on Facebook!
 Organized in 1987, FAHS is a non-partisan non-profit that acquires and preserves Finnish-American artifacts; assists those interested in learning about and enjoying Finnish-American culture; and promotes the appreciation of Finnish contributions to American life. Membership and volunteer opportunities are open to anyone. Visit our website or Facebook for our programs and events.



Florence Griswold Museum 🍃

96 Lyme St., Old Lyme, CT 06371
 860-434-5542, info@flogris.org, florencegriswoldmuseum.org
 The Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme is the historic home of the Lyme Art Colony and celebrates art, history and nature. April – Oct., enjoy the Artists’ Trail, which highlights vistas painted by the artists as well as the ecology of the site. An outdoor “faerie house trail” takes place during October’s Wee Faerie Village exhibition.

Activities year-round!

Explore the campus

Play with kids' interactives

View 5 exhibits

Tour 3 historic buildings

Search for ancestors or letterboxes

Visit www.historyoflebanon.org

& Plan your visit at historyoflebanon.org



Lebanon Historical Society
MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER
 Located on the historic Lebanon Green
 856 Trumbull Hwy Lebanon CT 06249

Franklin Historical Society & Calvert Library History Room 

P.O. Box 73, N. Franklin, CT 06254
 860-642-1988
franklinhistoryroom@gmail.com
calvertlibrary.org/supporters-3/franklin-historical-society

Friends of the Ashbel Woodward Museum 

387 Rt. 32, P.O. Box 73, Franklin, CT 06254
 860-642-1988, ashbelwoodwardmuseum@gmail.com, sites.google.com/site/ashbelwoodwardmuseum



Friends of the Garden on the Bridge & The Garden Club of Windham 

440 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
gardenclubofwindhamct.org, Like us on Facebook!
 The Garden on the Bridge attracts visitors from the region and beyond. Built in 1857, this stone structure once carried traffic across the Willimantic River. Today it offers colorful plantings and exquisite views of dams and waterfalls. It is convenient to walking, hiking, and biking trails, restaurants and other amenities.

Gov. Jonathan Trumbull House Museum & Wadsworth Stable – CT Daughters of the American Revolution 

169 West Town St., P.O. Box 54, Lebanon, CT 06249
 860-642-7558, gjth-ws@ctdar.org, govtrumbullhousedar.org



The Governor Samuel Huntington Trust/Huntington Homestead 

36 Huntington Rd. (Rt. 14), Scotland, CT 06264
 860-423-1547, info@huntingtonhomestead.org, huntingtonhomestead.org
 The Huntington Homestead is the birthplace of Samuel Huntington, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and a distinguished statesman during the Revolutionary War and early Republic. The remarkably well-preserved site includes an 18th-century house and is a National Historic Landmark on its original foundation surrounded by acres of farmland, bordered by Merrick Brook, with old-growth trees, stone walls, an abandoned road and other interesting features. The Governor Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc. is the owner of the Huntington Homestead Museum, which is open to visitors May - Oct. on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 11 am - 3 pm. Many of these dates have special programming listed on the website. The worthy goals of the Trust can only be met through broad membership in the organization. Join! Visit!

Griswold Historical Society 🌿

Slater Library - 3rd Fl., 26 Main St.,
Jewett City, CT 06351
860-546-6638, 860-376-4577,
cantlose4@yahoo.com
Museum open by appt.

**Guns of Norwich
Historical Society, Inc.** 🌿

860-423-9444, shbrigham@sbcglobal.net, Like
us on Facebook!

**Hampton Antiquarian &
Historical Society, Inc.** 🌿

185 Main St., P.O. Box 12, Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-0783, hamptonct.org/community.htm



**Heritage Information Radio,
AM 1700** 🌿

Norwichtown, CT 06360
860-319-0671, info@am1700.org, am1700.org
Heritage Information Radio, AM 1700 is a
low-power community AM radio station
in Norwichtown that partners with The
Last Green Valley and has online streaming
broadcasts about our region's history,
attractions, upcoming events and community
issues 24 hours a day. To publicize events,
ask questions or find out how to help, call
Kevin Harkins.



Highland Festival of Scotland, CT 🌿

Waldo Rd., Scotland, CT
860-917-5064, 860-887-3793, reggiepatchell@
comcast.net, bill.cournoyer@gmail.com,
scotlandgames.org
The Highland Festival Association promotes
Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an
annual Highland Games showcasing athletic,
dance, piping and harp competitions; a clan
village; food and merchandise vendors;
and pipe bands performing in opening and
closing ceremonies. It's a bonnie good time.
Mark your calendars for October 2022 when
the Highland Festival will return.



**Jonathan Trumbull Jr.
House Museum** 🌿

780 Trumbull Hwy. (Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.
org, historyoflebanon.org
Tour the elegant 18th century home of Eunice
and Jonathan Trumbull Jr. Mr. Trumbull
served as George Washington's military
secretary, Speaker of the House and Governor
of Connecticut. Visitors can select from a
menu of self-guided tours and talk with our
history interpreter about the house and its
residents. Call for open hours or to make an
appointment. The museum is owned and
operated by the Lebanon Historical Society.
Admission is free.

**Joseph Carpenter Silversmith Shop –
Society of the Founders of Norwich** 🌿

71 East Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-9440, info@leffingwellhousemuseum.
org, leffingwellhousemuseum.org



**Joshua's Tract Conservation &
Historic Trust** 🌿

642 Wormwood Hill Rd.,
Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023, administration@joshuastrust.
org, joshuastrust.org
Joshua's Trust is a non-profit land conservation
trust protecting 5,000 acres in Northeastern
Connecticut that will remain open space and
protected from development forever. Joshua's
Trust works in fourteen towns in Windham
and Tolland counties and cooperates with
other land trusts beyond this region. We
maintain 40 miles of walking trails for the
public to appreciate and enjoy, and two sites
of historic significance: the Gurleyville Grist Mill
and Atwood Farm in Mansfield. Explore our
properties, learn more about what we do and
find out how to get involved! We hope to see
you out on the trails soon!

Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society

196 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-779-7250, office@killinglyhistorical.org,
killinglyhistorical.org, Like us on Facebook!

Lebanon Historical Society

MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER

Lebanon Historical Society Museum

856 Trumbull Hwy. (Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.org,
historyoflebanon.org

Explore our campus and discover 10,000 years of local history and dig into Lebanon's past at your own pace. Visit exhibits, become a Revolutionary War soldier in our hands-on history room, research a Lebanon ancestor or join a volunteer touring our historic buildings. Open year-round Wed. - Sat., 12 - 4 pm. Tours of the Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House, Beaumont House and Pastor's Library on Saturday afternoon's mid-May - mid-October. Call for schedule. Special events include a celebration of traditional crafts on the second Saturday in June for Connecticut Open House Day and our annual antique show on the Lebanon Green held the last Saturday in Sept. Visit historyoflebanon.org for details on these and other programs.

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Leffingwell House Museum/Society of the Founders of Norwich

348 Washington St., P.O. Box 62,
orwich, CT 06360
860-889-9440, info@leffingwellhousemuseum.org,
leffingwellhousemuseum.org

Lisbon Historical Society

1 Newent Rd., Lisbon, CT 06351
860-303-2475, lisbonhistorical@att.net,
lisbonhistoricalct.org, Like us on Facebook!
Limited visitation hours, contact to visit: The John Bishop House & Museum, The Burnham Tavern and The Anshei Israel Synagogue.

Mansfield Historical Society, Museum & Library

954 Storrs Rd., P.O. Box 145, Storrs, CT 06268
860-429-6575, mansfield.historical@snet.net,
mansfieldct-history.org

"The Mill Museum" - Windham Textile & History Museum

411 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-2178, themillmuseum@gmail.com,
millmuseum.org

One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley.

Nathan Hale Homestead, Connecticut Landmarks

2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-6917, hale@ctlandmarks.org,
ctlandmarks.org

Norwich City Historian

100 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360
860-949-5784, norwichcityhistorian@gmail.com

Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors Center

69 E. Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776, info@norwichhistoricalsociety.org,
norwichhistoricalsociety.org,
walknorwich.org

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Norwich Historical Society

69 East Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776, info@norwichhistoricalsociety.org,
norwichhistoricalsociety.org,
walknorwich.org



Old Sturbridge Village 🌿

1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd.,
Sturbridge, MA 01566
800-SEE-1830, 508 347-3362, osvinfo@osv.org, osv.org
Old Sturbridge Village, the largest history museum in the Northeast, depicts a rural New England 1830s town. Visit over 40 original buildings including homes, meetinghouses, a school, store, farm, water-powered mills and trade shops situated on over 200 scenic acres. Talk with costumed historians and see heritage breed animals.

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Optical Heritage Museum 🌿

12 Crane St., Unit #10, Southbridge, MA 01550
774-230-8016, info@opticalheritagemuseum.com, opticalheritagemuseum.com
The Optical Heritage Museum has thousands of items within its collections and displays including microscopes, lensometers, multifocal and antique spectacles. They highlight incredible moments in history, and without these scientific discoveries our lives would be very different. Visit the Optical Heritage Museum and take a journey through time, discovering the fascinating origins of not just the optical industry, but the history behind the many simple household items we take for granted today.

Oxford Firefighters Association & Huguenot Steamer No. 1 Fire Museum 🌿

655 Main St., P.O. Box 606, N. Oxford, MA 01537
oxfordfireassn@aol.com, huguenotsteamer.com

Oxford Historical Commission 🌿

325 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540
508-987-0176, oxfordma.us/historical-commission



Palmer Arboretum 🌿

523 Scenic Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 ext. 310, woodstockct.gov/
arboretum-committee

A place for education, enjoyment and enlightenment. Plants include American Sweetgum, Hoops Blue Spruce, Mountain Laurel, Large Fothergilla, Azaleas and various Cyprus. For complete listing of plants, see the downloadable brochure under the documents tab of the Arboretum Committee.

Plainfield Historical Society 🌿

482 Norwich Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
860-564-8561, plfdhistory@sbcglobal.net,
plainfieldhistory.org

Visit the Historical Room in the Plainfield Community Center. Time varies, call ahead.

Pomfret Historical Society 🌿

17 Town House Dr., Pomfret, CT 06259
860-460-6689, jacharest52@gmail.com,
pomfret-historical-society.org
Town House and Brayton Grist Mill open by appointment.



Preston Historical Society, Inc. 🌿

123 Parks Rd., Preston, CT 06365
860-710-1316, prestoncthistoricalsociety@gmail.com, preston-ct.org/294/
Historical-Society, facebook.com/
prestonhistoricalsocietyct

Since 1962, the Preston Historical Society endeavors to preserve Preston's history and rural identity through tours, educational programs and events. The Long Society Meeting House, the last standing broad side meeting house in New England, is a treasure we are excited to share with you and preserve for future generations.



Samuel Slater **EXPERIENCE** 

Samuel Slater Experience
31 Ray St., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-2955, admin@

samuelslaterexperience.org,
samuelslaterexperience.org

The Samuel Slater Experience brings to life the American Industrial Revolution with immersive, interactive exhibits featuring sight, sound and movement. Travel with Samuel Slater as he secretly carries spinning technology from England to America, builds the first successful water-powered textile mill, then establishes the mills that made Webster a "boomtown."

One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley.

Prudence Crandall Museum

1 S. Canterbury Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800, crandall.museum@ct.gov,
portal.ct.gov/DECD

A National Historic Landmark on the CT Freedom Trail and CT Women's Heritage Trail. Learn about Connecticut's state heroine, a pioneer in education for African-American women and a fighter of racism and sexism. The museum is under renovation, but expected to reopen in the summer of 2022.

One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley.

Putnam Elms 

191 Church St., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-1567, putnamelms.org
Open May thru Sept., Wed. & Sat. 10 am - 2 pm
or by appt.

**Roseland Cottage,
Historic New England** 

556 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4074, roselandcottage@
historicnewengland.org,
HistoricNewEngland.org

One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley.

**Scotland Historical Society &
Edward Waldo House** 

P.O. Box 35, Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-1547, scotlandhistoricalsociety@
gmail.com, scotlandhistoricalsociety.org

Slater Memorial Museum 

108 Cresent St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-425-5563, museum@nfaschool.org,
slatermuseum.org

Sprague Historical Society 

76 Main St. - 3rd Floor, Baltic, CT 06330
860-822-6867, historicalsociety@ctsprague.
org, Like us on Facebook!

Thompson Historical Society 

P.O. Box 47, Thompson, CT 06277
401-208-6051, jiamartino@charter.net,
thompsonhistorical.org

The William Benton Museum of Art 

UConn Campus, 245 Glenbrook Rd.,
Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4520, benton@uconn.edu,
benton.uconn.edu

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Off-Road Vehicles & Snowmobiling

We encourage those who love off-road vehicles and snowmobiles to enjoy trails designed for those purposes. Be sure to pass this information on to your vehicle-loving friends in The Last Green Valley! Join a riding association and learn about private land riding options, too.



At the current time, neither Connecticut nor Massachusetts has any public areas open to quads in The Last Green Valley's 35 towns. Additionally, there are no Connecticut state-managed areas open to dirt bikes.

DIRT BIKES/MOTORCYCLES

Connecticut Information

portal.ct.gov/deep, search off-road vehicles

Massachusetts Information

mass.gov/eea, search off-road vehicles



Friends of Pachaug Forest, Inc.

36 Tatro Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-5295, friendsofpachaugforest@gmail.com,
friendsofpachaugforest.com

Pachaug is the largest forest in Connecticut with 26,477 acres. This beautiful, bountiful forest has offered so much to so many for generations. People come from near and far to enjoy boating, backpacking, camping,

cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, horse camping, hunting, motorcycling, mountain biking, picnicking, scenic vistas, snowmobiling and youth group camping. Pets can also enjoy the forest if they are leashed.

Hodges Village Dam – Registered Off-Road Motorcycles Only

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540, 5
08-248-5697

nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
Off-highway motorcycles are allowed on the west side of the French River as reservoir levels, weather, and trail conditions permit. This is a popular off-highway motorcycle area in Central Massachusetts and draws visitors from the tri-state area. NOTE: ATV use is not permitted on the trails. All motorcycles must be registered with the Massachusetts Environmental Police. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest – Registered Motorcycles Only

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep

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More than 26,000 acres of public land with many miles of roads and trails available for the shared enjoyment of hikers, snowmobilers, motorcyclists and equestrians. The motorcycle trails encompass state and town roads, so vehicles must be registered and street legal and drivers must be licensed. No dirt bikes. Some fees..

SNOWMOBILES

Connecticut information

portal.ct.gov/deep, search snowmobiling

Massachusetts information

mass.gov/eea, search snowmobiling

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010

413-267-9687,

mass.gov/locations/brimfield-state-forest

Rolling, heavily forested property has more than 20 miles of roads and trails providing winter outdoor activities like snowmobiling and more. Some fees.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)

Oxford, MA 01540,

508-248-5697, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/

More than 20 miles of trails for year-round use include cross-country skiing & snowshoeing for beating the winter blues. Off-road vehicle trails allow snowmobiles. No fee.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Pilfershire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242

860-928-6121, 860-424-3200

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Natchaug-State-Forest

Turn east off Rt. 198 at sign for Forest Headquarters. Proceed across the Natchaug River and uphill to a "T" intersection. Parking available by turning left at 0.7 miles, lot holds 25 vehicles. These trails utilize unplowed forest roads and seasonal hiking trails with a variety of hilly terrain traversing through wooded country. Caution is requested when crossing town roads or where two-way traffic signs are posted. 17 miles of trails. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rt. 171 & Rt. 190, Union, CT 06076

860-684-3430, 860-424-3200

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Nipmuck-State-Forest-Bigelow-Hollow-State-Park

The Nipmuck Forest snowmobile trail begins at the first hiker information sign on the right after entering Bigelow Hollow State Park. Parking for limited number of vehicles. Starting in an easterly direction, the snowmobile trail traverses an old woods road and serves two-way traffic for a short distance. The remainder of the run forms a series of loops providing considerable adjustment for time and distance. 9 miles of trails, moderate operator skill required especially in narrow passages. Some fees.

Pachaug State Forest

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384

860-376-4075,

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Pachaug-State-Forest

More than 26,000 acres of public land with many miles of roads and trails available for the shared enjoyment of hikers, snowmobilers, motorcyclists and equestrians. A series of loops permits adjustments for time and distance as desired. The trails are an easy grade and suitable for novice operators. Download the trail map to see all the multi-use trails and be aware many of the trails are also used by horses, mountain bikers and hikers. Some fees.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)

Sturbridge, MA 01566,

508-347-9257, mass.gov

A popular 1,400 acre woodland park with 10+ miles of trails to enjoy all winter long on your snowmobile! Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255

860-923-2982, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/

1,200+ acres of varied landscape with 17+ miles of trails offer winter activities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing. No fee.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Extras!

There are so many ways to enjoy the outdoors in the National Heritage Corridor we needed another section. Check here if you don't find what you're looking for elsewhere in Explore! There is no reason to ever be bored in The Last Green Valley!



Art and Garden Tour of Northeastern CT

Ashford, Coventry, Mansfield and Willington
ArtGardenCT.com, Like us on Facebook!
June 11 & 12, 2022, 10 am - 5 pm. Visit our
website for a listing of 11 garden sites hosting
17 artists plus GPS information and maps.
Virtual tours featured year-round.



Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06372
860-884-3500, info@avalonialc.org, avalonia.org
Avalonia is dedicated to conservation through
acquisition of open space in southeastern
Connecticut since 1968. We believe that the
conservation of natural resources for the
benefit of people and wildlife is essential to
ensure healthy and livable communities for
generations to come. To visit our preserves,
go to Avalonia.org.

Boy Scouts of America, CT Rivers Council

60 Darlin St., East Hartford, CT 06108
860-291-0286, council066@gmail.com,
ctscouting.org

Charlie Brown Campground

98 Chaplin Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-0142, info@
charliebrowncampground.com,
charliebrowncampground.com

Clarus Multimedia Group, Inc.

P.O. Box 487, Webster MA 01570
860-481-0536, info@clarusstudios.com,
clarusmultimedia.com

Columbia Canoe & Kayak Club at Mansfield Hollow State Park

860-456-4906, baglady@charter.
net, susanaudette@gmail.com,
columbiacanoecub.weebly.com,
Like us on Facebook!

A non-profit canoe and kayak club located
at Mansfield Hollow State Park in Mansfield
Center, CT. Originally founded on Columbia
Lake (thus the name) in 1961, we were
fortunate to make our home at Mansfield
Hollow in 1989 and built a new clubhouse in
1998. We have a variety of canoes and kayaks
in the clubhouse plus accessories. Contact us
if you are interested in joining - usually new
members are sponsored by a current member.

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Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret 

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948, ctaudubon.org/pomfret-home

Creamery Brook Bison 

19 Purvis Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-0837, creamerybrookbison@gmail.com, creamerybrookbison.com



Dovehill Farm 

110 Plainfield Rd., Moosup, CT 06354
203-804-1362, 860-771-9110, dovehillfarmllc@gmail.com, dovehillfarmct.com

Dovehill is a 7-acre family farm specializing in produce, eggs, flowers, wood products, jams, pickles, local syrup and honey, wool and fiber arts. We are breeders of registered Finnsheep. farm tours are available by appointment. We sell on farm as well as local markets. FMNP certified.



East Woodstock Congregational Church 

220 Woodstock Rd., Woodstock CT 06281
860-928-7449, eastwoodstockchurch.org
We are an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ and look forward to welcoming you as we worship God and serve the people of our community and the world. Join us for our annual Fourth of July Jamboree on the East Woodstock Common!

Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood 

97 Kenyon Rd. Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948, ctaudubon.org/trail-wood-home



Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm 

227 Ekonk Hill Rd., Sterling/Moosup, CT 06354
860-564-0248, info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com, ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm is the largest grower of pasture raised turkeys in Connecticut. CSA

sales available Jan. - June. In addition to your holiday turkeys, the farm features a full farm store and the Brown Cow Café, which includes homemade turkey pies, locally raised meats, dairy and Ekonk Hill's signature ice creams, scooped March - Nov. In the fall one of the region's largest corn mazes will keep the whole family entertained, and homemade apple cider donuts (with or without the ice cream) can be your sweet treat reward. Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, where tasting is believing!



First Congregational Church of Woodstock, UCC & Hill Church Labyrinth 

543 Rt. 169, Woodstock, Connecticut 06281
860-928-7405, firstchurchwoodstock.org
In the backyard of our church, you will find an eleven-circuit, left-hand, classical labyrinth. It is free and open to the public at all times. Labyrinths are used for meditation, for prayer, for healing. A labyrinth is a unicursal maze – a maze in which you cannot get lost. There is one path in. You come back out the same way. Walking at a normal pace to the center of this labyrinth and out again takes about twelve minutes. Visit our website to learn more about our open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ.



Fort Hill Farms & Gardens 

260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-234-1153, herrootsrundeeep@gmail.com, forthillfarms.com
Stepping into Fort Hill ground brings you into the World of The Outdoors. Find out why Fort Hill is so beautiful, who designed our view with such sensitivity, intuition, passion, scholarship and education, and how we steward this creativity with love and passion you can bring to your own life. May – Oct. is time for BYO Picnic Program (call to reserve high-top picnic tables), Outdoor Movies and The Farmer's Cow Ice Cream in quarts. Aug. – Oct. our A-Maze-ing Corn Maze is a "thing of beauty and educational as none other" (customer quote we hear over and over) and PYO Pumpkins. NO pets or alcohol.



Fort Hill Farms – Boundless Energy

260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-234-1153, herootsrundeep@gmail.com,
forthillfarms.com/boundless-energy
Botany and nature walks as well as Joyercise fitness sessions can be made by appointment all year long - includes only you and the people you bring - \$15/pp. The only true way to get good, lasting energy is OUTside! Getting your energy OUTside at Fort Hill Farms is special - everywhere you look is a VIEW because our VIEW was inspired by none other than Frederick Law Olmsted himself - and that's another reason your workOUT is amazing here, The Genius of Place took his walks here. Joyercise is for women 18+ and your first workOUT is free, call 860-234-1153.



Friends of Pachaug Forest, Inc.

36 Tatrow Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-5295, friendsofpachaugforest@gmail.com, friendsofpachaugforest.com
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Groton Open Space Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 9187, Groton, CT 06340
860-536-9811, gosamail@gmail.com, gosaonline.org
Groton Open Space Association advocates for the protection of land, water and wildlife habitats while providing stewardship and public access for passive recreation on their properties.

Highland Campground

42 Toleration Rd., Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-5684, highlandcmpg@aol.com, highlandcampground.com



Highland Festival of Scotland, CT

Waldo Rd., Scotland, CT
860-917-5064, 860-887-3793, reggiepatchell@comcast.net, bill.cournoyer@gmail.com, scotlandgames.org
The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games showcasing athletic, dance, piping and harp competitions; a clan village; food and merchandise vendors; and pipe bands performing in opening and closing ceremonies. It's a bonnie good time. Mark your calendars for October 2022 when the Highland Festival will return.



Joshua's Tract Conservation & Historic Trust

642 Wormwood Hill Rd.,
Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023, administration@joshuastrust.org, joshuastrust.org
Joshua's Trust is a non-profit land conservation trust protecting 5,000 acres in Northeastern Connecticut that will remain open space and protected from development forever. Joshua's Trust works in fourteen towns in Windham and Tolland counties and cooperates with other land trusts beyond this region. We maintain 40 miles of walking trails for the public to appreciate and enjoy, and two sites of historic significance: the Gurleyville Grist Mill and Atwood Farm in Mansfield. Explore our properties, learn more about what we do and find out how to get involved! We hope to see you out on the trails soon!



Lakeview Marine & Paddlesport Rentals 

311 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-6020, rentals@lakeviewwebster.com,
LakeviewWebster.com

Rent a stand-up paddleboard or kayak and paddle some of the 1,442 acres of the largest natural lake in southern New England. Launch from our marina - rentals are available for one hour up to a full day. Walk-in's welcome, reservations preferred. See website for hours, pricing and policies.



Lapsley Orchard 

403 Orchard Hill Rd. (Rt. 169),
Pomfret Ctr., CT 06259

860-928-9186, lapsleyorchard@yahoo.com,
lapsleyorchard.com, Like us on Facebook & Instagram!

Our classic New England farm stand is open daily mid-July - Dec. 24. We offer pick-your-own blueberries, apples and pumpkins and cut-your-own flowers. The retail stand is brimming with produce grown on our farm along with apple cider, cider doughnuts plus free wagon rides on Sunday afternoons in Sept. and Oct.

Lebanon Historical Society
MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER

Lebanon Historical Society Museum 

856 Trumbull Hwy. (Rt. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579, museum@historyoflebanon.org,
historyoflebanon.org

It's Tradition! Mark your calendar for two of our annual outdoor events. Celebration of Traditional Crafts on Saturday, June 11 from 10 am – 3 pm. Demonstrations and hands-on activities. Antique car rides. Event is free. Food available for purchase. The 55th Annual Antique Show on the Lebanon Green on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 am – 3 pm. \$5 admission. Homemade pies and chowders sold. Visit our website for details on these events and check for newly added events. Anytime you'd like you can walk the mile-long Lebanon Green and head over

to the Lebanon Historical Museum campus for a self-guided History Walk.

One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley.



Morning Beckons Farm 

343A Sand Dam Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-821-0627, 508-238-5233, julie@morningbeckons.com, morningbeckons.com
Alpaca & Emu farm offering farm tours on weekends.



Opacum Land Trust 

P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144, info@opacumlt.org,
opacumlt.org

Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is non-profit, regional land conservation organization founded by volunteers in 2000 to protect natural and cultural resources in South Central Massachusetts. We maintain several public trail systems on our properties and partner with local communities for trail and programs. We rely on charitable donations and volunteers to make our work possible. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a member or supporting our work.



Palmer Arboretum 

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860-928-6595 ext. 310, woodstockct.gov/
arboretum-committee

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Pomfret Horse & Trail Association, Inc. 

860-617-1863, pomfrethorseandtrail@gmail.com, pomfrethorseandtrail.com



Quiet Corner Cottage 🌿

41 Old Town Pound Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-712-8696, dougfox55@aol.com, Find us on evolve and airbnb!

Our charming countryside cottage awaits anyone seeking a quiet escape! Only 2 miles from Goodwin State Forest, this vacation rental is an ideal year-round HQ for outdoor recreation of all types. The home: we offer 3 bedrooms that sleep up to 8, 1.5 bathrooms, a full kitchen, high-speed Wi-Fi, a spacious yard with a fire pit and much more!



Quiet Corner Garden Club 🌿

P.O. Box 1004, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-923-1964, qcgardclub@gmail.com, facebook.com/QCGCCT

QCGC members share a love of gardens and wildlife, enjoy learning, love to meet new people and want to share our time, talents and love of nature with others who feel the same way. Members come from the Quiet Corner towns of Northeast CT and, recently, from south central Massachusetts. The Quiet Corner Garden Club is an active, working garden club.



Quiet Corner NEMBA 🌿

qcnemba@gmail.com, nemba.org/chapters/qcnemba, Like us on Facebook!

NEMBA is a non-profit mountain bike advocacy organization with 31 chapters in New England. Its mission is to promote responsible mountain biking and protect and preserve New England trails and open spaces. Quiet Corner NEMBA helps maintain and develop multi-use trails in northeast Connecticut and create riding opportunities for all levels. We host weekly group rides, offer trail maintenance days and annual riding events.



Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) Foundation 🌿

742 Upper Maple St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-932-4174, mwolanin@qvcc.commnet.edu, qvcc.edu/foundation-2

Tackle the Trail, a unique race in an amazing place! Always the 3rd Saturday in Oct., choose from Marathon, ½ Marathon and Relay team options. Runners enjoy the quiet solitude of nature with bursts of energetic and supportive fans throughout the course, which offers both technical and non-technical sections of trail through Windham, Pomfret and Putnam, CT. Highlights include amazing scenery, great swag, enthusiastic volunteers and fun post-race festivities. Proceeds from this race support students pursuing their educational dreams at Quinebaug Valley Community College. All race information can be found at tacklethehtrail.org. Race does sell-out. Register now and make Tackle your destination!

Roseland Park 🌿

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557, ssn598gold@gmail.com, roselandpark.org



Tackle the Trail 🌿

Northeast Connecticut
Monique Wolanin, Race Director
tacklethehtrail.org

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taylor brooke

Taylor Brooke Brewery

818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-315-7503, info@taylorbrookebrewery.com, taylorbrookebrewery.com
Taylor Brooke Brewery is located on a second-generation family farm in Woodstock, CT, just down the hill from Taylor Brooke Winery. Spanning 42 acres with picturesque vineyards, our focus is on growing ingredients for our beer and wine and making high quality beverages for our local community. We offer classic styles as well as fun experiments, including collaborations between the winery and brewery. Visit us year-round Thurs. – Sun. and order takeout online.



taylor brooke

Taylor Brooke Winery

818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-1263, linda@taylorbrookewinery.com, taylorbrookewinery.com
Experience the Vintage of the Quiet Corner. We produce over two dozen wines, ciders and brandy - including our signature Chocolate Essence and Wine Dog 1. Enjoy a glass of wine, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy next to the vineyard, browse our gift shop and check out our fine line of Connecticut specialty foods, including "CT Grown" artisan cheeses. We're a stop along the CT Wine Trail, too! Visit us year-round Fri. – Sun. and order takeout online.

Tyrone Farm

89 Tyrone Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-928-3647, info@tyronefarm.com, tyronefarm.com

Voluntown Peace Trust – A Center for Social Change & Sustainable Living

539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-9970, voluntownpeacetrust@gmail.com, voluntownpeacetrust.org



Willimantic Renaissance, Inc. – 3rd Thursday Street Fests

860-450-0918, info@WillimanticStreetFest.com, WillimanticStreetFest.com, facebook.com/3rdThursdayStreetFest

Willimantic Whitewater Partnership & Park

28 Bridge St., P.O. Box 406, Willimantic, CT 06226
info@willimanticwhitewater.org, willimanticwhitewater.org



Woodstock Agricultural Society, Inc. – The Woodstock Fair

281 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06267
860-928-3246, info@woodstockfair.com, woodstockfair.com

The Woodstock Agricultural Society hosts the annual Woodstock Fair, always Labor Day Weekend. Founded in 1859 to promote and preserve the local agricultural heritage and home arts, this tradition continues today. The barns, exhibition halls and fairgrounds are filled with exhibits, animals and more including entertainment and a carnival.

Woodstock Orchards

494 Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
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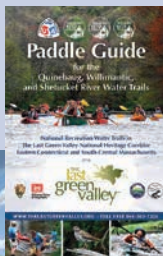
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The Beeches Recreation Park

Senexet Village Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595, woodstockconservation.org
Car top boat ramp to Little River access with short portage from Senexet Village Road. Caution: Take out or paddle upstream only. Unmarked dam downstream. See website for map. No fee.

Brialee Family Campground

174 Laurel Ln., Ashford, CT 06278
860-429-8359, 800-303-CAMP, admin@brialee.net, brialee.com



The Chamber of Central Mass South & The Sturbridge Townships

46 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2761, 800-628-8379, info@cmschamber.org, cmschamber.org
Sturbridge is widely known for its great shops, fine dining, beautiful countryside and, of course, Old Sturbridge Village. Fact is, Sturbridge is at the center of eleven towns that are filled with unique places and experiences. Collectively, we call these communities the Sturbridge Townships. And if you're willing to travel a little bit off the beaten path, we're here to reward you with some pretty wonderful discoveries.

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Chase Reservoir

85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Paddle & fish this 80-acre reservoir. Don't leave fishing line on the property. No motor boats (electric or gasoline) or swimming permitted. Dam is owned by others, so don't trespass there. Reservoir is surrounded by private property, please be respectful. No fee.

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary /Morse Pond – Opacum Land Trust

N. Woodstock Rd. (Rt. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550, 508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org, opacumlt.org
You can access peaceful Morse Pond from N. Woodstock Rd. (Rt. 169 - south of Tipton Rock Rd. intersection and just north of the state line). Please note this is for non-motorized use only. No fee.

Columbia Canoe & Kayak Club at Mansfield Hollow State Park

860-456-4906, baglady@charter.net, susanaudette@gmail.com, columbianoecclub.weebly.com, Like us on Facebook!
A non-profit canoe and kayak club located at Mansfield Hollow State Park in Mansfield Center, CT. Originally founded on Columbia Lake (thus the name) in 1961, we were fortunate to make our home at Mansfield Hollow in 1989 and built a new clubhouse in 1998. We have a variety of canoes and kayaks in the clubhouse plus accessories. Contact us if you are interested in joining - usually new members are sponsored by a current member.

French River Canoe Trail – Greenbriar to Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540, 508-248-5697
thelastgreenvalley.org,
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/
Parking available near put-in at Greenbriar Park and take-out at Hodges Village Dam. This stretch of the French River has only one established kayak/canoe launch and the trip down to the Bailey Bridge take-out area at Hodges Village Dam is not an easy paddle. Boaters must portage around at least two

formidable beaver dams and can count on tree snags occurring here and there along the way. What makes it worth the effort is the abundance of wildlife, particularly in the open marsh areas. The trail is 3.4 miles long, and should take about 2.5 hours. Ample opportunities to stop and pull out for rest and exploration. You can also paddle back upstream to the put-in. No fee.



Friends of Pachaug Forest, Inc.

36 Tatro Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-5295, friendsofpachaugforest@gmail.com, friendsofpachaugforest.com
Pachaug is the largest forest in Connecticut with 26,477 acres. This beautiful, bountiful forest has offered so much to so many for generations. People come from near and far to enjoy boating, backpacking, camping, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, horse camping, hunting, motorcycling, mountain biking, picnicking, scenic vistas, snowmobiling and youth group camping. Pets can also enjoy the forest if they are leashed.



Lakeview Marine & Paddlesport Rentals

311 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-6020, rentals@lakeviewwebster.com, LakeviewWebster.com
Rent a stand-up paddleboard or kayak and paddle some of the 1,442 acres of the largest natural lake in southern New England. Launch from our marina - rentals are available for one hour up to a full day. Walk-in's welcome, reservations preferred. See website for hours, pricing and policies.

Norwich Harbor Water Trail

Howard T. Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr. Norwich, CT 06360, 860-823-3700
norwichct.org
Park on street near launching ramp. Begin & end your choice of paddles at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park. Unique scenery and history surround you. Pass Yantic Falls & Indian Leap upstream a mile on the Yantic.

CAUTION

Paddle at your own risk. Do not use this guide as your only source of navigation information. Conditions change constantly, sometimes drastically, on the rivers. It is your responsibility to be aware of changing conditions and the abilities of your group, so your decisions lead to a safe trip.

- Paddle Safe, Paddle Smart.
- Wear your life jacket with an attached whistle.
- Carry a cell phone and pack water, snacks, extra clothing and a flashlight.
- Let friends/family know where you will put in and take out and when you expect to return.
- Bring an extra paddle, pump and throw lines.
- Check nearby stream gauges for water levels before you go.
- Be sure everyone in your group has the skills necessary to paddle the segment safely.
- When in doubt, don't go out.
- In case of emergency, dial 911 and try to pinpoint your location in relation to launches, visible landmarks and road crossings.

Greenville Dam is 2.5 miles upstream on the Shetucket. Head 4 miles downstream on the Thames to Trading Cove. Long Island Sound is 16 miles downstream. No fee.

Old Killingly Pond

194 Pond Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
 Part of Killingly Pond State Park, this pond has canoe/kayak put-in access available for an easy paddle. No fee.

Poquetanuck Cove

Drawbridge Rd., Ledyard, CT 06339
thelastgreenvalley.org
 Parking for 8 cars at the Quentin Long Car-Top Boat Launch. 100 foot carry to the water. Poquetanuck Cove is a 2-mile long tidal estuary located between the towns of Preston and Ledyard. CT DEEP describes the cove as the largest and highest quality brackish water meadow and cattail marsh on the Thames River. The cove is a significant fish and wildlife habitat area known for sheltering flocks of wintering birds. Bald eagles are a common sight during the winter months. No fee.

Poquetanuck Cove

Royal Oaks Dr., Ledyard, CT 06339
thelastgreenvalley.org
 Street side parking is available. Usable only at high tide. See description of the cove above.

Quinebaug River National Water Trail (NRT) – An Overview

Holland, MA to Canterbury, CT
thelastgreenvalley.org
 The Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail offers 45 miles of paddling stretching from Holland, MA to Canterbury, CT. Many of the segments provide an opportunity for family-friendly outdoor adventures with a surprisingly remote feel; wildlife is abundant and the only traces of civilization are the remnants of old mills. Before you go, be sure to check the Paddle Guide (thelastgreenvalley.org). There are a few stretches of challenging whitewater that demand serious paddling skills and some sections are not safe for anyone to paddle. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – Holland Pond to East Brimfield Lake

Pond-Bridge Rd., Holland, MA 01521
thelastgreenvalley.org
 A dozen free parking spaces in the unpaved parking lot at the put-in & more in an adjacent lot. This segment is within the East Brimfield Lake Project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is a designated Watchable Wildlife Area. Paddle downstream 3.9 miles to East Brimfield Lake Boat Ramp with little current, extensive wildlife habitat, 3 picnic landings and no portages. Excellent 3-hour

outing for beginning paddlers and families, though once you enter the open water of East Brimfield Lake, strong winds can be daunting. Paddle conditions are best when flow is more than 50 cubic feet per second (cfs), as measured by the online USGS Streamgage at East Brimfield. Below 20 to 30 cfs, it will be a scratchy and weedy ride. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – East Brimfield Lake

Across from 366-398 Sturbridge Rd. Fiskdale, MA 01581, thelastgreenvalley.org
Plenty of parking at East Brimfield Lake Boat Ramp. Because current is not an issue, you can paddle upstream to Holland Pond, downstream, or both, depending on the weather, your time and stamina. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – West Dudley to Fabyan

11-37 West Dudley Road, Dudley, MA 01571 thelastgreenvalley.org
Launch for West Dudley Pond is adjacent to the parking area. There is vehicular access and a turn-around to drop off your boat and gear. Launch for the West Dudley to Fabyan segment is downstream of the rail trail bridge, on river right. The impounded river behind West Dudley Hydro Dam (also known as Paper Mill Dam) provides a pleasant stretch of river with current and plenty of water even in dry conditions. Paddle around the pond, or upstream until either current or scratchy rocks convince you to turn back. West Dudley Pond is an ideal place for family outings and novice paddlers. Keep an eye on the wind as the open water is about 0.75 mile long and 400 feet wide. The paddle below the dam to Fabyan includes quickwater, river turns with Class I whitewater, small islands with narrow channels and fallen trees. You should have enough water to paddle with at least 200 cfs at the USGS Streamgage at Westville Dam. Beware of turbulence from water released from the dam to run the powerhouse; it is automated and unpredictable. It may get boney in the half-mile Rock Garden sections between Rt. 131 (Old Turnpike Rd.) and

Rt. 197 at the state line. You will float comfortably again once you pass under Rt. 197. Be careful as you approach Fabyan Dam which is unsafe to shoot. Hug the shore on river's left and enter the marked channel for the take-out/portage. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – Fabyan to West Thompson Lake

622 Fabyan-Woodstock Rd.
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
thelastgreenvalley.org,
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/

Park in small lots on either side of Fabyan-Woodstock Rd; carry is less than 250 feet. This segment is within the West Thompson Lake project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is 5.8 miles long with some moving water but no rapids, some flat water, extensive wildlife habitat and no portages. It is an excellent 3 hour outing for paddlers who are comfortable with moving water. Before you go, check the West Thompson Lake dam website for "West Thompson Lake Real Time Water Levels;" if you have at least 225 cfs, you will have a pleasant ride. Below that level, you'll scrape or have to walk. As you leave the shelter of the river and enter West Thompson Lake, wind can be a factor. Hug the left shore for the final mile to the West Thompson Lake Boat Ramp. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – West Thompson Lake

341-365 Reardon Rd.,
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
thelastgreenvalley.org,
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/
25-30 free parking spaces at the West Thompson Lake Boat Ramp; you can drive down to the water to unload/load. Paddle around the lake and venture upstream to the north end where the Quinebaug River enters. Winds are changeable and can make paddling difficult, especially for inexperienced and young paddlers. No fee.



Quinebaug River NRT – Putnam to Pomfret

80-82 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT 06260
thelastgreenvalley.org

About 12 parking spaces. The shoreline is a grassy bank with a 1-2 foot drop to the water; this can be tricky, depending on water levels. The trip to Rt. 101 in Pomfret is 5.9 miles with current, some quick-water and flat-water, but no portages. It is an excellent 2 hour outing for paddlers who are comfortable with moving water. This section holds water well and may be navigable when other sections are too low. Beginners will enjoy this stretch with moderate flow of 300 to 600 cfs on the USGS Streamgage at Cargill Falls, Putnam. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – Riverside Park, Brooklyn

18 Day Street, Brooklyn, CT 06234
thelastgreenvalley.org

River access is at the end of the parking lot on the left. The Town of Brooklyn’s Riverside Park Canoe Launch is very user-friendly. Both novice and experienced paddlers can enjoy several hours here. The site is easy to find, has good parking, and can be used almost all year. It is a good place for fishing and a picnic although there are no restroom facilities. Paddlers can travel three to four miles upstream and then return back downstream to the launch site. Caution – do not paddle downstream from the launch. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – Killingly to Plainfield

43 Wauregan Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
thelastgreenvalley.org

Plenty of parking, even if ball games are in progress. Park and carry your boat down the gravel driveway between the baseball fields to the paved Quinebaug River Trail. Turn left onto the trail and carry about 100 feet more to the kiosk. This is the most challenging segment of water trail on the Quinebaug. You can paddle 5.3 miles to the CT DEEP Fish Hatchery, or continue on to Robert Manship Park in Canterbury for a 10-mile outing. Along the way, you’ll encounter lots of quick-water, several Class II rapids, spiky remnants of dams, some flat-water and no portages. It is a challenging outing for experienced paddlers. With moderate flows, this stretch of the river moves swiftly with broad, powerful current. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – Plainfield to Canterbury

139-159 Trout Hatchery Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
thelastgreenvalley.org

When the gate is open, you can drive to the launch and drop off or pick up boats, but you are not permitted to park there. There is plenty of parking outside the gate which is several hundred feet from the river. The 4.7 miles of paddling to Robert Manship Park in Canterbury is somewhat less challenging

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than the miles above the hatchery, but there are several stretches of white water to paddle carefully. Generally, the river is wide, undeveloped, tree-lined and very beautiful! Watch for the Rt. 14 bridge as you near Robert Manship Park. As you approach the take-out on river right, stay close to the right bank and arrange your group in a line. The broad current can make this a tricky landing. Have the first paddlers ashore catch subsequent boats as they pull in. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – Robert Manship Park to Butts Bridge, Canterbury

39-55 Lovell Lane, Canterbury, CT 06331
thelastgreenvalley.org

At the bottom of the sloping driveway, the launch is straight ahead. Plenty of parking spaces in that corner of the park. Portable restrooms often available. The path to the water is moderately sloped and can be slippery. After Robert Manship Park, the current slows and the river makes five large, meandering turns. The lack of current may make paddling feel sluggish and you may wonder whether the bends will ever end! 5.6 miles to Butts Bridge. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT – Butts Bridge to Aspinook Pond, Canterbury

67 Butts Bridge Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
thelastgreenvalley.org

Room for many cars. You can pull up right to the water's edge. The landing is a nearly flat firm surface into the flatwater of Aspinook Pond. Anglers launch power boats here, too, so it can be busy during weekends. No public restrooms. The still water of Aspinook Pond and easy access make this an excellent place for novice paddlers to learn new skills safely. The scenery is less dramatic than upriver, but you may see everything from bald eagles and osprey to wood ducks, Canada geese and mergansers. You can paddle downriver on the pond almost 3 miles to Jewett City. No fee.

Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557, ssbn598gold@gmail.com,
roselandpark.org

Roseland Park sits along the 96-acre Roseland Lake open to fishing, boating and paddling. Open daily, closes at sunset. No swimming.

Seven Mile River

Stevens Rd., East Brookfield, MA 01515
chicopee4riverswatershed.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/quaboag-bt-map-7-31-18-final.pdf
East Brookfield access on the Seven Mile River is on Stevens Rd off Cottage St (off Rt 9). At low flows, the first hundred yards can be shallow. The East Brookfield River below Lake Lashaway can be accessed at the end of Connie Mack Dr. In low water, these segments may be best to paddle up from Quaboag Pond. Be prepared for beaver dams, too.

Shetucket River National Recreation Water Trail (NRT) – An Overview

Windham to Norwich, CT
thelastgreenvalley.org

The Shetucket River National Recreation Water Trail provides paddlers with 22 miles of paddling enjoyment with four portages. Follow the Shetucket River Water Trail starting at the Lauter Park Launch in Willimantic and ending 22 river miles downstream at Harold T. Brown Memorial Park in Norwich. Before you go, be sure to check the Paddle Guide (thelastgreenvalley.org) for information on each segment. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Lauter Park to Plains Road

619 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226
thelastgreenvalley.org

Plenty of parking along road and for several cars near boat launch. Relatively easy put-in but beware of large rock at launch location depending on water levels. Lauter Park is a popular paddling starting point and is actually on the Natchaug River which quickly meets up with the Willimantic, where together they form the Shetucket. Depending

on water levels the river moves with some current but is still relatively easy for novice paddlers. The river passes under Rt. 66, makes three sharp turns, then flows under the Rt. 14 Main Street bridge and passes the wastewater treatment facility. 3.2 miles to the Plains Road landing, just under the Plains Road bridge on the western shore (river right.) Be aware of current when approaching the landing. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Plains Road to Salt Rock State Park & Campground, Baltic (Sprague)

305-331 Plains Rd., Windham, CT 06226
thelastgreenvalley.org

Ample parking at town rec fields for many cars. 50-foot carry to top of riverbank, then 25-foot long steep incline to the water. This 7-mile segment is popular & scenic, passing railroad tracks, Rt. 32, and finally into a more wooded habitat, offering common sightings of eagles, osprey, muskrat, otters & more. A mile from the launch you'll approach an 800-foot island. Paddle to the east side (river left) through the wider channel. Pass under the Rt. 203 bridge (which can be used for an emergency exit only but is not a public landing or launch location) and note that you will also pass the private Windham Fish & Game Club, which is not a public landing either. Five miles from the Plains Road Launch, paddlers must portage the Scotland Dam. DO NOT PADDLE OVER SCOTLAND DAM! The portage is on the western shore (river right), 350 feet long with the first 50 feet up a hill beside dam, then down a sloping path to launch location below the dam. This is a great spot to relax and rest up for the remainder of the paddle to Salt Rock State Park. Drier summer months can make the stretch below the dam very "bony." Salt Rock State Park is approximately 2 miles from the dam on the eastern shore (river left). You can exit the river at Salt Rock by carrying your boat 300 feet from landing, through tunnel under railroad tracks to parking area. No fee.



Shetucket River NRT – Salt Rock State Park & Campground to Sprague River Park

137 Scotland Rd., Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330
thelastgreenvalley.org

Parking area is 300 feet from river through flat pedestrian tunnel running under railroad tracks. Paddle the 2.1 miles from the campground to the popular small park which attracts fly fishermen and is home to picnic benches, grills and a portable restroom available on site in warmer months. The landing on the east side of river (river left) can be tricky with exposed rocks on both sides of the shore. Depending on water levels, stay middle/right of river approaching landing, then paddle hard left across current to the beach/landing area. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Sprague River Park to Occum Dam or Red McKeon Park

24-78 North Main St. (Rt. 97)
 Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330,
thelastgreenvalley.org

Ample parking in this popular small park. Launch from park picnic/beach area unless water levels are too low, then launch just under the Rt. 97 bridge instead. Although wide, launching in this area can be a bit bony in low water. Enjoy picturesque coves, inlets and lots of wildlife in the river habitat along this 2.5-mile section on the way to Occum,

where paddlers must portage at the Occum Dam, which has a 14 foot drop. DO NOT PADDLE OVER OCCUM DAM! Approach dam and portage on the eastern side (river left). Carry approximately 150 feet to the launch area below the dam if you'd like to paddle 0.5 miles further south to Red McKeon Park. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Occum Dam or Red McKeon Park to Taftville Dam

Occum Dam: 23 Church St.
Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330
Red McKeon Park: 30 Taftville–Occum Rd. (Rt. 97), Occum (Norwich), CT 06360
thelastgreenvalley.org
Parking at dam is available adjacent to the dam, Mon. – Sat., across from the Versailles United Methodist Church (please do not park here Sundays from 10 am - noon, as it is used for church services.) Launch above the dam to paddle up to Sprague River Park or launch below the dam to paddle down as far as Howard T. Brown Park (7 miles with 2 portages). Parking also at Red McKeon Park, a newer and easier launch just 0.5 further south on Rt. 97 with a 300-foot carry down paved path to launch. Just over 1.5 mile mostly flatwater paddle is easy with just a slight current. Pass houses and woods, travel under Rt. 395 and past a large trash incinerator plant. The views of the Ponemah Mill complex and its beautiful towers is something special. This is a popular stretch for fishing. Paddlers must portage at the Taftville Dam, a large and imposing structure 500 feet across the river and one of the most difficult on the Shetucket. DO NOT PADDLE OVER TAFTVILLE DAM! Take out on eastern shore (river left) above the dam. This landing is closed to vehicle access from Nov. 1 - April 1. No fee.



Shetucket River NRT – Taftville Dam to Greenville Dam

Riverview Dr./Boat Launch Dr. (off Rt. 169) Lisbon, CT 06351, thelastgreenvalley.org
Parking & launch areas are accessed from Riverview Dr. (also the entrance to Wheelabrator Technologies Lisbon), and are closed to vehicles from Nov. 1 - April 1. Put in via several steps with handrails from the top of the dam to the rocky put in location below the dam. It is a long 700+ feet carry from parking, down steps to launch. *This section is not recommended for most paddlers due to rocky & varying conditions, dramatic changes in water levels, plus very bony paddling as you approach downtown Norwich. This 2.4-mile section carries you past the Rt. 12 bridge and to the confluence with and the end of the 60-mile long Quinebaug River (river left). Next, you'll enjoy pretty habitat on the eastern shore (river left) and another popular fishing location. Paddlers must portage at the Greenville Dam on the eastern shore (river left), which can be very muddy! DO NOT PADDLE OVER GREENVILLE DAM! To exit the river, walk through woods to parking area along the dirt road off Roosevelt Ave., or carry 300 feet to the launch below the dam to continue down to Brown Memorial Park. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Greenville Dam to Howard T. Brown Memorial Park

2-14 Roosevelt Ave., Norwich, CT 06360
thelastgreenvalley.org
Parking for a few cars is located off Roosevelt Ave. on a dirt access road adjacent to river by the river information kiosk. Access river through the woods or carry 1,000 feet to the launch area below the dam. This 2-mile section takes you through a popular fishing area and away from Greenville Dam's fish lift, which allows migratory fish to move upstream from Long Island Sound & the Thames River into the Shetucket. Paddle through the City of Norwich, past the East Main St. Bridge and to Brown Memorial Park where the Yantic & Shetucket Rivers combine to form the Thames River. Take out in Brown Memorial Park. No fee.



**Shetucket River NRT –
Howard T. Brown Memorial Park**

11-99 Market St., Norwich, CT 06360
thelastgreenvalley.org
ct-norwich.civicplus.com/documentcenter/view/1657

Plenty of parking at Brown Memorial Park or at the municipal lot across from the park on Chelsea Harbor Dr. Paddle the Shetucket, the Yantic and Thames River from this starting point, as you explore the Norwich Harbor Water Trail, with maps and information available at the website listed above. No fee.

**South Charlton Reservoir
Association** 

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**Willimantic River National Recreation
Water Trail (NRT) – An Overview**

Willimantic, CT
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
 The Willimantic River National Recreation Water Trail provides more than 22 miles of paddling enjoyment and challenges with only one short portage. There are 3 major segments: the rapids and quickwater of the narrow upper section; the impoundment above Eagleville Lake Dam; and downstream below the dam on slow-moving current or flat water to the new landing in Willimantic, CT. Before you go, be sure to check the Paddle Guide (thelastgreenvalley.org) for information on each segment. No fee.

**Willimantic River NRT –
Stafford Springs to Heron Cove**

Commuter Lot on Rt. 32
 Stafford Springs, CT 06076
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
 15 spaces available on weekends only. This challenging segment is best run at medium to high water by experienced paddlers. Downed trees, old dams, fishermen and rocks are a few of the challenges. 6.5 miles to Heron Cove. Consult the Paddle Guide for more information prior to launching. No fee.

**Willimantic River NRT –
Heron Cove to Merrow Meadow**

Heron Cove on South River Rd.,
 Tolland, CT 06084
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
 Parking for many cars. Follow the paved road to the left, past the soccer fields to the boat launch parking area. From Heron Cove it is 4.3 miles to the Merrow Meadow (river left) or Taylor Preserve Landing (river right). Paddling on this stretch of the river is for experienced paddlers. You can experience Class II rapids or more depending on water conditions, in addition to rocks and possibly strainers. Consult the Paddle Guide for additional information prior to launching. No fee.

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**Willimantic River NRT –
Morrow Meadow to River Park**

Morrow Meadow Park on Morrow Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
Parking for 10 or more cars and a good location for family outings with walking trails and a nicely maintained park. The paddle to River Park is 3 miles long and for experienced paddlers. You'll encounter 2 islands on this stretch. Approach the second island slowly. The quickest route is on the left, but it is narrow and can get blocked with trees. The right side can be shallow. Below this island, after a straight-away, beware of a sharp right turn where the current can range from mild to strong, pushing you to river left. This area has strong eddies and a number of bends. The current begins to slow as you pass under Rt. 44 approaching the River Park landing (river left). No fee.

**Willimantic River NRT –
River Park to Eagleville Lake,
Mansfield**

Plains Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
10+ spaces and a nicely landscaped circular drive for easy access unloading boats near the launch. River Park in Mansfield is just upstream of the point where the river becomes an impoundment behind Eagleville Dam. Access for car-top carriers is excellent; the concrete ramp is smooth and wide and the gradual slope to the water's edge makes getting in and out of boats easy. This is the best launch site on the river for novice paddlers and those unfamiliar with paddling in current. The spacious and well-groomed launch site, plus the adjacent playing field, makes it an ideal site for outings with kids. Paddling upstream you will encounter some current, but it's worth the extra effort to explore in this direction until the current gets the best of you. Since the river becomes an impoundment downstream of the launch, this is a good place for a loop trip with no worries about current; just be aware of wind on the lake. 1.4 miles one way to Eagleville Lake. To portage Eagleville Dam, take out on river left. Parking and a takeout also available river right. No fee.

**Willimantic River NRT –
Eagleville Lake to Willimantic**

Rt. 275, Mansfield, CT 06268
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
Parking for a few cars on river right (Coventry) or parking for 20 cars river left (Mansfield). Use Mansfield lot for put-in below dam; carry across Rt. 275 to launch along Eagleville Preserve Trail. The river in this segment is narrow, wooded, and flows along railroad tracks and farms. Watch for low branches, downed trees and sand bars, and in high flows, partially submerged farm fences. There are 6 bridges on this section of river; take out river left just after the 6th bridge (Air Line Trail foot bridge). You must exit the river here to avoid dangerous dams in downtown Willimantic. Consult the Paddle Guide for more information prior to launching. No fee.

**Willimantic River NRT –
Air Line Trail Landing & Launch**

42 Wilson St. (Rt. 66 to Bridge St., immediate right into lot at sign for CT Eastern Railroad Museum), Willimantic, CT 06226
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
Parking for a few cars in small area on left side of road approximately 0.5 miles down dirt road. Caution: It is not safe to paddle downstream (to the left facing the river at the launch site), as there is no public landing downstream. Constructed and dedicated in 2016, this launch generally offers an easy upstream (to the right facing the river) paddle except in high waters or after rain. Paddle up 1 mile to the Columbia Rt. 66 bridge, and if conditions allow, continue 6 miles further upstream to Eagleville. Take inside curves for smoother water. With limited development along this stretch, wildlife viewing opportunities exist, such as spotting flying eagles & swimming otters. Paddle as far as the current or your timetable allows, then turn around and return to the Air Line Trail Landing. No fee.

**Willimantic Whitewater
Partnership & Park** 

28 Bridge St., P.O. Box 406,
Willimantic, CT 06226
info@willimanticwhitewater.org,
willimanticwhitewater.org

Explore!

Retail – Arts, Antiques & Uniques

Each town center and downtown in The Last Green Valley offers a unique and diverse collection of shops, products, galleries & artists. These local businesses are vital parts of the community and generous supporters of their neighbors, while offering unique products and personal customer service. Find great gifts and all the basic needs. Please tell them TLGV sent you!



Alternatives for Health Herbal Apothecary 🌿

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508-347-2111, alternatives-4health.com,
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info@artguildne.org, artguildne.org, facebook.
com/artguildne
Art at area businesses & classes at Windows
Art Gallery.



The Arc Eastern CT – Bakery, Emporium & Redemption Center 🌿

22 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4727, info@thearect.org,
thearect.org
Our Woodstock site features three popular
micro-enterprises open to the public. The
newly open Cookie Factory makes The Arc's
famous Classic Crunch chocolate chip cookies,
available wholesale and to the public at
its bakery storefront. The Emporium is an
upscale thrift store loaded with high-end
clothing, housewares and home furnishings.
The Redemption Center is the only drop-off
donation-based bottle and can recycling
redemption center in the region.



Azuluna Foods 🌿

211 Pulpit Rock Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
800-394-1939, azulunafoods.com
Azuluna Foods creates great tasting nutritious
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Build your box and choose your meals from
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Give yourself the level of nutrition you
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Order online for nationwide delivery; available
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Blackmer Farm

438 Quinebaug Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
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facebook.com/BlackmerFarm
Retail greenhouse and farm stand selling
perennials, hanging baskets, bedding and
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Also offering our own beef, pork & chicken.
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Booklovers' Gourmet

72 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570
bookloversgourmet.com



The Chamber of Central Mass South & The Sturbridge Townships

46 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2761, 800-628-8379, info@
cmschamber.org, cmschamber.org
Sturbridge is widely known for its great
shops, fine dining, beautiful countryside
and, of course, Old Sturbridge Village. Fact
is, Sturbridge is at the center of eleven
towns that are filled with unique places
and experiences. Collectively, we call these
communities the Sturbridge Townships. And
if you're willing to travel a little bit off the
beaten path, we're here to reward you with
some pretty wonderful discoveries.

Chase Graphics, Inc.

124 School St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-3973, orders@chasegraphics.
net, chasegraphics.net, facebook.com/
chasegraphicsinc

Coventry Arts & Antiques

1140 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-498-0352, coventryartsandantiques.com

Dexter-Russell, Inc.

44 River St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-765-0201, dexter1818.com



Dovehill Farm

110 Plainfield Rd., Moosup, CT 06354
203-804-1362, 860-771-9110, dovehillfarmllc@
gmail.com, dovehillfarmct.com
Dovehill is a 7-acre family farm specializing in
produce, eggs, flowers, wood products, jams,
pickles, local syrup and honey, wool and fiber
arts. We are breeders of registered Finnsheep.
farm tours are available by appointment. We
sell on farm as well as local markets. FMNP
certified.



Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm

227 Ekonk Hill Rd., Sterling/Moosup, CT 06354
860-564-0248, info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com,
ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm is the largest grower
of pasture raised turkeys in Connecticut. CSA
sales available Jan. - June. In addition to your
holiday turkeys, the farm features a full farm
store and the Brown Cow Café, which includes
homemade turkey pies, locally raised meats,
dairy and Ekonk Hill's signature ice creams,
scooped March - Nov. In the fall one of the
region's largest corn mazes will keep the
whole family entertained, and homemade
apple cider donuts (with or without the ice
cream) can be your sweet treat reward. Ekonk
Hill Turkey Farm, where tasting is believing!



Enchanted Jewelry

131 Norwich Rd., (Rt. 12, Central Village),
Plainfield, CT 06374
860-317-1014, enchantedjewelryct@gmail.
com, enchantedjewelryct.com
Follow Enchanted Jewelry on Google,
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Jewelry is a third-generation, full-service,
fine jewelry shop now located in a homelike
store along Route 12 in Central Village. We put
passion into everything we make, maintain,
repair, restore and redesign for you! Enchanted
Jewelry supports and is very active in the local
community. Thank you for choosing us!

Friendly Spirits 🌿

40 Wauregan Rd. (Rt. 12), Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-3459, friendlyspiritsct.com, facebook.com/FriendlySpirits

Garden Gate Florist 🌿

30 Putnam Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-928-0571, ggateflorist@sbcglobal.net, gardengatefloristct.com

Goudreau's at Nash's Garden Center 🌿

215 Wauregan Rd. (Rt. 12), Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-0412, Like us on Facebook!

**Hart's Greenhouse & Florist** 🌿

hartsgreenhouse@gmail.com,
hartsgreenhouseflorist.com

Hart's Greenhouse is a family owned, full-service garden center greenhouse. We grow our own annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, herbs, vegetable plants and flowering shrubs. We have been in business over 30 years and grow over 3 million plants each year! Look for our big pink petunia hanging baskets by our roadsides in Brooklyn, Canterbury, Norwich and Preston.

Hart's Greenhouse & Florist – Brooklyn 🌿

151 Providence Rd. (Rt. 6) Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-9377

Hart's Greenhouse & Florist – Canterbury 🌿

102 Westminster Rd. (Rt. 14),
Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-6541

Hart's Greenhouse & Florist – Norwich 🌿

43 Clinton Ave., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-4278

Hart's Greenhouse & Florist – Preston 🌿

99 Poquetanuck Rd. (Rt. 2A), Preston CT 06365
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**Hull Forest Products** 🌿

101 Hampton Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-0127, info@hullforest.com,
hullforest.com

Connecticut's largest sawmill, turning locally grown wood into custom wide-plank flooring and conserving a landscape of working forests across New England since 1965. Visit our wood flooring showroom and see what we can make for you. Our forestry division helps woodland owners manage their forestland for income, wildlife and aesthetics. Visit the wood flooring showroom: Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm, and nights/weekends by appointment.

**Lakeview Marine & Paddlesport Rentals** 🌿

311 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-6020, rentals@lakeviewwebster.com,
LakeviewWebster.com

Rent a stand-up paddleboard or kayak and paddle some of the 1,442 acres of the largest natural lake in southern New England. Launch from our marina - rentals are available for one hour up to a full day. Walk-in's welcome, reservations preferred. See website for hours, pricing and policies.

Landon's Tire & Auto Care Center 🌿

611 Windham Rd., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-0000, landontire@sbcglobal.net,
landonstire.com

**Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.** 🌿

23 Royce Cir., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-2740, mdp@mansfieldct.org,
mansfieldct.org

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership is a non-profit organization created by the Town of Mansfield and the University of Connecticut to oversee the redevelopment of Downtown Storrs, a vibrant, walkable neighborhood with over 75 businesses, two wooded preserves with over 3 miles of hiking trails, a community playground and much more.

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NAC Artists' Cooperative Gallery & Gallery II

62 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-2789, administration@norwicharts.org, norwicharts.org

Pinecroft Farms

159 Butts Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-5908, pinecroftfarms@yahoo.com, pinecroftfarmsllc.business.site



Pourings & Passages Bookstore

103 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-1712, jimmykermit@gmail.com, facebook.com/pouringsandpassages
Pourings and Passages is a non-profit bookstore and coffeehouse featuring ten rooms of gently used books, as well as recordings, videos, jewelry, religious items, greeting cards, puzzles and collectibles. Gift certificates in any amount are always available. All proceeds benefit the students of St. James School.



Putnam Business Association (PBA)

158 Main St., P.O. Box 691, Putnam, CT 06260
800-604-1512, coordinator@putnambusiness.org, putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com
A premier tourist destination with an 'arts & al fresco' motif. The town of Putnam boasts an assortment of award-winning restaurants, bars, cafes, antiques, art galleries, collectible toy and comic book stores, boutiques and The Bradley Playhouse Theater. In addition, Putnam offers a river trail, a Dog Park, and a large assortment of sculptures and murals that will leave you with a sense of "Character Around Every Corner" and keep you coming back for more.

Sawmill Pottery

112 Main St. #14, Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-7807, dot@sawmillpottery.com, sawmillpottery.com



Select Seeds, Co.

180 Stickney Hill Rd., Union, CT 06076
800-684-0395, selectseeds.com
Select Seeds offers an uncommon selection of flower seeds and plants, specializing in open-pollinated heirlooms and native varieties that enhance gardens and backyard habitats. Mail-order and farm pickup available.



Semaki & Bird

Online Only
860-974-2477, info@semaki.com, sales@semaki.com, semakishop.com
Semaki & Bird is a company inspired by nature featuring museum quality jewelry and stationery products and is committed to earth friendly products. Our papers are recycled, and we print using soybean inks. Semaki & Bird is proud of its creative presentation and packaging. Products are accompanied with an educational message whenever possible. Our company provides excellent service and support, plus designs and manufactures quality products at affordable prices.



Sharpe Hill Vineyard

108 Wade Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-974-3549, sharpehill@sharpehill.com, sharpehill.com
Come and visit Sharpe Hill Vineyard, the award-winning winery of Connecticut's Quiet Corner! Sharpe Hill Vineyard has received more than 450 medals in international tastings and is located in Pomfret, CT – just minutes from scenic Rt. 169.

The Shoe Smith – Footwear Sales & Repairs

503 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-8873, theshoesmith@hotmail.com, theshoesmith.com



Watercure Farm Distillery 🌿

426 Mashamoquet Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-315-5566, distillery@watercurefarm.com,
watercurefarm.com

Connecticut's first farm distillery and tasting room, featuring handcrafted spirits distilled right in front of you. Tastings and bottle sales available year-round. Seasonal and rotational flavors. Walk or ride from the Air Line Trail.



Westford Hill Distillers 🌿

196 Chatey Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
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westfordhill.com, Like us on Facebook & Instagram!

Come visit New England's first Craft Distiller located in Ashford. Named in the "Best of the U.S." by Bon Appetit, the distillery was also selected by the Smithsonian Institution to represent Craft Distillation as part of their History of Food series. Located on a 200-acre 18th century property, the distillery produces fine brandies, gin, vodka and more. Experience a tour, tasting, and be inspired by the passion for artisanal fine spirits distillation in an historic setting. Open to visitors May - Dec. each Fri. – Sun.



Willimantic Food Co-op 🌿

91 Valley St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-3611, willimanticfood.coop,
info@willimanticfood.coop

A member-owned natural foods store. We work with local farms and producers to bring you the best our region has to offer. Serving our membership and our community since 1980. Open to the public – everyone is welcome!



Willimantic Brewing Co. & Main Street Café 🌿

967 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-6777, willimanticbrewingcompany.com

The Willimantic Brewing Company is an award-winning, restaurant & pub brewery. Located in a former 1909 post office building, Willibrew has been serving up craft brews since 1997. Although extensive renovations have been made to the building, we've retained the architecture while creating a one-of-a-kind atmosphere for dining.



Woodstock Business Association 🌿

P.O. Box 4, South Woodstock, CT 06267
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explorewoodstock.com

Along Rt. 169, one of America's National Scenic Byways, you'll experience the beauty, charm and tranquility of one of the rural towns that make up the pastoral setting of northeastern Connecticut. The Town remains a cluster of villages epitomizing the character of New England. We invite you to experience and enjoy the historic sites, farms, craft shops, antiques shops and restaurants, intermingled with light industry, which adds to the charm of Woodstock.



Woodstock Sustainable Farms & Azuluna Event Center 🌿

211 Pulpit Rock Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
888-788-8726, hello@azulunafoods.com,
azulunafarms.com

A proud member of the Azuluna family of farms and supplier of Azuluna premium farm to table, home delivered meals. Pasture-raising premium proteins including chicken, beef, lamb, pork and producing our world famous blue Azuluna eggs on our beautiful 280+ acre farm. Immerse yourself in rustic charm and host your next event on our stunning property with views of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Tours available upon request. Now booking for Spring 2022.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Scenic Overlooks & Views

The rolling hills and valleys of The National Heritage Corridor can take your breath away. These are a sample of the locations where you find bliss, inspiration, romance and plenty of examples of why we are The Last Green Valley between Boston and Washington, D.C.



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Allen Hill Farm

542 Allen Hill Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-7064, clangevin@charter.net,
allenhillfarm.com

With 350 diverse acres in historic Brooklyn, CT along the Quinebaug River, Allen Hill Farm is protected agricultural land powered by solar. There are 100 acres of trees to choose from for your holiday needs and the beautiful post-and-beam barn is the perfect location for weddings and events.



Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06372
860-884-3500, info@avalonialc.org, avalonia.org
Avalonia is dedicated to conservation through acquisition of open space in southeastern Connecticut since 1968. We believe that the conservation of natural resources for the benefit of people and wildlife is essential to ensure healthy and livable communities for generations to come. To visit our preserves, go to Avalonia.org.

Bailey's Ravine at Ayer Gap

291 Pond Rd. (Rt. 207), Franklin, CT 06254
203-568-6270, nature.org

This 80-acre property owned by The Nature Conservancy offers a short but rugged hike through a small gorge. Bailey Brook flows through the property, offering a handful of small waterfalls. A moderate rocky incline at the start will lead to great views of Franklin's countryside. No fee.

Bull Hill Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust

Bull Hill Rd., Thompson, CT 06255, 860-963-2090
Info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
Wyndhamlandtrust.org

Drive east for approximately one mile on Bull Hill Rd. from the intersection with Senexet Rd. in Woodstock. Drive through the green metal gate and park on the left. A premier and ever-growing preserve of 1,000+ acres offers diverse habitat with an outstanding view in all directions at the scenic overlook. No fee.



Cedar Ledge Tree Farm 🌿

260 Coventry Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-423-5690, contact@cedarledgetreefarm.com, cedarledgetreefarm.com

Located in the scenic hills of Mansfield. Visit our tree farm at Christmas. We offer pre-cut and cut-your-own trees, beautifully decorated wreaths made on the farm, a Christmas shop, and we offer complimentary tractor rides and hot chocolate with the purchase of your tree. Check website for hours.

Coney Rock Preserve Overlook – Joshua's Trust 🌿

Chaffeeville & Mulberry Rds.,
Mansfield, CT 06250
860-429-3015

preserves@mansfieldct.org
mansfieldct.gov, joshuastrust.org
220 wooded acres owned partly by the town and partly by Joshua's Trust offer 5 easy miles of trails. Joshua's Trust yellow-blazed Chapin Trail leads to the 1,000-foot-long cliff to enjoy dramatic views. No fee.

East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave. (off Rt. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518, 508-347-3705
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/

Scenic beauty, views & wildlife sightings can be enjoyed year-round along a 6-mile flat water National Recreation Water Trail that twists & turns from Holland Pond to East Brimfield Lake on the Quinebaug River. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.



Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association, Inc. 🌿

P.O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234
ecfla.org

Education and technical support for sustainable forest management, preservation of diverse natural habitats and open spaces, management of land trust properties for passive recreation and use as outdoor classrooms.

Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve

954 Storrs Rd. (Rt. 195), Mansfield, CT 06250
860-429-3015

preserves@mansfieldct.org, mansfieldct.gov
Park behind Historical Society. 102 acres of mostly forested land with an easy 1.41-mile trail. Named more for poetic alliteration than for topographic accuracy, the cliff is actually 100' high. Enjoy cliff-top views of the Fenton River Valley, Lake Naubesatuck and the distant ridges of Scotland. Map with points of interest online. No fee.



Fort Hill Farms & Gardens 🌿

260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-234-1153, herrootsrundeeep@gmail.com,
forthillfarms.com

Stepping into Fort Hill ground brings you into the World of The Outdoors. Find out why Fort Hill is so beautiful, who designed our view with such sensitivity, intuition, passion, scholarship and education, and how we steward this creativity with love and passion you can bring to your own life. May – Oct. is time for BYO Picnic Program (call to reserve high-top picnic tables), Outdoor Movies and The Farmer's Cow Ice Cream in quarts. Aug. – Oct. our A-Maze-ing Corn Maze is a "thing of beauty and educational as none other" (customer quote we hear over and over) and PYO Pumpkins. NO pets or alcohol.



Fort Hill Farms – Boundless Energy 

260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
 860-234-1153, herrootsrundeeep@gmail.com,
 forthillfarms.com/boundless-energy
 Botany and nature walks as well as Joyercise fitness sessions can be made by appointment all year long - includes only you and the people you bring - \$15/pp. The only true way to get good, lasting energy is OUTside! Getting your energy OUTside at Fort Hill Farms is special - everywhere you look is a VIEW because our VIEW was inspired by none other than Frederick Law Olmsted himself - and that's another reason your workOUT is amazing here, The Genius of Place took his walks here. Joyercise is for women 18+ and your first workOUT is free, call 860-234-1153.



Friends of the Garden on the Bridge & The Garden Club of Windham 

440 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
 gardenclubofwindhamct.org,
 Like us on Facebook!
 The Garden on the Bridge attracts visitors from the region and beyond. Built in 1857, this stone structure once carried traffic across the Willimantic River. Today it offers colorful plantings and exquisite views of dams and waterfalls. It is convenient to walking, hiking, and biking trails, restaurants and other amenities.

Grassland Bird Conservation Center at Pomfret – Connecticut Audubon Society 

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
 860-928-4948,
 ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
 Take a seat in the grass or bring a blanket or lawn chair as you look out over meadows, up at endless skies and to the forests beyond. Bring your bird book, because you might see something new! No fees.

Heritage Riverfront Trail/ Yantic Falls– Uncas Leap

100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
 860-823-3700, norwichct.org
 Park at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park. Take the paved walkway along the Yantic River through historic Norwich. A footbridge over the Yantic River offers a scenic vista of the cascading waters of Yantic Falls and the cove below. Handicapped accessible. Leashed dogs are welcome. No fee.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
 860-455-9534, portal.ct.gov/deep
 The pavilion sits beside & overlooking Pine Acres Lake, seats 50 and is available 1st come/1st served to the public 365 days a year from dawn until dusk. While you are there enjoy a stroll, the nature center and the gardens, too. Or hike to the Frank Zumpano Memorial Benches or to Governor's Island. Both overlook the lake and multiple trails will get you there. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow Lake

141 Mansfield Hollow Rd.
 Mansfield Center, CT 06250, 860-923-2982
 nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/
 Mansfield-Hollow-Lake/
 Park in public lot on Rt. 6. Stroll & enjoy panoramic views from the paved walk out to the dam. You'll see birds, swimming swans, great sunsets and even small planes coming & going from the airport next door. No fee.

The New Roxbury Land Trust, Inc. 

P.O. Box 98, Woodstock, CT 06281
 860-928-2669, president@
 thenewroxburylandtrust.org, nrlt.org

Old Furnace State Park

So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rt. 6)
 Killingly, CT 06239
 860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
 Gently sloping trail through pine forest steepens at the end. Efforts are rewarded with panoramic views from rocky outcrops 200' above the valley. You'll see Half Hill Pond (aka Upper Ross Pond) & unobscured views across eastern CT into RI. A lush mix of tree cover surrounds & adds "wow factor" each fall. Early birds will appreciate the sunrise. No fee.



Opacum Land Trust

P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144, info@opacumlt.org, opacumlt.org
Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is non-profit, regional land conservation organization founded by volunteers in 2000 to protect natural and cultural resources in South Central Massachusetts. We maintain several public trail systems on our properties and partner with local communities for trail and programs. We rely on charitable donations and volunteers to make our work possible. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a member or supporting our work.

Pachaug State Forest

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep
Scenic vistas galore include the 441' Mt. Misery Overlook, which is the highest point in the vicinity, giving a fine view of Pachaug Forest and Voluntown. The overlook is accessible by trail or car (600' from parking area.) or hikes of various lengths. Some fees.



Preston Ridge Vineyard

100 Miller Rd., Preston, CT 06365
860-383-4278, info@prestonridgevineyard.com, prestonridgevineyard.com
Located in historic Preston, CT, Preston Ridge Vineyard is positioned at the peak of a ridge providing breathtaking views of the CT countryside for over 20 miles. Come enjoy a tasting or glass of any of our 10 different wines, crafted on site. Or have a delicious CT craft beer on site. Open Mar. - Dec. Check our website for updated hours or call for information.

Putnam River Trail/Cargill Falls

Kennedy Dr. & Rt. 44, Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800, putnamct.us
Parking available at multiple lots on Kennedy Dr. The 2.5-mile Putnam River Trail, part of the East Coast Greenway, winds through the park, and includes great opportunities to enjoy the roar of Cargill Falls, create a social media moment or inspire your inner artist. No fee.



Quiet Corner Garden Club

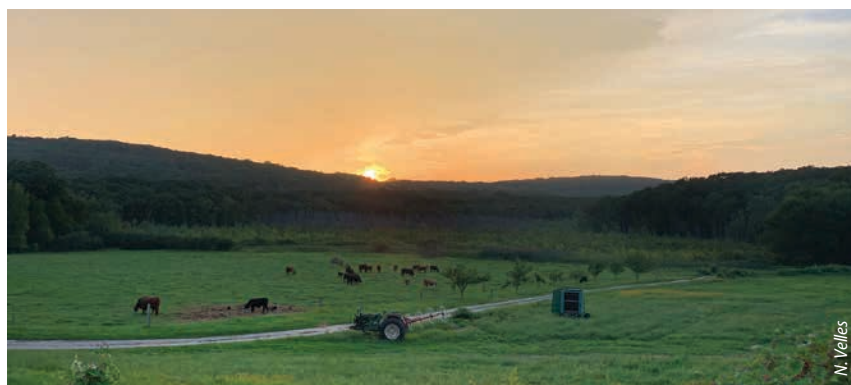
P.O. Box 1004, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-923-1964, qcgardenclub@gmail.com, facebook.com/QCGCCT
QCGC members share a love of gardens and wildlife, enjoy learning, love to meet new people and want to share our time, talents and love of nature with others who feel the same way. Members come from the Quiet Corner towns of Northeast CT and, recently, from south central Massachusetts. The Quiet Corner Garden Club is an active, working garden club.



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Taylor Brooke Brewery

818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-315-7503, info@taylorbrookebrewery.com, taylorbrookebrewery.com
Taylor Brooke Brewery is located on a second-generation family farm in Woodstock, CT, just down the hill from Taylor Brooke Winery. Spanning 42 acres with picturesque vineyards, our focus is on growing ingredients for our beer and wine and making high quality beverages for our local community. We offer classic styles as well as fun experiments, including collaborations between the winery and brewery. Visit us year-round Thurs. - Sun. and order takeout online.



Taylor Brooke Winery 🌿

818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-1263, linda@taylorbrookewinery.com, taylorbrookewinery.com
Experience the Vintage of the Quiet Corner. We produce over two dozen wines, ciders and brandy - including our signature Chocolate Essence and Wine Dog 1. Enjoy a glass of wine, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy next to the vineyard, browse our gift shop and check out our fine line of Connecticut specialty foods, including "CT Grown" artisan cheeses. We're a stop along the CT Wine Trail, too! Visit us year-round Fri. – Sun. and order takeout online.

UConn Horsebarn Hill

Horsebarn Hill Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-2413, animalscience.uconn.edu
ecohusky.uconn.edu/development/parks.html
Climb Horsebarn Hill for fantastic views of the UConn Storrs Campus & then turn to view the forests in the other direction. Great for night sky views. No fee.

Wells State Park/Carpenter Rocks

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566, 508-347-9257, mass.gov
10+ miles of trails cross the property, which are for hiking only (no off-road vehicles). A popular route leads to the scenic vista at Carpenter Rocks from which the eastern section and Walker Pond can be viewed. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
The natural setting surrounding West Thompson Lake is enjoyable year-round, offering pleasing & panoramic views from the dam for sightseers, artists and photographers — different in each season. You may even see a hot air balloon on the horizon. Some fees.

Westview Farm 🌿

209 Prospect St., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-7491, westview.farm@outlook.com, westviewfarmct.com, Like us on Facebook!



Wyndham Land Trust, Inc. 🌿

860-963-2090, info@wyndhamlandtrust.org, wyndhamlandtrust.org
The mission of the Wyndham Land Trust is to conserve the natural resources of Northeast Connecticut - the water courses, swamps, woodlands and open spaces, the plant and animal life therein, and the scenic natural and historic sites - all of which are very much a part of the character and beauty of all communities in Northeast Connecticut. Our work is urgent.

Explore! Services

These services and businesses are vital to our region. The Last Green Valley appreciates their support and partnership. We ask you to keep it local and choose them for your needs. Please let them know you found them in Explore!



Ashford Business Association (ABA) 🌿

P.O. Box 342, Ashford, CT 06278
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ashfordbusiness.org, Like us on Facebook!
Ashford Business Association is a non-profit organization promoting local business through community networking.



The Arc Eastern CT 🌿

125 Sachem St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-4435, info@thearecct.org, thearecct.org
The Arc Eastern Connecticut, established by two groups of families in 1952, provides advocacy and supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the entire region. Our services touch every aspect of a person's life: housing, employment/job development, vocational/micro-enterprise ventures, education, day programs, in-home supports, Senior services, health/fitness activities and community involvement.



The Arc Eastern CT – Bakery, Emporium & Redemption Center 🌿

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860-928-4727, info@thearecct.org, thearecct.org
Our Woodstock site features three popular micro-enterprises open to the public. The newly open Cookie Factory makes The Arc's famous Classic Crunch chocolate chip cookies, available wholesale and to the public at its bakery storefront. The Emporium is an upscale thrift store loaded with high-end

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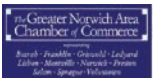


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Skate Parks

The Last Green Valley is home to many skate parks of varied levels. Some draw skaters from around the northeast U.S., while others are the perfect place to learn. Please, respect and help care for the parks you visit.

Baltic Skate Park

River St., Baltic, CT 06330, ctsprague.org
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Donald Alfiero Skate Park

8 Mahan Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3791, norwichct.org
Open dawn till dusk, this outdoor skate park is situated near Norwich Tech with room to breathe - and skate. No fee.

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Wilson St. & Hill St., Griswold, CT 06351
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625 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226
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Mansfield Skate Park

10 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015
mansfieldct.gov/243/Parks-Recreation
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Oxford Center Skate Park

4 Maple Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
508-987-6002, town.oxford.ma.us
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Owen Bell Skate Park

Town Farm Rd. (off Rt. 101), Dayville, CT 06241
860-779-5390, killingly.org/parks-recreation
This outdoor skate park has been a hit since it first opened. Located in Owen Bell Park, there are also playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, ball fields, a track and bathrooms (not always open). No fee.

Plainfield Skate Park

95 Canterbury Rd. (Rt. 14A), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-564-1819, Plainfieldct.org/recreation.asp
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Putnam Skate Park

155 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260
putnamct.us/parks-recreation
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Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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Massachusetts offers season passes for its state parks. MA also offers a one-time fee for a lifetime, Senior Parks Pass for MA residents 62 years or older. See mass.gov/visit-massachusetts-state-parks for information.



Air Line State Park Trail

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portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Air-Line-State-Park-Trail

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Beaver Brook State Park

Back Rd. (off Rt. 14), Windham, CT 06280
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Rt. 171, Union, CT 06076

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86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010

413-245-9966, mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-conservation-recreation

20+ miles of roads & trails offer room for horseback riding, mountain biking & hiking/strolling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing over rolling forest lands, as well as hunting opportunities. 100' of beach at Dean Pond Rec. Area make swimming & fishing a splash. Pavilion rental for get togethers, too! Some fees.

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507

508-248-5697, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Bufumville-Lake/

500 acres for hiking, strolling, volleyball, horseshoes, letterboxing, disc golf, picnics (tables & grills on site), plus rental sites available for shindigs. 200 acres of water with 300' beach & swimming, scuba diving, boat launches, paddling & fishing. 3-acre island for primitive camping. Accessible. Some fees.

East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave., (off Rt. 20),

Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518,

508-347-3705

nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/

Year-round scenic beauty, activity & wildlife sightings. Rolling forested hills, ponds & the Quinebaug River (a section of National Recreation Water Trail) provide fishing (trout stocked in spring), paddling, boat launches, water-skiing, swimming, scuba diving, hiking, picnicking, ice fishing & hunting. No fees.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)

Oxford, MA 01540, 508-248-5697

nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Hodges-Village-Dam/

1,200 varied acres: forest, ponds, wetlands & swamp include 20+ miles of trails for year-round use. Hike, fish, paddle, mountain bike, ride your horse, play disc golf. Hunt, ice fish, cross-country ski & snowshoe. Off-road vehicle trails allow dirt bikes & snowmobiles. The neighboring French River extends your water fun. No fee.

Hop River State Park Trail

Coventry, Windham, CT

860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep

A former railroad line originating to 1849, the trail winds from Vernon over 20 miles outside The Last Green Valley before entering Coventry and Windham. A new bridge now connects this trail in downtown Willimantic to the Air Line State Park Trail for miles of recreational possibilities across the National Heritage Corridor. Parking locations, section maps, historical information and more available on the website. No fee.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd., Griswold, CT 06351

860-376-2920 Headquarters,

860-376-0313 Camping

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Hopeville-Pond-State-Park

Main activity options. Open land for field sports (year-round), wooded camp sites, picnic tables, trails for hiking & biking. The 137-acre lake offers swimming, boat launch & boating (8 mph limit), fishing (accessible platform), paddle over to Pachaug Pond & back. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd., (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247

860-455-9534, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/James-L-Goodwin-State-Forest

10 miles of hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing & horse trails in this 3 square mile forest. Pine Acres Lake is a shallow 135 acres, with boat launch (non-motorized boats only) for fishing & paddling 'round the stumps. Conservation Center focuses

on nature & forestry, offering frequent & varied programs for all ages. Enjoy gardens, letterboxing, youth group camping, picnic pavilion (1st come/1st serve), or hop on the Air Line Trail. Open all year. No fee.

Killingly Pond State Park

Pond Rd. (off Rt. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
This 162-acre park with limited parking has hiking & hunting on the lands, while the 120+ acre lake is good for carry-in boats & fishing. Consisting of acidic waters, the bass will bite. Paddlers can also enjoy a whirl around this lake. No fees.

Lake Siog Recreation Area

Off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/
Major recreation area offers swimming, beach, scuba diving, picnic tables, restrooms, grills and a 0.75-mile nature trail. Hunting, paddling, boating (launches) & fishing can be enjoyed by accessing the Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail from Holland Pond to E. Brimfield Lake. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow Lake

141 Mansfield Hollow Rd.
Mansfield Center, CT 06250, 860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Mansfield-Hollow-Lake/
This U.S. Army Corps facility is leased and operated by the State of Connecticut for multifaceted outdoor enjoyment & activity. See Mansfield Hollow State Park for details. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mansfield-Hollow-State-Park
The man-made, 450-acre lake is a big draw, with boat launch (8 mph limit), fishing & ice fishing, sailing & paddling. Trails for hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing. Stroll & enjoy panoramic views from the dam. Open fields invite field sports & kite flying. Picnic tables, fire places & pit toilets. No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rt. 44),
omfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121,
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park
3 parks in 1 (Mashamoquet, Wolf Den & Saptree Run) with trails for hiking. Exciting natural features: Table Rock, Indian Chair & General Israel Putnam's Wolf Den. Springtime trout stocking of the brook will hook you on stream fishing. Enjoy swimming, camping (2 areas), youth group camping, picnic tables & shelters, dump station & bathrooms. Some fees.

Mohegan State Forest

Waldo Rd. (off Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
700 acres in 2 parcels (smaller piece in Sprague) make up this hardwood and softwood forest. Roadside parking by gate (no parking area), will lead you to gravel road for hiking, snowshoeing & cross-country skiing, horseback riding, letterboxing & old stone walls. Hunting in season. No fee.

Moosup Valley State Park Trail

Jct. Main St. & Rt. 14, Plainfield, CT 06354
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Moosup-Valley-State-Park-Trail
A 5.8-mile linear trail runs to Sterling with connection to Rhode Island. A former rail trail, you'll traverse gravel to ballast surfaces. Glimpse the Moosup River & Sterling Pond in this rural setting. Good for beginners. No fee.

Mooween State Park

Old Rt. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd.,
Lebanon, CT 06249,
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
On the eastern side of Red Cedar Lake, this 577-acre park was a former boys camp. See chimneys, stairs & other camp relics returning to nature, as well remains of the 300 year old Granny Austin Tavern. Trails for hiking, while lake welcomes boating, paddling & fishing. Hunting in season. No fee.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Pilfershire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Natchaug-State-Forest
13,200-acre park spreads over 6 towns. Year-round activities include camping (backpack & horse), horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, letterboxing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling & hunting. Historic site of Gen. Nathaniel Lyon's birthplace remains. Rivers & ponds offer varied paddles, fishing & riverside picnic sites. Pit toilets. No fee.

Nathan Hale State Forest

Off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
1,500-acre forest of hemlock, white cedar, American chestnut restoration sites, and grass & shrub fields. Perfect for hiking/strolling, mountain biking, snowshoeing/cross-country skiing or letterboxing. Historic Nathan Hale Homestead close by to extend your visit. Wildlife viewing is ideal, hunting allowed in season. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rt. 171 & Rt. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/deep
Combined with Bigelow Hollow State Park there are 9,000+ acres with many hiking trails maintained by CT Forest & Park Association. 3 bodies of water range from 20+ to 300 acres and offer fishing, boating (launches) & scuba diving. Hunting, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing & snowmobiling, backpack camping, plus picnic tables & pit toilets. Mountain Laurel Sanctuary (CT State Flower) greets you at Rt. 190 entrance. Some fees.

Old Furnace State Park

So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rt. 6), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
367-acre park was home to 18th-century foundry, a major supplier of horseshoes to Continental Army in revolutionary war. Hikers are rewarded with 10 mile wide panoramic views after a 0.75 mile hike rising 200' up. Loop trail is 4 miles. 31-acre lake has car-top/carry-in boat launch, paddling & fishing. Hunting in season. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Pachaug-State-Forest
Exceptional activity selection in 26,000 acres with miles of roads & trails in CT's largest state forest. Boating (launches), fishing (accessible platform), paddling, swimming, various camping types, fireplaces, pit toilets, horseback riding, hiking, letterboxing, picnicking (tables), mountain biking, motorcycles, dog sled races, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, scenic vistas including 441' Mt. Misery overlook accessible by trail or car & 26-acre rhododendron sanctuary ablaze around July 4th. Some fees.

Pomeroy State Park

Rt. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
This undeveloped and unmarked 200-acre park, part of which was textile manufacturer Charles Pomeroy's estate, has limited roadside parking. Hike along the top of Bush Hill. Hunting. No fee.

Quaddick State Park and Forest

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/deep
Park with 400+ acre reservoir is a water lover's delight. Boating (no restrictions & launch), fishing, paddling, swimming, restrooms & changing areas, ice fishing & skating, picnicking (tables & shelters), field sports, hiking. The mostly undeveloped Forest is north of the Park with hunting & fishing, letterboxing & camping. Some fees for Park. No fee at Forest.

Quinebaug Lake State Park

Shepard Hill Rd. (off Rt. 12), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
This 181-acre park sparkles with exceptionally clear waters (also known as Wauregan Reservoir). Fresh water fishing opportunities with many varieties to catch. DEEP stocks brown & rainbow trout occasionally. Car-top boat ramp (electric motor only) and easy paddling, too. No fee.

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery

141 Trout Hatchery Rd., Central Village, CT 06332
860-564-7542,

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/Fisheries-
Management/Quinebaug-Hatchery
One of the largest state hatcheries sits on this
2,000 acres. Starting with the hatch house,
different tanks carry trout through their
stages of life, supplying 700,000 brookies,
browns & rainbows annually. Glass wall for
viewing, self-guided tours available. Special
children's fishing pond is stocked often. Ponds
& trails spread out to ensure easy walking &
views of birds, turtles & more. Daily 8:30 a.m. -
3:30 p.m. No fee.

Ross Pond State Park

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239

860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
314-acre park has two ponds: smaller
northern is Upper Ross (or Half Hill Pond),
larger southern Ross Pond has boat ramp,
frequently stocked for trout fishing from
small boat, & easy paddling spot. Hiking on
Old Furnace Trail running on western side of
ponds. Hunting, outhouses. No fee.

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rt. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-424-3200, 860-822-0884

portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/
Campgrounds/Salt-Rock-State-Campground
149 wooded acres offers many modern
camping amenities (bathrooms, dump station,
water, fire rings, picnic tables, playground &
in-ground pool), with access to Shetucket
River for fishing & room to stroll. No fees to
visit. Camping fees apply.

Streeter Point Recreation Area

6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9316, mass.gov

Paddling, fishing & boating with access to
400 acre E. Brimfield Reservoir on U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers ramps on Rt. 20. See East
Brimfield Lake listing. No fees on U.S. Army
Corps operated sites.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)

Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-9257, 877-422-6762 (camp
reservations)

mass.gov/orgs/department-of-conservation-
recreation

1,400 wooded acres known best for hiking
(10 miles of trails), camping (interpretive
programs, guided hikes, recreational activities,
evening campfires, swimming, dump station,
pavillion) and some great views. Other
activities are horseback riding, mountain
biking, playing fields, basketball court,
hunting, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing.
Walker Pond has boat launch, fishing,
paddling. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255

860-923-2982, , nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/
Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake/

Great variety of wildlife & activity in 1,125
forested acres, 80 acres of open grasslands
& 200-acre lake. Camping (horseshoes,
basketball courts, private sites, dump
station, firewood, accessible toilet/shower,
interpretive programs, some water &
electricity), hiking (17+ miles of trails) and
water (paddle the lake & Quinebaug River
National Recreation Water Trail, boat launch,
fishing - trout stocked & freshwater fish
aplenty) are popular. Disc golf, picnic shelters,
hunting, snowmobiling, cross country skiing &
snowshoeing. Some fees.

Westville Lake Recreation Area

125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566





508-347-3705, mass.gov/orgs/department-of-
conservation-recreation

578 acres of diverse land, 23-acre lake, plus
access to Quinebaug River & Grand Trunk
Trail. Boat launches for boating, fishing (warm
water bass & stocked trout), paddling & ice
skating when safe. 3 miles of walking trails
range from flat to rolling hills, also great for
snowshoeing, cross-country skiing & sledding.
Sports fields, shelters, picnic tables & grills
make for year-round enjoyment. Some fees.

Explore!

State & Federal Parks & Forests Activities & Services
















Biking	Boating – Motorized	Boating – Paddling	Camping
			

PARK	TOWN				
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STATE & FEDERAL PARKS IN CONNECTICUT





Air Line Trail State Park	Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson	X			
Beaver Brook State Park	Windham, Chaplin				
Bigelow Hollow State Park	Union		X	X	
Hop River State Park Trail	Coventry	X			
Hopeville Pond State Park	Griswold	X	X	X	X
James L. Goodwin State Forest	Hampton	X	X	X	
Killingly Pond State Park	Killingly				
Mansfield Hollow State Park	Mansfield	X	X	X	
Mashamoquet State Park	Pomfret				X
Mohegan State Forest	Scotland				
Moosup Valley State Park Trail	Plainfield, Sterling	X			
Mooween State Park	Lebanon			X	
Natchaug State Forest	Eastford	X			

Please use this chart as a guide for planning your adventures, however, it is important to always check the websites in the listings for updates. Activities allowed may change at any time.





	 Camping – Youth Group	 Cross Country Skiing	 Disc Golf	 Fishing	 Hiking/Strolling	 Horseback Riding	 Horse Camping	 Hunting	 Motorcycling	 Picnicking	 Scuba Diving	 Snowmobiling	 Swimming
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PARK	TOWN				
Nathan Hale State Forest	Coventry				
Nipmuck State Forest	Union			X	
Old Furnace State Park	Killingly		X	X	
Pachaug State Forest – Chapman	Voluntown	X	X	X	X
Pachaug State Forest – Green Falls	Voluntown	X	X	X	X
Pomeroy State Park	Lebanon				
Quaddick State Forest	Thompson				
Quaddick State Park	Thompson		X	X	
Quinebaug Lake State Park	Killingly		X	X	
Ross Pond State Park	Killingly		X	X	
Salt Rock State Campground	Sprague				X
West Thompson Lake USACE	Thompson		X	X	X

STATE & FEDERAL PARKS IN MASSACHUSETTS

PARK	TOWN				
Brimfield State Forest	Brimfield	X			
Buffumville Lake USACE	Charlton		X	X	X
East Brimfield Lake USACE	Sturbridge		X	X	
Hodges Village Dam USACE	Oxford	X	X	X	
Lake Siog Recreation Area USACE	Holland		X	X	
Wells State Park	Sturbridge	X	X	X	X
Westville Lake Recreation Area USACE	Sturbridge		X	X	

												
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Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Swimming & Scuba Diving

From competition-ready swimming pools to nature's scenic swimming holes, The Last Green Valley is home to wonderful swimming and scuba diving opportunities. Since many locations are ponds, lakes and streams, be sure to contact the location before making a trek as weather and rainfall can greatly affect the availability of summer swimming!



SWIMMING/SPLASH PADS

Andrew J. Petro Memorial Swimming Pool/Southbridge State Pool

15 Randolph St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-764-7352, facebook.com/AJPetroPool
Operated by the Town of Southbridge, this outdoor pool is open seasonally. Season or day passes available. Please check for availability. Some fees

Big Alum Pond

Clark Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
617-626-1250, mass.gov/eea
195-acre pond, 23-45' deep, clear waters.
Boat launch available, not much shore access (pond surrounded by private homes).
Swimming & waterskiing are allowed here, as well as fishing. No fee.

Brimfield State Forest/ Dean Pond Recreation Area

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687
mass.gov/locations/brimfield-state-forest
Dean Pond Recreation Area, located in the western portion of Brimfield State Forest (off Rt. 20) has 100 feet of beach and swimming. A pavilion, comfort station and picnic facilities also on site. Some fees.

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Buffumville-Lake/
The park has a 300-foot beach with an enclosed swimming area for safety. 12 and older pay minimal fee for using the beach.
Swimming, wading, scuba diving at your own risk. Some fees.

East Brimfield Lake/Streeter Beach

6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9316, mass.gov
Swimming is available some years at Streeter Beach. The fee area is operated by the MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. Some fees.

East Brookfield Town Beach – Lake Lashaway Beach

Rt. 9, East Brookfield, MA 01515
508-867-3832, eastbrookfieldma.us
The East Brookfield Parks and Recreation Committee maintains, along with help from North Brookfield, the Town Beach at Lake Lashaway. The beach opens in late June and closes for the year after Labor Day. Check website for details and fees.

Finn Beach

61 North Shore Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4089, voluntown.gov

A public, swim-at-your-own-risk beach open to anyone regardless of whether they live in Voluntown. Parking permits required for a fee & available at Town Clerk's Office (free to Voluntown residents). No parking on streets, no dogs on beach. Check website for details and fees.

Hale YMCA Youth & Family Center – Hartford 

9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
860-315-9622, haley@ghymca.org, haleYMCA.org

Holland Pond/Lake Siog Recreation Area

Off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/
Public swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at Holland Pond/Lake Siog Park, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd. (Rt. 201), Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920, 860-376-0313
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/
Hopeville-Pond-State-Park
The 137-acre lake offers swimming as well as boating. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

Hygeia Reservoir

Off Valley Rd. (off Rt. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-779-5390, Killingly.org
Since 2015 the town-owned Hygeia Reservoir had been a swim-at-your-own-risk swimming area, meaning there is no lifeguard on duty. The 80-foot by 40-foot roped-off swimming area is fronted by a narrow strip of beach that includes a shaded tent near a portable bathroom. Open to residents of Killingly. Call Killingly Parks and Recreation Department for details. No fee.

Lebanon Community Center Pool

872 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon, CT 06249
(860) 642-6100
lebanonct.gov/community-center-pool
The Community Center Pool is open each

summer to residents of Lebanon, Franklin and their guests. The Lebanon Recreation Department uses this pool to offer swim lessons as well as for daily open swim. The pool has a shallow end suitable for kids and a deep end with a maximum depth of ten feet. Passes are required and can be purchased in town hall. The pool is also available for rental.

Lauter Park Splash Pad

625 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3046, windhamrec.org
Perfect for children, you will have fun keeping cool in the splash pad waters. The park also has a beach area along the Natchaug River. No fees.

Mansfield Community Center

10 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015, mansfieldct.gov
A 6-lane, 25-yard lap pool with diving area & heated mid-size therapy pool. A range of activities/programs is offered for all ages & abilities including lessons, water fitness classes, general recreational & lap swimming & more. Certified lifeguards. Special events rental available. Resident and non-resident fees apply.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Dr., (Rt. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121, portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Mashamoquet-Brook-State-Park
The dammed brook in this park provides a small child-friendly swimming area. Depending on rainfall amounts as summer progresses, swimming is not always possible. Some fees.

Mohegan Park/Spaulding Pond

Park Center Rd./Mohegan Park Rd.
Norwich, CT 06360, 860-823-3798, norwichct.org
Swimming is allowed in designated areas only in Spaulding Pond. There is a beach area near one of the playgrounds and lifeguards are on duty. To help keep the waters clean, please do not feed the ducks & geese. Lakeside pavilion can be rented for events. Some fees.

Owen Bell Splash Pad

Town Farm Rd. (off Rt. 101), Dayville, CT 06241
860-779-5390, killingly.org
Killingly Parks and Recreation offers great relief from the heat and fun for the kids in the splash pad. Contact them for hours of operation. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest/Green Falls Area

Rt. 138, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep
Green Falls Pond offers a swimming spot in this diverse forest, along with boating. Parking by the pond as well as bathrooms & picnic tables nearby. Some fees.

Plainfield Town Pool

Town Hall lower level, 8 Community Ave., Plainfield, CT 06374, 860-564-1819
plainfieldct.org
Membership required for both residents and non-residents and available at the Plainfield Recreation Department. Lessons, life guard training, fitness classes, adult swim and more are available. Some fees.

Quaddick State Park

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/deep
400+ acre reservoir of cool water and a sandy beach is a water lover's delight & draws crowds for great swimming. Other fun, like boating, fishing and paddling, too. Restrooms, changing areas and picnic tables make this an ideal summer escape. Some fees.

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rt. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-376-4075, 860-822-0884
portal.ct.gov/deep
This seasonal campground offers an in-ground swimming pool for registered campers only. Some fees.

Webster Memorial Beach

Memorial Beach Dr. (off Rt. 193)
Webster, MA 01570
508-949-3800, webster-ma.gov
Rules and regulations apply. Boating/launch and fishing also available here for both town residents and non-residents. Check website for full details. Some fees.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566, 508-347-9257, mass.gov
Walker Pond provides a peaceful setting for swimming, but the swimming beach is for campers' use only. Some fees.

SCUBA DIVING

Bigelow Hollow State Park

Rt. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Parks/Bigelow-Hollow-State-Park-Nipmuck-State-Forest

A rare spot to scuba dive in The Last Green Valley, Bigelow Hollow has 3 popular ponds ranging from 18 acres to 300 acres. Rock formations are great for an underwater glimpse of turtles, fish and more. As a popular hiking & fishing area, parking lots can fill up fast. Some fees.

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Buffumville-Lake/
The park has a 300 foot long beach with an enclosed swimming area for safety. People over age 12 pay minimal fee for using the beach. Swimming, wading, scuba diving at your own risk. Some fees.

Holland Pond/ Lake Siog Recreation Area

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705, nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/
Swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at Holland Pond/Lake Siog, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rt. 171 & Rt. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200
portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Forests/Nipmuck-State-Forest-Bigelow-Hollow-State-Park
Combined with Bigelow Hollow State Park, there are 3 bodies of water that range from 20 to 300 acres & offer scuba diving as well as boating. Some fees.

Explore! Tastes & Sips

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When you are ready to reenergize, relax and socialize after your latest adventure in The Last Green Valley, you'll find an array of restaurants, farm stands, distillers, vinters, brewers and more to tantalize your taste buds.



85 Main 🌿

85 Main St., Putnam, CT 06258
860-928-1660, 85main.com



The Arc Eastern CT – Bakery, Emporium & Redemption Center 🌿

22 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4727, info@thearcct.org, thearcct.org
Our Woodstock site features three popular micro-enterprises open to the public. The newly open Cookie Factory makes The Arc's famous Classic Crunch chocolate chip cookies, available wholesale and to the public at its bakery storefront. The Emporium is an upscale thrift store loaded with high-end clothing, housewares and home furnishings. The Redemption Center is the only drop-off donation-based bottle and can recycling redemption center in the region.



AZULUNA

Azuluna Foods 🌿

211 Pulpit Rock Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
800-394-1939, azulunafoods.com
Azuluna Foods creates great tasting nutritious farm-to-table meals made from sustainably sourced, minimally processed whole foods. Build your box and choose your meals from our delicious rotating menu, made from scratch by our mindful and talented chefs. Give yourself the level of nutrition you deserve and start living a better life today. Order online for nationwide delivery; available for pickup at select area locations (subject to change), including Putnam's Hale YMCA.

Bed & Breakfasts of Mystic Coast & Country 🌿

180 Cowhill Rd., Mystic, CT 06355
thebbmc.com

Booklovers' Gourmet 🌿

72 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570
bookloversgourmet.com

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Bright Acres Farm Sugar House

36 Old Kings Hwy., Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9654, brightacresfarmct@gmail.com,
facebook.com/BrightAcresFarmSugarhouse
Our self-serve stand is open year-round,
seven days a week for maple syrup, maple
cream and maple sugar purchases. We also
sell chicken and duck eggs. Call 860-455-9654
with any questions. Our products are also
found at: Full Moon Farm, Bluebird Hill Farm,
Sweet Grass Creamery, Mountain Dairy and
Baldwin Brook Farm.



Cook's Farm Orchard

106 Haynes Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-3241, cooksorchard@gmail.com,
facebook.com/cooksfarmorchard
Open daily 10 am - 5 pm from Labor Day -
Columbus Day for PYO apples and fresh cider.
Tractor rides and bakery on the weekends.

Creamery Brook Bison

19 Purvis Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-0837, creamerybrookbison@gmail.
com, creamerybrookbison.com

Dog Lane Café

One Dog Ln., Storrs, CT 06268
860-429-4900, doglanecafe.com



Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm

227 Ekonk Hill Rd., Sterling/Moosup, CT 06354
860-564-0248, info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com,
ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm is the largest grower
of pasture raised turkeys in Connecticut. CSA
sales available Jan. - June. In addition to your
holiday turkeys, the farm features a full farm
store and the Brown Cow Café, which includes
homemade turkey pies, locally raised meats,
dairy and Ekonk Hill's signature ice creams,
scooped March - Nov. In the fall one of the

region's largest corn mazes will keep the
whole family entertained, and homemade
apple cider donuts (with or without the ice
cream) can be your sweet treat reward. Ekonk
Hill Turkey Farm, where tasting is believing!

Fenton River Grill

135A Storrs Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-786-7870, fentonrivergrill.com



Fort Hill Farms & Gardens

260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-234-1153, herrootsrundeeep@gmail.com,
forthillfarms.com

Stepping into Fort Hill ground brings you
into the World of The Outdoors. Find out why
Fort Hill is so beautiful, who designed our
view with such sensitivity, intuition, passion,
scholarship and education, and how we
steward this creativity with love and passion
you can bring to your own life. May - Oct. is
time for BYO Picnic Program (call to reserve
high-top picnic tables), Outdoor Movies and
The Farmer's Cow Ice Cream in quarts. Aug.
- Oct. our A-Maze-ing Corn Maze is a "thing
of beauty and educational as none other"
(customer quote we hear over and over) and
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Friendly Spirits

40 Wauregan Rd. (Rt. 12), Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-3459, friendlyspiritsct.com, facebook.
com/FriendlySpirits

George's Galley

55 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-7111, hollysbarlow@gmail.com,
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Henrietta House Bed & Breakfast

125 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-477-0318, henriettahousebnb@gmail.
com, historichenriettahousebnbct.com
Beautiful hikes, scrumptious meals and a
relaxing sleep await you at our historic and
beautiful 1720's bed and breakfast with its
surrounding garden and farm. Our three

rooms are uniquely designed for your comfort. We're located between Sturbridge and UConn - each area offers a rich variety of experiences, from dining and shopping to the arts and entertainment.



Hidden Springs Farm 🌿

78 Lewis Rd., Hampton, CT
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 hiddenspringshorsesct.com

You'll arrive to beautiful views of the home to the most lovable rescue horses, each with their own story. In a visit to the farm you can meet, groom and bond with the horses, book a trail ride or enjoy a picnic by the pond. Organic grass-fed beef & boarding.



Hitchcock Free Academy – A Community Center 🌿

2 Brookfield Rd., P.O. Box 155,
 Brimfield, MA 01010
 413-245-9977, execdirector@hitchcockacademy.org,
hitchcockacademy.org

Enjoy an annual summer stargazing event with beer/wine tasting, live music and guided tour of the night sky at Brimfield Winery, a weekly seasonal farmers' market, spring plant sale and a lively outdoor summer concert series, along with cultural, educational and recreational classes and programs all year long.



Lapsley Orchard 🌿

403 Orchard Hill Rd. (Rt. 169),
 Pomfret Ctr., CT 06259
 860-928-9186, lapsleyorchard@yahoo.com,
lapsleyorchard.com, Like us on Facebook & Instagram!

Our classic New England farm stand is open daily mid-July - Dec. 24. We offer pick-your-own blueberries, apples and pumpkins and cut-your-own flowers. The retail stand is brimming with produce grown on our farm

along with apple cider, cider doughnuts plus free wagon rides on Sunday afternoons in Sept. and Oct.



Marty's of Dudley - Liquor Store & Redemption Center 🌿

119 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571
 508-943-0101, martysofdudley@yahoo.com,
martysofdudley.com

Marty's of Dudley is a proud supporter of The Last Green Valley, with a mission of doing environmental good. To that end, Marty invites you to "cash in" on the automatic, indoor, no-limit, drive-through, on-site redemption center. Marty's is family-owned and run. A full-service liquor store, specializing in fine wine with unrivaled knowledge & selection available, plus craft beer, cheap booze and many unique local products. Enjoy a wide selection of Polish spirits!



Preston Ridge Vineyard

100 Miller Rd., Preston, CT 06365
 860-383-4278, info@prestonridgevineyard.com,
prestonridgevineyard.com

Located in historic Preston, CT, Preston Ridge Vineyard is positioned at the peak of a ridge providing breathtaking views of the CT countryside for over 20 miles. Come enjoy a tasting or glass of any of our 10 different wines, crafted on site. Or have a delicious CT craft beer on site. Open Mar. - Dec. Check our website for updated hours or call for information.



Publick House Historic Inn & Country Lodge 🌿

277 Main St. (Rt. 131), Sturbridge, MA 01566
 508-347-3313, 800-782-Publick (782-5425),
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Welcome to The Publick House Historic Inn where mouthwatering homemade cuisine and comfortable accommodations become your home away from home. We invite you to

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relish in the ambiance created by one of New England's greatest historical inns. Located in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, our central MA location is in close proximity to Boston, Springfield, Worcester, Providence RI and Hartford CT making us a perfect gathering venue! Experience the Publick House for your dining, accommodations, weddings and everything else in between. From business meetings to the memorable "I do" we'll show you New England at its best!



Sharpe Hill Vineyard 🌿

108 Wade Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-974-3549, sharpehill@sharpehill.com, sharpehill.com

Come and visit Sharpe Hill Vineyard, the award-winning winery of Connecticut's Quiet Corner! Sharpe Hill Vineyard has received more than 450 medals in international tastings and is located in Pomfret, CT – just minutes from scenic Rt. 169.



Tastes of the Valley

Sept. 18 at The Publick House
277 Main St. (Rt. 131), Sturbridge, MA 01566
860-774-3300, mail@tlgv.org
TheLastGreenValley.org

Join us for a one-of-a-kind meal at the iconic and historic Publick House created by the heritage corridor's best chefs from the food and beverages produced right here. Part fundraiser for TLGV and part support for local producers, Tastes of The Valley tickets will be on sale in mid-summer 2022. Also watch our website for smaller Tastes of The Valley events planned for early summer and late fall.



Taylor Brooke Brewery 🌿

818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-315-7503, info@taylorbrookebrewery.com, taylorbrookebrewery.com
Taylor Brooke Brewery is located on a

second-generation family farm in Woodstock, CT, just down the hill from Taylor Brooke Winery. Spanning 42 acres with picturesque vineyards, our focus is on growing ingredients for our beer and wine and making high quality beverages for our local community. We offer classic styles as well as fun experiments, including collaborations between the winery and brewery. Visit us year-round Thurs. – Sun. and order takeout online.



Taylor Brooke Winery 🌿

818 Rt. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-1263, linda@taylorbrookewinery.com, taylorbrookewinery.com
Experience the Vintage of the Quiet Corner. We produce over two dozen wines, ciders and brandy - including our signature Chocolate Essence and Wine Dog 1. Enjoy a glass of wine, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy next to the vineyard, browse our gift shop and check out our fine line of Connecticut specialty foods, including "CT Grown" artisan cheeses. We're a stop along the CT Wine Trail, too! Visit us year-round Fri. – Sun. and order takeout online.

Unbound Glory Farm 🌿

294 Hampton Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-420-9167, info@unboundgloryfarm.com, unboundgloryfarm.com

The Vanilla Bean Café 🌿

450 Deerfield Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-928-1562, thevanillabeancafe.com



Watercure Farm Distillery 🌿

426 Mashamoquet Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-315-5566, distillery@watercurefarm.com, watercurefarm.com
Connecticut's first farm distillery and tasting room, featuring handcrafted spirits distilled right in front of you. Tastings and bottle sales available year-round. Seasonal and rotational flavors. Walk or ride from the Air Line Trail.



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450 DEERFIELD RD. POMFRET, CT
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UNIQUE



85 MAIN ST. PUTNAM, CT
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QUALITY



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CRAFT



135A STORRS RD. MANSFIELD, CT
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Webster Fish & Game Association, Inc. 🌿

91 Gore Rd., Webster, MA 01570
 508-943-9806, fishandgamewebster@outlook.com, rachelpiette@yahoo.com
 Outdoor sportsmen's club featuring walking trails, fishing and a beautiful disc golf course. Full bar is available onsite.



Westford Hill Distillers 🌿

196 Chatey Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
 860-429-0464, LChatey@westfordhill.com, westfordhill.com,
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 Come visit New England's first Craft Distiller located in Ashford. Named in the "Best of the U.S." by Bon Appetit, the distillery was also selected by the Smithsonian Institution to represent Craft Distillation as part of their History of Food series. Located on a 200-acre 18th century property, the distillery produces fine brandies, gin, vodka and more. Experience a tour, tasting, and be inspired by the passion for artisanal fine spirits distillation in an historic setting. Open to visitors May - Dec. each Fri. - Sun.



Willimantic Brewing Co. & Main Street Café 🌿

967 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
 860-423-6777, willimanticbrewingcompany.com
 The Willimantic Brewing Company is an award-winning, restaurant & pub brewery. Located in a former 1909 post office building, Willibrew has been serving up craft brews since 1997. Although extensive renovations have been made to the building, we've retained the architecture while creating a one-of-a-kind atmosphere for dining.



Willimantic Food Co-op 🌿

91 Valley St., Willimantic, CT 06226
 860-456-3611, willimanticfood.coop, info@willimanticfood.coop
 A member-owned natural foods store. We work with local farms and producers to bring you the best our region has to offer. Serving our membership and our community since 1980. Open to the public - everyone is welcome!



Woodstock Business Association 🌿

P.O. Box 4, South Woodstock, CT 06267
 explorewoodstock@gmail.com, explorewoodstock.com
 Along Rt. 169, one of America's National Scenic Byways, you'll experience the beauty, charm and tranquility of one of the rural towns that make up the pastoral setting of northeastern Connecticut. The Town remains a cluster of villages epitomizing the character of New England. We invite you to experience and enjoy the historic sites, farms, craft shops, antiques shops and restaurants, intermingled with light industry, which adds to the charm of Woodstock.



Woodstock Sustainable Farms & Azuluna Event Center 🌿

211 Pulpit Rock Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
 888-788-8726, hello@azulunafarms.com, azulunafarms.com
 A proud member of the Azuluna family of farms and supplier of Azuluna premium farm to table, home delivered meals. Pasture-raising premium proteins including chicken, beef, lamb, pork and producing our world famous blue Azuluna eggs on our beautiful 280 + acre farm. Immerse yourself in rustic charm and host your next event on our stunning property with views of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Tours available upon request. Now booking for Spring 2022.

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Full Service
No Limit
Redemption
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**Indoor, all brands
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can counter**

**119 W. MAIN ST. (RT.197)
DUDLEY, MASS.
508-943-0101**

Explore! Weddings

Plan your big day in The Last Green Valley and be assured a lifetime of memories. These partners all bring their special skills to help you plan and enjoy a wedding to remember.



Allen Hill Farm

542 Allen Hill Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-7064, clangevin@charter.net,
allenhillfarm.com

With 350 diverse acres in historic Brooklyn, CT along the Quinebaug River, Allen Hill Farm is protected agricultural land powered by solar. There are 100 acres of trees to choose from for your holiday needs and the beautiful post-and-beam barn is the perfect location for weddings and events.

Chase Graphics, Inc.

124 School St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-3973, orders@chasegraphics.net, chasegraphics.net, facebook.com/chasegraphicsinc



Enchanted Jewelry

131 Norwich Rd., (Rt. 12, Central Village),
Plainfield, CT 06374

860-317-1014, enchantedjewelryct@gmail.com,
enchantedjewelryct.com

Follow Enchanted Jewelry on Google, Facebook, Instagram & Pinterest! Enchanted Jewelry is a third-generation, full-service, fine jewelry shop now located in a homelike store along Route 12 in Central Village.

We put passion into everything we make, maintain, repair, restore and redesign for you! Enchanted Jewelry supports and is very active in the local community. Thank you for choosing us!

Garden Gate Florist 🌿

30 Putnam Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-928-0571, ggateflorist@sbcglobal.net,
gardengatefloristct.com

The Inn at Woodstock Hill 🌿

94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0528, innwood@gmail.com,
woodstockhill.com

Lord Thompson Manor 🌿

286 Thompson Hill Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3886, mail@lordthompsonmanor.
com, lordthompsonmanor.com

**Palmer Arboretum** 🌿

523 Scenic Rt. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 ext. 310, woodstockct.gov/
arboretum-committee

A place for education, enjoyment and enlightenment. Plants include American Sweetgum, Hoops Blue Spruce, Mountain Laurel, Large Fothergilla, Azaleas and various Cyprus. For complete listing of plants, see the downloadable brochure under the documents tab of the Arboretum Committee.

**Preston Ridge Vineyard** 🌿

100 Miller Rd., Preston, CT 06365
860-383-4278, info@prestonridgevineyard.
com, prestonridgevineyard.com
Located in historic Preston, CT, Preston Ridge Vineyard is positioned at the peak of a ridge providing breathtaking views of the CT countryside for over 20 miles. Come enjoy a tasting or glass of any of our 10 different wines, crafted on site. Or have a delicious CT craft beer on site. Open Mar. - Dec. Check our website for updated hours or call for information.

**Publick House Historic Inn & Country Lodge** 🌿

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**Quiet Corner Cottage** 🌿

41 Old Town Pound Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-712-8696, dougfox55@aol.com,
Find us on evolve and airbnb!

Our charming countryside cottage awaits anyone seeking a quiet escape! Only 2 miles from Goodwin State Forest, this vacation rental is an ideal year-round HQ for outdoor recreation of all types. The home: we offer 3 bedrooms that sleep up to 8, 1.5 bathrooms, a full kitchen, high-speed Wi-Fi, a spacious yard with a fire pit and much more!

Tyrone Farm 🌿

89 Tyrone Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-928-3647, info@tyronefarm.com,
tyronefarm.com

Westfield Congregational Church, UCC 🌿

210 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8438, westfielducc.org, facebook.
com/westfielducc

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Winter Activities

There's no need to be house-bound in The Last Green Valley during winter. Whether by land or water, there are wonderful opportunities to get outside and Explore all winter. Please note, sledding locations vary dramatically from winter-to-winter based on many factors.



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LAND/TRAILS

(snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and sledding)

You can often enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the same areas. Snowshoers can generally traverse most hiking trails. Both activities are usually allowed on all multi-use trails and roads in state parks and forests. Trails are not machine-set or groomed, are not patrolled and rescue services are not provided.

Air Line State Park Trail

Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523, portal.ct.gov/deep
The Air Line Trail is a flat, linear, long trail, outstanding for easy cross-country ski or snowshoe fun. No motorized vehicles allowed (including snowmobiles). See website for parking info. No fee.

The Beeches Recreation Park

Senexet Village Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595, woodstockconservation.org
Entrance to trail is near the basketball court on the west side of the soccer field. Loop trail is about 0.87 miles, flat or gently sloping except for 2 sections with slight grade. Wraps around a residential development, a shady walk with pretty views of Little River. Good for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing if there is snow. No fee.

Bigelow Hollow State Park/ Nipmuck State Forest

Rt. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep
Multi-use trails of various length & difficulty are available in the 9,000+ acre area for snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Snowmobile trail is 9 miles. Some fees.

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687, mass.gov
Rolling, heavily forested property has more than 20 miles of roads and trails providing winter outdoor activities like snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Some fees.

Brooklyn Elementary School

119 Gorman Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
Get in some sledding when school is cancelled or on winter weekends when no other events are taking place at the school. Be safe and respectful of this public property. No fee.

Chase Reservoir

85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Choose either a 3.5 or 5-mile woodland trail through varied 285 acres with heavily wooded forests, historic foundations & wildlife habitat for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. No horses or motorized vehicles. No fee.

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary - Opacum Land Trust 

Tipton Rock Rd. (off Rt. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550, 508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org, opacumlt.org
Park in small lot on road. Three snowshoe trails available (0.64, 0.5 and 0.41 miles) along the shore of Morse Pond, plus ice skating. Enjoy stands of beech trees, hemlock and mixed forest habitats, and old stone walls. No fee.

Hampton Elementary School

380 Main St., Hampton, CT 06247
Sledding is great fun when school is cancelled or on winter weekends when no other events are taking place at the school. Be safe and respectful of this public property. No fee.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540, 508-248-5697
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
20+ miles of trails for year-round use include cross-country skiing & snowshoeing for beating the winter blues. Off-road vehicle trails allow snowmobiles. No fee.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rt. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534, portal.ct.gov/deep
Ten miles of wooded trails as well as views of Pine Acres Lake make for great snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Open year round. No fee.

King St. Hill

King St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800, putnamct.us
Street parking only. King St. is a short residential street off Grove Street in Putnam with a nice town-owned sledding hill that has been frequented by local sledders for many years. Parking is tight and on the street. Be respectful of the homeowners in this area when you visit. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep
There are several easy trails available for snowshoeing & cross-country skiing, some with spectacular views of Mansfield Hollow Lake. No fee.

Mohegan State Forest

Waldo Rd. (off Rt. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
700 acres in 2 parcels (smaller piece in Sprague) make up this hardwood and softwood forest. Roadside parking by gate (no parking area), will lead you to gravel road for snowshoeing & cross-country skiing with nice old stone walls to view. No fee.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Pilsfeshire Rd. (Rt. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep
Expand your visiting season here by using the many trails over and through various terrain on snowshoes or cross-country skis, some more challenging than others. 17 miles of snowmobile trails. Pit toilets. No fee.

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Nathan Hale State Forest

off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
1,500-acre forest of hemlock, white cedar, American chestnut restoration sites and fields. Perfect for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Wildlife viewing is ideal, hunting allowed in season. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest

Rt. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075, portal.ct.gov/deep
Explore many miles of roads & trails on snowshoes or cross-country skis for a chance to view CT's largest state forest in the winter. The snowmobile trail utilizes unplowed forest roads & trails. Dog sled mushing competitions held here, too! Some fees.

Quinebaug Woods

Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
413-245-7108, town.holland.ma.us
Parts of the moderate/short 1.1-mile loop trail are suitable for both snowshoeing and cross-country skiing if there is snow. Follow the Quinebaug River. Head up and over a steep hillside with rocky outcrops if conditions allow. Mixed open canopy along the top of the "hogback" ridge, hemlocks dominate below, forming dense stands. View remains from a cabin built in 1932. Look over Blake Hill to the east and Hamilton Reservoir to the south. No fee.

Sayles School

25 Scotland Rd. (Rt. 97)
Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330
There is a little hill at this school, great for sledding when school is cancelled or on winter weekends when no other events are taking place at the school. Parking lot next to school. Be safe and respectful of this public property. No fee.

UConn Horsebarn Hill

Horsebarn Hill Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-2413, sustainability.uconn.edu/development/parks.html
Climb up Horsebarn Hill for views of the UConn Storrs Campus & turn to view the forests in the other direction. Then hop on your sled and zoom down the hill! At your own risk, be mindful of the fencing at the bottom of the hill and any passing cars. No fee.

Voluntown Elementary School

195 Main St., Voluntown, CT 06384
A hill adjacent to the school makes for fun sledding for smaller kids when school is cancelled or on winter weekends when no other events are taking place at the school. Parking available. Be safe and respectful of this public property. No fee.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rt. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566, 508-347-9257, mass.gov
A popular 1,400-acre woodland park with over 10 miles of trails to enjoy all winter long on your snowshoes & cross-country skis. Carpenter's Rock Trail offers a view! Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
These 1,200+ acres of varied landscape with 17+ miles of trails offer winter activities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing, too. No fee.

Westville Lake Recreation Area

125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
578 acres of diverse land with 3 miles of trails ranging from flat to rolling hills, are great for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing & sledding. Some fees.

WATER/ICE

(ice skating, ice fishing)

Where you can ice fish, you can generally ice skate. Always be sure to confirm the safety and thickness of ice before engaging in these activities. Local fishing licenses/rules/regulations apply.

East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave. (off Rt. 20), Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518, 508-347-3705
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
Excellent ice fishing, featuring northern pike, pickerel, and bass. No fee.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540, 508-248-5697
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
If you enjoy cold weather and winter sports, this is the spot for ice fishing at Augutback Pond. No fee.

Lake Lashaway

Harrington St. (off Rt. 9), E. Brookfield/N. Brookfield line, MA, 508-835-3607
mass.gov/wildlife or eastbrookfieldma.us
293-acre pond, transparent & average depth to 10' with a maximum of 18'; with a very developed shoreline. Pickerel here make for good ice fishing, and ice skating is great winter fun too. No fee.

Lake Siog Recreation Area/ Holland Pond

Off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
Ice fisherman are welcome when there is ice at Holland Pond/Lake Siog, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

Lebanon Town Green

Rt. 87 (near Rt. 207 intersection)
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-2011, lebanontownhall.org
In winter, a portion of the green is flooded for ice skating and is lighted in the evening. Parking is available at the Library, Alden Tavern Parking Lot and the Jonathan Trumbull House. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow State Park/Lake

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep
The man-made 450-acre lake is a big draw in the winter for ice fishing. Plenty of parking. No fee.

Morse Pond, Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary - Opacum Land Trust

Rt. 169 (near state line), Southbridge, MA 01550
508-347-9144, info@opacumlt.org,
opacumlt.org
Park in small lot on road. Ice skating can be enjoyed on Morse Pond. No fee.

Norwich's Rose Garden Ice Arena

641 New London Tpke., Norwich, CT 06360
860-892-2555, Rosegardenicearena@gmail.com
rosegardenicearena.com
An indoor arena for skating all year long that offers public skating, freestyle skating, lessons for all skills and ages from tots to adults, pro shop and of course hockey! A great place to host a party, too. Some fees.

Preston Community Park

13 Rt. 117, Preston, CT 06365
860-889-2482, preston-ct.org
Located in Poquetanuck Village, Preston Community Park is situated between Lincoln Park Rd., Rts. 2A and 117, with a seasonal skating pond, as well as amenities for all other seasons, too. No fee, but there is a pavilion available to rent for gatherings.

Quaddick State Park and Forest

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200,
portal.ct.gov/deep
400+ acre reservoir in the park is a year-round water lover's delight with ice fishing & skating to while away the winter months. Some fees.

Red Cedar Lake – Mooween State Park

Old Rt. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd.
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200, portal.ct.gov/deep
If you get tired of ice fishing or skating this 577-acre park was a former boys camp and you'll find chimneys, stairs & other camp relics returning to nature, as well remains of the 300 year old Granny Austin Tavern.

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Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557, ssbn598gold@gmail.com,
roselandpark.org

The lake often freezes solid for ice skating and ice fishing - catch largemouth bass, carp, pickerel, perch, trout & more. Open daily, closes at sunset.

Sprague's Pine Pond

Rt. 97, Sprague, CT 06330
860-822-3000, ctsprague.org

You can have an old-fashioned skating party on Pine Pond (across from the Recreation fields on Rt. 97). For information, contact the Recreation Department. No fee.

Sturbridge Town Common Rink

Sturbridge, MA 01566, 508-347-2041
recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us
sturbridge.gov

Sturbridge floods the Town Common to take you back in time. Join the long list of folks who've laced up here over the years. For information, contact Recreation Department. No fee.

UConn Freitas Ice Forum

509 Stadium Rd., Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-2712
uconnhuskies.com/facilities/mark-edward-freitas-ice-forum/12

Lace up and glide along on the same ice as the frozen Huskies do. Public skating, lessons, skate sharpening & facility rental available. See website for full details. Some fees.

Voluntown Ice Rink

195 Main St., Voluntown, CT 06384
recreation@voluntown.gov
facebook.com/voluntownrec

The town sets up a seasonal rink, typically in January or February and it is open to everyone.

Webster Lake

Memorial Beach Dr., Webster, MA 01570
508-389-6300, mass.gov/eea
1,442 acres makes this the largest natural lake in southern New England, 45' at deepest point. Room for tip-ups or jigs galore. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
200+ acre lake has plenty of room for ice fishing, with great parking area and access to the water. No fee.

Westville Lake Recreation Area

125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705
nae.usace.army.mil/missions/recreation
A 23-acre lake at this recreation area offers ice skating when safe for year-round enjoyment.

Explore!

Emergency Services Dial 911 in an Emergency



Double-check facility hours before you go, as times may have changed since Explore! was printed. Also check websites as many now offer estimated wait times.

Backus Hospital/Emergency Care

326 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-6389, backushospital.org
Open 24/7

Backus Hospital/Plainfield Emergency Care Center

582 Norwich Rd. (Rt. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-230-2830, backushospital.org
Open 24/7

Concentra Urgent Care

315 W. Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-859-5100, concentra.com
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 5 pm

Day Kimball Hospital/Townsend Emergency Medical Center

320 Pomfret St. (Rt. 44), Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7503, daykimball.org
Open 24/7

Harrington Healthcare at Webster/ Remillard Family Emergency Department

340 Thompson Rd. (Rt. 193), Webster, MA 01570
508-943-2600, harringtonhospital.org
Open 24/7

Harrington Hospital/Emergency Care Center

100 South St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-765-9771, harringtonhospital.org
Open 24/7

Hartford HealthCare GoHealth Urgent Care

624 W. Main St. Ste. 140, Norwich, CT 06360
860-200-8098, gohealthuc.com
Mon. - Sun., 8 am - 8 pm

New England Family Medical & Walk-In Center

52 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260,
860-928-6044
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 6 pm
Sat. - Sun., 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

PhysicianOne Urgent Care

607 W. Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
855 349-2828, physicianoneurgentcare.com
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 8 pm
Sat. - Sun. & Holidays, 9 am - 5 pm

Plainfield Walk-In Medical Center

558 Norwich Rd. (Rt. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-564-4054,
plainfieldwalkinmedicalcenter.com
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 5 pm, Sat., 8 am - 1 pm

UConn Health Urgent Care

One Royce Circle, Suite 104 Storrs Center
Storrs, CT 06268
860-487-9300, health.uconn.edu
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 8 pm
Sat. - Sun. & Holidays, 9 am - 5 pm

UMass Memorial Health Harrington/ UrgentCare Express at Harrington

78 Sutton Ave., Oxford, MA 01540
508-499-1760, harringtonhospital.org
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 7 pm, Sat. - Sun., 8 am - 5 pm

Windham Hospital/Emergency Room







































112 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-6715, windhamhospital.org
Open 24/7











































Windham Hospital/ Med-East Medical Walk-In Center



















































1703 West Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
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


















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