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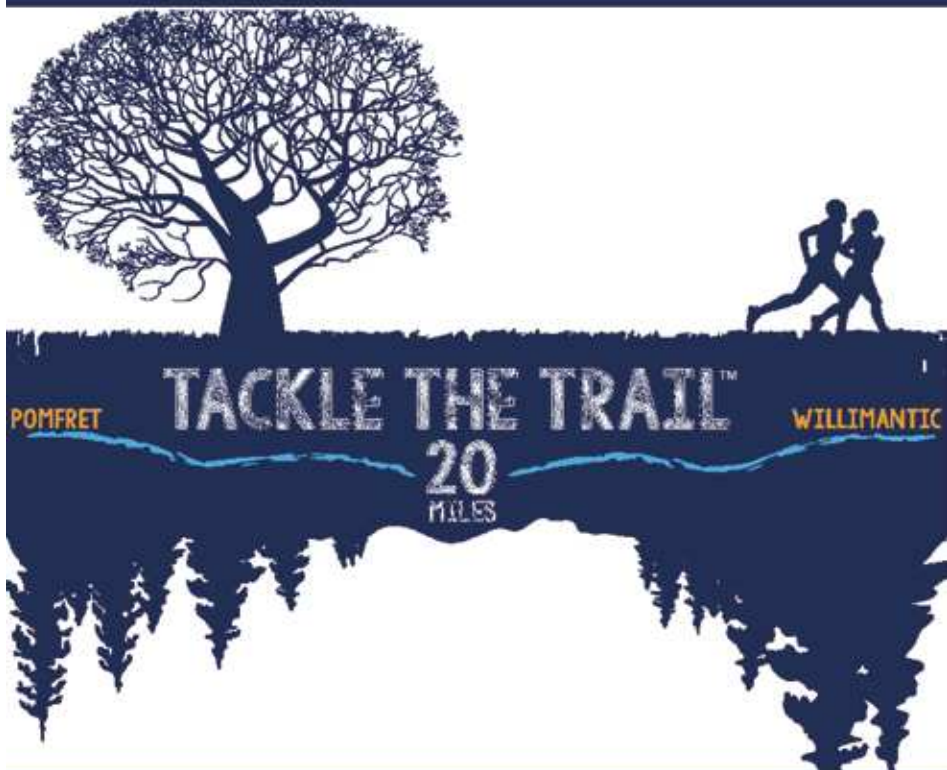
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...the most comprehensive guide to discovering The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor and beyond. Comprised of 35 towns and cities in eastern Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts, The Last Green Valley has something for everyone! Tackle hundreds of miles of trail, on foot, mountain bike, snow shoes or even a horse! Paddle 87 miles of National Recreation Water Trails. Fish for trophy trout or fight with a pike. Walk in the footsteps of American history. Eat incredible food sourced from a farm just minutes away, and sip wine overlooking rolling hills.

Explore! connects you to this beautiful place where you can play, eat and shop local. Join us to explore all The Last Green Valley has to offer and start your next adventure!

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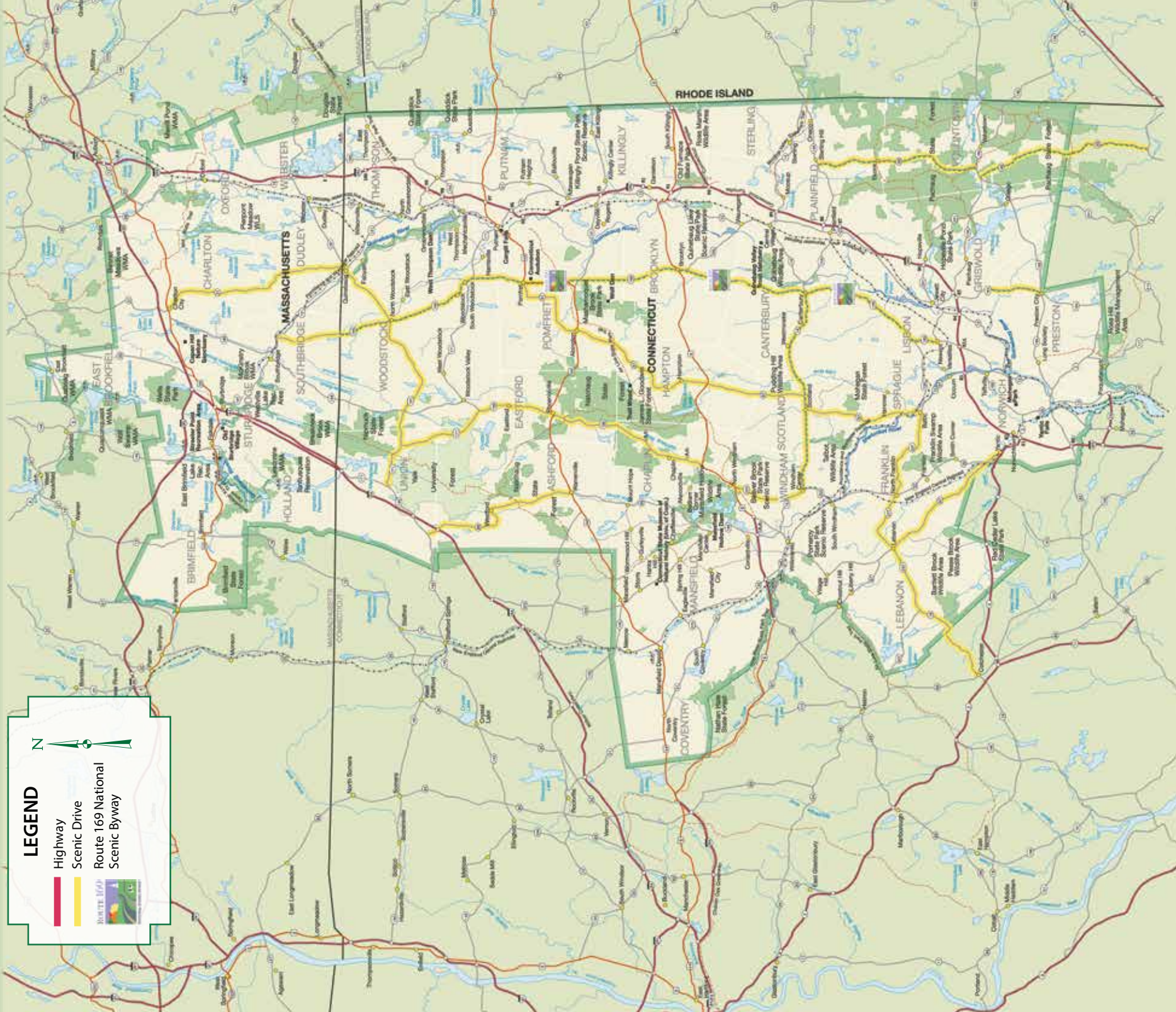


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2018 Programs & Events

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 websites thelastgreenvalley.org and thelastgreenvalleyacorns.org and follow us Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



TLGV Acorn Adventures

Kids, bring your adults out to explore The Last Green Valley every month with programs meant to bring out the kid in all of us. 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, trek around a historic farm, hike through the woods looking for letterboxes and geocaches, look toward the skies at our great big sun and twinkling stars, hang out with bats and much more! Visit thelastgreenvalley.org and thelastgreenvalleyacorns.org for more details and to also find games and activities to do on your own! Acorn Adventures are sponsored by Putnam Bank.

TLGV Member Programs

Join Chief Ranger Bill Reid at monthly member programs that vary from a mid-winter eagle survey to farm visits, historic site tours, dark sky programs and more. Not yet a member? Join today! As an added benefit, TLGV members receive In Touch, a biennial magazine that highlights the special people, places, treasures and stories that make The Last Green Valley a National Heritage Corridor.

Visit TLGV Rangers at Regional Events

Want to learn more about The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor? Look for TLGV Rangers at more than 70 festivals, fairs and town celebrations throughout the year, including fun events like the Dudley Grange Strawberry Festival, First Fridays in Putnam, the Woodstock Country Fair, Holland Zucchini Fest, Celebrating Agriculture, Killingly Bike Night, Union Old Home Day and more. Stop by and say hi to our Rangers! The Ranger program is sponsored by Savers Bank.

TLGV Ranger Talks

Do you belong to an organization that is 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.

Historical Collaborations

TLGV organizes quarterly programs for sharing resources among historic societies, libraries, and like-minded organizations and interested citizens who are working to preserve the history and culture of The Last

Join us as we celebrate the bounty of The Last Green Valley



2018
tastes
of the
valley



Sunday, August 26 • 4:00 PM
The Publick House, Sturbridge, MA
Visit thelastgreenvalley.org for
tickets and more information



Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Check thelastgreenvalley.org for the latest schedule. Historical Collaborations are sponsored by Savers Institute Bank & Trust.

Spring Outdoors

Now in its 3rd year, Spring Outdoors has exploded with more than 200 activities between the Vernal Equinox (March 20) and the Summer Solstice (June 21). 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.

Tastes of the Valley

Join The Last Green Valley for a unique farm-to-table feast and fundraiser on August 26 at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. Enjoy a multi-course, gourmet dinner that showcases creative local chefs who expertly prepare foods grown, raised and crafted in The Last Green Valley's 35 towns. Share your table with a farmer, brewer or vintner who is working hard to grow their agricultural business in The Last Green Valley. Tickets go on sale in early summer.

Walktober

What started as a walking weekend almost 30 years ago has grown to become The Last Green Valley's signature event throughout the month of October. With more than 200

Walktober activities to enjoy, fall is a wonderful time to explore The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Walk, hike, stroll, pedal, paddle, climb, stargaze, eat, shop, visit, enjoy, learn and connect to The Last Green Valley!

TLGV Youth Programs for Schools, Camps & Recreation Departments

Our watershed education program is a free 30-45-minute interactive opportunity for middle school students (can be modified for younger or older groups) that is appropriate and fun for classrooms, club meetings and camps. Materials are provided to conduct a hands-on session using watershed maps and a table-top watershed model. For more information or to book a session for your students, call 860-774-3300.

Water Quality Monitoring

TLGV is always looking for volunteers 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 Monitor, at 860-928-4948 or Jean.Pillo@comcast.net

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35 Unique Places to Visit in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor

Our 35 municipalities offer hundreds of reasons to explore each and every one. Spread the word about the great places we have here in eastern Connecticut and south-central Massachusetts.



In Massachusetts (9 towns):

Brimfield (1731) (brimfieldma.org): Visit the huge annual antiques show held 3 times each summer, visit the Brimfield State Forest, or hop on the Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail.

Charlton (1755) (townofcharlton.net): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Buffumville Lake is good for year-round fun, plus Rangers offer lots of programs. Great views can be seen from Charlton hilltops.

Dudley (1731) (dudleyma.gov): The Pearl L. Crawford Library is a gorgeous state-of-the-art facility where you will be greeted by friendly faces and tons of programs for all ages.

East Brookfield (1920)

(eastbrookfieldma.us): The northern-most town in The Last Green Valley, 25% of the town's open space is for recreation, so get out and breathe in East Brookfield.

Holland (1783) (town.holland.ma.us): If you like water in all seasons, visit Lake Siog (aka Holland Pond) - free swimming and ice fishing beckon you.

Oxford (1713) (town.oxford.ma.us): A Firefighter's Museum, an abandoned Huguenot Fort, Clara Barton Birthplace Museum... these should entice explorers.

Southbridge (1816) (ci.southbridge.ma.us): Focus on the history of American Optical in this diverse town that just celebrated its bicentennial.

Sturbridge (1738) (town.sturbridge.ma.us):

Known far and wide for the living history museum at Old Sturbridge Village, there are also well-tended trails and many organized hikes thanks to Friends of Sturbridge Trails (FrOST), plus dining, camping and more.

Webster (1832) (webster-ma.gov): The largest natural lake in southern New England welcomes boaters and fisherman, and people who try to pronounce the lake's real name: Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagog-gchaubunagungamaugg.

In Connecticut (26 towns):

Ashford (1714) (ashfordtownhall.org): Home of Horizon Wings, a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey and offering programs at their home base and on the road.

Brooklyn (1786) (brooklynct.org): New paddlers love the Riverside Park canoe and kayak launch - paddle a few miles upstream on the Quinebaug River then float back downstream to the launch site.

Canterbury (1703) (canterburyct.org): Start with the Prudence Crandall House (open seasonally) for a lesson in how things used to be.

Chaplin (1822) (chaplinct.org): Campers & fishermen love Chaplin and its many choices along the Natchaug River, including the beauty of Diana's Pool.

Coventry (1711) (coventryct.org): Western-most town of our region, it is still a quick ride to partake in the wildly popular Coventry Farmers' Market. Bring your appetite.

Eastford (1847) (eastfordct.org): Jump on the Nipmuck Trail on Westford Rd. and go to Pixie Falls for a woodlands walk to remember.

Franklin (1716) (franklinct.com): Exciting reenactments are held at the Dr. Ashbel Woodward House Museum.

Griswold (1815) (griswold-ct.org): With Hopeville Pond State Park and Pachaug Pond, paddlers, fishermen and nature lovers often visit these easily accessible treasures.

Hampton (1786) (hamptonct.org): You won't find a single stop light, but you will find the Goodwin Forest & Conservation Center with programs throughout the year as well as a section of the Air Line Trail.

Killingly (1708) (killinglyct.gov): Celebrate variety in one small town. Historic downtown, shopping, dining, rural areas & parks, the Quinebaug River, and year-round events thanks to an active business association, town staff and volunteers.

Lebanon (1700) (lebanontownhall.org): Want to stand where George Washington did? You can in Lebanon. The Historical Society Museum & Visitors Center offers knock-out displays, plus interactive opportunities for kids.

Lisbon (1786) (lisbonct.com): National Scenic Byway Rte. 169 goes right down the middle of Lisbon; with the Shetucket River to the west and the Quinebaug River to the east, the views are indeed scenic.

Mansfield (1702) (mansfieldct.gov): Home to UConn's bustling campus and lots of open spaces including Mansfield Hollow State Park, there is always something to do, whether trekking by yourself or attending events at a variety of entertaining venues.

Norwich (1659) (norwichct.org): With an architecturally stunning downtown, Norwich is framed by the Yantic & Shetucket Rivers converging to form the Thames. The city and many organizations work together to tell the stories, share the history, and walk the walks year-round, particularly during Walktober.

Plainfield (1699) (plainfieldct.org): Take in one of the most scenic drives in eastern CT on Rte. 14A. You can also walk the Moosup Valley State Park Trail, an old rail bed and part of the East Coast Greenway. Be sure to ask an old local why it is named "Moosup" for a good tall tale.

Pomfret (1713) (pomfretct.gov): With National Scenic Byway Rte. 169 and the Quinebaug River, plenty of open spaces & wildlife habitat held by land trusts and CT Audubon, Pomfret holds something for everyone.

Preston (1686) (preston-ct.org): On the southern-most tip of The Last Green Valley, Preston is also bounded by Poquetanuck Cove and the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers, providing significant fish and habitat for bald eagles.

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Putnam (1855) (putnamct.us): A destination downtown offers unique shops, dining, theater, and entertainment. On top of that, 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 at the Edward Waldo House each Columbus Day weekend in Walktober.

Sprague (1861) (ctsprague.org): The Shetucket River meanders through town and is a favorite of salmon fishermen. Sprague's three villages, Baltic, Hanover and Versailles, are rich in history, charm and architectural significance.

Sterling (1794) (sterlingct.us): Long vistas offer lovely views along Rte. 14A and from atop Rte. 49. The Quandock and Moosup Rivers provided power to mills in the early 1800's and an old rail trail connecting to RI's trail system now offers a nice woodland walk with views of the Moosup.

Thompson (1785) (thompsonct.org): History, natural resources, agriculture, and entertainment – it is all here. The Quinebaug, French and Fivemile Rivers wind through, and New England's largest alpaca farm makes its home here, too.

Union (1734) (unionconnecticut.org): Outdoor recreation rules in the least populous town in the state. 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): More than 70% state forestlands, including Pachaug Forest's 24,000 acres, the town also hosts a fun Farmer's Market and encourages everyone to discover the great quality of life within its borders.

Windham (1692) (windhamct.com): Home to Eastern CT State University as well as the infamous frogs sitting atop the Frog Bridge (there is a frog story, of course). Rivers and the railroad made this a successful mill town, with diverse architecture still boasting that history. Downtown businesses & organizations work together to showcase "Willi."

Woodstock (1686) (townofwoodstock.com): Area-wise, as the second largest town in CT, Woodstock has more operating dairy farms than any other town in CT. Visit Roseland Cottage, Roseland Park and the Woodstock Fairgrounds.



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Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Astronomy/Night Sky Views

Our National Heritage Corridor is green by day and dark by night because 77 percent of the land in our 35 towns is either forest or farm. Satellite photos show our 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 – gaze up often and attend dark sky events to learn more!



Chester C. Corbin Public Library Telescope

2 Lake St. (Rte. 12), Webster, MA 01570
508-949-3880 • corbinlibrary.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.

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.

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Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFCT) 🌿
 340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
 860-522-0163, 800-922-2770
 lkalish@gsfct.org • gsfct.org
 Girl Scouts of Connecticut welcomes all girls in grades K-12. Girls may become independent members or join a troop. GSOFCT offers year-round opportunities for girls and their families and offers summer resident and day camp settings. Visit gsfct.org to see the wide variety of fun things to do!

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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
 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!



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Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Bicycling & Mountain Biking

Pedaling offers a different view of The Last Green Valley. 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 be sure to let someone know where you are headed and when you expect to return.



M. Dawley

Air Line State Park Trail
 Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
 860-295-9523 • ct.gov/deep
 This linear gravel/pebble-covered trail is flat, easy and travels for almost 50 miles. 3 sections: South from East Hampton to Windham (22 miles), and North from Windham to Pomfret (21 miles) plus Thompson (6.6 miles). Ideal mountain biking. Parking locations & section maps available on website. No fee.

Brimfield State Forest
 86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
 413-267-9687 • mass.gov
 More than 20 miles of roads & trails offer room for mountain biking & more! Some fees.

Brimfield Trolley Trail
 120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
 413-324-8350 • info@brimfieldtrail.org
brimfieldtrail.org
 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 includes 198 miles through CT, with sections in Windham (Air Line Trail), Willimantic (Veterans Memorial Greenway), Plainfield (Moosup Valley Trail), Killingly (Quinebaug River Trail) and Putnam (Tracy Rd. Smart Park Trail). Travel through varied terrain including old rail trails, historic mill towns, forests and farmlands. No fee.

Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm 🌿
 227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), Sterling, CT 06354
 860-564-0248 • info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
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 Sitting atop scenic Ekonk Hill Road (Rte. 49) there are views galore on this popular bicycle route.

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Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
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.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd. (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920, 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep
Many activities to choose. Open land plus trails for hiking & biking. Restrooms on site. Main gate is open seasonally. Some fees.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
10 miles of trails great for biking and more in this 3-square-mile forest. Hop on the Air Line Trail here, too. Open year-round. No fee.

Killingly Quinebaug River Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail

Jct. Rtes. 12 & 6, Killingly, CT 06239
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Parking by ball fields behind waste water 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 • ct.gov/deep
Trails in the park make great mountain biking. Enjoy panoramic views from the dam with an easy, flat, paved path from the Rte. 6 parking area near the airport out and back (approximate 2.5-mile-round trip). No fee.

Mohegan State Forest

Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • 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 mountain biking. No fee.

Moosup Valley State Park Trail

Main St., Sterling, CT 06377
ct.gov/dot/LIB/dot/documents/dbikes/062.pdf
Parking at Community Center.
Approximately 5 miles of this longer trail (which runs from Coventry, RI to Plainfield and beyond) cuts right through Sterling. A former rail trail, you'll traverse gravel to ballast surfaces. Glimpse the Moosup River & Sterling Pond in this rural setting. Great for all levels of cyclists. No fee.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Pilfershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
13,200-acre park spreads over 6 towns. Year-round activities include mountain biking & more. No fee.

N. Grosvenordale River Walk/Park

Riverside Dr. (Rte. 12), N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440 • thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
Parking on Rte. 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.

Pachaug State Forest

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
With 24,000 acres, CT's largest forest has an exceptional activity selection, including mountain biking to scenic vistas including the 441' Mt. Misery overlook accessible by trail and a 26-acre rhododendron sanctuary ablaze around July 4th. Some fees.

Putnam Quinebaug River Trail/ Cargill Falls

Kennedy Dr. & Rte. 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, is perfect for new/young cyclists and winds through the park along the Quinebaug River and past Cargill Falls. Interpretive plaques explain area's history with a storybook trail, too. No fee.

Quiet Corner NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association)

P.O. Box 447, Plainfield, CT 06374-0447
860-230-1237 • quietcornernemba@gmail.com
nemba.org/chapters/qcnemba

Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail – Southbridge Section

Rte. 131, Southbridge, MA 01550
ci.southbridge.ma.us/southbridge-trail-committee
Trail head and parking are located off Rte. 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 a 1.7-mile section is completed from Rte. 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.



Sturbridge Tourist Association

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, we hope you will make the most of our beautiful town. Like the New England seasons, the people and businesses of Sturbridge are colorful, constantly changing, and you will want to come back for the experience.

UConn Forest – Fenton Tract

Off Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195), Storrs, CT
ecohusky.uconn.edu/development/parks.html
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. (Rte. 49), Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
1,400 wooded acres known for hiking (10 miles of trails) is also great for mountain biking. Some fees



Boating and Fishing

Our National Heritage Corridor offers an incredible variety of boating and fishing locations. The websites listed are packed with information to ensure every outing is safe and fun. Rules and regulations apply and must be followed. Many of these sites are appropriate for paddling, so be sure to see our "Paddling" and "State & Federal Parks & Forests" sections too.



Connecticut Main Fishing Page

ct.gov/deep/fishing

Connecticut Freshwater Fishing Page

ct.gov/deep/freshwaterfishing

Connecticut Lake Contours Maps

ct.gov/deep, search CT Lake Bathymetry maps

Connecticut Anglers Guide

ct.gov/deep/anglersguide

Massachusetts Main Fishing Page

mass.gov/eea, search fishing

Massachusetts Freshwater Fishing Page

mass.gov/eea, search fresh water fishing

Massachusetts Pond Maps

mass.gov/eea, search pond maps list

Connecticut Boating Website

ct.gov/deep/boating

Massachusetts Boating Website

mass.gov/eea, search boating

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Boating Website

nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation

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. No fees.

Ashland Pond

Main St. (Rte. 201), Griswold, CT 06351

89-acre pond runs along Main St. Home to largemouth bass, pickerel & yellow perch. No fee.

Aspinook Pond

Butts Bridge Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331

301-acre pond covers Canterbury, Griswold & Lisbon with free boat access off Butts Bridge Rd. Fee launch 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. No fee.

Beach Pond

Shore Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384

Boat launch available for 372-acre pond abutting RI, where both state's licenses apply. Handicapped accessible fishing, too. Largemouth & smallmouth bass, pickerel & more. No fee.

Beachdale Pond - Pachaug State Forest/Chapman Area

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384

860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep

Boating & fishing at 46-acre Beachdale Pond with trailered launch, 8 mph limit. Handicapped fishing platform. Largemouth bass, trout & perch. Paddling too. Some fees.

Big Alum Pond

Clark Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566

195-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. No fee.

Bigelow Hollow State Park

Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076

860-684-3430, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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. Some fees.

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. No fee.

Breakneck Pond

Rtes. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076

860-684-3430, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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. No fee.

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010

413-267-9687 • mass.gov

Fishing is allowed in this state forest. Some fees.

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507

508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil

Year-round parking at boat ramp at 229 Oxford Rd.

200-acre lake with largemouth bass, pickerel, horned pout, bream & other fish species. Handicapped 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. Some fees, but boat launch is free & open all year.

Coventry Lake

30 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238

860-742-4068 • ct.gov/deep

373-acre lake with concrete boat ramp. Water-skiing is popular here and speed limits differ at different times. See website. No fee.

Diana's Pool

Diana's Pool Rd. (off Rte. 198), Chaplin, CT 06235

On the Natchaug River, this is a favorite spot for kayakers, fishermen and anyone trying to capture the pulse of water spilling over rock outcroppings and through natural pools of rushing river water. No fee.

Eagleville Lake

Rte. 275 (off Rte. 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. Handicap access. No fee.

East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave. (off Rte. 20)

Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518

508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil

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. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

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Glasgo Pond & Doaneville Pond

45 Hillview Heights (off Rte. 201)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-7060 • griswold-ct.org
Gravel & grass parking spots at boat launch.
Glasgo (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 Rte. 165. No fee.

Green Falls Reservoir - Pachaug State Forest/Green Falls Area

Rte. 138, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
48-acre Green Falls Reservoir has boat launch, but no internal combustion engines allowed. Trout, largemouth bass & more. Swimming is also allowed here. Some fees.

Halls Pond

80 Kennerson Rd. (off Rte. 198)
Eastford, CT 06242 • ct.gov/deep
82-acre bass management area with car-top/carry-in boat launch, 8 mph speed limit. Catch bass, pickerel, pike & more. No water skiing. No fee.

Hampton Reservoir

Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
88-acre water body is located in Natchaug State Forest. Car-top boats only, no internal combustion engines. Largemouth bass, perch, pike & more. No fee.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
Ponds, wetlands & swamp are just part of the make-up of this area, with fishing & paddling. The neighboring French River extends your water fun. No fee.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd. (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920, 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep
The 137-acre lake offers fishing (handicap platform), boat launch & boating (8 mph limit), plus swimming & paddling. No water skiing. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

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. No fee.

Hurlburt Pond

Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us
Kids' 3-acre fishing area. Adult supervision advised. Access from St. Mary's Cemetery off Providence St. (not marked). Restricted to children under 16. Children must obey same rules as adults. No fee.

Killingly Pond State Park

Pond Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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. No fee.

Lake Lashaway

Harrington St. (off Rte. 9)
East Brookfield/North Brookfield Line, MA
508-835-3607 • mass.gov/wildlife
293-acre warm water pond, transparent & average depth to 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. No fee.

Lake Siog Recreation Area/Holland Pond

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Major recreation area offers paddling, boating (launches) & fishing in Holland Pond/Lake Siog. Handicapped accessible. No fee.



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 one of Lakeview Marine's 2 locations – the marina at 311 Thompson Rd in Webster or from the shore at Memorial Beach Park in Webster. Rentals are available for one hour up to a full day. Walk-ins welcomed, reservations preferred. See website for hours, pricing and policies.

Leadmine Pond

487 Leadmine Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-389-6300 • mass.gov/eea
53-acre pond is less than 50' deep. Many species of fish. Limited shore access (surrounded by summer homes). Car-top or paddlers carry in across county property off of Leadmine Rd. Sleepy, rustic pond perfect for nature lovers. No fee.

Little River - Recreation Park

Recreation Park Rd., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us
Kids' fishing area. Adult supervision recommended. Restricted to children under 16. Children must obey the same rules as adults. No fee.

Long Pond

Champeaux Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Located in East Brimfield Lake area, enjoy handicapped-accessible shore fishing facilities at Champeaux Rd. Launch for trailered boats on north side of Rte. 20. Open year round. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites. Mansfield Hollow Lake & State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd.

Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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. No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
Springtime trout stocking of this brook will hook you on stream fishing. Some fees.

Merino Pond

Mason Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-389-6300 • mass.gov/eea
Park behind Mason Rd. School. Access from Dudley Town Beach (behind school) to this 70-acre warm water pond, 6'-20' deep, home to bass & panfish. No fee.



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Natchaug State Forest/Natchaug River
66 Pifershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rtes. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Adjoining Bigelow Hollow, 3 bodies of water for pond fishing, paddling & 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. Some fees.

Pine Acres Lake - James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
Shallow 135 acres, with boat launch (non-motorized boats only) for fishing & paddling around the stumps, where largemouth bass, perch & bullheads love to swim. No fee.

Quaddick State Park

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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. Some fees.

Quinebaug Lake State Park

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

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery

141 Trout Hatchery Rd.
Central Village, CT 06332
860-564-7542 • ct.gov/deep (search Quinebaug Valley Trout 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 his/her first trout! Ponds & trails for views of birds, turtles & more. Daily 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. No fee.

Red Cedar Lake - Mooween State Park

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

Roseland Lake – Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Roselandpark.org
"Like" Roseland Park on Facebook
60+ acre Roseland Park sits along the 96-acre Roseland Lake (fishing, boating, paddling, unimproved boat launch) surrounded by lots of woods & some homes. Catch largemouth bass, carp, pickerel, perch, trout & more. Paddling, too! Winter activities include ice fishing. The lake often freezes solid for ice skating. Open daily, closes at sunset. No swimming. No fee.



Ross Pond - Old Furnace State Park

223 Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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. No fee.

Ross Pond State Park

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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. No fee.

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-376-4075, 860-822-0884 • ct.gov/deep
149 wooded acres with access to over 1 mile of pristine, heavily wooded Shetucket River waterfront. Fishing is available by permit (available at camp office) along the Shetucket River. No fees to visit. Camping fees apply.

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
Paddling, fishing & boating available with access to 400-acre East Brimfield Reservoir via U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramps on Rte. 20. See East Brimfield Lake listing. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.



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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. No fee.

Walker Pond - Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
1,400 wooded acres include Walker Pond with boat launch, fishing, paddling. Some fees.

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Webster Lake

Memorial Beach Dr., Webster, MA 01570
508-389-6300 • mass.gov/eea
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. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
Variety of wildlife & activities include fishing on the 200-acre lake (with boat launch, 5 mph limit) & on Quinebaug River. Trout stocked, plus catch pickerel, perch, carp, sunfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass. Paddle the lake & Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail too. No fee.

Westville Lake

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

Woodbridge Road Fishing Area

82 Woodbridge Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
ct.gov/deep
Brought to our attention by a fishing fan in The Last Green Valley, this CT DEEP hidden treasure for both fishing & walking is available through an easement within Hunt's Tree Farm. Drive past the house; follow the dirt road, park and walk & fish in the Skungamaug River. No fee.



M. Pequette

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Camping

Settle in comfortably and enjoy the great outdoors. Day camps, overnight camps, family campgrounds and educational camps all connect us to nature and our family and friends. Review our "State & Federal Parks & Forests" section, too, and visit the websites for each location. Get out and explore these campgrounds for a whole new outdoor experience. Don't forget the s'mores!



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Connecticut Camping Info

ct.gov/deep

Massachusetts Camping Info

mass.gov/transportation-recreation

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Camping Info

nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
1-877-444-6777
reserveamerica.com, nae.usace.army.mil
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 1-877-444-6777 to register. Some fees.



Camp Woodstock YMCA – The YMCA of Greater Hartford

42 Camp Rd., Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
860-974-1336, 800-782-2344

Fax: 860-974-0754 • tony.gronski@ghymca.org
campwoodstock.org

Our aim is to provide skilled leadership and facilities and equipment that are clean, attractive and safe, which afford individuals and groups the opportunity to act in situations that are physically wholesome, mentally stimulating, and socially and spiritually sound. At Camp Woodstock, we strive to embody the following core values of the YMCA which are the cornerstone of what we teach our campers. From the first day these values are used to highlight expectations, encourage positive behaviors and cement meaning of the camp experience into the minds of campers. CHORR = caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

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Charlie Brown Campground

98 Chaplin Rd., Rte. 198, Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-0142, 877-974-0142
info@charliebrowncampground.com
charliebrowncampground.com

Circle C Campground, Inc.

21 Bailey Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-564-4534 • Fax: 860-564-4339
circlec@comcast.net • campcirclec.com



Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFCT)

340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-522-0163, 800-922-2770
general@gsofct.org • gsofct.org
Girl Scouts of Connecticut welcomes all girls in grades K-12. Girls may become independent members or join a troop. GSOFCT offers year-round opportunities for girls and their families and offers summer resident and day camp settings. Visit gsofct.org to see the wide variety of fun things to do!



Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center - The YMCA of Greater Hartford

9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
860-315-9622 • amanda.kelly@ghymca.org
HALEYmca.org
The YMCA of Greater Hartford is a charitable association open to all, now offering summer day camp, Camp Cutler. We welcome you to the new Hale YMCA facility, here to serve the region.

Highland Campground

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

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351 • 1-877-668-CAMP (2267)
reserveamerica.com, ct.gov/deep
80 wooded camp sites 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 Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
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 has outhouses but no running water, electricity, public phone or trash cans. Some fees.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
2 camping areas are available. The Mashamoquet Brook Campground has 20 wooded sites. Wolf Den Campground offers 53 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 Pilfershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Backcountry camping zones offer both primitive backpack & horse camping with few facilities. Pit toilets in forest. Length of stay at 1 location is limited to 1 night. No fee.

Natchaug State Forest/ Lost Silvermine Horse Camp

66 Pilfershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
15 wooded sites with basic facilities available on a 1st come/1st served basis. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rtes. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-424-3200 • deep.stateparks@ct.gov
ct.gov/deep
Backpack camping allowed by permit along the blue blazed trail at Breakneck Pond Campsite. 1-night limit. See website for permit details. Some fees.

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

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
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

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
18 camping sites available on 1st come/1st served basis. Some fees.

Pachaug State Forest/Green Falls Campground

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
18 wooded sites on 1st come/1st served basis. Pond fishing, swimming. Some fees.

Pachaug State Forest/Mount Misery Campground

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
22 wooded sites on 1st come/1st served basis. Stream fishing, swimming nearby. Some fees.

Peppertree Camping

146 Chaplin Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-1439
peppertreecamping@comcast.net
peppertreecamping.com

Quaddick State Forest

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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. (Rte. 97)
Baltic/Sprague, CT 06330
860-822-0884
reserveamerica.com, ct.gov/deep
71 tent & recreational vehicle (RV) sites. 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 over 1 mile of waterfront access; obtain permit at campground office. Some fees.



Sturbridge Tourist Association

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, we hope you will make the most of our beautiful town. Like the New England seasons, the people and businesses of Sturbridge are colorful, constantly changing, and you will want to come back for the experience.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-9257
reserveamerica.com, mass.gov
60 campsites, swimming. Flush toilets, showers, picnic tables, fireplaces, and dumping station available. No hookups. Also 2 yurt camping sites: 1 yurt accommodates 4; 1 yurt accommodates 6. 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
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 • Fax: 860-974-3327
campdirector@4hcampct.org
4hcampct.org
Day and overnight camp for eight different theme weeks every summer for children from ages 6 - 15. This "unplugged" program on 270 acres offers a variety of activities, chosen by campers. Campers do not need to be 4-H members. Camp is ACA accredited and licensed by the State of Connecticut.



Explore!

Chambers/Economic Development

Economic development is an important part of TLGV's mission. We participate with all of the chambers and business associations to help promote the 35 towns and cities of the National Heritage Corridor, each overflowing with discoveries waiting for you. These business groups are valuable resources and provide networking opportunities and support to help you explore The Last Green Valley to its fullest potential.



M. Dawley

Ashford Business Association (ABA) 🌿

P.O. Box 342, Ashford, CT 06278
860-208-3037
ashfordbusiness.org and on Facebook

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, sturbridgetownships.com

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Foundry 66 🌿

66 Franklin St., Norwich, CT 06360-5806
860-887-6964
jfritzche@asknfdc.com • asknfdc.com
Foundry 66 is Eastern Connecticut's largest shared coworking space. Individual desks and offices combined with small and large conference rooms make this an attractive location for freelancers. The space is located in a refitted industrial space with a fresh new vibe.

Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce (GNACC) 🌿

Angela Adams
114 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-1647
info@norwichchamber.com
norwichchamber.com

Killingly Business Association (KBA) 🌿

172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
info@killinglyba.org • killinglyba.org
860-207-5295

Town of Killingly/Economic Development Office 🌿

172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
860-779-5350 • Fax: 860-779-5367
ecdev@killinglyct.gov • killinglyct.gov
Business resources offered for new and expanding industrial & retail businesses. Incentives available. Opportunities include commercial areas and industrial areas, as well as a 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.

Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. (MDP) 🌿

23 Royce Circle, P.O. Box 513
Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-2740 • Fax: 860-429-2719
mdp@mansfieldct.org • mansfieldct.org/mdp



Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce (NECT Chamber) 🌿

210 Westcott Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8001 • Fax: 860-774-4299
info@nectchamber.com • nectchamber.com
Our organization represents nearly 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.

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SHOP Killingly, CT !!



Exits 37, 38, 41, 43 off Interstate 395

Route 12

~ Downtown Historic Main Street

~ Killingly Plaza

Route 101

~ Dayville Four Corners

~ Killingly Commons



Killingly Economic Development Office ~ 860-779-5350
ecdev@killinglyct.gov ~ www.killinglyct.gov



Putnam Business Association (PBA) 🍀

168 Main St., P.O. Box 691
Putnam, CT 06260 • 800-604-1512
coordinator@putnambusiness.org
putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com
The Putnam Business Association was formed in 2009 by a small group of business owners with a unified vision. Today, the PBA boasts approximately 200 members. The goal of the Putnam Business Association is to promote its business community and the Town of Putnam, CT as a premier New England destination, with compelling and family-friendly events occurring throughout the year. New members are encouraged. Meetings take place the second Wednesday morning of each month, 8:30 am at the Crossings Restaurant & Brew Pub, 45 Main St., Putnam.



The Webster Dudley Business Alliance (WDBA) 🍀

P.O. Box 821, Webster, MA 01570
508-949-6232 • contact@thewdba.org
thewdba.org
A coalition of local businesses and organizations working together to promote and support each other through networking, educational opportunities and community events.

Willimantic Renaissance, Inc. 🍀

P.O. Box 866, Willimantic, CT 06226-0866
860-450-0918 • info@WillimanticStreetFest.com
WillimanticStreetFest.com
Organizers of 3rd Thursday Street Festival.

Windham ARTS 🍀

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

Windham Region Chamber of Commerce 🍀

1010 Main St. (Rte. 66), Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-6389 • info@windhamchamber.com
windhamchamber.com




2018 EVENTS



Feb. 10th:	Fire and Ice Festival 12pm-10pm
Mar. 11th:	The Courthouse Bar and Grille/ HMF O'Putnam 5k
May 4th:	First Fridays 6-9pm
May 6th:	Fishing Derby Rotary Park 12-3pm
May 28th:	Memorial Day Parade 10am
June 1st:	First Fridays 6-9pm
June 9th:	Particle Accelerator
July 1st:	Concert: Juice Box 7:15pm Fireworks 9:15pm (rain date July 8th)
July 6th:	First Fridays 6-9pm
July 21st:	Country Lovin' Alfresco 7-8:30pm & RiverFire 8:30-10pm (rain date July 22nd)
Aug 3rd:	First Fridays 6-9pm
Aug 11th:	Walk & Run for NECT Cancer Fund 9:05am
Aug 11th:	Concert: Eric Genius, Inspirational Pianist 6:30-8pm & RiverFire 8-9:30pm
Aug 12th:	Main Street Car Cruise 10:30-4pm & Arc Duck Race
Sept 7th:	First Fridays 6-9pm
Sept 8th:	Concert: Wooden Horse 6-7:30pm & RiverFire 7:30-9pm
Sept 9th:	Savor the Flavor - Food Festival "Bacon" Music by "Chicago Total Access" 12-3pm
Oct 5th:	First Fridays 6-9pm
Oct 20th:	The Great Pumpkin Festival 10am-3:30pm
Oct 26th:	Trick or Treat on Main Street 5-7pm
Nov 23rd:	Santa Comes to Town 4pm
Nov 25th:	Holiday Dazzle Light Parade 5pm

discoverputnam.com   

Community Concerts

Free toe-tapping, finger-snapping fun in The Last Green Valley. Bring a chair to sit when you need a rest from kicking up your heels! Be sure to check the venue websites in case there have been changes since *Explore!* was printed. Music not only soothes the savage beast, it provides a wonderful excuse to visit our National Heritage Corridor towns.



Ashford

Midway Restaurant, 174 Rte. 44. Thursday Thunder Car Cruises, traditionally with live music or a DJ, each month featuring a different donation collection. Last Thursday of each month, May - Sept., 5 pm ashfordbusiness.org & their Facebook page

Brimfield

Brimfield Common. Traditionally, Tuesdays in July & Aug., 6:30 - 8:30 pm. In case of rain, concerts held at Hitchcock Academy brimfieldma.org (home page/community events) & hitchcockacademy.org

Brooklyn

Concerts at Riverside. Riverside Park, Day St./Greenway Drive. Traditionally, some Fridays in Sept., 5 pm brooklynct.org/parks-recreation-department

Chaplin

Garrison Park chaplinct.org (community/parks & rec)

Coventry

Changes to come - stay tuned for the town's summer program brochure. coventryct.org

East Brookfield

Town Gazebo on Connie Mack Field. Traditionally, Thursdays from mid-July - mid-Aug., 6 - 8 pm eastbrookfieldma.us/bandstand-committee

Griswold

Saturday Sunsets Concerts and Movies in the Park. Veterans Memorial Park, Jewett City. Traditionally in July, stay tuned for details. griswoldyfs.com

Hillfest '18

Veterans Memorial Park, Jewett City. May 26, 11 am - 9 pm. Featuring seven or more bands, food trucks, merchandise vendors, face painting and other activities for kids. Beer and wine will also be served at the event. Free and open to the public. griswoldyfs.com

Hampton

178 Main St. The Little River Music Series, consisting of 4-6 concerts a year, ranging from classical to rock. hamptonct.org (Recreation and Community Activities Commission)

Killingly

Summer Concert Series. Davis Park on Main St. or the Community Center at 185 Broad St. Thursdays in July & Aug., from 6 - 8 pm. Catered food available for purchase. killingly.org/parks-recreation & their Facebook page

Lebanon

Lebanon Green. Annual Summer Dancefest in July with local musicians, children's activities, refreshments, and fireworks. lebanonct.gov

Mansfield (Storrs)

Summer Concerts on the Square, Betsy Paterson Square, 2 Dog Lane. Thursdays in June & July, 6:30 - 8 pm mansfieldmusic.org

Norwich

Rock The Docks & Rockin' The Greens. Traditionally at the Norwichtown Town Green or Howard Brown Park Gazebo. Fridays in June and Wednesdays in July & Aug., 6 - 8 pm. Facebook.com/Rockthedocks & norwichchamber.com

Oxford

Summer Concert Series. Town Bandstand, 407 Main St. Traditionally, Sundays in August, 2 pm town.oxford.ma.us (Bandstand Committee)

Plainfield

Lions Park, 8 Community Ave. Traditionally, Wednesdays in July & Aug., 6:30 - dusk. plainfieldct.org (departments/recreation)

Preston

Summer Concert Series. Preston Community Park. Stay tuned for dates, June - Sept., 6pm preston-ct.org/169/Parks-Recreation & their Facebook page

Putnam

Concerts & Fireworks, Sunday July 1, 7 - 10:30 pm. River Fires, Saturdays July 21, Aug. 11, & Sept. 8, from 7:30 - 9 pm. Rotary Park, 196 Kennedy Drive. Bonus concerts during First Fridays between May - Oct. discoverputnam.com & winyradio.com (upcoming events)

Scotland

Music on the Green. Scotland Town Green, 4 Palmer Rd. Some Saturdays in July & Aug., 6 - 10 pm scotlandct.org/calendar.htm

Southbridge

Town Common, 1 Mechanic St. (Rain events are held in the School Auditorium at 25 Cole Ave.) Sundays from end of June - Aug., 6 - 8 pm. Free raffle drawing each concert. ci.southbridgemass.org/recreation & their Facebook page

Sprague

River Park, North Main St., Baltic. Traditionally, some Saturday nights, Aug. & Sept. ctsprague.org

Sturbridge

Town Common, Rte. 131. Thursdays, mid-June through Aug., 6 - 8 pm town.sturbridge.ma.us (boards & committees/recreation committee) or cmschamber.ning.com

Thompson

Riverside Park Gazebo, Riverside Dr. Fridays, June 22 & 29, July 13, 20 & 27, Aug. 10 & 24, 7 - 8:30 pm. thompsonrec.org

Webster

French River Summer Concert Series. French River Park, Davis St. Wednesdays in July & Aug., 5 - 8 pm. Includes a craft and agriculture market. webster-ma.gov (events)

Willimantic

Third Thursday Street Fest. Main St., downtown Willimantic. Third Thursday of each month, May through Sept., 6 - 9 pm. Variety of concerts along with food, drink, and craft vendors. willimanticstreetfest.com

Woodstock

Twilight Concert Series. Roseland Cottage, 556 Rte. 169. Traditionally, four concerts on a Friday, June - Aug., 7 - 8:30 pm. townofwoodstock.com (things to do) or historicnewengland.org

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Disc Golf

A popular and growing activity, disc golf courses offer another way to enjoy “birdies” in The Last Green Valley. From young to old, disc golf can be as relaxing or challenging as you choose. Bring lots of discs in case of errant shots, but we’re hoping you get lots of aces instead.

Brooklyn Recreation Department, Davis Forest & Disc Golf Course

End of Salmon Dr. (off South St.)
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-3411
brooklynct.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 • recreation.gov
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.

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 newly-created course located at a former Boy Scout camp on Crystal Pond consists of 18 holes open to all skill levels. Fee of \$5 a person.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • recreation.gov
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.

Pomfret Recreation Department Disc Golf

576 Hampton Rd. (Rte. 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.



Sturbridge Tourist Association

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
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West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/West-Thompson-Lake
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 & Dam. No fee.

Explore! Education

Our partner educators work tirelessly to involve us all in life-long learning adventures. Together we will continue to enjoy, care for and pass on The Last Green Valley for future generations.



Courtesy of Norwich Historical Society



Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Rivers Council

231 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-688-3366 • charles.copeland@scouting.org
ctrivers.org

The Connecticut Rivers Council is one of New England's largest private youth-serving organizations; the Connecticut Rivers Council delivers Scouting programs that develop character, citizenship, fitness, and leadership skills to more than 32,000 youth and nearly 9,000 adult volunteers in 127 cities and towns in Connecticut. The Boy Scouts of America collaborates with hundreds of churches, school affiliated groups and other community organizations that organize and operate local Scout groups. It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America and the Connecticut Rivers Council to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law.

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary

56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5516, 508-736-3974
capenhill@charter.net • capenhill.org

Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret

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

The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood – CT Audubon Society

93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.org/trail-wood-home



Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFCT)

340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-522-0163, 800-922-2770
general@gsofct.org • gsofct.org
Girl Scouts of Connecticut welcomes all girls in grades K-12. Girls may become independent members or join a troop. GSOFCT offers year-round opportunities for girls and their families and offers summer resident and day camp settings. Visit gsofct.org to see the wide variety of fun things to do!

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Hitchcock Free Academy 🌿

2 Brookfield Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-9977 • sue@hitchcockacademy.org
hitchcockacademy.org

Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation & Education 🌿

9 Sand Hill Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-481-0525
HorizonWingsRaptorRehab@gmail.com
horizonwings.org



Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation, Inc. 🌿

Tackle the Trail
742 Upper Maple St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-932-4000 • MWolanin@qvcc.commnet.edu
qvcc.edu/foundation
The QVCC Foundation's mission is to raise funds so all residents of northeast Connecticut have the opportunity to attend QVCC regardless of income and to support educational excellence, technological advancement, and professional development at the College. The annual fundraising "Tackle the Trail" is not your typical road race, offering individuals and relay teams of up to 5 members the chance to run 20 miles from Pomfret to Willimantic on the scenic Air Line Trail on the 3rd Saturday of October every year – the trail bed is groomed and hard, grass or dirt surface. A post-race celebration is held at the Willimantic Elks Club. There is limited space, so register yourself or your team today!

Ragged Hill Woods Environmental Science Program 🌿

@ Windham County 4-H Outdoor Center
326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-3379 • Fax: 860-974-3327
campdirector@4hcampct.org • 4hcampct.org
Offers children's environmental education programs, including field trips, leadership and team building programs for children and adults, and professional development for educators. Open for bookings from September 1 through May 31. On 270-acre property with woodlands and scenic lakes.

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) 🌿

P.O. Box 664, 15 Thatcher Rd.
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-3458 • Fax: 860-923-5770
Annem@teegonline.org • teegonline.org

UConn College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources (CAHNR) 🌿

3624 Horsebarn Rd. Extension
Storrs, CT 06269 • 860-486-3336
sara.putnam@uconn.edu • cag.uconn.edu/CAHNR



Voluntown Peace Trust 🌿

539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-9970 • voluntownpeacetrust@gmail.com
voluntownpeacetrust.org
Voluntown Peace Trust is a center dedicated to nonviolent social change and sustainable living. Near Beach Pond, the 54 acres includes 40 acres of woods, Bliven Brook, fields, organic gardens, and a labyrinth. Facilities include a lodge, cabin, yurt and meeting hall; space for retreats, meetings, events including overnight accommodations.

Willimantic Victorian Neighborhood Association 🌿

P.O. Box 555, Willimantic, CT 06226-0555
860-456-1666 • rphorocks@gmail.com
victorianwillimantic.org



Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp 🌿

326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
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campdirector@4hcampct.org • 4hcampct.org
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The Woodstock Academy 🌿

57 Academy Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6575 • woodstockacademy.org

Explore!

Electric Car (Ev) Charging Stations

Striving to keep the green in The Last Green Valley, more electric car charging stations are appearing in our National Heritage Corridor each year. If you have one in your town, please let us know so we can share it in future publications and on our website. Charging stations are open 24 hours unless noted.



Brooklyn

- Premier Chevrolet, 512 Providence Rd.,
Open dealership hours

Coventry

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

Danielson/Killingly

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

Mansfield/Storrs

- Mansfield Parking Garage, 9 Dog Lane,
Open garage hours
- Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Rd.
- Price Chopper, 1220 Storrs Rd.
- Storrs Center Garage, 33 Royce Circle, Open
garage hours
- Town Facility, 10 S. Eagleville Rd.
- UConn Motor Pool, 31 LeDoyt Rd., Mon. –
Fri., 8 am – 3 pm
- UConn North Parking Garage, 103 Eagleville
Rd., Open garage hours
- UConn South Parking Garage, 505 Stadium
Rd., Open garage hours

Norwich/Yantic

- Illiano's Grill, 257 W. Town St.
- Nissan of Norwich, 691 W. Thames St., Open
dealership hours
- Norwich Public Utilities, 157 N. Main St.
- Three Rivers Community College, 574 New
London Tpk.

Pomfret

- Town Hall, 5 Haven Rd. (Rte. 44)

Putnam

- Cargill Chevrolet, 23 Livery Street
- Municipal Parking Lot, 165 Kennedy Dr.

Southbridge

- Town Hall, 41 Elm St.

Windham/Willimantic

- ECSU Shakespeare Parking Garage, 24
Charter Oak Rd.
- Windham High School, 355 High St.
- Windham Municipal Parking Lot, 48 Church St.
- Windham Town Hall, 979 Main St. (Rte. 66)

Woodstock

- Sweet Evalina's, 688 Rte. 169
- The Woodstock Academy, 57 Academy Rd.
(main parking lot near maintenance garage)

Entertainment & Theaters

Cheer for local talent and discover your inner talent! It will be impossible to stay in your seat with these choices to explore while expanding your horizons. Destinations? We've got them! Enjoy and support the arts offered by our schools, recreation departments, and faith-based organizations, too.



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Bogey Lanes

199 North Brookfield Rd.
East Brookfield, MA 01515
508-867-6629 • info@bogeylanes.com
bogeylanes.com

Come and try candlepin bowling, a true New England experience. Originating in Worcester, MA, in the 1800s, candlepin bowling quickly became a popular sport and still is today. Bogey Lanes offers 12 lanes of bowling, 18-hole mini-golf, billiards, arcades, snack bar, beer and wine, great staff & service, and lots of fun!



Bradley Playhouse – Theater of Northeastern CT

30 Front St. (Rte. 44), Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7887 • Fax: 860-963-7832
office@bradleyplayhouse.org
thebradleyplayhouse.org
The Bradley Playhouse is a 114-year-old vaudeville theatre in the heart of the Putnam antiques & restaurant district in northeastern CT. Since 1991 it has been managed by the volunteers of The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut, Inc. (TNECT), produces 8 main season shows per year and a number of special fundraising events for the Restoration Fund, plus hosts other productions, too. TNECT's mission is to produce and sponsor quality theatre and entertainment for the residents and visitors of the region, to encourage the development of creativity through the support of local artists, and to support education and hands-on experience in the creation, direction, and production of theatre and the performing arts.

Center for the Arts and The Woodstock Academy South Campus

150 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6575
boxoffice@woodstockacademy.org
woodstockacademy.org/thecenter/events



Charter Spectrum CTV192

207 Tuckie Road., North Windham, CT
860-456-8500 • ctv192.com
michael.nelson@charter.com
CommunityTV@charter.com
Community Access TV programming for and by the residents of the Charter Spectrum service area. FREE training, studio time, field production equipment, and edit suites are available so that you can create your own TV show for airing on Charter channel 192 and Frontier channel 6054.

Frog Rock Rest Stop

212 Pomfret Rd. (Rte. 44), Eastford, CT 06242
860-377-6025 • clearmt@att.net
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Hall Communications

720 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-1111 • arussell@hallradio.net
hallradio.com
Hall Communications, Inc. owns and operates 21 AM and FM radio stations, including 6 stations in eastern CT. Hall is a family-owned company. We have been in operation since 1964, with a Mission Statement to "do what's right for our listeners, advertisers, families and communities to make a positive difference in their lives." Listen to our good work in The Last Green Valley on WICH-am, WCTY-fm, WKNL-fm, WNLC-fm, WILI-am, WILI-fm.



Heritage Information Radio, AM 1700

Norwichtown, CT 06360, 860-319-0671
info@am1700.org • am1700.org
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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 that include information 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

Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd.
Scotland, CT 06264
860-977-7702 • 860-917-5064
highlandfestival@hotmail.com
joanne@nefamily.coop
reggiepatchell@comcast.net
scotlandgames.org
The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend 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. See website and the annual TLGV Walktober brochure for more info.



Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts

2132 Hillside Rd.
On the UConn Campus in Storrs, CT 06269
Box Office: 860-486-4226 • jorgensen.uconn.edu
Located in the heart of the UConn campus, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts presents performances by internationally acclaimed artists and entertainers, from comedy, world music and jazz, to classical music, dance, and children's events, as well as intriguing art exhibits in the Jorgensen Gallery.

Killingly Grange No. 112

801 Hartford Pike (Rte. 101), Dayville, CT 06241
860-336-8894 • killingly@ctstategrange.org
Facebook.com/KillinglyGrange
Multiple Bluegrass Concerts served up with a meal offered October through April (except for December). Check The Last Green Valley Facebook page for their events!

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Mansfield Drive-In Theatre & Marketplace

228 Stafford Rd. (Jct. Rtes. 31 & 32)
Mansfield, CT 06250 • 860-456-2578
admin@mansfielddrivein.com
mansfielddrivein.com



Sturbridge Tourist Association

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org

Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, we hope you will make the most of our beautiful town. Like the New England seasons, the people and businesses of Sturbridge are colorful, constantly changing, and you will want to come back for the experience.

The Three C's (Community Cultural Committee)

P.O. Box 134, Pomfret, CT 06258-0134
860-928-7051 • kidsshows@gmail.com
thethreecs.org



Winy Radio

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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.



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Farms, Orchards, Nurseries, Forest & Wood Products

The Last Green Valley's working lands provide everything from farm-fresh food to hard-wood flooring, plus opportunities for fun with family and friends. Take a tour, bite a bison burger, pick apples, plant a garden, find your perfect Christmas Tree! Eat fresh with CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture) offering a variety of locally-grown foods. Eat & Shop Local!

Taste amazing dishes created by the National Heritage Corridor's best chefs, with food straight from The Last Green Valley's farms, at our annual Tastes of the Valley feast and fundraiser. Dine with a Farmer at Your Table during this unique event in August. Don't miss it!



Allen Hill Farm

502 Allen Hill Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-7064
info@allenhillfarm.com • allenhillfarm.com

American Landscape at Sharon View Nursery

630 South Main St., Sharon, MA 02067
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Bigelow Brook Farm, LLC

345 Westford Rd., Eastford, CT
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Blackmer Farm

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North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2710 • rblackmer@charter.net

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138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
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museum@blueslope.com • blueslope.com



Buell's Orchard

108 Crystal Pond Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
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Like us on Facebook

Buell's Orchard is a family-owned and operated farm in northeast Connecticut. Our family believes the freshest fruits and vegetables come right from the farm. Visitors will find a very family-friendly atmosphere aimed at promoting healthy eating for both children and adults. Come and see why we are the best kept secret in the "Quiet Corner" of Connecticut.

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Cedar Ledge Tree Farm 🌿

260 Coventry Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-423-5690

contact@cedarledgetreefarm.com
cedarledgetreefarm.com

A family-owned and operated terraced tree farm since 1983. Offering group "Open by Reservation" visits May through September. The Train Playscape makes this farm more family-friendly than ever! Fall season includes tractor rides with hidden pumpkin search, mulch mountain sliding, pedal karts and pumpkins. Gate fee applies. For Christmas season visit for precut or cut-your-own trees, tree carts and saws, wreaths, Christmas shop, complimentary tractor ride and hot chocolate. Check website for hours.

Cook's Farm Orchard 🌿

106 Haynes Hill, Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-3241 • cooksorchard@gmail.com
cooksfarmorchard.com



Coventry Farmers Market at Hale Homestead 🌿

2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
coventryfarmersmarket.org

Like them on Facebook and Instagram
The mission of the Coventry Farmers Market at Hale Homestead is to provide a dynamic and sustainable marketplace for the exchange of high quality, locally-grown and crafted products and services directly to the consumer. The market also serves to promote local economic development and community enrichment by cultivating a vibrant gathering place offering educational, artistic and social activities.

Creamery Brook Bison 🌿

19 Purvis Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
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and on Facebook

Devon Point Farm & Cider Mill 🌿

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devonpointfarm.com



Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm & Seasonal Corn Maze 🌿

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ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com



The Farmer's Cow 🌿

Six family farms throughout eastern CT farmers@thefarmerscow.com
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The Farmer's Cow milk, cream, and ice cream are from 6 Connecticut, family-owned, real working farms with contented cows that you can actually visit. By supporting The Farmer's Cow, you're receiving the freshest, REAL LOCAL products and helping to preserve precious farmland, wildlife habitats and the region's celebrated pastoral beauty.

Fort Hill Farms & Gardens 🌿

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forthillfarms.com

Goudreaux's at Nash Garden Center 🌿

215 Wauregan Rd. (Rte. 12), Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-0412 • smellyshelly67@yahoo.com
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Hart's Greenhouse & Florist — Brooklyn 🌿

151 Providence Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
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Lapsley Orchard 🌿

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CSA: Full of variety & available every summer/fall. The fields at Lapsley Orchard have been producing food since early colonial days. In fact, Isreal Putnam once purchased the acres in 1750 and specialized in stock raising and fruit growing. This land is still proudly feeding the community today. Present day production offers the best of a New England farm, with a retail stand offering a diversified selection of fruits and vegetables all grown on sight. Our 200 acre farm is not just a place to shop. It is local, healthy and fresh and comes with a commitment towards the highest quality produce. Our family takes great pride in the harvest of all our hard work, to place on your family's table.



New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) 🌿

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lhayden@newenglandforestry.org
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For 70 years, New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) has led sound management of our region's forests, conserving more forested acres than any other non-profit in New England. We own 150 community forests on more than 26,000 acres and partner with landowners to hold conservation easements on more than 1,145,000 acres.

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NECT Farmers' Market Association/ Northeast CT Farmers' Market

info@nectfarmersmarket.org
nectfarmersmarket.org
Since 1980, the Northeast CT Farmers Market Association has operated farmers markets in the "Quiet Corner" of CT. The main purpose of the markets is to provide a centralized location for consumers to purchase locally grown fresh fruit, vegetables and other farm products, create a vehicle for local farmers to sell their produce directly to the public enabling many of them to stay in business and enhance the local economy. Currently, the Association operates five markets each week in Killingly, Putnam, Plainfield and Brooklyn, during our growing/harvesting season - from June -Oct. CT Farmers' Nutrition Program and SNAP certified. Keep up to date online & on Facebook. CSA available June - Oct. for weekly pickup at the Putnam location from 4:30 - 6 pm.

Pakulis Farm, LLC

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Farmer's Markets in The Last Green Valley

Coventry Farmer's Market

Hale Homestead, 2299 South St., Coventry, CT
11 am - 2 pm Sundays, June 3 and Oct. 28.
www.coventryfarmersmarket.org

Hitchcock Academy - The Farmers' Market

Hitchcock Academy Parking lot, on the
corner of Brookfield Rd. and North Main St.
April 14 - Oct. 27, Sat. 9am-2pm
The market will be closed during the
Brimfield Antiques Show May 12, July 14
and Sept. 8.

Lebanon Farmers' Market

Lebanon Town Hall,
9 am - noon, Saturdays, June 2 to Oct. 13
Live music weekly. Find them on Facebook

Putnam Saturday Farmers' Market

Riverview Marketplace Pavilion, 18
Kennedy Drive, Putnam
10 am - 1 pm, Saturdays, June 2 to Oct. 27
http://www.putnamfarmersmarket.org

Northeast Connecticut Farmers' Markets

www.nectfarmersmarket.org
Mondays - Putnam: 3:30 - 6 pm, June 11 to
Oct. 29, Riverview Marketplace,
18 Kennedy Dr.

Tuesdays - Plainfield: 4 - 6 pm, June 19
to Oct 30, Rte. 12, 651 Norwich Rd.,
Early Childhood Center.

Wednesdays - Brooklyn: 4 - 6 pm, June 13
to Oct. 31. Brooklyn Commons Shopping
Center (at Ocean State Job Lot)
564 Providence Rd.

Thursdays - Putnam: 3:30 - 6 pm, May 3
to Oct. 25, Riverview Marketplace,
18 Kennedy Dr.

Saturdays - Danielson: 9 am - noon, May 5
to Oct. 27, Killingly Library, 25 Westcott Rd.

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Hiking, Walking & Strolling Trails

From the most ambitious hikers to the most relaxed strollers - there are places to explore in our woods, fields, and forests! For even more discoveries, join us on our monthly Member Programs and Acorn Adventures. Enjoy guided adventures offered by TLGV and our members & partners during Spring Outdoors from March through June, and Walktober each fall. Experience the wonder of the woods & trails!



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.
Almost 200 acres in size, this is one of the largest properties owned by the Wyndham Land Trust. From the high point of the preserve, elevation 505', one has 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.

Air Line State Park Trail

Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton,
Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523 • ct.gov/deep
This linear gravel/pebble-covered trail is flat, easy and travels for almost 50 miles. 3 sections: South from E. Hampton to Windham (22 miles), and North from Windham to Pomfret (21 miles) plus Thompson (6.6 miles). Parking locations & section maps on the website. No fee.

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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 1st curriculum in forest (1924) & wildlife management (1932). No fee.

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.

Beaver Brook State Park

Back Rd. (off Rte. 14), Windham, CT 06280
860-424-3200 • 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. 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 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.

Benedict Arnold Trail – Walk Norwich

Corner of Washington St. & Arnold Pl.
Norwich, CT 06360 • 860-886-1776
info@walknorwich.org • walknorwich.org
askncdc.com

Park at Leffingwell House Museum, 348 Washington St., or at the Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors' Center, 69 East Town Street.

Benedict Arnold is Norwich's most infamous native son. Discover the story of a controversial and complicated man 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 that played a 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.

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.

Bigelow Hollow State Park & Nipmuck State Forest

Rtes. 190 & 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Parking at entrance on Rte. 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.

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 Road, Cold Spring Brook and Blackwells Brook. Add in the smaller loop to increase your steps. See website for trail maps. No fee.



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Blue Flag Meadow - Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./ Wolf Den Land Trust 🌿

Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
ecfla.org/wdl.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 sight woodcocks! Check website for property map. No fee.

Border Woods Preserve - The New Roxbury Land Trust 🌿

Eastford Rd. (Rte 198), just north of the Rte. 197 intersection, Woodstock, CT
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.

Boston Turnpike Trail & Greenway

Rte. 198/John Perry Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-1885 • eastfordconservation.org/trails
Park in unpaved area at Rte. 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 colonial wars and the American Revolution. Pass through the 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 Road and State Forest Road passes through a typical maple/oak/hickory forest. Near State Forest Road, 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.

Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
500 acres of land for hiking, including 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.

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 Road from the intersection with Senexet Road in Woodstock. Drive through the green metal gate and park on the left.

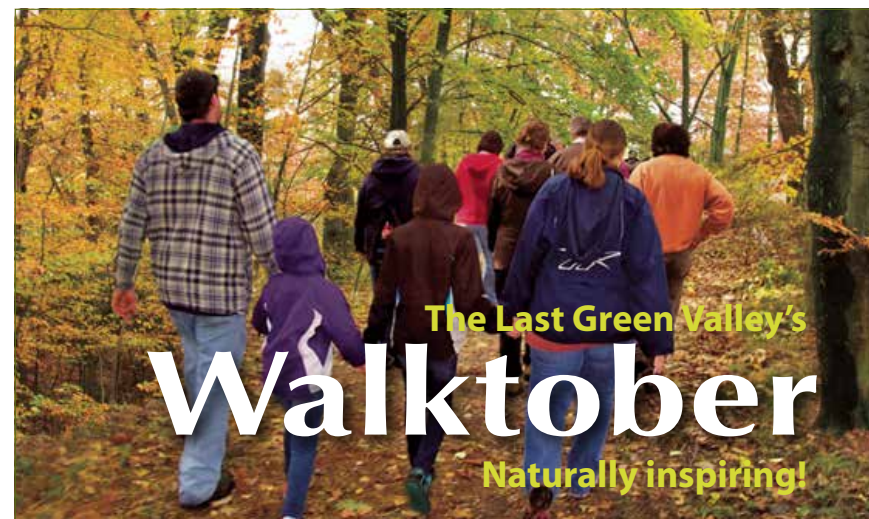
A premier and ever-growing preserve of more than 500 acres offers diverse habitat with an outstanding view in all directions at the scenic overlook. A local Eagle Scout project is adding signage from the gate to the scenic overlook, which is about a mile walk. The land trust offers hikes during TLGV's Spring Outdoors and Walktober to introduce this parcel to the public. No fee.

Bull Hill Recreation Area

Messier Rd. (off Ravenelle Rd.)
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255 • 860-923-9440
thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
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 mile on road. Small bridge at end. No fee.

Canterbury Town Green

Jct. Rtes. 169 & 14, Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800 • ct.gov/cct
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. Route 14, the Revolutionary route of the French Army under Rochambeau from Newport to Yorktown, crosses through the Canterbury Green. No fee.



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For more information call toll-free 1 (866) 363-7226 or visit www.thelastgreenvalley.org

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary 🌿

56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01508
508-248-5516, 508-736-3974
capenhill@charter.net • capenhill.org
Visit and explore this 86-acre wildlife refuge. With a Visitor's Center sporting live animal exhibits, a nature library, a gift shop, paired with educational and family-friendly events throughout the year. Trails are open from dawn until dusk. Leashed dogs allowed. And don't forget the summer camp! Check website or call for details.

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 kiddos. See website for trail maps. No fee.

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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, motor boats. No fee.

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary - Opacum Land Trust

Tipton Rock Rd. (off Rte. 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 is inspiring. No fee.

Coney Rock Preserve - Joshua's Trust

Chaffeeville & Mulberry Rds.
Mansfield, CT 06250
860-429-3015 • preserves@mansfieldct.org
mansfieldct.gov, joshuustrust.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.

Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.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.

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 Routes 205 & 169, but there is no designated parking lot there.
You've probably driven past this hidden trail lots of times, so get on it for a nice walk. Begin at the pink Randall Memorial Nature Trail, and then take the blue Creamery Brook Trail out to Rtes. 205/169. Out and back you'll cover about a mile, crossing right over Creamery Brook. See website for trail maps. No fee.

Creaser Park Nature Trail

Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068 • coventryct.org
2 mile easy to moderate round-trip with limited handicapped access to pond. Trail leads across meadow, along the Skunkamug River, around pond, through varied forest terrain, has more than 40 species of birds. Leashed dogs welcome. 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.

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.

East Brimfield Lake Nature Trail

24 Riverview Ave., (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
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 on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

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, but a thoughtful one, as you reflect on the sacrifices made. No fee.

The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood - CT Audubon Society

93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.org/trail-wood
Trail Wood is the former home of writer-naturalist Edwin Way Teale and his wife Nellie. Open year-round, this 168-acre sanctuary offers walking trails among woodland, field and pond habitats, Mr. Teale's writing cabin, and a small natural history museum with Teale memorabilia. No fees for self-guided hikes, and guided hikes are offered for member & non-member prices.

The Fifty-Acre Wood

Pond Factory Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208
woodstockconservation.org/trails.htm
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.

Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve

954 Storrs Rd. (Rte. 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 cliff-top views of the Fenton River Valley, Lake Naubesatuck and the distant ridges of Scotland. Map with points of interest online. No fee.

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Fisherman's Walk Trail

Fabyan-Woodstock Rd.
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440 • thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
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.

Fitze Preserve - Wyndham Land Trust

Plainfield Recreation/Senior Center
482 Norwich Rd. (Rte. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Park behind Rec./Senior Center. 3.5-acre wooded lot sits behind Plainfield's Recreation/Seniors complex and 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 that crisscross the property remind us that this was once open farmland. The trail is an easy 20-minute hike. Strollers are not recommended. No fee.



Frog Bridge, "Thread City Crossing"

Jct. Main St. (Rtes. 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 Bridge at Windham Mills

Main St. (Rtes. 32 & 66), Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3000 • windhamct.com
Park at Windham Mills Heritage Park. Built in 1906 as a pedestrian bridge over the Willimantic River, this unusual structure features granite planters, flowers and trees. Great photo ops. 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.

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 Rte. 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: 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.

Grassland Bird Conservation Center at Pomfret – CT Audubon Society

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.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.

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 of the Campus Road near Rte. 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). No fee.

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.

Heritage Trail – Southbridge

West St., Southbridge, MA 01550
ci.southbridge.ma.us/southbridge-trail-committee
Parking at West Street School
An 800-yard handicapped accessible 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, the Grand Trunk Trail, and the Heritage Connector Bridge (over the dam spillway) from 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.

Heritage Trail – Walk Norwich

100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776
walknorwich.org • asknctdc.com
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.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
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.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920 • 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep
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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Howard T. Brown Park/ Heritage Riverfront Trail

100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700 • norwichct.org
Park offers a paved walkway suitable for jogging, walking or just a stroll as you follow the Yantic River through historic Norwich. Handicapped accessible. Leashed dogs are welcome. No fee.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
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.

Killingly Pond State Park

Pond Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
1.25 mile trail loop trail on the forested Old Kentuck Trail onto Quinns Hill Rd. and Pond Rd. Canoe/kayak access available too. No fee.

Killingly Quinebaug River Multi-Purpose Recreational Trail

Jct. Rtes. 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. Informative signage along the way. Scenic overlooks and views of historic mills viewed at Rte. 6/12 junction. Handicapped accessible. No fee.

Kimball Memorial Forest - New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) 🌿

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

Lake Siog Recreation Area/ Lake Siog Pass

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705
nae.usace.army.mil, town.holland.ma.us
Major recreation area includes a 0.75 mile nature trail. Access to Lake Siog Pass also at the Holland Trailhead on Pond Bridge Rd.

Langhammer Trail & spur to Ruby Fenton Preserve

Off Lustig Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-487-4400
ashfordtownhall.org/government/land-use/
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.
72+ acre town owned property, 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.

Leadmine Mountain Trail

197 Leadmine Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetrails.org • visitsturbridge.org
Parking at all 3 trailheads.
880-acre conservation area with 3 trailhead/parking areas. Currently 11 trails are being worked on by the Sturbridge Trail Committee, in various stages of completion. Completed trails are well cleared & marked. See website for map & more. No fee.

Lebanon Town Green Loop

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



Lisbon Meadows Park & Trails

Rte. 169 (just south of the Rte. 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.

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.

Mansfield Hollow State Park

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

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/ Wolf Den

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
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.

Mason Hill Park Nature Preserve

207 Mason Hill Rd.
Ballouville (Killingly), 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 the flora & fauna on the 0.5 mile trail. You can letterbox here, too! Parking lot is off Mason Hill Road. 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, handicapped accessible fishing pad. (0.32 miles are paved, 0.25 miles are gravel). No fee.

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.

Mohegan State Forest

Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • 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.

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Moosup Valley State Park Trail

Main St., Sterling, CT 06377
ct.gov/dot/LIB/dot/documents/dbikes/062.pdf
Park at Community Center.
Approximately 5 miles of this longer trail (which runs from Coventry, RI to Plainfield and beyond) cuts right through Sterling. A former rail trail, you'll traverse gravel to ballast surfaces. Glimpse the Moosup River & Sterling Pond in this rural setting. Great for biking too. No fee.

Mooween State Park

Old Rte. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd.
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • 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.

Nathan Hale State Forest

off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • 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.

Natchaug State Forest

66 Piffershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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.

N. Grosvenordale River Walk/Park

Riverside Dr. (Rte. 12), N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440 • thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
Park on Rte. 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 round-trip (1 hour, 20 minutes). Mostly paved, with crushed gravel at the end. Handicap & bike accessible. Gazebo in park hosts summer concerts. 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.

Old Furnace State Park

So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Easy to 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.

Opacum Woods - Opacum Land Trust

Old Brook Circle, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144 • 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.

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.

Pachaug State Forest/ Green Falls Pond Trail

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • 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.



Opacum Land Trust
P.O. Box 233 ♦ Sturbridge, MA
508-347-9144 ♦ info@opacumlt.org



Opacum Land Trust is a private non-profit land conservation organization protecting 1,995 acres of land in south central Mass. Beautiful walking trails are available on four of our properties in The Last Green Valley. To find out more, visit us at OpacumLT.org or find us on Facebook.

Watch for our Annual July Bike ride — this year on July 8th!
TourOpacum Bike Ride for Land Conservation
Choose 100, 50 or 25-mile rides through beautiful rural hills. Start and finish at Rapsallion Brewery with Live Music and Food. Find us on BikeReg.com.

Pachaug State Forest/ Mount Misery Trail

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • 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. Pachaug State Forest, with 28,000 acres, is the largest state forest with 35+ miles of marked trails. No fee.

Pomeroy State Park

Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • 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.

Pomfret Rec. Park Trail

576 Hampton Rd. (Rte. 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 Community Park Nature Trail

13 Rte. 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.

Putnam Quinebaug River Trail/ Cargill Falls

Kennedy Dr. & Rte. 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 area's history while storybook trail entertains the kiddos. No fee.

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Quaddick State Park Red Loop Trail

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • 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.

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.

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, 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 – Southbridge Section

Rte. 131, Southbridge, MA 01550
ci.southbridge.ma.us/southbridge-trail-committee
Trail head and parking are located off Rte. 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 a distance of 11 miles. At this time a 1.7 mile section is completed from Rte. 131 to the Dudley line where it connects to the Dudley trail system. No fee.

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery/Trolley Trail

141 Trout Hatchery Rd., Central Village, CT 06332
860-564-7542 • 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.

Quinebaug Woods

Dug Hill Rd., 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.

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 meadows 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.

Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Roselandpark.org
"Like" Roseland Park on Facebook
60+ acre Roseland Park sits along the 96-acre Roseland Lake (fishing, boating, paddling, unimproved boat launch) surrounded by lots of woods & some homes. Catch largemouth bass, carp, pickerel, perch, trout & more. Paddling, too! Winter activities include ice fishing. The lake often freezes solid for ice skating. Open daily, closes at sunset. No swimming. No fee.

Ross Pond State Park/Old Furnace Trail

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Easy to 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.

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-376-4075 • 860-822-0884 • 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.

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 & 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.

Sprague Land Preserve (aka Mukluk Preserve)

Holton Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-822-3000 • ctsprague.org
Park in lot at cabin at end of dirt road.
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, too. See website for trail map. No fee.

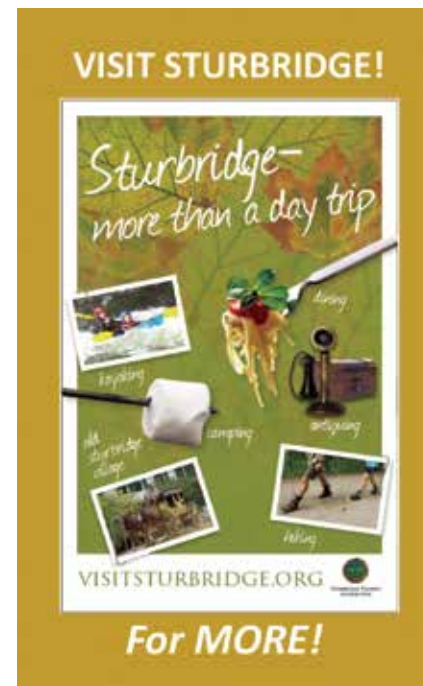


Sturbridge Tourist Association

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, we hope you will make the most of our beautiful town. Like the New England seasons, the people and businesses of Sturbridge are colorful, constantly changing, and you will want to come back for the experience.

Thompson Common

Intersection Rtes. 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.



Thompson Family "Forever Wild" Preserve Loop Trail - Opacum Land Trust

Eastford Rd. (Rte. 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.

Tri-State Marker

E. Thompson Rd. & New Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-9440 • thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
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.

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Trolley Trail - Brimfield

120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 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.

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.

Two Sisters Tract - Joshua's Trust

Rte. 6 (Rte. 203 intersection), Chaplin, CT 06235
860-429-9023 • joshuastrust.org
Park on Rte. 6 shoulder, north of 6/203 intersection.
2 parcels, totaling 40 acres, split by the Air Line Trail. Path from Rte. 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 Rte. 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.

UConn Forest – Fenton Tract

Off Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195), Storrs, CT
ecohusky.uconn.edu/development/parks.html
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 handicapped 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.

Uncas Leap Walking Trail – Walk Norwich

134 Yantic St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776 • info@walknorwich.org
walknorwich.org • asknccd.com
Park at Uncas Leap-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.

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.

Webster Memorial Beach Walk

Memorial Beach Dr. (off Rte. 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.

Wells State Park/Carpenter's Rock Trail

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
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). Moose have been sighted in recent years! Some fees.

West Thompson Lake Shoreline Trail

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
Easy 4+ mile loop trail starts to right of boat ramp. Follow West Thompson Lake's shoreline through meadows to mature forest. Note: Crossover bridge on Old Blain Rd. no longer exists. To complete loop take the Quinebaug River Trail north to Red Bridge Rd. & cross river. Follow Quinebaug River Trail on the opposite side, taking you back to Old Blain Rd. & Shoreline Trail. No fee.

Westville Lake Trail

125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
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.

Whetten Woods - Joshua's Trust

62 Dog Lane, 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.



J. Reed

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

Darby Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
ecfla.org/wdlf.htm • *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.

Whitney Forest/John Hibbard Trail

212-276 Oliver Rd., (off Rte. 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.

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 Road. No fee.

Yale-Myers Forest/ Nipmuck Loop Trail

Boston Hollow Rd. (off Eastford Rd.)
Ashford, CT 06278 • ctwoodlands.org
Park 1.33 miles down dirt road.
The Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Loop Trail is moderate 5 miles & the only area open to the public on this private piece used for research by Yale University. Walk north from parking area, along Bigelow Brook, look out over Boston Hollow atop a high stone cliff area with ridge & fault lines – like walking a dinosaur's back – north to Barlow Mill Rd., turn south and return via Boston Hollow Rd. No fee.



Horseback Riding & Horse Camping

Giddy up! Horseback riding is allowed on all CT State Park & Forest trails unless posted otherwise, and is also allowed on many MA state and some federal and local properties. The CT DEEP website offers comprehensive information on horseback riding & horse camping. Be sure to gather all the information before saddling up and exploring the horse trails in The Last Green Valley.



CT State Parks & Forests

ct.gov/deep, search horseback riding

Air Line State Park Trail

Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523 • ct.gov/deep
Stretching across eastern CT 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
20+ miles of roads & trails offer room for horseback riding. Some fees.

Brimfield - Trolley Trail

120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 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 horseback riding. An old trolley rail bed, this is a flat, easy trail, and a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
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.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • 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 an equestrian trail and the miles-long Air Line Trail. Open from dawn until dusk, 365 days a year. No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/ Indian Chair Trail

147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
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 Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • 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

66 Pifershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
This vast state forest offers not only horseback riding on miles of trails, 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

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
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 and 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.

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 open for horseback riding. No motorized vehicles, dogs must be leashed. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
This popular 1,400-acre woodland park welcomes equestrians for horseback riding on different trail surfaces throughout. Some fees.

Hunting

Our National Heritage Corridor is known for its abundant pheasant, turkey, waterfowl, small game and deer. Please abide by all permit regulations, designations, and safety measures and obey all posted signs for hunting and trapping in CT & MA. Each state's website has pertinent information and specific sections within the state lands listed below where certain activities are allowed. Check the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website before hunting on federal lands.

Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Information

ct.gov/deep, search hunting
860-424-3000

Massachusetts Hunting Areas

mass.gov/hunting-regulations
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

Rte. 14
Windham, CT 06280
Park crosses Chaplin, Hampton, Scotland and Windham.

Bennett Wildlife Management Area

Gould Rd., Charlton, MA 01507

Bigelow Hollow State Park

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

Breakneck Brook Wildlife Management Area

Breakneck Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
Area crosses 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 Rte. 32
N. Franklin, CT 06254
Parking also off Under the Mountain Rd.

Hitchcock Mountain Wildlife Management Area

W. Sturbridge Rd., East 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.

James V. Spignesi, Jr. Wildlife Management Area

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

Killingly Pond State Park

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

Leadmine Wildlife Management Area

Leadmine Rd., Suttrbridge, MA 01566
Area crosses Brimfield and Sturbridge.

Little River Wildlife Management Area

Sand Hill Rd., Hampton, CT 06247

Mansfield Hollow Lake

Warrenville Rd. (Rte. 89)
Mansfield, CT 06250
Area crosses 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

Merrill Pond Wildlife Management Area

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

McKinstry Brook Wildlife Management Area

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

Mine Brook Wildlife Management Area

Rawson Rd., Webster, MA 01570

Mohegan State Forest

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

Natchaug State Forest

Rte. 198, Eastford, CT 06242
Forest crosses 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 06238

Nipmuck State Forest

Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076
Forest Ashford, Eastford, Union and Woodstock.

Pachaug State Forest

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
Forest crosses Griswold, Sterling, and Voluntown. Bow hunting only in Voluntown between Rte. 165 and Rte. 49.

Pease Brook Wildlife Management Area

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

Pomeroy State Park

Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
Park crosses Lebanon and Windham.

Quaddick State Forest

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

Quinebaug River Wildlife Management Area

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

Red Cedar Lake (Mooween State Park/Camp Mooween)

Camp Mooween Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249

Rose Hill Wildlife Management Area

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

Ross Marsh Wildlife Management Area

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

Ross Pond State Park

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06241

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
Area crosses Sturbridge plus out-of-corridor Brookfield. Additional parking on Rice Corner Rd. and Molasses Hill Rd. in Brookfield.



Labyrinths / Mazes

Amazing earthy puzzles are another way to connect with fresh air & natural resources in The Last Green Valley. Visit for family fun or some time alone for quiet thoughts.



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Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm Corn Maze 🌿
227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), Sterling, CT 06354
860-564-0248 • info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
Corn maze with a new theme each fall. Check website for details plus other activities, hours, fees.

Fort Hill Farms Corn Maze 🌿
260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3439
herrootsrundeepp@forthillfarms.com
forthillfarms.com
Corn maze is both educational and fun! The best place to get lost. Check website for details, hours, fees.

First Congregational Church, Woodstock U.C.C. – “The Hill Church” Labyrinth 🌿
543 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-7405
office@firstchurchwoodstock.org
firstchurchwoodstock.org
An always-open, public labyrinth in the First Congregational Church’s backyard. It is a 60’ diameter, eleven-circuit classical style,

with a 970’ walk to the center. Labyrinths are unicursal mazes with one way in, and one way out. Enjoy this ancient tool for walking-meditation, healing and thoughtful questioning. No fee.



Voluntown Peace Trust 🌿
539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-9970
voluntownpeacetrust@gmail.com
voluntownpeacetrust.org
Voluntown Peace Trust is a center dedicated to nonviolent social change and sustainable living. Near Beach Pond, the 54 acres includes 40 acres of woods, Bliven Brook, fields, organic gardens, and a labyrinth. Facilities include a lodge, cabin, yurt and meeting hall; space for retreats, meetings, events including overnight accommodations.

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. More are being added all the time, and events are built around these activities, too. Use common sense, follow the clues provided, wear bright orange during hunting season, and check for ticks when you leave the woods. A compass may come in handy as you *Explore!*



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State of CT Letterbox Clue Page
ct.gov/deep • This website has the best info for CT State Parks & Forests. Just type “letterbox” into “search.”



Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFCT) 🌿
340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-522-0163, 800-922-2770
lkalish@gsfct.org • gsfct.org
Girl Scouts of Connecticut welcomes all girls in grades K-12. Girls may become independent members or join a troop. GSOFCT offers year-round opportunities for girls and their families and offer summer resident and day camp settings. Visit gsfct.org to see the wide variety of fun things to do!

James L. Goodwin State Forest
23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
The conservation education center offers programs & has a letterbox. Plan for 1 hour. Route is easy, along some forest roads where vehicles are restricted. A compass will help you out with the clues. No hunting. No fee.

Lebanon Green and Surrounding Areas
Lebanon has dozens of active letterboxes, including those based on local history, such as “Heartbeat of The Revolution.” Visit letterboxing.org for information.

Mason Hill Park Nature Preserve
207 Mason Hill Rd.
Ballouville (Killingly), 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 Road. No fee.

Mohegan State Forest
Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Letterbox lies off main access road leading in from Scotland at green metal posts & gate with small signage on east side of Rte. 97 at Rte. 14 intersection. No parking lot, plenty of roadside parking. Walk less than 0.5 mile each way on gentle slopes, prime wildlife habitat. No fee.

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Natchaug State Forest

66 Piffershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • 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. Some fees.

Nathan Hale State Forest

off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • 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. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rtes. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200 • 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. Some fees.

Opacum Woods - Opacum Land Trust

Old Brook Circle, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144 • opacumlt.org
Park at trailhead on Old Brook Circle. No parking on Forest Lane.
4 miles of hiking trails on 266-acre property also offer 2 geocaches, the "Playing at the Rock" & "Opacum Land Trust Cache." Details available online. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • 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. Some fees.
There is also an active letterbox, "Gulliver" on the blue trail, that starts at the trail entrance just after the intersection of Rte. 201 and

Rte. 138 in Griswold (on the left just after the intersection when heading towards RI on Rte. 138). Visit letterboxing.org for the clues.



Palmer Arboretum

523 Scenic Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 (ext. 320)
billbrower@charter.net
townofwoodstock.com/index.php/things-to-do/palmer-arboretum.html

Quaddick State Forest

818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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. No fees.

RevolutionaryCT.com

A consortium of local history organizations, the group launched a letterboxing trail in 2012. Twelve letterboxes remain, although some have not been found in a few years. Active letterboxes include "Heartbeat of the Revolution" in Lebanon, "A Family's War" in Coventry and in Brooklyn "Back Home from the War" and "Here Lies Old Put." Check letterboxing.org to see the most updated finds on these letterboxes.



Sturbridge Tourist Association

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, we hope you will make the most of our beautiful town. Like the New England seasons, the people and businesses of Sturbridge are colorful, constantly changing, and you will want to come back for the experience.

Explore!

Libraries of The Last Green Valley!

The libraries of our National Heritage Corridor offer much more than books and periodicals. They have maker spaces, offer passes to area attractions and much more. They also host fun and educational programs and events. Look for TLGV publications such as our maps, Walktober guide and *Explore!* Visit your library often!



IN MASSACHUSETTS: Brimfield Public Library

25 Main St. (Rte. 20) • brimfieldpubliclibrary.org

Charlton Public Library

40 Main St. (Rte. 31) • charltonlibrary.org

Dudley's Pearle L. Crawford Library

40 Schofield Ave. (Rte. 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. (Rte. 12) • oxfordmapubliclibrary.org

Southbridge's Jacob Edwards Library

236 Main St. (Rte. 131) • jacobedwardslibrary.org

Sturbridge's Joshua Hyde Public Library

306 Main St. (Rte. 131) • sturbridgelibrary.org

Webster's Chester C. Corbin Public Library

2 Lake St., corbinlibrary.org

IN CONNECTICUT: Ashford's Babcock Library

25 Pompey Hollow Rd. (Rte. 44)
babcocklibrary.org

Brooklyn Town Library

10 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169)
brooklyntownlibrary.org

Canterbury Public Library

1 Municipal Dr. (Rte. 14) • canterburylibrary.org

Chaplin Town Library

130 Chaplin St • chaplinpubliclibrary.org

Coventry's Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

1134 Main St. (Rte. 31) • coventrypl.org

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Eastford Public Library
179 Eastford Rd. (Rte. 198)
eastfordct.org/domain/1133

Franklin's Janet Carlson Calvert Library
5 Tyler Dr. (Rte. 32) • calvertlibrary.org

Griswold's Slater Library & Fanning Annex
26 Main St. (Rte. 12)
griswold-ct.org/slater-library.html

Hampton's Fletcher Memorial Library
257 Main St. (Rte. 97)
fletchermemoriallibrary.org

Killingly Public Library
25 Westcott Rd. (Rte. 607) • killinglypl.org

Lebanon's Jonathan Trumbull Library
580 Exeter Rd. (Rte. 87) • lebanonctlibrary.org

Lisbon – see Griswold's listing

Mansfield Public Library 🌿
54 Warrenville Rd. (Rte. 89)
mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org
mansfieldpubliclibrary@mansfieldct.org

Norwich's Otis Library
261 Main St., otislibrarynorwich.org

Plainfield's Aldrich Free Public Library
299 Main St. (Rte. 14) • aldrichlibrary.org

Pomfret has 2 public libraries:

- **Public Library**
449 Pomfret St. (Rte. 169)
pomfretlibrary.org
- **Abington Social Library**
536 Hampton Rd. (Rte. 97)
abingtonsociallibrary.org

Preston Public Library
389 Rte. 2 • prestonlibrary.org

Putnam Public Library
225 Kennedy Dr.

putnamct.us/putnam-public-library

Scotland Public Library
21 Brook Rd. (off Rte. 14)
scotlandpubliclibrary.org

Sprague Public Library
76 Main St.
sites.google.com/site/spraguepubliclibrary2/

Sterling Public Library
1183 Plainfield Pike (Rte. 14A)
sterlingct.us/departments/library

Thompson Public Library
934 Riverside Dr. (Rte. 12)
thompsonpubliclibrary.org

Union Free Public Library
979 Buckley Hwy. (Rte. 171/190)
unionctfreepubliclibrary.org

Voluntown Public Library
107 Main St. (Rte. 138) • voluntownlibrary.com

Windham has 3 libraries open to the public:

- **Guilford Smith Memorial Library**
• 17 Main St., South Windham
• guilfordsmith.blog
- **Willimantic Public Library**
• 905 Main St. (Rte. 66) • willimanticlibrary.org
- **Windham Free Library**
• 7 Windham Green Rd., Windham Center
• windhamfreelibrary.org

Woodstock has 4 public libraries:
townofwoodstock.com/services-40/libraries.html

- **Bracken Memorial Library at Woodstock Academy**
• 57 Academy Rd.
- **May Memorial Library**
• 15 Prospect St. (off Rte. 169)
- **North Woodstock Library**
• 1286 Rte. 169
- **West Woodstock Library**
• 5 Bungay Hill Rd (off Rte. 171)

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

MORE! Outdoor Activities & Sites

There is so much to do in The Last Green Valley 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!



The Adventure Park at Storrs 🌿
2007 Storrs Rd., Storrs, CT 06268
860-946-0606 • Info@StorrsAdventurePark.com
StorrsAdventurePark.com

American Landscape at Sharon View Nursery 🌿
630 South Main St., Sharon, MA 02067
781-784-5858 • american-landscape.com

Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. 🌿
P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06372
860-884-3500 • avalonialc@yahoo.com
avalonialandconservancy.org

The Brooklyn Fair/Windham County Agricultural Society 🌿
14 Fairgrounds Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-0012 • brooklynfair.org • wc-as.org

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
Volleyball, horseshoes, picnics (tables & grills on site), plus rental sites available for your shindig. Handicap accessible park. Some fees.

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary 🌿
56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5516, 508-736-3974
capenhill@charter.net • capenhill.org

Circle C Campground, Inc. 🌿
21 Bailey Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-564-4534 • Fax: 860-564-4339
circlec@comcast.net • campcirclec.com

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Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret 🌿

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

Dudley Conservation Land Trust 🌿

P.O. Box 14, Dudley, MA
508-949-0250 • DCLTrust@aol.com
dudleyclt.org



Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association/Wolf Den Land Trust 🌿

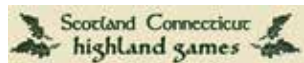
P.O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234 • ecfla.org
More than 650 acres in Windham County opened to the public and for you to enjoy. Many parcels have hiking trails. Go to ecfla.org for more information and maps.

The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood – CT Audubon Society 🌿

93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.org/trail-wood
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Groton Open Space Association 🌿

P.O. Box 9187, Groton, CT 06340-9187
860-572-5715 • gosamail@gmail.com
gosaonline.org



Highland Festival of Scotland 🌿

Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd.
Scotland, CT 06264
860-977-7702, 860-917-5064
highlandfestival@hotmail.com
joanne@nefamily.coop
reggiepatchell@comcast.net
scotlandgames.org

The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games on the Sunday of

Columbus Day weekend 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. See website and the annual TLGV Walktober brochure for more info.

Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540 • 508-248-5697
nae.usace.army.mil
1,200 varied acres with off-road vehicle trails that allow dirt bikes & snowmobiles. No fee.

Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920, 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep
Open land for field sports (year round) and picnic tables with restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
Conservation Education Center focuses on nature & forestry, offering frequent & varied programs for all ages. Enjoy gardens and water gardens, too. Open year-round. No fee.



Joshua's Trust 🌿

P.O. Box 4, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023 • joshuastrust@snet.net
joshuastrust.org
Joshua's Tract Conservation & Historic Trust was founded in 1966 and is located in the historic Eagleville Schoolhouse. Volunteers make up 95 percent of the organization and make certain to maintain properties and easements in their care. The trust supplements open-space efforts of federal state and local governments by receiving gifts of land conservation easements and money. It also purchases land that it considers especially important to preserve.

Lake Siog Recreation Area

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
This major recreation area offers picnic tables, restrooms, grills and more. No fee.



Mansfield Drive-In Theatre & Marketplace 🌿

228 Stafford Rd. (Jct. Rtes. 31 & 32)
Mansfield, CT 06250 • 860-456-2578
admin@mansfielddrivein.com
mansfielddrivein.com

Mansfield Hollow State Park

Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Along with everything else here, the open fields invite field sports & kite flying, picnic tables, fire places & pit toilets. No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park

147 Wolf Den Dr., (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
Exciting natural features: Table Rock, Indian Chair & General Israel Putnam's Wolf Den. A grist mill at the entrance, is maintained as a museum by the Pomfret Historical Society & open on a regular basis. Also in park: picnic tables, shelter & bathrooms.



The New Roxbury Land Trust 🌿

P.O. Box 98, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-2669 • Nrlt.org
The New Roxbury Land Trust was created in 1999 to preserve open space, protect agricultural lands, forests, natural resources and wildlife habitats and encourage the use of conservation easements and rights of way in the towns of Woodstock, Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson and Union. The Trust is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430, 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Combined with Bigelow Hollow State Park, there are 9,000+ acres for tons of fun, plus picnic tables & pit toilets. Mountain Laurel Sanctuary (CT State Flower) greets you at Rte. 190 entrance. Some fees.

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) 🌿

66 Main St. (P.O. Box 206)
Putnam, CT 06260-0206 • 888-940-4669
Sarah.mortensen@NOWinmotion.org
NOWinmotion.org




Opacum Land Trust 🌿

P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144 • info@opacumlt.org
opacumlt.org
Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is a 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 trails 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.

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Visit Historic
Palmer Arboretum
523 Route 169, Woodstock CT
www.woodstockct.gov
860-928-6595 ext 322
Check in on Facebook 

Pachaug State Forest

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Exceptional activity selection in 24,000 acres with miles of roads & trails in CT's largest forest. You'll also find fireplaces, pit toilets, picnicking (tables), motorcycle trails, dog sled races & 26-acre rhododendron sanctuary ablaze around July 4th. Some fees.



Palmer Arboretum 

523 Scenic Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 (ext. 320) • billbrower@charter.net
townofwoodstock.com/index.php/things-to-do/palmer-arboretum.html
Plants at the Arboretum include American Sweetgum, Hoops Blue Spruce, Mountain Laurel, Large Fothergilla, Azaleas, and various Cyprus (Veitch's Moss, Hinoki, Thread, and Moss). For a complete listing of plants, see the downloadable brochure under the "Documents" tab of the Arboretum Committee.

Preston Community Park

13 Rte. 117, Preston, CT 06365
860-889-2482 • preston-ct.org
Located in Poquetanuck Village, Preston Community Park is situated between Lincoln Park Road, Rtes. 2A & 117, with courts & fields for volleyball, softball, baseball, basketball, tennis, horseshoes, playscapes, and a seasonal skating pond. No fee, but there is a robust pavilion available to rent for gatherings.

Putnam's Rotary Park & Bandstand

Kennedy Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-1350 • winyradio.com
A family-friendly outdoor venue offers concerts, parades, River Fires, fireworks and an annual car show, right along side the Quinebaug River. No fee.



Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation, Inc. 

Tackle the Trail
742 Upper Maple St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-932-4000 • MWolanin@qvcc.comnet.edu
qvcc.edu/foundation
The QVCC Foundation's mission is to raise funds so all residents of northeast Connecticut have the opportunity to attend QVCC regardless of income and to support educational excellence, technological advancement, and professional development at the College. The annual fundraising "Tackle the Trail" is not your typical road race, offering individuals and relay teams of up to 5 members the chance to run 20 miles from Pomfret to Willimantic on the scenic Air Line Trail on the 3rd Saturday of October every year – the rail bed is groomed and hard, grass or dirt surface. A post-race celebration is held at the Willimantic Elks Club. There is limited space, so register yourself or your team today!

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery

141 Trout Hatchery Rd.
Central Village, CT 06332
860-564-7542 • ct.gov/deep
One of the largest state hatcheries has tours available (self-guided.) Open daily. No fee.



Roseland Park 

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Roselandpark.org
"Like" Roseland Park on Facebook
60+ acre Roseland Park sits along the 96-acre Roseland Lake (fishing, boating, paddling, unimproved boat launch) surrounded by lots of woods & some homes. Catch largemouth bass, carp, pickerel, perch, trout & more. Paddling, too! Winter activities include ice fishing. The lake often freezes solid for ice skating. Open daily, closes at sunset. No swimming. No fee.

South Charlton Reservoir Association 

508-865-8903 • waraszkiwicz@aol.com

Thompson Lions Band Stand at Riverside Park

Riverside Dr., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440 • recreation@thompsonct.org
thompsonrec.org
Enjoy a variety of tunes relaxing in your lawn chair at the Lions Band Stand gazebo by the river at the summer band concert series. Check the Town Rec's website for dates and details.

Thompson Speedway Motorsport Park 

205 E. Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-2280 • Fax: 860-923-2398
oval@thompsonspeedway.com
thompsonspeedway.com



Webster Lake Association 

Webster, MA 01570
info@websterlakeassociation.org
websterlakeassociation.org
The Webster Lake Association is dedicated to enhancing, preserving and protecting Webster Lake.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
Many events hosted here, some requiring special use permits. If interested, contact Park Office in advance. 3 picnic shelter/areas are available on 1st come/1st served basis. Some fees.

Westville Lake Recreation Area

125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Sports fields, shelters, picnic tables & grills add to year-round enjoyment here. Some fees.

Willimantic Whitewater Partnership 

P.O. Box 406, Willimantic, CT 06226-0406
860-455-3611 • willimanticwhitewater.org

The Woods at Long Pond 

395 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
508-454-6699 • thewoodsatlongpond.com & "like" them on Facebook.
Privately owned nature sanctuary. Residents and friends are welcome to join us for special events, like Walktober, when the Woods are open to the public.

Woodstock Agricultural Society, Inc. – The Woodstock Fair 

281 Rte. 169, South Woodstock, CT 06267
860-928-3246 • Fax: 860-963-7499
info@woodstockfair.com • woodstockfair.com



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!

Museums & Historic Sites

History is our story. Grizzly Adams, Clara Barton, Benedict Arnold, Connecticut's State Hero Nathan Hale, State Heroine Prudence Crandall and more have connections to The Last Green Valley. Our unique and rich history separates our National Heritage Corridor from all others. Museums, historical sites and historical societies help us explore our past. Ponder the stories, then pass them on. To connect further, attend TLGV's Historic Collaborations, offered four times a year, focusing on a variety of topics.



Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (BIMP) 🍀

1 Royce Circle, Suite 101B, Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-8580 • Fax: 860-486-8565
bimp@uconn.edu • bimp.uconn.edu

The Black Tavern Historical Society 🍀

138 Center Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-8782 • info@theblacktavern.com
theblacktavern.com

Blue Slope Farm & Country Museum 🍀

138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-642-6413 • Fax: 860-642-4424
museum@blueslope.com
blueslope.com



Brooklyn Historical Society Museum & Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office 🍀

25 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 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. A highlight of the General Putnam gallery is the display of the 1888 Karl Gerhardt designed bronze wolf heads stolen from the General Putnam equestrian statue in 1984 and 1985 and returned to the society in 2015. (The wolf heads presently adorning the east and west sides of the monument are 2005 recreations by artist Tory Bryant, made possible in part by a grant from The Last Green Valley.) The museum's Special Exhibit Gallery features changing displays of local history. The current exhibit is "Treasures from Brooklyn's Attic," which showcases varied objects from our collections, such as silver spoons and spectacles made by Edwin Newbury of Brooklyn, a Civil War era silk dress, ice harvesting equipment, and an early incubator used by Amasa Pierce who founded the successful Pierce Hatchery at Alderbrook Farm. The museum is handicapped 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 service as a County Court Judge and Secretary of State when he supervised Connecticut's first comprehensive economic census. Both museums are open every Wed. & Sun. from 1 – 5 pm from Wed. May 23 – Sun. Oct. 7 or by special appointment. Please call 860-774-7728 to schedule. No fees for either museum.

Canterbury Historical Society 🍀

P. O. Box 2, Canterbury, CT 06331
canterburyhistorical.org

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum & The Barton Center for Diabetes Education 🍀

66 Clara Barton Rd./30 Ennis Rd.
North Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056 • Fax: 508-987-2002
clarabartonbirthplace@bartoncenter.org
info@bartoncenter.org
clarabartonbirthplace.org, bartoncenter.org

Columbia Historical Society 🍀

P.O. Box 551, Columbia, CT 06237-0551
columbiaacthistoricalsociety@gmail.com
columbia-history.org

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum 🍀

55 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-9999 • cteasternmuseum@yahoo.com
cteasternmuseum.org

Coventry Historical Society – Strong Porter Museum and Archive 🍀

2382 South St. Coventry, CT 06238
info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org

Edward Waldo House 🍀

96 Waldo Rd., (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-1547 • scotlandhistoricalsociety.org
The Scotland Historical Society is conservator of the Edward Waldo House. Built in 1715, it remained in the Waldo family until 1975. The 10-acre property in Waldo Valley is also home to the Scotland Highland Festival held every Columbus Day weekend in Walktober. See website for details. Fee: Donations appreciated.

The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood – CT Audubon Society 🍀

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Federated Church of Brooklyn 🍀

15 Hartford Rd., P.O. Box 204
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-9817 • fccoffice@fccbrooklynct.org
federatedchurchbrooklynct.org

Finnish American Heritage Society (FAHS) 🍀

76 North Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169)
Canterbury, CT 06331 • 860-546-6671
info@fahs-ct.org • FACESatFAHS@gmail.com
fahs-ct.org • Like FACES at FAHS on Facebook

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**First Congregational Church,
Woodstock U.C.C. –
“The Hill Church”** 🌿

543 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-7405 • office@firstchurchwoodstock.org
firstchurchwoodstock.org

**Friends of Ashbel Woodward
Museum** 🌿

387 Rte. 32, Franklin, CT 06254
ashbelwoodwardmuseum@gmail.com
sites.google.com/site/
ashbelwoodwardmuseum
facebook.com/
FriendsOfAshbelWoodwardMuseum

**Friends of Prudence Crandall Museum,
Inc.** 🌿

1 South Canterbury Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800
friends@friendsofprudencelandall.org
friendsofprudencelandall.org
Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum work jointly and cooperatively with the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Economic and Community Development. Our purpose is to assist in the preservation and interpretation of the Prudence Crandall Museum, to encourage and promote visitation, and to enhance the public's appreciation of this truly unique landmark. Connecticut's female hero opened the academy for African-American women in April 1833. Crandall and her students braved harassment and legal battles for almost 17 months until a mob attack on the building forced the school to close. A National Historical Landmark on the Connecticut Freedom Trail and Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail.

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**Guns of Norwich Historical
Society, Inc.** 🌿

860-423-9444 • shbrigham@sbcglobal.net
gunsofnorwich.org

**Hampton Antiquarian &
Historical Society** 🌿

P.O. Box 12, 185 Main St., Hampton, CT 06247
hamptonct.org/community



**Heritage Information Radio,
AM 1700** 🌿

Norwichtown, CT 06360 • 860-319-0671
info@am1700.org • am1700.org
Like us on Facebook!
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 that include information 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.

Hitchcock Free Academy 🌿

2 Brookfield Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-9977 • sue@hitchcockacademy.org
hitchcockacademy.org



**Huntington Homestead/Governor
Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc.** 🌿

36 Huntington Rd. (Rte. 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 Gov. Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc. is the owner of the Huntington Homestead Museum, which is open to visitors May – Oct. on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays 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!

**Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House
Museum** 🌿

780 Trumbull Hwy. (Rte. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6100 • Fax: 860-642-7716
jtjrmuseum@lebanontownhall.org
lebanontownhall.org/trumbulljunioriumuseum.htm
Jonathan Trumbull Jr. (1740-1809), son of CT's Revolutionary War Governor, served as General George Washington's secretary during the American Revolution and was later governor of Connecticut from 1797-1809. His elegant home with its hand-carved paneling and corner fireplaces is the house where Washington spent the night of March 4, 1781. The house (ca. 1769) is located in the Lebanon Green National Register District. The museum is owned and operated by the Town of Lebanon. Explore this site to learn more about Jonathan Jr. & his family, and the fascinating story of his house over a span of 240 years in our nation's history. Learn how the historic town of Lebanon came to be known as the "Heartbeat of the Revolution." Maintained by the Town of Lebanon. See website. No fee.

**Killingly Historical & Genealogical
Society, Inc.** 🌿

196 Main St., P.O. Box 265
Danielson, CT 06239-0265
860-779-7250 • office@killinglyhistorical.org
facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety



Lebanon Historical Society Museum 🌿

856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579 • Fax: 860-642-6583
museum@historyoflebanon.org
historyoflebanon.org
Explore our campus and discover 10,000 years of local history. Investigate Lebanon's past at your own pace. Visit exhibits, drill like 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 Beaumont House and Pastor's Library Saturday afternoons mid-May through mid-Oct. Call for schedule. Annual events: CT Open House Day's "Second Saturday in June" family fun with model T rides & craft demonstrations and the Antique Show on the Lebanon Green held the last Saturday in September. Visit www.historyoflebanon.org for

details on these and other programs.
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**Leffingwell House Museum / The
Society of the Founders of Norwich** 🌿

348 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-9440
info@leffingwellhousemuseum.org
leffingwellhousemuseum.org

Lisbon Historical Society 🌿

1 Newent Rd., Lisbon, CT 06351
860-376-2015 (Ken) • Fax: 860-376-2015
lisbonhistorical@att.net
Like Lisbon Historical Society on Facebook

**Mansfield Historical Society &
Museum** 🌿

954 Storrs Rd., P.O. Box 145
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268-0145
860-429-6575 • mansfield.historical@snet.net
mansfieldct-history.org

Connecticut Landmarks

**Nathan Hale Homestead,
Connecticut Landmarks** 🌿

2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-6917 • hale@ctlandmarks.org
ctlandmarks.org
Family home of CT State Hero, Nathan Hale. Constructed in 1776, the current house is the 2nd dwelling built on the property. Nathan's father, Richard Hale, was a prosperous livestock farmer & built the house for his large family. Ardent patriots, 6 of the 8 sons served in the patriot army. Son Capt. Nathan Hale was caught and hanged as a spy at age 21 by the British in September of 1776, famous for his alleged last words: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Widows & children of the sons lost at war moved to the family homestead, with 12-20 people living in the house at any one time. A pristine example of a Georgian-style home, sold out of the Hale family in the 1820s, remains virtually intact and is furnished with Hale-family pieces and period antiques, based on the family inventories. The house was deeded to Connecticut Landmarks in the 1940s. Much of the acreage associated with the Hale farm is now the Nathan Hale State Forest. Grounds are open year-round, see website for tour info.

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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

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The Norwich Historical Society 🍃

307 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360-5851
860-886-1776 • Fax: 860-886-0452
info@norwichhistoricalsociety.org
norwichhistoricalsociety.org

Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) 🍃

1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd. (off Rte. 20)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3362, 800-SEE-1830
osvinfo@osv.org • osv.org

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Optical Heritage Museum, Inc. 🍃

12 Crane St., P.O. Box 826
Southbridge, MA 01550-0826 • 774-230-8016
info@opticalheritagemuseum.com
opticalheritagemuseum.com

Oxford Firefighters Association's Huguenot Steamer No. 1 Fire Museum 🍃

655 Main St., P.O. Box 606
North Oxford, MA 01537
oxfordfireassn@aol.com
huguenotsteamer.com

The Oxford Historical Commission 🍃

325 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540
508-987-0176 • town.oxford.ma.us
Jmopdo2@verizon.net



Palmer Arboretum 🍃

523 Scenic Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 (ext. 320) • billbrower@charter.net
townofwoodstock.com/index.php/things-to-do/palmer-arboretum.html
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Plainfield Historical Society 🍃

P.O. Box 104, Central Village, CT 06332-0104
plainfieldhistory.org
Visit the Plainfield History Room, located in the Rec/Community Center at 482 Norwich Rd., (Rte. 12) in Plainfield.

Preston Historical Society 🍃

45 Long Society Rd., Preston, CT 06365
860-887-5828 • Lindach5@comcast.net
facebook.com/prestonhistoricalsocietyct

Prudence Crandall Museum 🍃

1 South Canterbury Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800
A State Archaeological Preserve Connecticut's female hero opened the first academy in New England for African-American women in her home in April 1833. Crandall and her students braved harassment and legal battles for almost 17 months until a mob attack on the building forced the school to close. A National Historical Landmark on the Connecticut Freedom Trail and Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail.
Hours: Nov. – April, weekdays by appointment, 10 am- 3:30 pm; May to Oct., Thurs. – Sun., 10 am - 4 pm. Call to confirm.
One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport Stamped in The Last Green Valley!

Roseland Cottage, Historic New England 🍃

556 Rte. 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!

Slater Memorial Museum 🍃

108 Crescent St., Norwich, CT 06360-3500
860-425-5561, 860-887-2506
Fax: 860-885-0379
museum@nfaschool.org • slatermuseum.org



Sturbridge Tourist Association 🍃

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, we hope you will make the most of our beautiful town. Like the New England seasons, the people and businesses of Sturbridge are colorful, constantly changing, and you will want to come back for the experience.

Thompson Historical Society Museum Ellen Larned Memorial Building (ELM) 🍃

339 Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-5527 • thompsonhistorical.org
Inspired by Ellen Larned, Windham County's most celebrated historian, the Ellen Larned Memorial Building began its life as a library in 1902 and served the Town of Thompson for 92 years. Now owned by the society, it serves as a museum, archive and research center, and headquarters for the Thompson Historical Society. No fee.

Thompson's Old Town Hall 🍃

2 Chase Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-5527 • thompsonhistorical.org
Thompson's Old Town Hall was constructed in 1842. Believed to be designed by Thompson native and renowned architect, Ithiel Town, this old Greek-Revival building served the Town of Thompson until the late 1920s. Restored by the Thompson Historical Society, the building still stands proudly on the Thompson Common. No fee.



Courtesy of Old Sturbridge Village

Tourtellotte Memorial Room/ Museum 🍃

785 Riverside Dr.
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860 928-5527
The Tourtellotte Memorial Room is located at the 1909 Tourtellotte Memorial High School building. The museum and building are listed on the State Register of Historical Places. The museum contains an eclectic collection of art work, statues, and other items donated by Dr. and Mrs. Tourtellotte in 1909. Many of the paintings are from renowned painters. The museum, recently restored, is open by appointment only. No fee.

Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ 🍃

210 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8438 • Fax: 860-774-8439
office@westfielducc.org • westfielducc.org

The William Benton Museum of Art at The University of Connecticut 🍃

245 Glenbrook Rd., U-3140, Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4520 • Fax: 860-486-0234
benton.uconn.edu

Willimantic Victorian Neighborhood Association 🍃

P.O. Box 555, Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-1666
victorianwillimantic.org

Windham Textile & History Museum/ The Mill Museum 🍃

411 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226-3173
860-456-2178 • themillmuseum@gmail.com
millmuseum.org

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Nonprofits

The Last Green Valley is thankful to have these strong and supportive non-profit partners. Each has their own mission and goal, but together we improve the quality of life, care for, enjoy and pass on the treasures of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor.



The Arc Emporium & The Arc Redemption Center

22 Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4727
sdesrosiers@qvarc.org • qvarc.org

The Arc Quinebaug Valley

687 Cook Hill Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-2827 • Fax: 860-774-4265
sdesrosiers@qvarc.org • qvarc.org

Ashford Business Association (ABA)

P.O. Box 342, Ashford, CT 06278
860-208-3037 • ashfordbusiness.org and on Facebook

Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 49, Old Mystic, CT 06372
860-884-3500 • avalonialc@yahoo.com
avalonialandconservancy.org

Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (BIMP)

1 Royce Circle, Suite 101B, Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-8580 • Fax: 860-486-8565
bimp@uconn.edu • bimp.uconn.edu

The Black Tavern Historical Society

138 Center Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-8782 • info@theblacktavern.com
theblacktavern.com

Blue Slope Farm & Country Museum

138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-642-6413 • Fax: 860-642-4424
museum@blueslope.com • blueslope.com



Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Rivers Council

231 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-688-3366 • charles.copeland@scouting.org
ctrivers.org

The Connecticut Rivers Council is one of New England's largest private youth-serving organizations; the Connecticut Rivers Council delivers Scouting programs that develop character, citizenship, fitness, and leadership skills to more than 32,000 youth and nearly 9,000 adult volunteers in 127 cities and towns in Connecticut. The Boy Scouts of America collaborates with hundreds of churches, school affiliated groups and other community organizations that organize and operate local Scout groups. It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America and the Connecticut Rivers Council to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law.



Bradley Playhouse – Theater of Northeastern CT

30 Front St. (Rte. 44), Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7887 • Fax: 860-963-7832
office@bradleyplayhouse.org
thebradleyplayhouse.org

The Bradley Playhouse is a 114-year-old vaudeville theatre in the heart of the Putnam antiques & restaurant district in northeastern CT. Since 1991 it has been managed by the volunteers of The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut, Inc. (TNECT), produces 8 main season shows per year, a number of special fundraising events for the Restoration Fund and hosts other productions, too. TNECT's mission is to produce and sponsor quality theatre and entertainment for the residents and visitors of the region, to encourage the development of creativity through the support of local artists, and to support education and hands-on experience in the creation, direction, and production of theatre and the performing arts.

The Brooklyn Fair/Windham County Agricultural Society

14 Fairgrounds Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-0012 • brooklynfair.org
wc-as.org



Brooklyn Historical Society Museum & Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office

25 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 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 statute that honors him. A highlight of the General Putnam gallery is the display of the 1888 Karl Gerhardt designed bronze wolf heads stolen from the General Putnam equestrian statue in 1984 and 1985 and returned to the society in 2015. (The wolf heads presently adorning the east and west sides of the monument are 2005 recreations by artist Tory Bryant, made possible in part by a grant from The Last Green Valley.) The museum's Special Exhibit Gallery features changing displays of local history. The current exhibit is "Treasures from Brooklyn's Attic," which showcases varied objects from our collections, such as silver spoons and spectacles made by Edwin Newbury of Brooklyn, a Civil War era silk dress, ice harvesting equipment, and an early incubator used by Amasa Pierce who founded the successful Pierce Hatchery at Alderbrook Farm. The museum is handicapped 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

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census. Both museums are open every Wed. & Sun. from 1 – 5 pm from Wed. May 23 – Sun. Oct. 7, or by special appointment. Please call 860-774-7728 to schedule. No fee for either museum.



Camp Woodstock YMCA – The YMCA of Greater Hartford 🌿

42 Camp Rd., Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
860-974-1336, 800-782-2344
Fax: 860-974-0754 • tony.gronski@ghymca.org
campwoodstock.org

Our aim is to provide skilled leadership and facilities and equipment that are clean, attractive and safe, which afford individuals and groups the opportunity to act in situations that are physically wholesome, mentally stimulating, and socially and spiritually sound. At Camp Woodstock, we strive to embody the following core values of the YMCA which are the cornerstone of what we teach our campers. From the first day these values are used to highlight expectations, encourage positive behaviors and cement meaning of the camp experience into the minds of campers. CHoRR = caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Canterbury Historical Society 🌿

P. O. Box 2, Canterbury, CT 06331
canterburyhistorical.org

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary 🌿

56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5516, 508-736-3974
capenhill@charter.net • capenhill.org

Center for the Arts and The Woodstock Academy South Campus 🌿

150 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6575
boxoffice@woodstockacademy.org
woodstockacademy.org/thecenter/events

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, sturbridgetownships.com

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum & The Barton Center for Diabetes Education 🌿

66 Clara Barton Rd./30 Ennis Rd.
North Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056 • Fax: 508-987-2002
clarabartonbirthplace@bartoncenter.org
info@bartoncenter.org
clarabartonbirthplace.org, bartoncenter.org

Columbia Historical Society 🌿

P.O. Box 551, Columbia, CT 06237-0551
columbiahistoricalsociety@gmail.com
columbia-history.org

Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret 🌿

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

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum 🌿

55 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-9999 • cteasternmuseum@yahoo.com
cteasternmuseum.org

Coventry Historical Society – Strong Porter Museum and Archive 🌿

2382 South St. Coventry, CT 06238
info@ctcoventryhistoricalsociety.org

Daughters of the Holy Spirit 🌿

72 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-0891 • Fax: 860-928-6496
jacquiedhs@gmail.com
daughtersoftheholyspirit.org

Day Kimball Healthcare 🌿

320 Pomfret St. (Rte. 44), Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-6541 • ladunn@daykimball.org
daykimball.org

Dudley Conservation Land Trust 🌿

P.O. Box 14, Dudley, MA
508-949-0250 • DCLTrust@aol.com
dudleyct.org

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. 🌿

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



Courtesy: Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center

Finnish American Heritage Society (FAHS) 🌿

76 North Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169)
Canterbury, CT 06331 • 860-546-6671
info@fahs-ct.org • FACESatFAHS@gmail.com
fahs-ct.org • Like FACES at FAHS on Facebook

First Congregational Church, Woodstock U.C.C. – “The Hill Church” 🌿

543 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-7405 • office@firstchurchwoodstock.org
firstchurchwoodstock.org



Foundry 66 🌿

66 Franklin St., Norwich, CT 06360-5806
860-887-6964 • jfritzsche@askncdc.com
askncdc.com
Foundry 66 is Eastern Connecticut's largest shared coworking space. Individual desks and offices combined with small and large conference rooms make this an attractive location for freelancers. The space is located in a refitted industrial space with a fresh new vibe.

Friends of Ashbel Woodward Museum 🌿

387 Rte. 32, Franklin, CT 06254
ashbelwoodwardmuseum@gmail.com
sites.google.com/site/
ashbelwoodwardmuseum
facebook.com/
FriendsOfAshbelWoodwardMuseum

Friends of Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc. 🌿

1 South Canterbury Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800
friends@friendsofprudencelandall.org
friendsofprudencelandall.org
Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum work jointly and cooperatively with the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Economic and Community Development. Our purpose is to assist in the preservation and interpretation of the Prudence Crandall Museum, to encourage and promote visitation, and to enhance the public's appreciation of

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Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association/Wolf Den Land Trust 🌿

P.O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234 • ecfla.org
More than 650 acres in Windham County opened to the public and for you to enjoy. Many parcels have hiking trails. Go to ecfla.org for more information and maps.

The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood – CT Audubon Society 🌿

93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.org/trail-wood-home

Eileen D. Brown Charitable Trust 🌿

119 Colonel Brown Rd., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-0235

Federated Church of Brooklyn 🌿

15 Hartford Rd., P.O. Box 204
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-9817 • fccoffice@fccbrooklynct.org
federatedchurchbrooklynct.org



this truly unique landmark. Connecticut's female hero opened the academy for African-American women in April 1833. Crandall and her students braved harassment and legal battles for almost 17 months until a mob attack on the building forced the school to close. A National Historical Landmark on the Connecticut Freedom Trail and Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail. *One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport Stamped in The Last Green Valley!*



Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFCT) 🌿

340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-522-0163, 800-922-2770
general@gsofct.org • gsofct.org
Girl Scouts of Connecticut welcomes all girls in grades K-12. Girls may become independent members or join a troop. GSOFCT offers year-round opportunities for girls and their families, and offer summer resident and day camp settings. Visit gsofct.org to see the wide variety of fun things to do!



Governor Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc./Huntington Homestead 🌿

36 Huntington Rd. (Rte. 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 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 Gov. Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc. is the owner of the Huntington Homestead Museum, which is open to visitors May - Oct. on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays 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!

Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce (GNACC) 🌿

114 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-1647
info@norwichchamber.com
norwichchamber.com

Groton Open Space Association 🌿

P.O. Box 9187, Groton, CT 06340-9187
860-572-5715 • gosamail@gmail.com
gosaonline.org

Guns of Norwich Historical Society, Inc. 🌿

860-423-9444 • shbrigham@sbcglobal.net
gunsofnorwich.org



Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center -The YMCA of Greater Hartford 🌿

9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
860-315-9622 • amanda.kelly@ghymca.org
HALEYymca.org
The YMCA of Greater Hartford is a charitable association open to all and committed to helping people develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body. This commitment is reinforced by our belief in living out universal values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Our focus is on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. We welcome you to the new Hale YMCA facility, here to serve the region.

Hampton Antiquarian & Historical Society 🌿

P.O. Box 12, 185 Main St., Hampton, CT 06247
hamptonct.org/community

Heifer International 🌿

Volunteer Coordinators
13 Jean Dr., East Lyme, CT 06333
860-739-4212



Heritage Information Radio, AM 1700 🌿

Norwichtown, CT 06360 • 860-319-0671
info@am1700.org • am1700.org
Like us on Facebook!
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 that include information 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 🌿

Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd.
Scotland, CT 06264
860-977-7702, 860-917-5064
highlandfestival@hotmail.com
joanne@nefamily.coop
reggiepatchell@comcast.net
scotlandgames.org
The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend 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. See website and the annual TLGV Walktober brochure for more info.

Hitchcock Free Academy 🌿

2 Brookfield Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-9977 • sue@hitchcockacademy.org
hitchcockacademy.org

Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation & Education 🌿

9 Sand Hill Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-481-0525
HorizonWingsRaptorRehab@gmail.com
horizonwings.org



Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Museum 🌿

780 Trumbull Hwy. (Rte. 87), Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6100 • Fax: 860-642-7716
jtjrmuseum@lebanontownhall.org
lebanontownhall.org/trumbulljunioriumuseum.htm
Jonathan Trumbull Jr. (1740-1809), son of CT's Revolutionary War Governor, served as General George Washington's secretary during the American Revolution and was later governor of Connecticut from 1797-1809. His elegant home with its hand-carved paneling and corner fireplaces is the house where Washington spent the night of March 4, 1781. The house (ca. 1769) is located in the Lebanon Green National Register District. The museum is owned and operated by the Town of Lebanon. Explore this site to learn more about Jonathan Jr & his family, and the fascinating story of his house over a span of 240 years in our nation's history. Learn how the historic town of Lebanon came to be known as the "Heartbeat of the Revolution." Maintained by the Town of Lebanon. See website. No fee.

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Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts

2132 Hillside Rd.
On the UConn Campus in Storrs, CT 06269
Box Office: 860-486-4226
jorgensen.uconn.edu
Located in the heart of the UConn campus, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts presents performances by internationally acclaimed artists and entertainers, from comedy, world music and jazz, to classical music, dance, and children's events, as well as intriguing art exhibits in the Jorgensen Gallery.



Joshua's Trust

P.O. Box 4, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023 • joshuastrust@snet.net
joshuastrust.org
Joshua's Tract Conservation & Historic Trust was founded in 1966 and is located in the historic Eagleville Schoolhouse. Volunteers make up 95 percent of the organization and make certain to maintain properties and easements in their care. The trust supplements open-space efforts of federal state and local governments by receiving gifts of land conservation easements and money. It also purchases land that it considers especially important to preserve.

Killingly Business Association (KBA)

172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
860-207-5295
Info@killinglyba.org • killinglyba.org

Killingly Grange No. 112

801 Hartford Pike (Rte. 101), Dayville, CT 06241
860-336-8894 • killingly@ctstategrange.org
Facebook.com/KillinglyGrange

Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.

196 Main St., P.O. Box 265
Danielson, CT 06239-0265
860-779-7250 • office@killinglyhistorical.org
facebook.com/killinglyhistoricalsociety



Lebanon Historical Society Museum

856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579 • Fax: 860-642-6583
museum@historyoflebanon.org
historyoflebanon.org
Explore our campus and discover 10,000 years of local history. Investigate Lebanon's past at your own pace. Visit exhibits, drill like 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 Beaumont House and Pastor's Library Saturday afternoons mid-May through mid-Oct. Call for schedule. Annual events: CT Open House Day's "Second Saturday in June" family fun with model T rides & craft demonstrations and the Antique Show on the Lebanon Green held the last Saturday in September. 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!

Leffingwell House Museum / The Society of the Founders of Norwich

348 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-9440
info@leffingwellhousemuseum.org
leffingwellhousemuseum.org

Lisbon Historical Society

1 Newent Rd., Lisbon, CT 06351
860-376-2015 (Ken)
lisbonhistorical@att.net
Like Lisbon Historical Society on Facebook

Mansfield Historical Society & Museum

954 Storrs Rd., P.O. Box 145
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268-0145
860-429-6575 • mansfield.historical@snet.net
mansfieldct-history.org

Mansfield Public Library

54 Warrenville Rd. (Rte. 89)
Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-423-2501
mansfieldlibrary@mansfieldct.org
mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org

Connecticut Landmarks

Nathan Hale Homestead, Connecticut Landmarks

2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-6917 • hale@ctlandmarks.org
ctlandmarks.org
Family home of CT State Hero, Nathan Hale. Constructed in 1776, the current house is the 2nd dwelling built on the property. Nathan's father, Richard Hale, was a prosperous livestock farmer & built the house for his large family. Ardent patriots, 6 of the 8 sons served in the patriot army. Son Capt. Nathan Hale was caught and hanged as a spy at age 21 by the British in September of 1776, famous for his alleged last words: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Widows & children of the sons lost at war moved to the family homestead, with 12-20 people living in the house at any one time. A pristine example of a Georgian-style home, sold out of the Hale family in the 1820s, remains virtually intact and is furnished with Hale-family pieces and period antiques, based on the family inventories. The house was deeded to Connecticut Landmarks in the 1940s. Much of the acreage associated with the Hale farm is now the Nathan Hale State Forest. Grounds are open year-round, see website for tour info.



New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF)

32 Foster St., P.O. Box 1346, Littleton, MA 01460
978-952-6856
lhayden@newenglandforestry.org
thunsdorfer@newenglandforestry.org
newenglandforestry.org
For 70 years, New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) has led sound management of our region's forests, conserving more forested acres than any other non-profit in New England. We own 150 community forests on more than 26,000 acres and partner with landowners to hold conservation easements on more than 1,145,000 acres.



The New Roxbury Land Trust, Inc.

P.O. Box 98, Woodstock, CT 06281-0098
860 928-2669 • nrlt.org
The New Roxbury Land Trust was created in 1999 to preserve open space, protect agricultural lands, forests, natural resources and wildlife habitats and encourage the use of conservation easements and rights of way in the towns of Woodstock, Eastford, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson and Union. The Trust is staffed entirely by volunteers.

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L. Moorehead



NECT Farmers' Market Association/ Northeast CT Farmers' Market

info@nectfarmersmarket.org
nectfarmersmarket.org

Since 1980, the Northeast CT Farmers Market Association has operated farmers markets in the "Quiet Corner" of CT. The main purpose of the markets is to provide a centralized location for consumers to purchase locally grown fresh fruit, vegetables and other farm products, create a vehicle for local farmers to sell their produce directly to the public enabling many of them to stay in business and enhance the local economy. Currently, the Association operates five markets each week in Killingly, Putnam, Plainfield and Brooklyn, during our growing/harvesting season - from June thru October. CT Farmers' Nutrition Program and SNAP certified. Keep up to date online & on Facebook. CSA: Available June – Oct. for weekly pickup at the Putnam location from 4:30 - 6 pm.

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW)

66 Main St. (P.O. Box 206)
Putnam, CT 06260-0206 • 888-940-4669
Sarah.mortensen@NOWinmotion.org
NOWinmotion.org

The Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild/NECTAG

c/o 101 Allen Hill Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234-3420
Meets at Pomfret Historical Society
11 Town House Dr., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
nectag1@gmail.com • nectag.org



Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce (NECT Chamber)

210 Westcott Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8001 • Fax: 860-774-4299
info@nectchamber.com • nectchamber.com
Our organization represents nearly 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.

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!

The Norwich Historical Society

307 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360-5851
860-886-1776 • Fax: 860-886-0452
info@norwichhistoricalsociety.org
norwichhistoricalsociety.org

Old Sturbridge Village (OSV)

1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd. (off Rte. 20)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3362, 800-SEE-1830 • osvinfo@osv.org
osv.org
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Opacum Land Trust

P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is a 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 trails 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.

Optical Heritage Museum, Inc.

12 Crane St., P.O. Box 826
Southbridge, MA 01550 • 774-230-8026
info@opticalheritagemuseum.com
opticalheritagemuseum.com

Oxford Firefighters Association's Huguenot Steamer No. 1 Fire Museum

655 Main St., P.O. Box 606
North Oxford, MA 01537
oxfordfireassn@aol.com • huguenotsteamer.com

The Oxford Historical Commission

325 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540
508-987-0176 • town.oxford.ma.us
Jmopdo2@verizon.net



Palmer Arboretum

523 Scenic Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 (ext. 320) • billbrower@charter.net
townofwoodstock.com/index.php/things-to-do/palmer-arboretum.html
Plants at the Arboretum include American Sweetgum, Hoops Blue Spruce, Mountain Laurel, Large Fothergilla, Azaleas, and various Cyprus (Veitch's Moss, Hinoki, Thread, and Moss). For a complete listing of plants, see the downloadable brochure under the "Documents" tab of the Arboretum Committee.



PierceCare

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dbamber@piercecare.org • piercecare.org
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Plainfield Historical Society

P.O. Box 104
Central Village, CT 06332-0104
plainfieldhistory.org
Visit the Plainfield History Room, located in the Rec/Community Center at 482 Norwich Rd., (Rte. 12) in Plainfield.

Plainfield Lions Club

P.O. Box 333, Plainfield, CT 06374
860-564-1915 • Plainfieldct.lionwap.org

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Pomfret Horse and Trail Association, Inc. 🍃

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Preston Historical Society 🍃

45 Long Society Rd., Preston, CT 06365
860-887-5828 • Lindach5@comcast.net
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Putnam Business Association 🍃

168 Main St., P.O. Box 691
Putnam, CT 06260 • 800-604-1512
coordinator@putnambusiness.org
putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com
The Putnam Business Association was formed in 2009 by a small group of business owners with a unified vision. Today, the PBA boasts approximately 200 members. The goal of the Putnam Business Association is to promote its business community and the Town of Putnam, CT as a premier New England destination, with compelling and family-friendly events occurring throughout the year. New members are encouraged. Meetings take place the second Wednesday morning of each month, 8:30 am at the Crossings Restaurant & Brew Pub, 45 Main St., Putnam.

Quiet Corner NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association) 🍃

P.O. Box 447, Plainfield, CT 06374-0447
860-230-1237 • quietcornernemba@gmail.com
nemba.org/chapters/qcnemba



Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation, Inc. 🍃

Tackle the Trail
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860-932-4000 • MWolanin@qvcc.commnet.edu
qvcc.edu/foundation
The QVCC Foundation's mission is to raise funds so all residents of northeast Connecticut have the opportunity to attend QVCC regardless of income and to support educational excellence, technological

advancement, and professional development at the College. The annual fundraising "Tackle the Trail" is not your typical road race, offering individuals and relay teams of up to 5 members the chance to run 20 miles from Pomfret to Willimantic on the scenic Air Line Trail on the 3rd Saturday of October every year – the rail bed is groomed and hard, grass or dirt surface. A post-race celebration is held at the Willimantic Elks Club. There is limited space, so register yourself or your team today!

Reliance Health, Inc. 🍃

40 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360-5702
860-887-6536 • Fax: 860-885-1970
nreynolds@reliancehealthinc.org
reliancehealthinc.org

Roseland Cottage, Historic New England 🍃

556 Rte. 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!



Roseland Park 🍃

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Roselandpark.org
"Like" Roseland Park on Facebook
60+ acre Roseland Park sits along the 96-acre Roseland Lake (fishing, boating, paddling, unimproved boat launch) surrounded by lots of woods & some homes. Catch largemouth bass, carp, pickerel, perch, trout & more. Paddling, too! Winter activities include ice fishing. The lake often freezes solid for ice skating. Open daily, closes at sunset. No swimming. No fee.

Scotland Historical Society (Edward Waldo House) 🍃

P.O. Box 35, Scotland, CT 06264-0035
860-423-1547
scotlandhistoricalsociety@gmail.com
scotlandhistoricalsociety.org

Slater Memorial Museum 🍃

108 Crescent St., Norwich, CT 06360-3500
860-425-5561, 860-887-2506
Fax: 860-885-0379 • museum@nfaschool.org
slatermuseum.org

South Charlton Reservoir Association 🍃

508-865-8903 • waraszkiwicz@aol.com

Sturbridge Lions Club, Inc. 🍃

P.O. Box 1, Fiskdale, MA 01518-0001
angelfire.com/ma3/sturbridgelions



Sturbridge Tourist Association 🍃

Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, we hope you will make the most of our beautiful town. Like the New England seasons, the people and businesses of Sturbridge are colorful, constantly changing, and you will want to come back for the experience.

Thompson Congregational, United Church of Christ 🍃

347 Thompson Rd., P.O. Box 308
Thompson, CT 06277
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ThompsonUCC.org

Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group (TEEG) 🍃

15 Thatcher Rd., P.O. Box 664
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-3458 • Fax: 860-923-5770
Annem@teegonline.org • teegonline.org

Thompson Historical Society 🍃

Ellen Larned Memorial Building
339 Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-5527 • thompsonhistorical.org

The Three C's (Community Cultural Committee) 🍃

P.O. Box 134, Pomfret, CT 06258-0134
860-928-7051 • kidsshows@gmail.com
thethreecs.org

UConn College of Agriculture, Health & Natural Resources (CAHNR) 🍃

3624 Horsebarn Rd. Extension, U4035
Storrs, CT 06269 • 860-486-3336
sara.putnam@uconn.edu • cag.uconn.edu/CANR



Voluntown Peace Trust 🍃

539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-9970
voluntownpeacetrust@gmail.com
voluntownpeacetrust.org
Voluntown Peace Trust is a center dedicated to nonviolent social change and sustainable living. Near Beach Pond, the 54 acres includes 40 acres of woods, Bliven Brook, fields, organic gardens, and a labyrinth. Facilities include a lodge, cabin, yurt and meeting hall; space for retreats, meetings, events including overnight accommodations.



The Webster Dudley Business Alliance (WDBA) 🍃

P. O. Box 821, Webster, MA 01570
508-949-6232 • contact@thewdba.org
thewdba.org
A coalition of local businesses and organizations working together to promote and support each other through networking, educational opportunities and community events.



Webster Lake Association 🍃

Webster, MA 01570
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websterlakeassociation.org
The Webster Lake Association is dedicated to enhancing, preserving and protecting Webster Lake.

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Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

210 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
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The William Benton Museum of Art at The University of Connecticut

245 Glenbrook Rd., U-3140, Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4520 • Fax: 860-486-0234
benton.uconn.edu

Willimantic Renaissance, Inc

P.O.Box 866, Willimantic, CT 06226-0866
860-450-0918 • info@WillimanticStreetFest.com
WillimanticStreetFest.com

Willimantic Victorian Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 555, Willimantic, CT 06226-0555
860-456-1666 • rphorrocks@gmail.com
victorianwillimantic.org

Willimantic Whitewater Partnership

P.O. Box 406, Willimantic, CT 06226-0406
860-455-3611 • willimanticwhitewater.org

Windham Regional Arts Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 847, Willimantic, CT 06226-0847
860-423-1728 • contactus@windhamrac.org
windhamrac.org

Windham Region Chamber of Commerce

1010 Main St. (Rte. 66), Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-6389 • info@windhamchamber.com
windhamchamber.com

Windham Textile & History Museum/ The Mill Museum

411 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226-3173
860-456-2178 • themillmuseum@gmail.com
millmuseum.org



Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp

326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-3379 Fax: 860-974-3327
campdirector@4hcampct.org • 4hcampct.org
Day and overnight camp for eight different
theme weeks every summer for children from
ages 6 - 15. This "unplugged" program on
270 acres offers a variety of activities, chosen
by campers. Campers do not need to be
4-H members. Camp is ACA accredited and
licensed by the State of Connecticut.

The Woods at Long Pond

395 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
508-454-6699 • thewoodsatlongpond.com
and "like" them on Facebook.
Privately owned nature sanctuary. Residents
and friends are welcome to join us for special
events, like Walktober, when the Woods are
open to the public.

The Woodstock Academy

57 Academy Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6575 • woodstockacademy.org

Woodstock Agricultural Society, Inc. – The Woodstock Fair

281 Rte. 169, South Woodstock, CT 06267
860-928-3246 • Fax: 860-963-7499
info@woodstockfair.com • woodstockfair.com



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!

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 hours of operation as some locations are seasonal only. Visitors from around the world come to get stamped in The Last Green Valley!



The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor

203B Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
thelastgreenvalley.org



Lebanon Historical Society Museum

856 Trumbull Hwy.
Lebanon, CT 06249
historyoflebanon.org



Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors Center

69 East Town St.
Norwich, CT 06360
norwichhistoricalsociety.org



Old Sturbridge Village

1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd.,
Sturbridge, MA 01566
osv.org



Prudence Crandall Museum

1 South Canterbury Rd.,
Canterbury, CT 06331
ct.gov/cct



Roseland Cottage

556 Rte. 169
Woodstock, CT 06281
historicnewengland.org

WHAT IS A NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR?

Congress designated The Last Green Valley as a National Heritage Corridor in 1994. The Last Green Valley is not a traditional park. Instead, citizens, businesses, nonprofit cultural and environmental organizations, local and state governments and the National Park Service work together to preserve and celebrate the region's cultural, historical and natural heritage. Find out more about National Heritage Areas at the National Park Service Website nps.gov/heritageareas.



Off-Road Vehicles/Snowmobiles

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

ct.gov/deep, search off-road vehicles

Massachusetts Information

mass.gov/eea, search off-road vehicles

Hodges Village Dam – Registered Off-Road Motorcycles Only

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)

Oxford, MA 01540

508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil

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

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384

860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep

More than 22,000 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:

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

Rolling, heavily forested property has over 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

Over 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 Piffershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242

860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Directions: From a point on Rte. 198 halfway between Phoenixville and Chaplin, turn east at the 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

Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076

860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Directions: From the intersection of Rtes. 190 and 171, proceed easterly 1.3 miles to the entrance of Bigelow Hollow State Park on Rte. 171. The Nipmuck Forest snowmobile trail begins at the first hiker information sign on the right after entering the 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

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384

860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep

Directions: From the junction of Rtes. 138 and 49, proceed north on Rte. 49 for 1 mile to the forest sign on the left. Follow the forest entrance road for approximately 1 mile. Park at the ball field area. Trail utilizes unplowed forest roads and snowmobile or motorcycle trails. A series of loops permits adjustments for time and distance as desired. The trails are an easy grade and suitable for novice operators. Some fees.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 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 snowmobile! Some fees.

West Thompson Lake

449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255

860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil

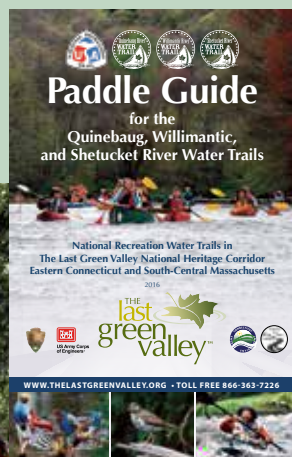
1,200+ acres of varied landscape with 17+ miles of trails offer winter activities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing. No fee.



Paddling

With 87 miles of National Recreation Water Trails, The Last Green Valley offers some of the best paddling to be found. Many rivers, ponds and lakes offer family-friendly adventures, while some river segments are for advanced paddlers only. Before taking to the rivers, learn as much as you can about each segment. The lakes and ponds listed in this section offer paddling only (no motors allowed). More lakes and ponds for paddling are listed in the Boating and Fishing section, but be aware that other types of boats are also allowed.

For more detailed information about paddling the National Recreation Water Trails, get your copy of TLGV's Paddle Guide for the Quinebaug, Willimantic and Shetucket River Water Trails. Call TLGV at 866-363-7227 to order a copy for \$3.



A. Dabrowski

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.
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.

Chase Reservoir

85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Paddle & fish this 80 acres, from shore or in kayaks/canoes. 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. Reservoir is surrounded by private property, please be respectful. No fee.

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary / Morse Pond - Opacum Land Trust

N. Woodstock Rd. (Rte. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550 • 508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Small parking lot on Tipton Rock Rd.,
Have a canoe or kayak? You can access peaceful Morse Pond from N. Woodstock Rd. (Rte. 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.

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
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.

French River - Leovich Landing

Dudley Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
frenchriverconnection.org/leovich.html
Parking for several cars.
Leovich Landing is the only public boat launch on the French River between Agguteback Pond at Hodges Village Dam and French River Park in Webster. You can meander downstream for miles, enjoying seclusion and abundant wildlife, but be sure you can comfortably paddle back upstream as there is no public take-out above the first old mill dam in Webster. No fee.

French River - French River Park

Davis St., Webster, MA 01570
frenchriverconnection.org/park.html
Parking for several cars.
From the newly constructed boat launch, you can paddle upstream or downstream a short ways. If you head downstream towards Perryville Trace, scout the take-out ahead of time to ensure flows are low enough to take out above the dam safely. No fee.

French River - North Grosvenordale Pond

1017 Riverside Dr. (Rte. 12)
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
Parking on Rte. 12, behind Knights of Columbus Hall.
Access N. Grosvenordale Pond and some easy paddling behind the Knights of Columbus. The French River strolls into this pond from the north, and you can paddle upstream a mile or so. No fee.

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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.



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 one of Lakeview Marine's 2 locations – the marina at 311 Thompson Rd. in Webster or from the shore at Memorial Beach Park in Webster. Rentals are available for one hour up to a full day. Walk-ins welcomed, 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. Greeneville 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 above.

Quinebaug River National Recreation 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 Rd., 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 Rte. 131 (Old Turnpike Road) and Rte. 197 at the state line. You will float comfortably again once you pass under Rte. 197. Be careful as you approach Fabyan Dam which is unsafe to shoot. Hug the shore on river 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
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

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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
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 Route 101 in Pomfret is 5.9 miles long 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 Streamgate at Cargill Falls, Putnam. No fee.



Quinebaug River NRT - Riverside Park, Brooklyn

18 Day St., 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. 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 kiosks. 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 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 Route 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.

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 Route 66, makes three sharp turns, then flows under the Route 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 river bank, then 25 foot long steep incline to the water. This 7 mile segment is popular & scenic, passing railroad tracks, Route 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 island. Paddle to the east side (river left) through the wider channel. Pass under the Route 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

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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. (Rte. 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 Rte. 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. (Rte. 97), Occum (Norwich), CT 06360
thelastgreenvalley.org

Parking at dam is available adjacent to the dam, Monday – Saturday, across from the Versailles

United Methodist Church (please do not park here Sundays from 10am-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 Rte. 97 with a 300 feet 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 Rte. 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 November 1 to April 1. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Taftville Dam to Greenville Dam

Riverview Dr./Boat Launch Dr. (off Rte. 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 November 1 to 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 Rte. 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 of 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 ct-norwich.civicplus.com/documentcenter/view/1657. No fee.

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 Rte. 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 - Merrow Meadow to River Park

Merrow Meadow Park on Merrow 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 Route 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 take-out also available river right. No fee.

Willimantic River NRT - Eagleville Lake to Willimantic

Rte. 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 Route 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. (Rte. 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. Newly 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 Rte. 66 bridge, and if conditions allow, continue 6 miles further to Eagleville. Take inside curves for smoother water, and 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 time-table allows, then turn around and return to the Air Line Trail Landing. No fee.

Willimantic Whitewater Partnership

P.O. Box 406, Willimantic, CT 06226-0406
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Bull Hill Preserve – Wyndham Land Trust 🌿

Bull Hill Rd., Thompson, CT 06255
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
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Drive east for approximately one mile on Bull Hill Road from the intersection with Senexet Road in Woodstock. Drive through the green metal gate and park on the left.

A premier and ever-growing preserve of more than 500 acres offers diverse habitat with an

outstanding view in all directions at the scenic overlook. A local Eagle Scout project is adding signage from the gate to the scenic overlook, which is about a mile walk. The land trust offers hikes during TLGV's Spring Outdoors and Walktober to introduce this parcel to the public. No fee.

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 Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
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Fifty-Foot Cliff Preserve

954 Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195), Mansfield, CT 06250
860-429-3015 • preserves@mansfieldct.org
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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.

Grassland Bird Conservation Center at Pomfret - Connecticut Audubon Society 🌿

218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948
ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
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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 Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
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Mansfield Hollow Lake

141 Mansfield Hollow Rd.
Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
Park in public lot on Rte. 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.

Norwich Harbor Water Trail/ Yantic Falls - Uncas Leap

Howard T. Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr.
Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700 • norwichct.org
Park near ramp.
2 options to view Yantic Falls. Paddle out from Howard T. Brown Memorial Park - the unique scenic quality of the cascading waterfall is unparalleled and just a mile upstream on the Yantic or from the land. A footbridge over the river (accessible via Heritage Riverfront Trail) offers a quite different look of the falls and cove below. No fee.

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Old Furnace State Park

So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • 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.) Some fees.

Putnam River Trail/Cargill Falls

Kennedy Dr. & Rte. 44, Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us
Park in a few lots on Kennedy Dr.
The 2.5 mile Putnam River Trail, part of the East Coast Greenway, winds through the park, and includes great photography or painting opportunities at scenic Cargill Falls. Enjoy a loftier view of the Quinebaug River from Church St. No fee.



Roseland Lake – Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
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UConn Horsebarn Hill

Horsebarn Hill Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-2413
animalscience.uconn.edu; ecohusky.uconn.edu/development/parks.html
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Wells State Park/Carpenter Rocks

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 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
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Wolf Rock Nature Preserve – Joshua's Trust

Crane Hill Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
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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 Road. No fee.

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860-928-6541 • daykimball.org
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Harrington Hospital

100 South St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-765-9771 • harringtonhospital.org
Open 24/7

Harrington Hospital/ Remillard Family Emergency Department

340 Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193), Webster, MA 01570
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860-456-1252 • medeastclinic.com
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Sat. - Sun., 10 am - 3 pm

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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. Respect and help care for the parks you visit.

Baltic Skate Park

River St., Baltic, CT 06330
Welcoming skaters and BMX riders alike, the Baltic Skate Park is located behind the recreation fields off River Street by the Shetucket River. Open until 10 pm or when the lights are turned off. No fee.

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 breath - and skate. No fee.

Jewett City Skate Park

Wilson St. & Hill St., Griswold, CT 06351
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Lauter Park BMX/Skate Park

625 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3046 • Windhamct.com
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Mansfield Skate Park

10 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015 • mansfieldct.gov
Located behind the community center, this skate park is open dawn to dusk, weather permitting. No fee.

Oxford Center Skate Park

4 Maple Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
508-987-6002 • town.oxford.ma.us
Found near the community center, this fenced-in park is open daylight hours for all to enjoy, although some helmet and pad rules apply. No fee.

Owen Bell Skate Park

Town Farm Rd. (off Rte. 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. (Rte. 14A)
Plainfield, CT 06374
860-564-1819 • Plainfieldct.org/recreation
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Putnam Skate Park

155 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260
putnamct.us/parks-recreation
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



State & Federal Parks & Forests



Parks versus Forests. Why do we have both State Parks and State Forests, and what is the difference? State Parks usually focus on recreational features and generally offer diverse attractions, activities and visitor services. State Forests are usually much larger than Parks and provide more wilderness experiences in deep woods hiking, hunting (in most locations) and fewer visitor services. *Explore!* all that they have to offer! Refer to page 122 for numbered map.

Map #	PLACE - NAME, TOWN ONLY	Bicycling / Mountain Biking	Boating (motorized) / Boat Ramps	Camping	Disc Golf	Fishing	Hiking / Strolling	Horseback Riding	Letterboxing / Geocaching	Paddling (kayaks & canoes)	Scenic Overlooks & Views	Scuba Diving	Swimming	Winter Activities	MORE! (Check out complete park information section)
1	Air Line State Park Trail , travels through TLGV towns of Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, then continues south of TLGV through East Hampton, Colchester, Hebron, Columbia.	X					X	X						X	
2	Beaver Brook State Park , Back Rd. (off Rte. 14), Windham, CT 06280						X (undeveloped, unmarked)								X
3	Bigelow Hollow State Park , Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076		X			X	X				X			X	X
4	Brimfield State Forest , 86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010	X				X	X	X					X	X	X
5	Buffumville Lake , 48 Old Oxford Rd., Charlton, MA 01507		X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X		X
6	East Brimfield Lake , 24 Riverview Ave., Fiskdale, MA 01518		X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
7	Hodges Village Dam , Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.), Oxford, MA 01540	X			X	X	X	X		X				X	X
8	Hopeville Pond State Park , 929 Hopeville Rd., Griswold, CT 06351	X	X	X		X	X			X			X		X
9	James L. Goodwin State Forest , 23 Potter Rd., Hampton, CT 06247	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
10	Killingly Pond State Park , Pond Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239		X			X	X			X					X
11	Lake Siog Recreation Area , off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521		X			X	X			X		X	X		X
12	Mansfield Hollow Lake , 141 Mansfield Hollow Rd, Mansfield Center, CT 06250 / Mansfield Hollow State Park , Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250	X	X			X	X			X	X			X	X

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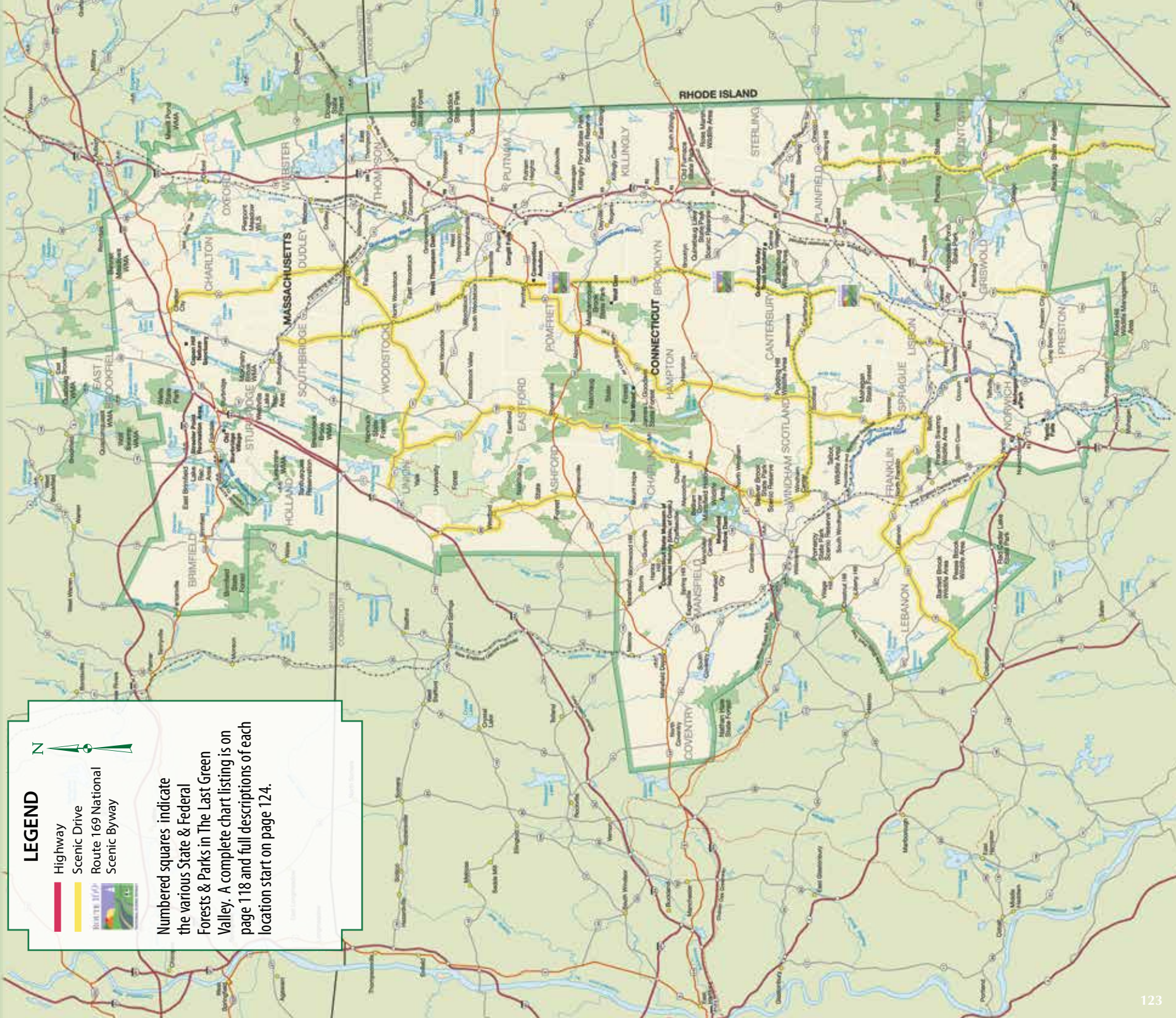
Map #	PLACE - NAME, TOWN ONLY														
13	Mashamoquet Brook State Park , 147 Wolf Den Dr., Pomfret Center, CT 06259			X		X	X						X		X
14	Mohegan State Forest , Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264	X					X	X	X					X	X
15	Mooween State Park , Old Rte. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd., Lebanon, CT 06249		X			X	X		X						X
16	Natchaug State Forest , 66 Pilsfershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242	X		X		X	X	X	X					X	X
17	Nathan Hale State Forest , off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238						X		X					X	X
18	Nipmuck State Forest , Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076		X	X		X	X		X	X		X		X	X
19	Old Furnace State Park , So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6), Killingly, CT 06239		X			X	X		X	X					X
20	Pachaug State Forest , Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
21	Pomeroy State Park , Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249						X								X
							(undeveloped, unmarked)								
22	Quaddick State Park and Forest , 818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277		X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X
23	Quinebaug Lake State Park , Shepard Hill Rd. (off Rte. 12), Killingly, CT 06239		X			X			X						
24	Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery , 141 Trout Hatchery Rd., Central Village, CT 06332					X									X
						(children's fishing pond only)	X								
25	Ross Pond State Park , Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239		X			X	X		X						X
26	Salt Rock State Campground , 173 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 97), Sprague, CT 06330			X		X	X						X		
													(campers only)		
27	Streeter Point Recreation Area , 6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566		X			X			X						
28	Wells State Park , 159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49), Sturbridge, MA 01566	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X	X	X
													(campers only)		
29	West Thompson Lake , 449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255		X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X
30	Westville Lake Recreation Area , 125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566		X			X	X		X					X	X

Explore! State & Federal Parks & Forests

LEGEND

- Highway
- Scenic Drive
- Route 169 National Scenic Byway

Numbered squares indicate the various State & Federal Forests & Parks in The Last Green Valley. A complete chart listing is on page 118 and full descriptions of each location start on page 124.



State & Federal Parks & Forests Descriptions



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Connecticut has launched a new Passport to Parks program that allows CT residents to enter state parks for free. The program is being funded by a surcharge on automobile registrations. Visitors with out-of-state license plates will still be charged entrance fees. Non-resident season passes are available. ct.gov/deep, search Park Passes.

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. mass.gov/eea, search Parks Pass.

Air Line State Park Trail

Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
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This linear gravel/pebble covered trail is flat, easy and travels for almost 50 miles. 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). 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.

Beaver Brook State Park

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

Bigelow Hollow State Park

Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
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Combined with Nipmuck Forest there are 9,000+ acres of extensive hiking opportunities of varied difficulty & length. 3 bodies of water range from 20+ to 300 acres & offer fishing, boating (launches), & scuba diving. Hunting, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing & snowmobiling, plus picnic tables & pit toilets. Exceptional scenic beauty. Some fees.

Brimfield State Forest

86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
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Buffumville Lake

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
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East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave. (off Rte. 20)
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Hodges Village Dam

30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
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Hopeville Pond State Park

929 Hopeville Rd. (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920 • 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep
Many 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 (handicap platform), paddle over to Pachaug Pond & back. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

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23 Potter Rd. (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
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 Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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
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.

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ct.gov/deep Search 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. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
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 Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • 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.

Mooween State Park

Old Rte. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd.
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • 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 as 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. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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 • ct.gov/deep
1,500-acre forest of hemlock, white cedar, American chestnut restoration sites, and grass & shrub fields. Perfect for hiking/strolling, 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

Rtes 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • 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 Rte. 190 entrance. Some fees.

Old Furnace State Park

So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Exceptional activity selection in 24,000 acres with miles of roads & trails in CT's largest state forest. Boating (launches), fishing (handicapped 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

Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • 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 • ct.gov/deep
Park with 400+ acre reservoir is 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 Rte. 12), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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 • ct.gov/deep
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, tours available (self-guided.) Special Children's fishing pond is stocked often. Ponds & trails spread out to ensure easy walking & views of birds, turtles & more. Daily 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. No fee.

Ross Pond State Park

Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • 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.

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Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Swimming & Scuba Diving

Salt Rock State Campground

173 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-376-4075 • 860-822-0884 • ct.gov/deep
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 Rte. 20. See East Brimfield Lake listing. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
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 horsebackriding, 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
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, handicap 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 • nae.usace.army.mil
578 acres of diverse land, 23-acre lake, plus access to Quinebaug River & handicapped assessible Grand Trunk Trail are unique here. 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.



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! Take lessons and learn to swim for great exercise!



SWIMMING/SPLASH PADS:

Andrew J. Petro Memorial Swimming Pool/Southbridge State Pool

15 Randolph St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-764-7352 • facebook.com/SBGEPOOL
Operated by the Town of Southbridge, this outdoor pool is open seasonally. Season or day passes available. 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
Dean Pond Recreation Area, located in the western portion of Brimfield State Forest (off Rte. 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
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.

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

Rte. 9, East Brookfield, MA 01515
508-867-3832 • eastbrookfieldma.us
The East Brookfield Parks and Recreation Committee maintains, along with the 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.

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Finn Beach

61 North Shore Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384

860-376-4089 • Voluntown.org

A public, swim-at-your-own-risk beach open to anyone regardless of whether or not 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 and Family Center - The YMCA of Greater Hartford

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Holland Pond/Lake Siog Recreation Area

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521

508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil

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., (Rtes. 201 & 395)

Griswold, CT 06351

860-376-2920 • 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep

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 Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239

860-779-5390 • Killingly.org

The town-owned Hygeia Reservoir had been closed most recent years, but the summer of 2015 saw a revival of this swimming hole as 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.

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 is also home to 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. Wide range of activities/programs 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., (Rte. 44)

Pomfret Center, CT 06259

860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep

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. To help keep the waters clean, please do not feed the ducks & geese that like to visit. Lakeside Pavilion can be rented for events. Some fees.

Owen Bell Splash Pad

Town Farm Rd. (off Rte. 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

Rte. 138 (east off exit 85 off of Rte. 395)

Voluntown, CT 06384

860-376-4075 • 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 basement, 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 • 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. (Rte. 97), Sprague, CT 06330

860-376-4075 • 860-822-0884 • 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 Rte. 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. (Rte. 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

Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076

860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

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 under water 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

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

Swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at Lake Siog, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest

Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076

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Combined with Bigelow Hollow State Park, there are 3 bodies of water range from 20 - 300 acres & offer scuba diving as well as boating. Some fees.



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See the **Off-road Vehicles/Snowmobiles** section of *Explore!* for more specific information about snowmobile trails.

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 • ct.gov/deep
The Air Line Trail is a flat, linear, long trail, outstanding for easy cross-country skiing or snowshoeing 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

Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • 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.

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. No snow? Roll down the hill! 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
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.

James L. Goodwin State Forest

23 Potter Rd. (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
Easy variety of 10 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 of 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 • 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 Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • 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 Piffershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • 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.

Nathan Hale State Forest

off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • 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.

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Pachaug State Forest

Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • 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.



Roseland Golf Course

204 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Townofwoodstock.com
A popular public golf course in scenic Woodstock offers great hills for sledding. Open to the public for respectful use. Remember, this is an active seasonal golf course; take care of the hills as if they were your own! No fee for sledding.

Sayles School

25 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 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
animalscience.uconn.edu; ecohusky.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.

Wells State Park

159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 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
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
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.

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary/ Opacum Land Trust

Tipton Rock Rd. (off Rte. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550
508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Park in small lot on road.
3 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.

East Brimfield Lake

24 Riverview Ave. (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
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
If you enjoy cold weather and winter sports, this is the spot for ice fishing at Augutteback Pond. No fee.

Lake Lashaway

Harrington St. (off Rte. 9)
East Brookfield/North 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. The paved ramp at north end of pond off of Harrington St. makes summer catching fun with most abundant population being largemouth bass & white perch. No fee.

Lake Siog Recreation Area/ Holland Pond

off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
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

Rte. 87 (near Rte. 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 • ct.gov/deep
The man-made 450-acre lake is a big draw in the winter for ice fishing. Plenty of parking. 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 Rte. 117, Preston, CT 06365
860-889-2482 • preston-ct.org
Located in Poquetanuck Village, Preston Community Park is situated between Lincoln Park Rd., Rtes. 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 • 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.

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Roseland Lake – Roseland Park

205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Roselandpark.org
“Like” Roseland Park on Facebook
60+ acre Roseland Park sits along the 96-acre Roseland Lake (fishing, boating, paddling, unimproved boat launch) surrounded by lots of woods & some homes. Catch largemouth bass, carp, pickerel, perch, trout & more. Paddling, too! Winter activities include ice fishing. The lake often freezes solid for ice skating. Open daily, closes at sunset. No swimming. No fee.

Sprague's Pine Pond

Rte. 97, Sprague, CT 06330
860-822-3000 • ctsprague.org
You can have an old-fashioned skating party with a bonfire on Pine Pond (across from the Recreation fields on Rte. 97). For information, contact the Recreation Department. No fee.

Sturbridge Town Common Rink

Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-2041
recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us
town.sturbridge.ma.us
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/freitas-ice-forum
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.

Webster Lake

Memorial Beach Dr., Webster, MA
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
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
A 23-acre lake at this recreational area offers ice skating when safe for year round enjoyment. Some fees.



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