Explore!
Outdoor, Indoor & Around Town Adventures in
THE last green valley™
A NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

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The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor - together we can care for it, enjoy it, and pass it on.

Welcome

Are you a modern day Explorer? You can be! Discover the natural beauty of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (35 towns in northeast CT and south central MA). Find wonder in the waterfalls, the fishing holes, the hilltops, and the farms. Hear stories from the past, sip wine in a vineyard, shop til you drop, and savor local foods. Kayak, backpack, pick an apple, or carve a pumpkin. Savor farm fresh food, photograph bald eagles in flight, or gaze at the stars. Explore! will help you delve into every inch of The Last Green Valley. We will increase your capacity for fun and enjoyment in the following pages. Invite your family and friends. Take a breath, be prepared to smile, and start your adventure. Explore! and Explore! often.
Accommodations

More than just a place to rest for the night, you’ll find a home away from home in these welcoming and diverse accommodations as you Explore! The Last Green Valley.

Americas Best Value Inn
479 Providence Rd. (Rte. 6) • Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-9644 • quietcornerinn@yahoo.com
quietcornerinn.com
Whether you plan to stay one day, a weekend, or longer, we will ensure your stay is memorable. Beautifully remodeled property with exterior corridors. Amenities include A/C, WiFi, cable TV with HBO, alarm clock/radio, hair dryer, in-room ironing board, refrigerator & microwave. Non-smoking rooms available. Rooms: 25

B&B at Taylor's Corner
880 Route 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-0490
info@taylorsbb.com • taylorsbb.com
Fireplaces, wide-board floors, private baths and antique furniture are a few things decorating this 18th-century Colonial, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Incredible breakfasts, fresh baked goods, refreshments, WiFi, satellite TV, DVDs and games are all included. Lush perennial gardens and old stone walls surround the property. Rooms: 3

Bed & Breakfasts of the Mystic Coast & Country
111 Route 2A, Preston, CT 06365
860-887-7589
stay@captaingrants.com • thebbmc.com

Captain Grant’s, 1754
109 Route 2A, Preston, CT 06365
800-982-1772
stay@captaingrants.com • captaingrants.com

The Daniel Rust House Bed & Breakfast
2011 Main St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-0032 • drhbnb@charter.net
thedadanielrusthouse.com

Henrietta House Bed & Breakfast and Red House Farm
125 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-742-0032 • drhbnb@charter.net
historichenriettahouse • bnct.weebly.com

Inn at Woodstock Hill
94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0528 • Fax: 860-821-8561
innwood@gmail.com • woodstockhill.com

The King’s Inn
5 Heritage Rd., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7961
manager@kingsinnputnam.com
kingsinnputnam.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Astronomy/Night Sky Views

Although we are known for our "Dark Skies" in The Last Green Valley and have plenty of places to view them, here are a few outstanding choices.

Connecticut Audubon Society,
Grassland Bird Conservation Center
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06239
860-928-4948
taudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
Take a seat in the grass or bring a blanket or lawn chair to look out to endless skies. Find the stars, planets and constellations as they arrive to greet you! No fee.

Jacob Edwards Library
236 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-928-5426 • jacobedwardslibrary.org
A StarBlast 4.5" Astro Reflector Telescope was donated through the Aldrich Astronomical Society, and the tabletop version is available for a 1 week loan following the conditions of the borrowing agreement (no renewals, $5 late fee per day, etc.) Astronomy and Sky and Telescope magazines may be borrowed with a library card. Contact library to learn more.

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.
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Bicycling & Mountain Biking

Pedaling offers great exercise plus a different view of The Last Green Valley. Safety is key when hopping aboard. 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.

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 in The Last Green Valley. Three sections: South from E. 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.

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, CT 06470
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
1,200 varied acres include over 20 miles of trails for year round use, including mountain biking. Note that off-road vehicle trails allow dirt bikes & snowmobiles. No fee.

Brimfield State Forest
86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687 • mass.gov
120+ 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 & available for walking and bicycling, too. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to Sturbridge), this is flat & very easy and is also a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.

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.

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 terrains including old rail trails, historic mill towns, and forests & farmlands. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow State Park
Bassett Ridge 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 (approximately 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/deep
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 pedalers. No fee.

Natchaug State Forest
66 Professors 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 and 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. Parking at Community Center.
Parking by ball fields behind waste water treatment facility.
Killingly conservation.org, killingly.org
Park at gate. 128 acres diverse tract, includes forests & meadows and allows mountain biking. No motorized vehicles, dogs must be leashed. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
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 pedalers. No fee.

Putnam Quinebaug River Trail/ Cargill Falls
Jct. Rtes. 12 & 6, Killingly, CT 06239
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us
Parking lots in a few locations along Kennedy Dr. approximately 4 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 pedalers. No fee.

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 pedal experience. 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.

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. Bicycling fun. Barber trolley rail bed (Springfield to Sturbridge), it’s a flat, easy ride and a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.

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) is also great for mountain biking. Some fees.
These are brief descriptions of each boating and/or fishing location. We urge you to review our "State & Federal Parks & Forests" section, and visit the websites listed. They are packed with information to make your experiences the best ever! Rules and regulations apply and must be followed. Many of these sites are appropriate for paddling, but be sure to see our "Paddling Only" section, too!

State of CT Main Fishing Page

State of CT Freshwater Fishing Page

State of CT Lake Contours Maps

State of CT Anglers Guide

State of MA Main Fishing Page
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/recreational-activities/fishing.html

State of MA Freshwater Fishing Page

State of MA Pond Maps

CT State Boating website
ct.gov/deep Outdoor Recreation Tab, Choose Boating

MA State Boating website
www.mass.gov/eea/state-parks-beaches/outdoor-recreation/boating/

USACE Boating website
www.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 speed 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.

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

Black Pond
100 Camp Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208 • woodstockconservation.org
73 acre pond with black crappie, brown bullhead, largemouth & smallmouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch. Dirt boat launch, 5 mph limit. No fee.

Breakneck Pond
Rte. 171 & Rte. 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, nor 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. & Chariton 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. 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. Waterskiing 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.

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Eagleville Lake  
Rte. 275 (off Rte. 32)  
Coventry/Mansfield, CT 06238  
willimanticriver.org  
Car-top/carry-in launch at dam at 77 acre lake, 8 mph speed limit. Fish for largemouth & smallmouth bass, perch, pickerel & more. Handicapped 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.

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.

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 body is located in Natchaug State Forest. Car-top boats only, no internal combustion engines. Largemouth bass, perch, pike and 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 under 16 years old. Children must obey same rules as adults. No fee.

James L. Goodwin State Forest/ Pine Acres Lake  
23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247  
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep  
Pine Acres Lake is a shallow 135 acres, with boat launch (electric motors only) for fishing & paddling round the stumps. Open year round. No fee.

Killingly Pond State Park  
Pond Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239  
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep  
120+ acre 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 Siog Recreation Area/ Holland Pond Reservoir  
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  
Lakeview Webser

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 years old. Children must obey the same rules as adults. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow Lake & State Park  
Bassett’s 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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Boating and/or Fishing

**Mohegan Park/Spaulding Pond**
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/for catfish & community fishing area welcomes you to catch them all. Some fees.

**Mooween State Park/Red Cedar Lake**
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. Large mouth bass, pickerel, perch. Some fees.

**Natchaug State Forest/Natchaug River**
66 Pilsfere Rd. (Rte. 198)
Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

**Nipmuck State Forest**
Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Combined with Bigelow Hollow, 3 bodies of water for pond fishing, paddling & scuba diving. Bigelow Pond (20+ acres) has launch for traileders, no internal combustion engines allowed. Mashapaug Lake (287 acres, a big bass management area) has launch for traileders, 10 mph limit. Pit toilets. Some fees.

**Old Furnace State Park/Ross Pond**
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, perk & bullheads love to swim. No fee.

**Pachaug State Forest/Green Falls Area/ Green Falls Reservoir**
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.

**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 (no internal combustion, electric motors only) for fishing & paddling ‘round 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
400+ acre reservoir is active water area with many activities, including fishing with traileder 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
One of the largest state hatcheries. Glass wall for viewing, tours available (self-guided or appointment). 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 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. No fee.

**Robbins Preserve/ Wyndham Land Trust**
Fred Davis Rd. (off Quaddick Town Farm Rd.)
Thompson, CT 06277
860-963-2090 • info@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 Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208 • woodstockconservation.org

**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
860-376-407 • 860-822-0884 • ct.gov/deep
149 wooded acres has access to over one mile of the 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.

**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 E. 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.

**Taftville Reservoir (Ouellet Park)**
20 Old Canterbury Tpke.
Norwich, CT 06360
25 acre reservoir accessed through Ouellet Park is a bass management area, with trout & sunfish, too. No fee.

**Thayer’s Marine**
14 Falls Ave., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-8315
richiethayer@thayersmarine.com
thayersmarine.com

**Webster Lake**
Memorial Beach Dr., Webster, MA 01570
508-389-6300 • mass.gov/eea
1,442 acres makes this the largest natural lake in southern New England, 45’ at deepest point, 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.

**Wells State Park/Walker Pond**
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
1,400 wooded acres includes Walker Pond with boat launch, fishing, paddling. 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 largemouth & smallmouth bass, pickerel, perch, carp & sunfish. 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 Quinebaug River offer anglers largemouth bass & panfish. State of MA DCR 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.
These are brief descriptions of each camping location. We urge you to review our “State & Federal Parks & Forests” section, and visit the websites for each location. They are packed with information to make your experiences the best ever! There are also many private camping areas to discover. Camping provides great family fun in The Last Green Valley!

**CT State Camping website**  
[ct.gov/deep](http://ct.gov/deep)

**MA State Camping website**  
[mass.gov/transportation-recreation](http://mass.gov/transportation-recreation)

**USACE Camping website**  
[nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation](http://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 one week. Primitive camping; boat needed for the short trip to the island. Reservations start January 1 each year. Call 1-877-444-6777 to register. Some fees.

**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**  
21 Bailey Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384  
860-564-4334 • Fax: 860-564-4339  
circlec@comcast.net • campcirclec.com

**Connecticut Campground Owners Association 🍁**  
Woodstock, CT 06281  
860-521-4704 • Fax: 860-821-8057  
info@campconn.com • campconn.com

**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 – 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.

**Mashamoquet Brook Campground**  
147 Wolf Den Dr., (Rte. 44) Pomfret Center, CT 06259  
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep  
22 wooded sites; 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 – 12 tents, close by Goodwin Conservation Center. Camp has outhouses but no running water, electricity, public phone or trash cans. Some fees.

**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 serve basis. No fee.

**Nipmuck State Forest**  
Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076  
860-424-3200  
dep.stateparks@ct.gov • ct.gov/deep  
Backcountry camping allowed by permit along the blue blazed trail at Breackneck Pond Campsite. 1 night limit. See website for permit details. Some fees.

**Pachaug State Forest/Backcountry Campground**  
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384  
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep  
18 camping sites available on 1st come/1st serve basis. Some fees.

**Pachaug State Forest/Frog Hollow Horse Camp/Campground**  
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384  
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep  
18 wooded sites on 1st come/1st serve 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 serve basis. Pond fishing, swimming. Some fees.

**Peppertree Camping**  
146 Chaplin Rd., 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.

**Quadrass 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.

**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.

**Solair Family Nudist Campground 🎨**  
65 Ide Perrin Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281  
860-928-9174 • Fax: 860-928-4709  
solair@solarirll.com • solairll.com

**Wallis Cove Cabins 📢**  
Whitin Reservoir, 67 Island Rd. Douglas, MA 01516 • 508-259-7087  
info@walliscove.com • walliscove.com

**West Thompson Lake**  
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255  
860-923-2982  
reserveamerica.com • nae.usace.army.mil  
Fishing along the Shetucket River with over 1 mile of waterfront access; obtain permit for Campground office. Some fees.

**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  
Fishing along the Shetucket River with over 1 mile of waterfront access; obtain permit for Campground office. Some fees.
The Last Green Valley is overflowing with plenty to discover and *Explore!* Reach out to these business groups. They are valuable resources.

**Central Mass South - The Chamber at the Crossroads of New England & The Sturbridge Townships**
380 Main St. (Rte. 20), Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2761, 800-628-8379
info@cmschamber.org
cmschamber.org, sturbridgetownships.com

Explore the unspoiled, four-season beauty of the northern tip of The Last Green Valley. Enjoy the sincere hospitality of our shop and tavern-keepers. Or simply shake your head in amazement at the sheer variety of what you find just around the bend: orchards, antique shops, Old Sturbridge Village, town fairs, hiking trails, and more! Discover everything but ordinary!

**Eastern Regional Tourism District / Mystic Country**
27 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT 06355
860-536-8822 • Fax: 860-536-8855
info@mysticcountry.com
mysticcountry.com

**Killingly Business Association**
172 Main St.
Killingly, CT 06239
kbainc@yahoo.com
killinglybusinessassociation.com
860-428-0442

KBA organized to foster and strengthen Killingly businesses, to promote town revitalization efforts, to build partnerships with the community and town government and to act as the unified voice of the concerns of its members. With joint events and promotions, our miles of hiking and biking trails, and paddleable waters, there is always something to enjoy in Killingly!

**Town of Killingly/Economic Development Office**
172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
860-779-5350 • Fax: 860-779-5367
ecdev@killinglyct.org • killingly.org

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The Putnam Business Association was formed in 2009 by a small group of business owners with a unified vision. Today, the PBA boasts of more than 170 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.

The Webster Dudley Business Alliance (WDBA)
P.O. Box 821, Webster, MA 01570
508-949-6232
contact@thewdba.org • thewdba.org

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

Woodstock Business Association
P.O. Box 4, South Woodstock, CT 06267-0004
860-928-3738
ggateflorist@sbcglobal.net
explorewoodstock.com

An up-and-coming, popular and challenging outdoor activity, disc golf courses are available throughout The Last Green Valley. Be sure to arrive with a lot of discs & mark yours so they can be returned to you in case you don’t get a hole in one on each shot! Take lots of pictures and post them on our Facebook page!

Brooklyn Recreation Department Davis Forest & Disc Golf Course
end of Salmon Dr. (off South St.)
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-5464 • brooklync.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. (Some work, such as signage, is ongoing). Keep active as a family while enjoying the quiet and scenic areas of Davis Forest. No fee.

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
Buffumville Lake offers year-round recreation, & Buffumville Park is 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.

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
For year-round outdoor recreation, including an 18-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.

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
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.
Education

One of our most important resources is our youth. With the help of these educators, we will continue to enjoy, care for and pass on The Last Green Valley to future generations.

Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation, Inc. 742 Upper Maple St., Danielson, CT 06239 860-932-4000 • qvcc.edu/foundation

Three Rivers Community College 574 New London Tpke., Norwich, CT 06360 860-215-9000 • threerivers.edu

Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp/Ragged Hill Woods 326 Taft Pond Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259 860-974-3379 • Fax: 860-974-3327 windham4h@earthlink.net 4hcampct.org

Education and Farms, Orchards & Nurseries

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is 1,100 square-miles with 77% forest & farm lands providing you with local agricultural and forest products year-round! Our fall “Tastes of the Valley” event teams local farms & products with local chefs. The outcome is delicious!

Allen Hill Farm 502 Allen Hill Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234 860-774-7064 • Fax: 860-774-7064 allenhillfarm.com

Alpaca Obsession, LLC 2386 Porter Pond Rd., Sterling, CT 06377 860-564-6960 • 860-230-1536 alpacaobsession@gmail.com alpacaobsession.com

Blackmer Farm 438 Quinebaug Rd., North Grosvernordale, CT 06255 860-928-2710 • Fax: 860-923-2810

Bozrah Farmers Market Maples Farm Park, 45 Bozrah St. (Rte. 163) Bozrah, CT 06334 860-383-4420 • bozrahfm@aol.com bozrahfarmersmarket.org

Buell’s Orchard 108 Crystal Pond Rd., Eastford, CT 06242 860-974-1150 • Fax: 860-974-2305 information@buellsorchard.com buellsorchard.com

Cedar Ledge Tree Farm 260 Coventry Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250 860-423-5690 contact@cedarledgetreefarm.com cedarledgetreefarm.com

Cook’s Farm Orchard 106 Haynes Hill, Brimfield, MA 01010 413-245-3241 • cooksorchard@gmail.com cooksfarmorchard.com

Creamery Brook Bison 19 Purvis Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234 860-779-0837 • creamerybrookbison.net

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Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm (Corn Maze) & The Brown Cow Café
227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sterling, CT 06354 • 860-564-0248
info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com

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Six family farms throughout eastern CT
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Fort Hill Farms & Gardens
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860-923-3439 • forthillfarms.com
herrootsrundeep@forthillfarms.com
herrootsrundeep@gmail.com

Gurleyville Native Produce
17 Codfish Falls Rd., Storrs, CT 06268
860-487-4876
gurleyvillenativeproduce@charter.net

Hart’s Greenhouse & Florist-Brooklyn
151 Providence Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-546-6541 • hartsgreenhouse@gmail.com
hartsgreenhouseflorist.com

Hart’s Greenhouse & Florist-Canterbury
102 Westminster Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
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101 Hampton Rd. (Rte. 97)
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Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-0485 • info@threeniecefarm.com
threeniecefarm.com

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508-943-9500 • Fax: 508-987-0366
sales@webco-chemical.com
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Explore!

Hiking, Walking & Strolling Trails

Fresh air & exercise boost energy, improve your mood and are downright fun! There are varied choices in The Last Green Valley from paved flat, to gravel, to steep and rocky trail surfaces, and we have included something from every one of our 35 towns. Choose what suits your abilities and enjoy! Make it a goal to visit as many trails as you can! Then revisit them all with a friend! For even more opportunities, join us each fall during Walktober.

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 in The Last Green Valley. Three 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 their website. No fee.

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.

Bigelow Hollow State Park & Nipmuck State Forest
Rte. 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.

Blue Flag Meadow/ Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association & Wolf Den Land Trust
Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
ecfla.org/wdlt.htm
Parking on Kenyon Rd.
25 acre property snugly 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.

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, included a total of 7 miles of trails. Lake Shore Trail begins at the beach and goes around Buffumville Lake. Divide it up by doing the North Loop (3 miles) or South Loop (4.2 miles). Follow the blue blazes. Some fees.

Bigelow Hollow State Park & Nipmuck State Forest
Rte. 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.

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 architectural 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.

Chase Reservoir
85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-5310 • 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
0.5 mile paved walk along scenic Whetstone Brook. View ponds and dams that once provided water power for two mills. Azaleas and other unique plantings by former owner. No fee.

Cat Hollow Park
25 Cat Hollow Rd. (off Dog Hill Rd.)
Dayville, CT 06241
860-774-5310 • 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
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.

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

Connecticut Audubon Society,
Grassland Bird Conservation
Center
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948
tcaudubon.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. Over 10 miles of walking
trails with interpretive signage. Environmental
programming year round. No fees.

Connecticut Forest & Park Association/
Walk CT
twoodlands.org, walkct.org

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 over 40
species of birds. Leashed dogs welcome. 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 north & Holmes Rd. on 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
2 observation platforms. No motorized vehicles
allowed, dogs must be leashed. Please do not litter. No fee.

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, the Korean & Vietnam Conflicts were added.
An ornamental rail fence and commemorative
bricks enhance & 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
93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948
tcaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
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 fee.

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 Woodstock’s poet 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 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
cart-top views of the Fenton River Valley.
Lake Naubesatuck and the distant ridges of
Scotland. Map with points of interest online.
No fee.

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 Quinnebaug 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.

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
Garden Bridge at Windham Mills
Main St. (Rtes. 32 & 66), Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3000 • windhamct.com/
Park at Windham Mills Heritage Park.
A pedestrian bridge over the Willimantic River,
this unusual structure features granite planters,
flowers and trees. Great photo ops. 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.
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 interest
with a corresponding guide book, available at
the town’s library. Benches added with TLGV
grant. No fee.

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Grand Trunk Trail/Titanic Rail Trail
Brimfield, Southbridge, Sturbridge, MA
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 Rec 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.

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 wet lands, 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
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 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.
Park offers a paved walkway suitable for jogging, walking or just a stroll as you follow the Yantic River through historic Norwich. Handicap 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 over 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, too. 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.

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 at the Holland Trailhead on Pond Bridge Rd., too. 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 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.

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 at the Holland Trailhead on Pond Bridge Rd., too. No fee.

Leadmine Mountain Trail
197 Leadmine Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridgetrails.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.

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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). At the beach, stroll in the sand. Rules & regulations apply for boating/launch, fishing and swimming for both town residents and non-residents. Check website for full details. Some fees.

Merrow Meadow Park  
Merrow Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268  
860-429-3015 • preserves@mansfeldct.org  
mansfeldct.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.

Moosup Valley State Park Trail  
Main St., Sterling, CT 06377 • ct.gov/deep  
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 bike riding, too. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest  
Union, CT 06076  
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep  
See listing for Bigelow Hollow/Nipmuck combined information.

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. Easy 3.2 miles 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 trail’s on the forested Old Kentuck Trail onto Quinns Hill Rd. and Pond Rd.  
Canoe/Kayak access available. No fee.

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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.
The 1.32 mile Putnam River Trail, flat & paved, completed in 1998 and part of the East Coast Greenway, winds through the park & includes walk along the Quinebaug River & past Cargill Falls. Interpretive plaques explain area’s history while storybook trail entertains the kiddos. No fee.

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 it’s 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.

Quaddick State Park
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Easy to moderate varied 2.5 mile loop 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.

Quandoc Brook Nature Preserve
4004 Old Furnace Rd., Ion, CT 06233
860-974-3100 • 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
125 acre property features forests, several wildlife habitats, stone walls, evidence of farm fields and recreated wetlands along the Quandoc Brook. Follow yellow trail markers. 1.5 mile trail. No fee.

Quaddick State Park Old Furnace Trail
Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Easy to moderate Blue-Blazed 2.5 mile loop through 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 Park. No fee.

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

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.

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

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killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
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Quinbbaug Valley Rail Trail
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 with the Quinebaug River to your left 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.

Quinnbaug 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 it’s 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.

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. Permitted activities include birdwatching (whip-poor-will’s nest on the property), fishing, horseback riding & mountain biking. No motorized vehicles, dogs must be leashed. Visit website for trail map. No fee.

Ross Pond State Park
Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
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 offers 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 Association & Dwrts Land Trust
170 Breakneck Hill Rd., Dayville, CT 06241
Ecfila.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.

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Hiking, Walking & Strolling Trails

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 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.

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, you may want to 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 • opacuml.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.

Trail Wood
93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
See the Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood listing.

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.

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/ DLCT
Healy Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-949-2468 • dudleyctl.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 the DLCT has done, including stonewall restoration. More trails to come! See website for details. No fee.

Two Sisters Tract/Joshua's Trust
Healy Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-949-2468 • dudleyctl.org
Park on Rte. 6. 2 parcels, totaling 40 acres, split by the 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.

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.

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
West Thompson lake Shoreline Trail exists. to complete loop take the Quinebaug river trail north to red Bridge rd. & cross river. Crossover bridge on old Blain rd. no longer exists. to follow ridge & fault lines - like walking a dinosaur’s back, north to Barlow Mill rd., turn south and return via Boston Hollow Rd. No fee.

White Brook Sanctuary/ Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association & Wolf Den Land Trust
Darby Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
ecfla.org/wdtl.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.

Yale-Myers Forest Nipmuck Loop Trail
Boston Hollow Rd. (off Eastford Rd.)
Ashford, CT 06227 • 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.

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.
Horseback riding is allowed on all CT State Park & Forest trails unless posted otherwise, and 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 Outdoor Recreation, choose maps

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

Approximately 4 miles out & back, this trail is open year-round for 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.

Maples Farm Park/
Bozrah Farmers Market
45 Bozrah St. (Rte. 163), Bozrah, CT 06334
860-889-2689 • bozrahfarm@aol.com
bozrahfarmersmarket.org

The 1.1 mile Summit Loop Trail is the only trail here allowing horses, with excellent views of surrounding countryside as you reach the highest point in the park. Great winter views. Trail follows rocky ridges, winding around natural moss strewn ledges in a large loop. See website for map. 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) 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 Pilfershire 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 serve 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
860-369-3075 • ct.gov/deep
CT’s largest forest with over 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
pomfrethorseandtrail@gmail.com
pomfrethorseandtrail.com

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.

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 for horseback riding. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to Sturbridge), it’s a flat, easy ride and a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. 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 trail riding on different trail surfaces throughout. Some fees.

Green leaf indicates member of TLGV
Hunting

Learn and follow all of the rules, regulations and safety measures for hunting and trapping in CT & MA. Each State's website has all the pertinent information. Whether archery or firearms, there is an assortment of game to pursue such as pheasant, turkey, water fowl, small game and deer. See websites for more details. The following state & federal parks & forests allow hunting.

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

Nathan Hale State Forest
off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Nipmuck State Forest
Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Old Furnace State Park
So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

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

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
Hunting allowed on west side of French River only.

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

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508-347-9257 • mass.gov

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil

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

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
Hunting allowed on west side of French River only.

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

Mohegan State Forest
Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

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Wells State Park
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982
nae.usace.army.mil

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

Nathan Hale State Forest
off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Nipmuck State Forest
Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Old Furnace State Park
So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239
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Outdoors Activity
Letterboxing & Geocaching

Letterboxing is a challenge and great learning experience in The Last Green Valley. Use common sense, follow the clues provided by the website(s), wear bright orange during hunting season, and check for ticks when you leave the woods. A compass may come in handy as you Explore!

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

James L. Goodwin State Forest
23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • c.t.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. Check for ticks since lots of deer live here (no hunting). No fee.

Maples Farm Park/
Bozrah Farmers’ Market
45 Bozrah St. (Rte. 163), Bozrah, CT 06334
860-889-2689 • bozrahfm@aol.com
bozrahfarmersmarket.org
The trails at Maples Farm Park, which cover 25 acres of a wooded hill, offer 5 letterboxes. Visit website to get all the details, then get to work! No fee.

Mohegan State Forest
Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • c.t.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.

Natchaug State Forest
66 Pifershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • c.t.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 • c.t.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
Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • c.t.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 • opacuml.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 • c.t.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.

Quaddick State Forest
818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • c.t.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.

Proud Supporters & Creators of Fun Activities and Sites to Visit in The Great Outdoors!

These partners work hard to offer us all more to do in the great outdoors. Together we can enjoy, care for, and pass on all that we have in The Last Green Valley.

The Adventure Park at Storrs
2007 Storrs Rd., Storrs, CT 06268
860-946-0606 • lynn@StorrsTrees.com
StorrsAdventurePark.com
Bozrah Farmers Market
Maples Farm Park, 45 Bozrah St. (Rte. 163)
Bozrah, CT 06334 • 860-383-4420
bozrahfm@aol.com • bozrhafarmersmarket.org
Circle C Campground
21 Bailey Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-564-4534
circlec@comcast.net • campcirclec.com
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
(DCLT)
Dudley, MA • 508-949-2468
DCLTrust@aol.com • dudleyclt.org
Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association (ECFLA) and Wolf Den Land Trust (WDLT)
ecfla.org
The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood
93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948
taudubon.org/trailwood
Hertan’s Antique Shows
6 Mill Lane Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-626-0927 • hertansbrimfield@verizon.net
hertansbrimfield.com

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**Highland Festival of Scotland**
Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd.
Scotland, CT 06264 • scotlandgames.org

**Joshua's Trust**
P.O. Box 4, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023 • joshuastrust@snet.net
joshuaslandtrust.org

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

**Opacum Land Trust**
Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org

**Palmer Arboretum**
523 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-5935
townofwoodstock.com/things-to-do/palmer-arboretum

**Wallis Cove Cabins**
Whitin Reservoir, 67 Island Rd.
Douglas, MA 01516 • 508-259-7087
info@walliscove.com • walliscove.com

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

**Wyndham Land Trust, Inc.**
860-963-2090
info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org

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860-928-5935
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**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 Hollow State Park**
Bassett's 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 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 or by appointment). Open daily. No fee.

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**Buffumville Lake**
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Chariton 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.

**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.

**Hodges Village Dam**
30 Howarth Rd. (off Chariton 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.

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**Even More!**
Looking for still more fun in The Last Green Valley, like tossing horseshoes, playing volleyball, renting a picnic area, or even dirt biking? Below are some of these things offered in our State & Federal Parks & Forests that are not listed specifically in another category. For an overall view of each location, see the Parks & Forests listing and visit each website.

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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.

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**Roseland Park**
Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208
woodstockconservation.org/trails.htm
60 acre park with lake (fishing, boating, paddling) surrounded by woods, includes playground, basketball court, benches & pavilion. Unimproved boat launch. Day event rentals available, otherwise no fee.

**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.

**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 serve 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.
Museums & Historic Sites

Our unique and rich history separates The Last Green Valley from many other places. Museums, Historical Sites and Historical Societies help us to Explore our past! Take advantage of these resources and visit often. Stop for a moment to ponder and absorb things that happened here before our existence. Remember that what we do now will some day be history, too!

Explore!

Ashbel Woodward Museum
387 Rte. 32, Franklin, CT 06254
860-642-1988
ashbelwoodwardmuseum@gmail.com
sites.google.com/site/ashbelwoodwardmuseum
Once the home of an author and Civil War medic, the museum is now open for tours and special events including: February’s Victorian Tea, May’s Ashbel Woodward Celebration, October’s Transportation Day and December’s Victorian Christmas exhibit. Like them on facebook - Friends of Ashbel Woodward Museum.

Brooklyn Historical Society Museum & Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office
25 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169)
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-7728 • brooklynct.org

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

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum
66 Clara Barton Rd., North Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056 • Fax: 508-987-2002
clarabartonbirthplace.org, bartoncenter.org

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum
55 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-9999 • cteastrrmuseum.org

CT DAR Governor Jonathan Trumbull House Museum & Wadsworth Stable
169 West Town St., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-634-3858 • curator@ctdar.org
ctdar.org/properties,
GovTrumbullHouseDAR.org, like us on facebook

Edward Waldo House
96 Waldo Rd., (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-1547
scotlandhistoricalsociety.com
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 Waltookey. See website for details. Fee: Donations appreciated.

Ellen Larned Museum (ELM)
Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193), Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3776 • thompsonhistorical.org
Inspired by Ellen Larned, Windham County’s most celebrated historian, the Ellen Larned Museum began its life as a library in 1901 and served the Town of Thompson for nearly 90 years. Responsibility for the building was passed to the Thompson Historical Society in 1994. It is now a museum, archive and research center. No fee.

Finnish American Heritage Society
76 North Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169)
Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-6671 • FACESatFAHS@gmail.com
fahs-ct.org
Built in 1924, the present Society boasts a Heritage Center with a library & research archives to assist members in all things Finnish-American (traditions, history and more). Each Walktober the FAHS Fine Art & Craft exhibit (free admission) features demonstrations, music, refreshments & more! Find FACES at FAHS on facebook.

Guns of Norwich Historical Society, Inc.
860-213-0819 • gunsofnorwich@gmail.com
gunsofnorwich.org

Huntington Homestead
36 Huntington Rd., Rte. 14
Scotland, CT 06264 • 860-423-1547
info@huntingtonhomestead.org
huntingtonhomestead.org

John Bishop House & Museum,
The Anshei Israel Synagogue, and the Burnham Tavern
Lisbon, CT 06351 • 860-376-2015
99main.com/~chill/Historic.html
The Bishop House is an 11 room, 1810 L-shaped farmhouse with 7 fireplaces, hearth cooking demonstrations & classes. The small country Synagogue, built in 1936 is on the National Register. The Burnham Tavern, built circa 1760, served as a rally point for Revolutionary War volunteers, a social meeting place, and stagecoach stop on the Norwich to Woodstock route. Hours: Seasonal. See website for all property details.

Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Museum
780 Trumbull Hwy. (Rte. 87)
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6100 • Fax: 860-642-7716
firstselectman@lebanontownhall.org
lebanontownhall.org
Revolutionary War patriot Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. served as General George Washington’s military secretary and as Governor from 1797 to 1809. Maintained by the Town of Lebanon. See website. No fee.

Killingly Historical Society
196 Main St. • Danielson, CT 06239
860-779-7250
luvhistory@grandpakirk.com
killinglyhistory.org

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Lebanon Historical Society Museum
856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579 • Fax: 860-642-6583
dbaron@historyoflebanon.org
historyoflebanon.org

Leffingwell House Museum
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 • Fax: 860-376-2015
99main.com/~chill/ Historic.html

Mansfield Historical Society Museum
954 Storrs Rd., Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-6575
mansfieldhistorical@snet.net
mansfieldct-history.org

Nathan Hale Homestead, Connecticut Landmarks
2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-6917
hale@ctlandmarks.org • ctlandmarks.org

The Norwich Heritage and Visitors’ Center
69 East Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776 • Fax: 860-886-0452
info@norwichhistoricalsociety.org
norwichhistoricalsociety.org

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

Norwichtown Green & Old Burying Grounds
Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-886-1776 • norwichhistoricalsociety.org
Norwichtown, 1st center of Norwich, founded in 1659 by 35 English settlers who purchased an 81 square mile plot of land from the Mohegan Indians. An easy 1 mile walk takes in history. 4 houses from the 1600s remain: 1) c. 1660 Bradford-Huntington House at 16 Huntington Ln.; 2) c.1659-1745 Olmstead-Lathrop House at 380 Washington St.; 3) c.1675 Leffingwell House Museum at 348 Washington St.; and 4) c.1690 Simon Huntington House at 2 Elm Avenue. The Old Burying Ground contains Colonial gravestones. Start your walk at the c. 1801 First Congregational Church at 81 E. Town St.; head east; south at Washington St.; right at Butts Lane; right up Town Street back to Church. No fee.

Oxford Firefighters Association’s Huguenot Steamer No. 1 Fire Museum
655 Main St., North Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-3404 • oxfordfireassn@aol.com
huguenotsteamer.com

Prudence Crandall Museum
1 South Canterbury Rd. (Jct. Rtes. 169 & 14)
Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-7800 • ct.gov/cct
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. Some fees.

Quassett School
Frog Pond Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0208 • townofwoodstock.com
This museum is authentically preserved and boasts the distinction of one of the oldest one-room schools in America in continuous use - just over 200 years! Each year the town’s third grade students spend a week at the school to learn Woodstock’s history & to experience what school days were like in the 1800’s, including dressing the part. See website for details. No fee.

Roseland Cottage, Historic New England
556 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4074 • Fax: 617-830-0575
RoselandCottage@historicnewengland.org
historicnewengland.org

Scotland Historical Society
Scotland, CT 06264
scotlandhistoricalsociety.com

Slater Memorial Museum
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.

Thompson Historical Society
Chase Rd. (Rte. 193), Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3776 • thompsonhistorical.org

Thompson’s Old Town Hall
339 Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193)
Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3776 • thompsonhistorical.org

Tourtellotte Memorial Museum
785 Riverside Dr.
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
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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

William Benton Museum of Art at The University of Connecticut
245 Glenbrook Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4520 • Fax: 860-486-0234
benton.uconn.edu

Historic New England
Roseland Cottage, Historic New England
556 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4074 • Fax: 617-830-0575
RoselandCottage@historicnewengland.org
historicnewengland.org

Scottland Historical Society
Scotland, CT 06264
scotlandhistoricalsociety.com

Slater Memorial Museum
108 Crescent St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-425-5563 • museum@nfaschool.org
slatermemuseum.org

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4 Maple Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
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The Last Green Valley is a great place to paddle! 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. Also note that the following lakes and ponds offer paddling only (no other boats allowed). You will find more lakes and ponds for paddling in the Boating and/or Fishing listings, but be aware that other types of boats are also allowed. Discover a different point of view from the waters in The Last Green Valley!

**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) nor swimming permitted. Dam is owned by others, so don’t trespass there. Reservoir is surrounded by private property, please be respectful. No fee.

**Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary - Morse Pond/Opacum Land Trust**
67 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 - 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.

**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.

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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 launch sites, visible landmarks, and road crossings.

*Photo courtesy of K. Carpenter*
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.

Poquétanuck 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. Poquétanuck 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.

Poquétanuck 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 Quinebaug River Paddle Guide (thelastgreenvalley.org). There are a few stretches of challenging whitewater that demand serious paddling skills, and some sections are not safe for anyone to paddle. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - Holland Pond to East Brimfield Lake Pond-Bridge Rd., Holland, MA 01521
thelastgreenvalley.org
A dozen free parking spaces in the unpaved parking lot at the put-in & more in an adjacent lot. This segment is within the East Brimfield Lake Project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is a designated Watchable Wildlife Area. Paddle downstream 3.9 miles to East Brimfield Lake Boat Ramp with little current, extensive wildlife habitat, 3 picnic landings and no portages. Excellent 3-hour outing for beginning paddlers and families, though once you enter the open water of East Brimfield Lake, strong winds can be daunting. Paddle conditions are best when flow is more than 50 cubic feet per second (cfs), as measured by the online USGS Streamgage at East Brimfield. Below 20 to 30 cfs, it will be a scratchy and weedy ride. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - East Brimfield Lake
Across from 366-398 Sturbridge Rd. Fiskdale, MA 01581
thelastgreenvalley.org
Plenty of parking at East Brimfield Lake Boat Ramp. Because current is not an issue, you can paddle upstream to Holland Pond, downstream, or both, depending on the weather, your time and stamina. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - West Dudley to Fabyan
11-37 West Dudley Road Dudley, MA 01571 • thelastgreenvalley.org
Launch for West Dudley Pond is adjacent to the parking area. There is vehicular access and a turn-around to drop off your boat and gear. Launch for the West Dudley to Fabyan segment is downstream of the rail trail bridge, on river right. The impounded river behind West Dudley Hydro Dam (also known as Paper Mill Dam) provides a pleasant stretch of river with current and plenty of water even in dry conditions. Paddle around the pond, or upstream until either current or scratchy rocks convince you to turn back. West Dudley Pond is an ideal place for family outings and novice paddlers. Keep an eye on the wind as the open water is about 0.75 mile long and 400 feet wide. The paddle below the dam to Fabyan includes quickwater, river turns with Class I whitewater, small islands with narrow channels and fallen trees. You should have enough water to paddle with at least 200 cfs at the USGS Streamgage at Westville Dam. Beware of turbulence from water released from the dam to run the powerhouse; it is automated and unpredictable. It may get boney in the half-mile Rock Garden sections between 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 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 Streamgage at Cargill Falls, Putnam. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - Riverside Park, Brooklyn
18 Day Street, Brooklyn, CT 06234
thelastgreenvalley.org
River access is at the end of the parking lot on the left. The Town of Brooklyn’s Riverside Park Canoe Launch is very user friendly. Both novice and experienced paddlers can enjoy several hours here. The site is easy to find, has good parking, and can be used almost all year. It is a good place for fishing and a picnic although there are no restroom facilities. Paddlers can travel three to four miles upstream and then return back downstream to the launch site. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - Killingly to Plainfield
43 Wauregan Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
thelastgreenvalley.org
Plenty of parking, even if ball games are in progress. Park and carry your boat down the gravel driveway between the baseball fields to the paved Quinebaug River Trail. Turn left onto the trail and carry about 100 feet more to the kiosk. This is the most challenging segment of water trail on the Quinebaug. You can paddle 5.3 miles to the CT DEEP Fish Hatchery, or continue on to Robert Manship Park in Canterbury for a 10 mile outing. Along the way, you’ll encounter lots of quick-water, several Class II rapids, spiky remnants of dams, some flat-water and no portages. It is a challenging outing for experienced paddlers. With moderate flows, this stretch of the river moves swiftly with broad, powerful current. No fee.

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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.

Willimantic 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.

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 21 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 Route 66, just upstream of Willimantic, CT. Before you go, be sure to check the Willimantic River Paddle Guide (thelastgreenvalley.org) for information on each segment. No fee.

Willimantic River NRT - Stafford Springs to Heron Cove
Commuter Lot on Route 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
Paddling 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.

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 a 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 Route 66 Columbia
Route 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 5 bridges on this section of river; take out river right just before the fifth bridge. There is currently no public access to exit the river beyond this point; if you paddle past the Route 66 bridge, turn around at the power lines to avoid dangerous dams in downtown Willimantic. Consult the Paddle Guide for more information prior to launching. No fee.
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Places that make you go "AHHH" in The Last Green Valley. Although there is varied and stunning beauty throughout the National Heritage Corridor, you must never take for granted these destinations. Visit, and visit often. Each season is its own masterpiece!

Connecticut Audubon Society, Grassland Bird Conservation Center
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948
caudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
Take a seat in the grass or bring a blanket or lawn chair as you look out over meadows, up at endless skies, and to the forests beyond. Bring your bird book because you might see something new! No fees.

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 1000-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
Scenic beauty, views & wildlife sightings can be enjoyed year-round along a 6 mile flat water National Recreation Water Trail that twists & turns from Holland Pond to East Brimfield Lake on the Quinebaug River. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

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.

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. Handicap 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
The pavilion sits beside & overlooking Pine Acres Lake, seats 50 and is available 1st come/1st serve to the public 365 days a year from dawn until dusk. While you are there enjoy a stroll, the nature center and the gardens, too. No fee.

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, swans swimming, great sunsets and even small planes coming & going from the airport next door. No fee.

Maples Farm Park/ Bozrah Farmers’ Market
45 Bozrah St. (Rte. 163), Bozrah, CT 06334
860-889-2689 • bozrahfarmersmarket.org
The 1.1 mile Summit Loop Trail provides excellent views of surrounding countryside, particularly in winter, as you reach the highest point in the park. Trail follows rocky ridges, winding around natural moss strewn ledges in a large loop. See website for map. No fee.

Norwich Harbor Water Trail/ Yantic Falls - Uncas Leap
Howard T. Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr. Norwich, CT 06360
860-833-3700 • norwichct.org
Park near rae.
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. A footbridge over the river (accessible via Heritage Riverfront Park & Walkway) offers a quite different look of the falls and cove below. No fee.

Old Furnace State Park
So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
A popular overlook which is the highest point in the park. Efforts are rewarded with panoramic views from rocky outcrops 200’ above the valley. Drink in 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 1.32 mile Putnam River Trail, completed in 1998 and 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.

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
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
The natural setting surrounding West Thompson Lake is enjoyable year-round, offering pleasing & panoramic views from the dam for sightseers, artists and photographers - different in each season. Some fees.
Service Businesses

These services are important to our region. We all benefit from their work directly or indirectly. The Last Green Valley appreciates the partnership and support from these businesses! Let them serve you, too.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY FACILITIES
Dial 911 in an Emergency.

Backus Convenient Care/William W. Backus Hospital
326 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-8331 • backushospital.org
Open Mon.-Sun. 9 a.m. - 1 a.m.

Concentra Urgent Care
10 Connecticut Ave., Norwich, CT 06360
860-859-5100 • concentra.com
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Day Kimball Healthcare Walk-In Center
12 Lathrop Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
860-457-9150 • daykimball.org
Weekdays: 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Weekends: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Day Kimball Hospital
320 Pomfret St. (Rte. 44), Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-6541 • daykimball.org
Open 24/7.

Harrington HealthCare at Charlton
10 N. Main St., Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-6780 • harringtonhospitalorg
Walk-In Open: Mon.-Fri. 6:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

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

Harrington Hospital
340 Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193)
Webster, MA 01570
508-943-2600 • harringtonhospital.org
Open 24/7.

Med-East Medical Walk-In Center
1703 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06262
860-456-1252 • medeastclinic.com
Weekdays: 8 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Weekends: 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY
FACILITIES
Dial 911 in an Emergency.

New England Family Medical & Walk-In Center
52 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-6044
Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Plainfield Emergency Care Center
582 Norwich Rd. (Rte. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-230-2830 • backushospital.org
Open 24/7.

Plainfield Walk-In Medical Center
558 Norwich Rd. (Rte. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-564-4054 • plainfieldwalkin.com
Mon.-Wed. 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Riverview Medical Walk-In Clinic
145 Pomfret St. (Rte. 44), Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-5248
Mon-Fri. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Weekends: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

UConn Health Urgent Care
One Royce Circle, Suite 103 Storrs Center
Storrs, CT 06268
860-487-9300 • uchc.edu
Mon-Fri. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Weekends: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

West Side Medical Center
606 W Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-1400 • westsidemedicalcenter.org
Weekdays: 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Windham Hospital
112 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-9116 • windhamhospital.org
Open 24/7.

GENERAL SERVICES

Angell House Design
101 Aldrich Rd., Putnam, CT 06260
laura@angellhousedesign.com
angellhousedesign.com
A full-service graphic design agency. Brochures, logos, websites, promotional materials and more all created by the skilled and experienced hands of owner and artist Laura Moorehead. Heavenly designs at down-to-earth prices!

Archambault Insurance Associates
143 Providence St. (Rte. 171)
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The Citizens National Bank
182 Main St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7921 • service@cnbct.com
cnbct.com
Our Mission is to remain a community bank, providing quality products and services to our customers and the community with superior value to shareholders.

Eastern Savings Bank
257 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-7381 • eastern-savings.com
Eastern Savings Bank has been serving the banking needs of eastern Connecticut since 1915. We have a long history of service to the community and of providing our customers with the banking products and services that meet their needs accompanied by the highest level of personal service.

Farm Credit East
785 Hartford Pike, Dayville, CT 06241
860-774-0717
lynn.weaver@farmcrediteast.com
farmcrediteast.com
Farm Credit East has worked with thousands of agricultural business owners across the Northeast. Our goal is to provide you not only financing and working capital, but the professional services you will need to find and service your markets, manage your business and grow your profits. We are: #1 financial services cooperative for northeastern agricultural businesses, part of the national Farm Credit System, a leader in helping small, young and beginning farmers get started in agriculture, and proud sponsors of dozens of activities & organizations.

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Skateboarding is something that is hard to resist & needs practice! We are lucky to have many Skate Parks in The Last Green Valley. Built for these activities, they offer an opportunity to improve skills & make new friends. The skaters network is a strong one, demanding respect of these parks. Take good care of them when you visit.

**Skate Parks**

**Donald Alfiero Skate Park**
8 Mahan Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3791 • norwichct.org
Park beside the skate park.
Open dawn till dusk, this outdoor skate park is situated near Norwich Tech with room to breathe - and skate. No fee.

**Griswold’s Jewett City Skate Park**
Wilson St. & Hill St., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-7060 • griswold-ct.org
Skate enthusiasts will definitely be on a roll in this park. There are no fees, but a park pass is required to use this park, which is open until 10 p.m. See website to obtain pass registration and rules. No fee.

**Mansfield Skate Park**
10 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015 • mansfieldct.gov
Located behind the community center, this skate park also has lights for night use. Includes 2 quaters (1 has a bank on one end), sweet kickers, benches, hubba, pyramid, & rails. Closes for the winter/off season months. No fee.

**Oxford Center Skate Park**
325 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540
508-987-6002 • town.oxford.ma.us
Fenced-in outdoor park with helmet and pad rules. Check in at the community center adjacent to the park. No fee.

**Owen Bell Skate Park**
Town Farm Rd. (off Rte. 101)
Dayville, CT 06241
860-779-5390 • killingly.org
This outdoor skate park has been a hit since it first opened. Located in Owen Bell Park, there are also playgrounds, a splash park, ball fields, track, pond and bathrooms (not always open). No fee.

**Plainfield Skate Park**
95 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 14A)
Plainfield, CT 06374 • 860-564-1819
plainfieldct.org/recreation
Perfect your noseslides & tailslides on the ramps & walls at this town owned skate park located in front of the middle school. Park at the school, then hop on and catch some air. No fee.

**Putnam Skate Park**
155 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260
facebook.com/putnamskateparkcommittee
Beside the Quinebaug River (between the court house & police station), the park’s been a great place to stay active, make friends, and practice creativity. No fee.

**Sturbridge Skate Park (SSP)**
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-2500 • town.sturbridge.ma.us
Skaters must log in name & telephone number. Outdoor park has a mini three quarterpipes, a fun box, three sided pyramid, and a spine. Helmets, pads, shoes & shirts required. No food/drink in park, but pavilion is available. No fee.

**Windham Area Skate Park at Lauter Park**
625 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3046 • windhamrec.org
A popular outdoor park, open dawn to dusk, with huge tranny around most of the outside, steel coping, and the middle is set up like a giant street section. No fee.
## 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 70 for numbered map.

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Explore!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

State & Federal Parks & Forests Descriptions

CT State Park Season Passes are available. CT also offers free passes for ages 65 & up, as well as for Disabled Veterans.  
c.t.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325090#CharterOak

MA State Park season passes are available. MA also offers a one-time fee for a lifetime Senior MassPass Pass for MA residents 62 years or older.  
mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/buy-parks-pass-dcr-generic.html

Air Line State Park Trail
Lebanon, Windsor, 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 in The Last Green Valley. Three 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, snowmobiling, jogging, horseriding back, 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 860-684-3430 - 860-424-3200  
ct.gov/deep
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 413-267-9687 - mass.gov  
20+ miles of roads & trails offer room for horseriding back, mountain biking & hiking/  
strolling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing.  
on rolling forest & winds. as well as hunting  
opportunities. 100’ of beach at Dean Pond Rec.  
Area make swimming & fishing a splash.  
Pavilion rental for your get togethers, too! Some fees.

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. &  
Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507 802-248-5697 - nae.usace.army.mil  
500 acres of land for hiking, strolling, volleyball,  
horsecrossing areas, tennis, disc & golf,  
stocking tables & pebbles on site, plus rental sites 
available for shindigs. 500 acres of water with 300’ beach  
& swimming, scuba diving, boat launching,  
grassing & fishing. 3 acre island for primitive  
camping. Handicap accessible. Some fees.

East Brimfield Lake
24 Riverview Ave., (off Rte. 20)  
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518 508-347-3705 - nae.usace.army.mil  
Year-round scenic beauty, activity & wildlife  
sightings. Rolling forested hills, ponds &  
the Quinebaug River (a section of National  
Recreation Water Trail) provide fishing (trout  
stocked in spring), paddling, boat launches,  
water-skiing, scuba diving, hiking,  
picnicking, ice fishing & hunting. No fees on  
U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)  
Oxford, MA 01540 508-248-5697 - nae.usace.army.mil  1,200 varied acres; forest, ponds, wetlands  
& swamp include over 20 miles of trails  
year-round use. Hike, fish, paddle, mountain  
trail, ride your horse, play disc golf. Hunt, ice  
fish, cross-country ski & snowshoe. Off-road  
vehicle trails allow dirt bikes & snowmobiles.  
The neighboring French River extends your  
water fun. No fee.

Hopeville Pond State Park
929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)  
Grissold, MA 06351 860-376-2920 - 860-376-0313  
ct.gov/deep  
Many activity options. Open land for field  
spots (year-round), wooded camp sites, picnic  
tables, trails for hiking & biking. The 137 acre  
pond 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.

James L. Goodwin State Forest
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 (electric motors 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.

Mansfield Hollow Lake
141 Mansfield Hollow Rd.  
Mansfield Center, CT 06250 860-923-2982 - nae.usace.army.mil  
This U.S. Army Corps facility is leased and  
operated by the State of Connecticut for  
multifaceted outdoor enjoyment & activity. See  
Mansfield Hollow State Park for details. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow State Park
The man-made 450 acre lake is a big draw, with  
boat launch (8 mph limit), fishing & ice fishing,  
boating & 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  
features: table rock, indian Chair & general  
Israel Putnam’s Wolf den. Springtime trout  
catching sites, or hop on the Air line trail. Open all  
year. 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  
hiking, snowshoeing & cross-country skiing,  
horseback riding, letterboxing & old stone  
walls. Hunting in season. No fee.

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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

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
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 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), paddle, 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.

Pomery State Park
Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
This undeveloped and unmarked 200 acre part, of which was textile manufacturer Charles Pomery’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
c.t.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. 6)
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 or appointed). Special Children’s fishing pond is stocked often. Ponds & trails spread out to ensure easy walking & views of birds, turtles & more. Daily 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. No fee.

Ross Pond State Park
Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
314 acre park has two ponds: smaller northern is Upper Ross (or Half Hill Pond), larger southern Ross Pond has boat ramp, frequently stocked for trout fishing from small boat, & easy paddling spot. Hiking on Old Furnace Trail running on western side of ponds. Hunting, outhouses. No fee.

Salt Rock State Campground
173 Scotland Rd. (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.

State & Federal Parks & Forests
### SWIMMING/SPASH PADS:

**Andrew J. Petro Memorial Swimming Pool/Southbridge State Park**
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  
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  
Located in the western portion of Brimfield State Forest (off Rte. 20) has 100 linear 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/Lake Siog Park**
off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521  
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil  
Also known as Holland Pond, swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at Lake Siog Park, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

**Holland Pond/Lake Siog Park**
off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521  
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil  
Also known as East Brimfield Lake, swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at 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.

**Lauter Park Splash Pad**
625 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226  
860-465-3046 • windhamrec.org  
Slated to open in summer of 2015, you can’t swim here, but you will have fun keeping cool in the splash pad waters. 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.

**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.

**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, and in order to help keep the waters clean, please do not feed the ducks & geese that like to visit here, too. 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  
Although not quite swimming, Killingly Rec. 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  
860-376-0475 • 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, too. Some fees.

**Plainfield Town Pool**
Town Hall basement, 8 Community Ave.  
Plainfield, CT 06074  
860-564-1819 • plainfieldct.org  
Membership required and available for both residents and non-residents of Plainfield available at the Rec. Dept. 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 H2O fun like boating, fishing, paddling, too. Restrooms, changing areas, picnic tables make this an ideal summer escape. Some fees.

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**Swimming & Scuba Diving**

Swimming and scuba diving locations are available in The Last Green Valley! Since many locations are ponds, lakes, and streams, they can be affected by the weather and rainfall totals each summer. It is always a good idea to contact the location before making a trek for a summer swim!
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.

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
c.t.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.

East Brimfield Lake/Lake Siog Park
off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Also known as Holland Pond, swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at Lake Siog Park, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

Holland Pond/Lake Siog Park
off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Also known as East Brimfield Lake, swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at Lake Siog Park, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

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 3 bodies of water range from 20 - 300 acres & offer scuba diving as well as boating. Some fees.
The Farmer’s Cow Calfé & Creamery
86 Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195), Mansfield, CT 06250
860-450-8408 • calfe@thefarmerscow.com
thefarmerscowcafe.com
The Farmer’s Cow Calfé & Creamery is a great, REAL LOCAL place for breakfast, lunch, dinner or quick snacks. The menu features ice cream, shakes, sundaes, freshly-made sandwiches, salads, soups, fresh coffee, and a full milk bar. The Calfé also features the full line of Farmer’s Cow products for sale.

Frog Rock Rest Stop
212 Rte. 44, Eastford, CT 06234
860-377-6025 • Like them on facebook.

George’s Galley
55 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-7111 • Georgesgalley.com

Golden Lamb Butterly
499 Wolf Den Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-4423 • Fax: 860-774-5225
info@thegoldenlamb.com • thegoldlamb.com

Heirloom Food Company
630 North Main St. (Rte. 12)
Danielson, CT 06239 • 860-779-3373
eateirloomfood@gmail.com
eateirloomfood.com

Inn at Woodstock Hill
94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0528 • Fax: 860-821-8561
innwood@gmail.com • woodstockhill.com

Marty’s of Dudley
119 West Main St. (Rte. 197)
Dudley, MA 01571 • 508-943-0101
martysofdudley@yahoo.com
martysofdudley.com
Marty’s of Dudley is a proud supporter of The Last Green Valley. We are family owned and run, and welcome you to visit a weekly Farmers’ Market, hosted in our parking area. As a full service liquor store, we specialize in fine wine, craft beer, cheap booze, plus many unique local products and a wide selection of Polish spirits. Take advantage of our no limit drive-through redemption center, too.

Pizza Pizzazz-Danielson
136 Main St. (Rte. 12), Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8500 • letseat.at/pizzapizzazz

Pizza Pizzazz-Moosup
24 Prospect St. (Rte. 14), Moosup, CT 06354
860-564-0500 • letseat.at/pizzapizzazz

The Publick House Historic Inn
277 Main St. (Rte. 131)
Southbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3313, 800-Publick (782-5425)
publichouse.com
Taylor Brooke Winery
848 Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-1263 • taylorbrookewinery.com
“Experience the Vintage of the Quiet Corner.” We produce 17 wines, including our signature Chocolate Essence and Wine Dog 1. Enjoy a glass of wine, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy next to the vineyard, browse our gift shop and check out our fine line of Connecticut specialty foods, including “CT Grown” artisan cheeses. Hours: May-Dec., Fri., 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m.–5 p.m.; private tours by appointment.

Traveler Restaurant
1257 Buckley Highway, Union, CT 06076
860-684-4920 • Fax: 860-684-5371

The Vanilla Bean Café
450 Deerfield Rd., Rte. 97, Pomfret, CT 06259
860-928-1562 • Fax: 860-928-2694
ask@thevanillabeancafe.com
thevanillabeancafe.com

Willimantic Brewing Company
967 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-6777 • Fax: 860-450-0794
karen.gibransen@willibrew.com
willibrew.com

Enjoy local talent or discover your inner talent! It’ll be hard to stay in your seat with these choices as you Explore! what may be your new favorite things to do in The Last Green Valley!

Artique
75 Main St., Suite 2, Putnam, CT 06260
860-933-2221
artiqueputnam@gmail.com
artiqueputnam.com

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

Bradley Playhouse - TNECT
30 Front St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7887 • Fax: 860-963-7832
office@bradleyplayhouse.org
thebradleyplayhouse.org

Brush it Off, LLC
559 Main St. (Rte. 20), Sturbridge, MA 01518
774-241-3444 • paint@brush-it-off.com
brush-it-off.com

Highland Festival of Scotland
Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd.
Scotland, CT 06264 • scotlandgames.org

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Connecticut
2132 Hillside Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-5795 • Fax: 860-486-0053
jorgensen.uconn.edu

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

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Winter Activities

Divided by Land/Trails (snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling) and Water/Ice (ice skating, ice fishing), here are some of the most frequented spots for winter activities. If the conditions are not right for these activities, hike in The Last Green Valley all winter long! (Sledging information is difficult to obtain due to a number of factors. If you offer a venue for sledding/tubing, please let us know!)

LAND/TRAILS:
(snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling 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 nor groomed, and are not patrolled nor are rescue services provided. Snowmobiling regulations exist and are enforced in both MA and CT State Forests and Parks.

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 ski or snowshoe fun. No motorized vehicles allowed (including snowmobiles). See website for parking info. 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, traverses an old woods road & serves 2-way traffic for a short distance, remains forms series of loops providing considerable adjustment for time and distance. Winds through ledges in evergreen woodlands, and is moderately demanding of operator skill, especially in narrow passages. (See also Nipmuck Forest). Some fees.

**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 snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Some fees.

**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.

**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.

**James L. Goodwin State Forest**
23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6)
Hampton, CT 06247 • 860-455-9534
c.t.gov/deep Search Goodwin State Forest
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 & has been frequented by local sledders forever. Parking is tight and on the street. Be respectful of the homeowners in this area when you visit. No fee.

**Mansfield Hollow State Park/Lake**
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.

**Mohogan 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 snowshoers or cross-country skis, some more challenging than others. 17 miles of snowmobile trails on unplowed forest roads and seasonal hiking trails, which present a variety of hilly terrain traversing through a wooded country scene. Caution is requested when crossing town roads or where two-way traffic signs are posted. Pit toilets. No fee.

**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 of year-round enjoyment. See the Bigelow Hollow winter activity listing for details! Some fees.

**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. A series of loops permits adjustments for time and distance as desired. The trails are of easy grade and suitable to the skills of the novice operator. Dog sled mushing competitions held here, too! 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 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 Birzls 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 for 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
If there is ice here, there is 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 Augustteback Pond. 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 RoseGarden 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.

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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.

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 Rec. 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 Rec. 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.

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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