Explore!
Outdoor, Indoor & Around Town Adventures in

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Welcome

Become a modern day Explorer! Get connected and inspired as you discover the natural and historic beauty of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Covering 35 towns in eastern CT and south-central MA, The Last Green Valley has it all. Tackle a trail, hear stories from the past, sip wine sitting by the vines, shop til you drop, and savor local foods. From lakes and hilltops to farmlands and forests, there is plenty to discover!

Explore! will connect you with all of The Last Green Valley's treasures, and increase your capacity for fun and enjoyment. Invite your family and friends. Take a deep breath, smile, and start your adventure. Explore! and Explore! often!

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Explore! The Last Green Valley

LEGEND
Highway
Scenic Drive
Route 169 National Scenic Byway
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2016 Programs & Events

The Last Green Valley (TLGV) staff and volunteers invite you to join the fun by participating in one of our programs. Keep up-to-date on our websites – thelastgreenvalley.org, thelastgreenvalleyacorns.org – and on our Facebook page.

TLGV Ranger Marcy’s Acorn Adventures
For families with children & kids of all ages!

**Sunday, May 15:** Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery, Plainfield. See where trout are raised & do some family fishing!

**Sunday, June 12:** McKinstry Brook, Southbridge. Celebrate 200 years with a scavenger hunt!

**Saturday, July 9:** Lebanon Historical Museum, Lebanon. Celebrate Independence!

**Monday, July 18:** BONUS with Killingly Library. Killingly Trails Book Scavenger Hunt!

**Friday, August 12:** Heins Farm, Sturbridge. Perseids Meteor Showers under Dark Skies!

**Sunday, September 4:** Rapoport/Spalding Preserve, Woodstock. Find a hill & brook on Wyndham Land Trust’s preserve!

**October 2016:** Celebrate and attend as many family friendly Walktober experiences as you can!

**Sunday, November 13:** Tufts Branch Wildlife Sanctuary, Dudley. Branch out on this hike/scavenger hunt!

**Sunday, December 11:** UConn Horsebarn Hill, Storrs. Christmas on the farm!

TLGV Mystery Member Meanders
New this year, quick ‘show & go’ walks/hikes at secret locations. Address is disclosed when you RSVP to marcy@tlgv.org for each event!

**Friday, May 20:** Coventry
**Friday, June 17:** Norwich
**Friday, July 15:** Southbridge
**Friday, August 12:** Killingly
**Friday, September 9:** Sturbridge

**October:** Do Walktober!
**Friday, November 11:** Charlton
**Friday, December 16:** Hampton

TLGV Member Programs
Join Chief Ranger Bill at monthly member programs that range from the mid-winter eagle survey to farm visits, historic site tours, dark sky programs, marching in the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade and more! Not yet a member? Join today!

TLGV Ranger Events
Want to learn more about The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor? Look for TLGV Rangers at more than 70 festivals, fairs, and town celebrations throughout the year, including fun events like First Fridays in Putnam, the Lebanon Country Fair, Union Old Home Day, Holland Zucchini Fest, Killingly Bike Night, Canterbury Old Home Day, Huguenot Town Picnic & Concert, and lots more fun places. Stop by and say hi to our Rangers!

Spring Outdoors!
Join land trusts and conservation commissions on tours of their properties in April and May. Learn about interesting features, stories, and management strategies, and how you, too, can help conserve open space in The Last Green Valley.

Tastes of the Valley
Join the Last Green Valley for a farm-to-table feast and fundraiser on September 18. Tastes of the Valley showcases local farms, orchards, and restaurants by pairing food grown, raised and created in the Last Green Valley’s 35 towns with top-notch local chefs. Tickets go on sale in mid-summer.

Walktober!
What started out as one walking weekend more than two decades ago, has grown to more than 200 Walktober experiences throughout the month of October. Walk, hike, stroll, pedal, paddle, enjoy art, visit farms, pick apples, enjoy historical tales, visit burial grounds, tweet while watching birds, attend a fall festival, or climb a hill. Connect to our National Heritage Corridor!
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Accommodations

Friends and family visiting? The Last Green Valley has lots of cozy places to stay. Or take a mini vacation yourself. 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

Bed and Breakfast at Taylor’s Corner
880 route 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-0490 • info@taylorsbb.com
taylorsbb.com

Bed & Breakfasts of Mystic Coast & Country
111 route 2A, Preston, CT 06365
860-884-5004 • stay@captaingrants.com
captaingrants.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
danielrusthouse.com

Henrietta House Bed & Breakfast and Red House Farm
125 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-477-0318
henriettahousebnb@gmail.com
historichenriettahousebnbct.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

Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center
855 Bolton Rd., Storrs, CT 06268
860-477-0318 • Fax: 860-477-0318
nathanhaleinn.com

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Astronomy/Night Sky Views

With 77 percent of our land either forest or farm, the National Heritage Corridor is green by day and dark by night. The Last Green Valley has a variety of places to Explore! dark skies – gaze up often and attend dark sky events to learn more!

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

**Jacob Edwards Library Telescope**
236 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-765-5426 • jacobedwardslibrary.org
You are encouraged to borrow this telescope! The StarBlast 4.5” Astro Reflector Telescope was donated through the Aldrich Astronomical Society, and the tabletop version is available for a 1 week 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.

**Mclean Research Associates**
astronomy@mcleanresearch.com
mcleanresearch.com/gs_astronomy.html
mcleanresearch.com/bs_astronomy.html
Offering indoor presentations on all astronomical aspects — from light pollution to Navigating the Universe. Boy Scout Astronomy counselor, Girl Scouts of CT Galactic Explorer patch. Have telescopes and will travel. Day (solar) or Night (from the moon in super high def to fuzzy galaxies). See website for more info.

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

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

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

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**Fun Fact:**
During a new moon is the best time to view faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight.
**Air Line State Park Trail**
Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523 • ct.gov/deep

This linear gravel/pebble-covered trail is flat, easy and travels for almost 50 miles. 3 sections: South from east Hampton to Windham (22 miles), and North from Windham to Pomfret (21 miles) plus Thompson (6.6 miles). Ideal for mountain biking. Parking locations & section maps available on website. No fee.

**Brimfield State Forest**
86 dearth Hill rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687 • mass.gov

More than 20 miles of roads & trails offer room for mountain biking & more! Some fees.

**Brimfield Trolley Trail**
120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
413-324-8350 • info@brimfieldtrail.org
brimfieldtrail.org

Approximately 4 miles out & back, this trail is open year round and available for walking and bicycling. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to Sturbridge), this is flat & easy and is also a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.

**East Coast Greenway**
greenway.org
2,900 miles total from ME to FL includes 198 miles through CT, with sections in Windham (Air Line Trail), Willimantic (Veterans Memorial Greenway), Plainfield (Moosup Valley Trail), Killingly (Quinebaug River Trail), and Putnam (Tracy Rd. Smart Park Trail). Travel through varied terrains including old rail trails, historic mill towns, and forests & farmlands. No fee.

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**Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

**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.

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Moosup Valley State Park Trail
Main St., Sterling, CT 06377
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 Pillfeshire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
13,200 acre park spreads over 6 towns. Year-round activities include mountain biking & more. No fee.

NOW (Northeast Opportunities for Wellness) Blackwell Field
194 Wauregan Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
888-940-4669
Sarah.mortensen@NOWmotion.org
NOWmotion.org
Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a non-profit human service organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs, offering scholarships with up to 95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW. Visit our website for information on upcoming clinics and events.

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

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

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

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.

Wells State Park
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
1,400 wooded acres known for hiking (10 miles of trails) is also great for mountain biking. Some fees.
Our National Heritage Corridor offers an incredible variety of boating and fishing locations. Please review the "State & Federal Parks & Forests" section plus reach out to Lakeview Marine in Webster for their expertise. The websites listed are packed with information to ensure every outing is safe and fun! Rules and regulations apply and must be followed. Many of these sites are appropriate for paddling, but be sure to see our "Paddling" section too!

Connecticut Main Fishing Page
ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?guid=322708&deepNavGID=1632

Connecticut Freshwater Fishing Page
ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?guid=322708&deepNavGID=1632

Connecticut Lake Contours Maps
c.t.gov/deep/lib/fishing/general_information/lakebathymetrymaps.pdf

Connecticut Anglers Guide
c.t.gov/deep/lib/fishing/anglers_guide/anguide_part2.pdf

Massachusetts Freshwater Fishing Page
mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/recreational-activities/fishing.html

Massachusetts Boating Website
mass.gov/eea/state-parks-beaches/outdoor-recreation/boating

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Boating Website
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation

Amos Lake
158 Preston Plains Rd., Preston, CT 06365
113-acre trout & bass management area, with pickerel, perch & more. Trailered boat launch. 8 mph limit. No fees.

Ashland Pond
Main St. (Rte. 201), Griswold, CT 06351
89-acre pond runs along Main St. Home to largemouth bass, pickerel & yellow perch. No fee.

Aspinook Pond
Butts Bridge Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
301-acre pond covers Canterbury, Griswold & Lisbon with free boat access off Butts Bridge Rd. Fee launch at Ross Hill Rd. private campground. Largemouth bass, pickerel & carp.

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.

Beachdale Pond - Pachaug State Forest/Chapman Area
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep 92-acre pond in Nipmuck Forest, walk in access only (1.2 miles) is in both CT & MA, both state licenses allowed. Fish for largemouth bass, perch, pickerel & more. No internal combustion engines or motor vehicles. No fee.

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

Black Pond
30 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068 • ct.gov/deep 373-acre pond with black crappie, brown bullhead, rainbow trout, yellow perch, largemouth & smallmouth bass. Dirt boat launch, 5 mph limit. No fee.

Black Pond
30 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068 • ct.gov/deep 30 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068 • ct.gov/deep Year-round parking at boat ramp at 229 Oxford Rd. 200-acre lake, with largemouth bass, pickerel, horned pout, bream & other fish species. Handicapped accessible fishing dock on Buffumville Beach. Boat ramp and culvert underneath Oxford Rd. permit boating & paddling on both sides of the lake. Lake used for other water activities too. Some fees, but boat launch is free & open all year.

Brimfield State Forest
86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687 • mass.gov Fishing is allowed in this state forest. Some fees.

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

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

Coventry Lake
30 Cross St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-4068 • ct.gov/deep 373-acre lake with concrete boat ramp. Water-skirng is popular here and speed limits differ at different times. See website. No fee.

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**Diana's Pool**
Diana's Pool Rd. (off Rte. 198)
Chaplin, CT 06235
On the Natchaug River, this is a favorite spot for kayakers, fishermen and anyone trying to capture the pulse of water spilling over rock outcroppings and through natural pools of rushing river water. No fee.

**Eagleville Lake**
Rte. 275 (off Rte. 32), Coventry, CT 06238
williamanticriver.org
Car-top/carry-in launch at dam of 77-acre lake, 8 mph speed limit. Fish for largemouth & smallmouth bass, perch, pickerel & more. Handicap access. No fee.

**East Brimfield Lake**
24 Riverview Ave. (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Diverse fishing from water or shore. Trout stocked in spring by MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. Northern pike, pickerel & bass also swim here. Boat launches too. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

**Glasgo Pond & Doaneville Pond**
45 Hillview Heights (off Rte. 201)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-7060 • griswold-ct.org
Gravel & grass parking spots at boat launch. Glasgo (a long, winding 168-acre pond with paved boat launch) and Doaneville (68-acre pond accessible by waters running under Sheldon Rd.) offer fishing (largemouth bass, perch, bullhead & more), water skiing, jet skis. Paddlers can get more of a wilderness experience by paddling east & under Rte. 165. No fee.

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

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

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

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

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

**Howard T. Brown Park**
100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700 • norwichct.org
Park offers docks, boat launch and fishing for shad, salmon, eel & other species. Paddling available, too. A paved walkway follows the Yantic River through historic Norwich. No fee.

**Hurlburt Pond**
Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us

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

**Lake Lashaway**
Harrington St. (off Rte. 9)
East Brookfield/North Brookfield line, MA 01540
508-835-3607 • mass.gov/wildlife
Large variety of fish to catch, most abundant are largemouth bass & white perch. Pickerel here make for good ice fishing too. No fee.

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

**Lakeview Marine – Paddlesport Rentals**
311 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-6020 • rentals@lakeviewwebster.com
lakeviewwebster.com

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

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

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

Natchaug State Forest/Natchaug River
66 Piffershire Rd. (Rte. 198)
Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
13,200-acre park spreads over 6 towns. Rivers & ponds offer varied paddles & fishing, including the Natchaug River, a designated Trout Park that is stocked weekly. Pit toilets. No fee.

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

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

Quaddick State Park
818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
This more than 400-acre reservoir is an active water area with many activities, including fishing with trailered boat ramp, plus paddling. A northern pike lake, also home to largemouth bass, pickerel, perch & more. A northern pike lake, also home to largemouth bass, pickerel, perch & more. Some fees.

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

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery
141 Trout Hatchery Rd., Central Village, CT 06332
860-564-7542 • ct.gov/deep (search Quinebaug Valley Trout Hatchery)
One of the largest state hatcheries. Glass wall for viewing, tours available (self-guided). Restricted fishing: Onsite children’s fishing pond frequently stocked, may be where your child catches his/her first trout! Ponds & trails for views of birds, turtles & more. Daily 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. No fee.

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

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

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

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

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Day camps, overnight camps, family campgrounds, and educational camps all connect us to nature and our family and friends. We urge you to review our "State & Federal Parks & Forests" section, and visit the websites for each location. Get out and Explore! these campgrounds for a whole new outdoor experience!

Streeter Point Recreation Area
6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9316 • mass.gov
Paddling, fishing & boating available with access to 400-acre East Brimfield Reservoir via U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramps on Rte. 20. See East Brimfield Lake listing. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

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

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

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

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., Glastonbury, CT 06033
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
Variety of wildlife & activities include fishing on the 200-acre lake (with boat launch, 5 mph limit) & on Quinebaug River. Trout stocked, plus catch pickerel, perch, carp, sunfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass. Paddle the lake & Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail too. No fee.

Westville Lake
24 Riverview Ave., (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
3-acre island available to rent for up to 1 week. Primitive camping; boat needed for the short trip to the island. Reservations start Jan. 1 each year. Call 1-877-444-6777 to register. Some fees.

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 with access to over 1 mile of pristine, heavily wooded Shetucket River waterfront. Fishing is available by permit (available at camp office) along the Shetucket River. No fees to visit. Camping fees apply.

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

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

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., Glastonbury, CT 06033
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
Variety of wildlife & activities include fishing on the 200-acre lake (with boat launch, 5 mph limit) & on Quinebaug River. Trout stocked, plus catch pickerel, perch, carp, sunfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass. Paddle the lake & Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail too. No fee.

Westville Lake
24 Riverview Ave., (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
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Connecticut Camping Info
ct.gov/deep

Massachusetts Camping Info
mass.gov/transportation-recreation

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Camping Info
nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01570
1-877-444-6777
reserveamerica.com, nae.usace.army.mil
3-acre island available to rent for up to 1 week. Primitive camping; boat needed for the short trip to the island. Reservations start Jan. 1 each year. Call 1-877-444-6777 to register. Some fees.

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

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

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Holiday Hill Day Camp/
Holiday Recreation Center, Inc.
41 Chaffeeville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-423-1375 • Fax: 860-424-3200
dudley@holidayrecreation.com
860-456-2444
Mashamoquet Brook State Park
147 Wolf Den Dr., (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
Backcountry camping offers both
primitive backpack & horse camping with few
facilities. Pit toilets in forest. Length of stay at
1 location is limited to 1 night. No fee.

Highland Campground
42 Toleeration Rd., Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-5684 • Fax: 860-423-5684
highlandcamp@aol.com
highlandcampground.com

Holiday Hill Day Camp/
Holiday Recreation Center, Inc.
Circle C Campground, Inc.
98 Chaplin Rd., Rte. 198, Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-1439, 877-974-1439
info@charliebrowncampground.com
charliebrowncampground.com

Hopeville Pond State Park
929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
1-877-668-CAMP (2267)
reserveamerica.com, ct.gov/deep
80 wooded camp sites available as well as
many more activities. Restrooms on site. Main
gate open seasonally. Some fees.

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

Mashamoquet Brook State Park
147 Wolf Den Dr., (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
2 camping areas are available. The
Mashamoquet Brook Campground has 20
wooded sites. Wolf Den Campground offers
53 campsites. Open from mid-April through
Columbus Day, these can also be reserved for
Youth Group Camping. Some fees.

Natchaug State Forest/General Lyons
and Knollton Brook Campsites
66 Pilfershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Backcountry camping zones offer both
primitive backpack & horse camping with few
facilities. Pit toilets in forest. Length of stay at
1 location is limited to 1 night. No fee.

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

Nipmuck State Forest
Rtes. 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-423-3200 • deep.stateparks@ct.gov
deep
Backpack camping allowed by permit along
the blue blazed trail at Breakneck Pond
Campsite. 1 night limit. See website for permit
details. Some fees.

NOW
NOW (Northeast Opportunities for
Wellness) Field at Logee Park
488 East Putnam Rd., Putnam, CT 06260
888-940-4669
Sarah.mortensen@NOWmotion.org
NOWmotion.org
Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a non-
profit human service organization focused on
youth wellness. NOW provides children with
the opportunity to participate in area athletic
programs, offering scholarships with up to
95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW.
Visit our website for information on upcoming
clinics and events.

Pachaug State Forest/Dawley Pond,
Dry Reservoir, Legend Wood and
Peg Millers Shelters
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Backcountry camping zones offer primitive
camping with few facilities. Length of stay at any
one location is limited to one night. Some fees.

Pachaug State Forest/Frog Hollow
Horse Camp/Campground
Rte. 198, Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-0142, 877-974-0142
info@charliebrowncampground.com
860-974-1439
18 camping sites available on 1st come/
1st served basis. Some fees.

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

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

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

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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

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

The 35 towns of The Last Green Valley are overflowing with potential discoveries. Reach out to these business groups – they are valuable resources and provide networking opportunities and support to help you Explore! The Last Green Valley to its fullest potential.

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

Killingly Business Association 🌿
172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
kbainc@yahoo.com
killinglybusinessassociation.com
KBA organized to foster and strengthen Killingly businesses, promote town revitalization efforts, build partnerships with the community and town government and 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!

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Town of Killingly/Economic Development Office
172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
860-779-5350 • Fax: 860-779-5367
ecdv@killinglyct.org • killinglyct.gov
Business resources offered for new and expanding industrial & retail businesses.
Incentives available. Opportunities include commercial areas and industrial areas, as well as an historic downtown district, the Killingly Industrial Park, Killingly Plaza, Killingly Commons and Dayville Four Corners. Visit Killingly from exits 37, 38, 41 and 43 off Interstate 395.

Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
23 Royce Circle, Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-2740 • Fax: 860-429-2719
mdp@mansfieldct.org • mansfieldct.org/mpd

Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce
210 Westcott Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8001 • Fax: 860-774-4299
info@nectchamber.com • nectchamber.com

Norwich Community Development Corporation
77 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-6964 • Fax: 860-887-3438
mtoth@askncdc.com • askncdc.com

OFS Fitel, LLC
50 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-8523 • ppilou@ofsoptics.com
ofsoptics.com

Putnam Business Association
66 Main St., Suite 5, P.O. Box 691
Putnam, CT 06260 • 860-428-1778
putnambusinessassociation@gmail.com
putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com
The Putnam Business Association was formed in 2009 by a small group of business owners with a unified vision. Today, the PBA boasts approximately 200 members. The goal of the Putnam Business Association is to promote its business community and the Town of Putnam, CT as a premier New England destination.

Mystic West County Chamber of Commerce
227 York Road, Stonington, CT 06378
860-535-3311 • Fax: 860-535-3312
mysticct.org, mysticct.com

Town of Voluntown/Economic Development Commission
115 Main St. (Rte. 138), Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4089 • voluntownedc@gmail.com
voluntown.gov, voluntown.biz
Discover all Voluntown has to offer to your existing business, or as we welcome in your indigenous business start-up or light industry to our town. Voluntown will support and promote your business, all while offering a great quality of life with our weekly Farmer’s Market, our natural resources, including the majestic Pachaug State Forest and its spectacular trails, rivers, fishing, camping and more! Enjoy Voluntown all year long! Visit us online at both of our websites and on Facebook.

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

Woodstock Business Association
66 Main St., Suite 5, P.O. Box 691
Woodstock, CT 06281 • 860-428-1778
putnambusinessassociation@gmail.com
putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com
The Putnam Business Association was formed in 2009 by a small group of business owners with a unified vision. Today, the PBA boasts approximately 200 members. The goal of the Putnam Business Association is to promote its business community and the Town of Putnam, CT as a premier New England destination.

Woodstock Business Association
P.O. Box 4, South Woodstock, CT 06267-0004
860-928-3738 • explorewoodstock.com

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

Community Concerts

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

Brimfield Common. Tuesdays, July 19, July 26, & Aug. 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. brimfieldma.org (home page/community events) & hitchcockacademy.org

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

East Brookfield
Town Gazebo. Traditionally, Thursdays from mid-July through mid-Aug, 6 - 8 pm. eastbrookfieldma.us (bandstand committee) and ebbandstand.webs.com

Griswold
Veterans Memorial Park. griswoldrec.org

Killingly
Thursdays in July & Aug. from 6 - 8 pm at either Davis Park on Main St. or the Community Center at 185 Broad St. Bonus concert events include: Red, White & Blue BBQ/Fireworks in Owen Bell Park on July 1, and the 2nd Annual Bike Night on Aug. 18 as motorcycles line Main St. Facebook.com/killingly parks and recreation

Lebanon
Lebanon Green. Annual Summer Dance Fest in July with local musicians, children’s activities, refreshments, and fireworks. lebanonct.gov

Mansfield
Summer Concerts on the Square. 2 Dog Lane, Thursdays in June & July, 6:30 - 8 pm mansfieldct.gov/summerconcerts

Norwich
Rock the Docks. Howard Brown Park. Weekdays from mid-July through end of Aug., 6 - 8 pm Daily Night Acoustics. Location TBD, 6 - 8 pm Facebook.com/Rockthedocks & norwichchamber.com (news & events)

Plainfield
Lions Park, 8 Community Dr. Weekdays, 6:30 - dusk. plainfieldct.org (departments/recreation)

Putnam
Concerts and River Fires. Rotary Park, Kennedy Drive. Thursdays, July 16, Aug. 13, & Sept. 10, from 7 - 10 pm. Bonus concerts at July 2 fireworks and during Discover Putnam’s First Fridays between May and October. winyradio.com (upcoming events) and discoverputnam.com

Southbridge
Town Common, Rtes. 131 & 169. Sundays from June - Sept., 4 - 6 pm. Facebook.com/recreationsouthbridgema & ci.southbridgema.org/recreation

Sturbridge
Town Common, Rte. 131. Thursday, Fridays, & Saturdays in July & August, 6 - 8 pm. sturbridge.ma.us (boards & committees/recreation committee) or their Facebook page

Thompson
Riverside Park Gazebo, Riverside Dr. Some Fridays, 7 - 8:30 pm. thompsonrec.org

Webster
French River Summer Concert Series. French River Park, Davis St. Weekends in July & Aug., 6:30 - 8 pm. webster-ma.gov (events) or Facebook.com/websterarts/recreation group WebsterRecCommittee@gmail.com

Willimantic
MOB @ the GOB (Music on the Bridge at the Garden on the Bridge). 480 Main St. Sundays, June 5, July 3 & Aug. 7, 3 pm. musicandmoreint.com or 860-423-9156 Third Thursday Street Fest. Main St., downtown Willimantic. Variety of concerts on the 3rd Thursday of each month, May through Sept. willimanticstreetfest.com

Woodstock
Roseland Cottage. 3 - 4 concerts each summer co-sponsored by Woodstock Recreation. townofwoodstock.com (things to do) or historicnewengland.org Twilight Concerts. Some Fridays, 7 pm. historicnewengland.org (historic properties/houses/Roseland Cottage) Roseland Park. Calypso Music Festival in July 205 Roseland Park Rd. Facebook.com/Roseland Park

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Disc Golf

A popular and growing activity, disc golf courses are available throughout The Last Green Valley. From young to old, disc golf can be as relaxing or challenging as you choose. Bring lots of discs in case of errant shots!

Brooklyn Recreation Department Davis Forest & Disc Golf Course
End of Salmon Dr. (off South St.) Brooklyn, CT 06234 • 860-774-5464 brooklynrec.org Enjoy walks along the trails on the many acres of this wooded area, try out 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, and 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

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 and Electric Car Charging Stations

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

**Coventry**
Town Hall, 1712 Main St.

**Killingly**
Town Hall, 172 Main St. (Rte. 12)

**Mansfield/Storrs**
Mansfield Parking Garage, 9 Dog Lane
Open garage hours
Price Chopper, 1220 Storrs Rd.
Town Facility, 10 S. Eagleville Rd.
UConn Motor Pool, 31 LeDoyt Rd.
Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 3 pm
UConn North Parking Garage, 103 Eagleville Rd.
Open garage hours

**Norwich**
Norwich Public Utilities, 157 N. Main St.

**Pomfret**
Town Hall, 5 Haven Rd. (Rte. 44)

**Putnam**
Municipal Parking Lot, 165 Kennedy Dr.

**Windham/Willimantic**
ECSU Shakespeare Parking Garage, 24 Charter Oak Rd.
Windham Town Hall, 979 Main St. (Rte. 66)

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**Explore!**

**Electric Car (Ev) Charging Stations**

Learning is a life-long adventure! With the help of these educators, we will continue to enjoy, care for and pass on The Last Green Valley for future generations.
Explore!  
Farms, Orchards & Nurseries

The Last Green Valley’s 549,000 acres of working land provide everything from farm-fresh food to opportunities for fun with family and friends. Take a tour, pet an alpaca, bite a bison burger, pick a peach, plant a garden! Each fall we tantalize your taste buds as area chefs team with local farms & products for our “Tastes of the Valley” fundraising event – don’t miss it!

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

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

Blackmer Farm
438 Quinebaug Rd.
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-928-2710 • Fax: 860-923-2810
Like us on Facebook!

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
A family-owned and operated terraced tree farm since 1983. Now offering group “Open by Reservation” visits May through September. Fall season includes 30 min. tractor ride with hidden pumpkin search, mulch mountain sliding, pedal karts and pumpkins. Gate fee applies. Christmas season — precut or cut-your-own trees, tree carts and saws, wreaths, Christmas shop, complimentary tractor ride and hot chocolate. Hours: check website.

Connecticut Farmland Trust
77 Buckingham St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-247-0202 • Fax: 860-247-0236
outreach@ctfarmland.org • ctfarmland.org

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

Devon Point Farm & Cider Mill
54 Joy Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-9004 • devonpointfarm@gmail.com
devonpointfarm.com

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

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

Fort Hill Farms & Gardens
260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3439
herrootsrundeep@forthillfarms.com;
herrootsrundeep@gmail.com
forthillfarms.com

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
860-546-6541 • hartsgreenhouse@gmail.com
hartsgreenhouseflorist.com

Ivanhoe Tool & Die Co., Inc.
590 Thompson Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-9541 • Fax: 860-923-2497
860-974-1618 • sbroderick@charter.net
96 Weeks Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
webco-chemical.com
sales@webco-chemical.com
508-943-9500 • Fax: 508-987-0366
420 West Main St., Dudley, MA 01571
sales@webco-chemical.com
webco-chemical.com

Lapsley Orchard
403 Orchard Hill Rd., Pomfret, Center, CT 06259
860-928-9186 • l lapsleyorchard@yahoo.com
lapsleyorchard.com • Like Lapsley on Facebook

Morning Beckons Farm
343A Sand Dam Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-821-0627 • julie@morningbeckonsfarm.com
morningbeckonsfarm.com
The largest alpaca farm in the Northeast, located in rural Thompson, CT. Come for a visit and leave with wonderful alpaca memories. Say hi to the alpacas, emus, turkeys, geese & the owners. There is a charming store at the farm with alpaca items for sale. Call or visit website for hours.

Norwich – Downtown Norwich Farmers’ Market
Howard Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr.
Norwich, CT 06360 • 860-887-6964
norwichfarmersmarket.com & on Facebook

Palazzi Orchard
1393 North Rd., Dayville, CT 06241
860-774-4363

Pine Hill Alpaca Farm, LLC
148 Pine Hill Rd., Sterling, CT 06377
860-564-7204, 860-208-0598
Fax: 860-564-7204
info@pinehillpacafarm.com
pinehillpacafarm.com

Sharpe Hill Vineyard
108 Wade Rd., Pomfret, CT 06258
860-974-3549 • Fax: 860-974-1503
sharpehill.com

Town Line Tree Farm
96 Weeks Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-1618 • sbroderick@charter.net

Webco Chemical Corp.
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Aicher Preserve - Wyndham Land Trust 🍁
Freedley Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Look for WLT sign, park on side of road, enter through farm gate. Cornfield is on left, a lake on right as you proceed. Turn right into a network of woods roads or continue straight ahead and over the dam. Follow the tree line to either the right or the left. Almost 200 acres in size, this is the largest property owned by the Wyndham Land Trust. From the high point of the preserve, elevation 505; one has striking views of the surrounding countryside. Below are a splendid hayfield, cornfields, and woodlands. Excellent bird habitat. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.

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

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 • killinglyct.gov
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.

Benedict Arnold Trail – Walk Norwich
Corner of Washington St. & Arnold Pl.
Norwich, CT 06360 • 860-886-1776
info@walknorwich.org • walknorwich.org
askncdc.com
Park at Leffingwell House Museum, 348 Washington St., or at the Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors’ Center, 69 East Town Street. Benedict Arnold is Norwich’s most infamous native son. Discover the story of a controversial and complicated man who greatly impacted our nation’s history during the Revolutionary War. The self-guided tour gives a glimpse into Benedict Arnold’s complex childhood and discusses prominent Norwich figures that played a role in the Revolutionary War. Walk 2 easy miles (some uneven terrain) past the family homestead, Leffingwell Inn, OLMSTEAD-LATHROP Manor (from the 1600s) and more. Maps & more available on website. No fee.
Bigelow Hollow State Park & Nipmuck State Forest
Rtes. 190 & 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Parking at entrance on Rte. 171.
9,000+ acres of extensive hiking opportunities of varied difficulty & length, from the shorter Bigelow Pond Loop to the seemingly endless Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Trail, and more! Varied make-up provides exceptional scenic beauty. See website for trail maps. Some fees.

Blue Flag Meadow - Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./ Wolf Den Land Trust
Renton Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
efla.org/wdlt.htm
Parking on Renton Rd.
25-acre property between Natchaug State Forest & Air Line Trail in Hampton provides a natural wildlife corridor. Loop trail winds through a mix of forest, open maintained fields & around a small pond. Hike is a fairly easy go, with some slightly inclined slopes. Chances to sight woodcocks! Check website for property map. No fee.

Border Woods Preserve - The New Roxbury Land Trust
Eastford Road (Rte 198), just north of the Rte. 197 intersection, Woodstock, CT 860-926-2669 • nrmlt.org
36.7 mostly-wooded acres (lots of oaks & hemlocks) open for walking, hiking and bird watching. There are no developed trails, some erosion and a bit of wetlands, but it’s still a great place to explore. Respect the property, leaving nothing behind. No motorized vehicles allowed. No fee.

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

Bull Hill Recreation Area
Messier Rd. (off Ravenelle Rd.)
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440 • thompsonstct.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/ctt
1.5 mile easy loop, beware of traffic. A National Historic District with more than 32 varied architecturally and historically significant properties dating from 1709 to 1747, including the Prudence Crandall Museum. Route 14, the Revolutionary route of the French Army under Rochambeau from Newport to Yorktown, crosses through the Canterbury Green. No fee.

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

Chase Reservoir
85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org • killinglyct.gov
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.

Claus Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary - Opacum Land Trust
Tipton 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.

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

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

East Brimfield Lake Nature Trail
24 Riverview Ave., (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Using the Nature Trail Map & Guide on the website, become an amateur naturalist as you stroll the 0.75 mile loop and learn about the varied vegetation and wildlife on these 5 acres. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

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

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Chaffeeville & Mulberry rds.
Coney rock Preserve - Joshua’s Trust
85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org • killinglyct.gov
Walk (3.5/5 miles) on woodland trail through varied 285 acres with heavily-wooded forests, historic foundations, vernal pools & managed woodcock habitat. Cross-country ski or snowshoe in winter. Paddling & fishing on 80-acre lake. No horses, bikes, motorcycles, motor boats. No fee.

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary - Opacum Land Trust
Tipton Rock Rd. (off Rte. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550 • 508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Small parking lot on Tipton Rock Rd.
3 trails available (0.64, 0.5 and 0.41 miles) that wind along the shore of Morse Pond, through stands of beech trees, hemlock, and mixed forest habitats. There are old stone walls. History and nature at the site is inspiring. No fee.

Coney Rock Preserve - Joshua’s Trust
Chaffeeville & Mulberry Rds.
Mansfield, CT 06250 • 860-429-3015
preserves@mansfieldct.org
mansfieldct.gov, 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 Forest & Park Association/ Walk CT
ctwoodlands.org, walkct.org

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The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood – CT Audubon Society
93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948 ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret

Trail Wood is the former home of writer-naturalist Edwin Way Teale and his wife Nellie. Open year-round, this 168-acre sanctuary offers walking trails among woodland, field and pond habitats. Mr. Teale’s writing cabin, and a small natural history museum with Teale memorabilia. No 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 Herbert C. & Virginia Darby in 2001, features an easy 1.5 mile loop trail plus letterboxing. Hunting & motorized vehicles are prohibited. Leashed dogs are welcome. Please do not litter. No fee.

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

Fisherman’s Walk Trail
Fabyan-Woodstock Rd. N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-9440 • thompsonscnt.org/maps-a-guide
Park at trailhead on Fabyan-Woodstock Rd.
Easy 1 mile round-trip (about 30 minutes) between Quinebaug River and old spill-way canal to grassy glade. Add 0.1 mile to river bend for 1.2 miles total. Car-top boat launch for National Recreation Water Trail ending in West Thompson Lake. No fee.

Fitze Preserve - Wyndham Land Trust
Plainfield Recreation/Senior Center, 482 Norwich Rd. (Rte. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org wyndhamlandtrust.org
Park behind Rec./Senior Center.
3.5-acre wooded lot sits behind Plainfield’s Recreation/Seniors complex and offers a Children’s Discovery Trail that was created to allow youngsters a chance to explore the trees and shrubs in typical Northeast Connecticut woods. The stone walls that crisscross the property remind us that this was once open farmland. The trail is an easy 20-minute hike. Strollers are not recommended. No fee.

Frog Bridge, ”Thread City Crossing”
Jct. Main St. (Rtes. 32 & 66) and Church St.
Willimantic, CT 06266 • 860-465-3000 windhamct.com
Notable for its 11’ tall bronze frogs sitting atop giant thread spools, the Frog Bridge connects Main St. to Pleasant St. Be careful of traffic. No fee.

Garden Bridge at Windham Mills
Main St. (Rtes. 32 & 66), Willimantic, CT 06266
860-465-3000 • windhamct.com
Park at Windham Mills Heritage Park.
Built in 1906, 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/end behind the school’s playing fields, is named for a retired teacher, was developed by students, and runs along the Still River. It’s marked with points of interests with a corresponding guide book available at the town’s library. Benches added with TLGV grant. No fee.

Grassland Bird Conservation Center at Pomfret – CT Audubon Society
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948 ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
This 702-acre nature sanctuary is a nationally recognized bird area and includes a large beaver pond, acres of grasslands, streams and a hemlock ravine. More than 10 miles of walking trails with interpretive signage. Environmental programming year round. No fees.

Griswold Campus Nature & Cross Country Trails
211-303 Slater Ave., Griswold, CT 06351
860-334-9459 DCrandall@griswoldpublicschools.org
griswold.k12.ct.us
Park at Elementary School lot off of the Campus Road near Rte. 164.
0.8 mile Nature Trail (blazed orange), created in 1985 by students to preserve wetlands, has guide book & signs for nature ID. Some difficult climbs, but wet areas are passable. The Quinebaug River Trail and Cross Country Trail join the Nature Trail for a wide, easy walk. Combine the Cross Country (blazed blue) with the Nature Trail for 2.1 miles (some steep hillsides). No fee.

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 Recreation Area.
Sturbridge: at Wallace Rd.
This hard-packed trail with some incomplete sections will stretch more than 60 miles, and travels through Brimfield, Sturbridge, and Southbridge, meeting up with the Air Line Trail in Thompson. You’ll find other trail connections and spurs off this trail, too. No fee.

Heins Farm Conservation Area
Leadmine Rd. (south of Shumway Farm)
Sturbridge, MA 01566 • sturbridge trails.org
Visitsturbridge.org
84 acres originally part of neighboring private Heins Family Farm, has great cultural & historic significance to Sturbridge with historic marker on Stafford Turnpike 1.8 mile Trail. 2 more walking/hiking loop trails: 0.5 mile Cabin Trail & the 0.6 mile Pond View Trail. See website for map & more. No fee.

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

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd., Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
Park on top of & below dam, at the end of Rocky Hill Rd., at Greenbriar Park & at Multiple Use Area off Clara Barton Rd. in North Oxford.
Part of a system of 6 flood risk management projects designed and built in the Thames River Basin by the U.S. Army Corps, Hodges Village Dam is a dry bed reservoir, now with approximately 22 miles of year-round recreational trails. MA-registered off-highway motorcycles are allowed on the west side of the French River only. Some fees.
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Hopeville Pond State Park
929 Hopeville Rd, (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920 • 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep
Trails totaling up to 13.1 miles are moderate. The Blue-Blazed Nehantic Trail begins at the park and runs through pleasant scenery, descending Mount Misery into the Civilian Conservation Corps camp area of Pachaug State Forest in Voluntown. Some fees.

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

James L. Goodwin State Forest
23 Potter Rd, (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
Numerous walks available on more than 10 miles of trails, from a stroll in the arboretum to several hours of hiking through forests and by ponds. An easy to moderate 3 mile loop, the Pine Acres Pond Trail follows the shore through varied woodlands. Access to Air Line Trail and Natchaug Trail. No fee.

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

Killingly Quinebaug River Multi-
Purpose Recreational Trail
Jct. Rtes. 12 & 6, Killingly, CT 06239
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org • killinglyct.gov
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.

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

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

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

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

Lyon Preserve - Wyndham Land Trust
33 Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
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wyndhamlandtrust.org
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Mansfield Hollow State Park
Bassets Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Easy 1.5 mile loop red-blazed Eagle Trail was completed as an Eagle Scout project. Through woodlands, old farm roads, along the reservoir and on old cart paths. Great views of lake, too. No fee.

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

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

Mohegan Park
Park Center Rd/Mohegan Park Rd.
Norwich, CT 06360 • 860-823-3798
norwichct.org
Parking at all 3 trailheads. 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.

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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
Park at Community Center.
Approximately 5 miles of this longer trail (which runs from Coventry, RI to Plainfield and beyond) cuts right through Sterling. A former rail trail, you’ll traverse gravel to ballast surfaces. Glimpse the Moosup River & Sterling Pond in this rural setting. Great for biking too. No fee.

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

Morning Beckons Farm Rail Trail
access via the Air Line Trail in Thompson Thompson, CT 06277 • 860-821-0627
julie@morningbeckonsfarm.com
morningbeckonsfarm.com
Access this walking trail from the Air Line Trail. A great place to explore, look for the Morning Beckons Trail markers and walk an old rail bed that runs through this private property, through a wildlife sanctuary and along Jerry’s Swamp. No fees to hike, but remember this is a privately-owned property, so please be respectful, stay on the trail, and do not litter. Visit Morning Beckons Farm at 343A Sand Dam Rd. in Thompson, say hi to the alpacas, emus, turkeys, geese & the owners, too. There is a charming store at the farm with alpaca items for sale. Call or visit website for hours.

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

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

NOW (Northeast Opportunities for Wellness) Blackwell Field
194 Wauregan Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
888-940-4669
Sarah.mortensen@NOWinmotion.org
NOWinmotion.org
Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a non-profit human service organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs, offering scholarships with up to 95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW. Visit our website for information on upcoming clinics and events.

NOW (Northeast Opportunities for Wellness) Field at Logee Park
488 East Putnam Rd., Putnam, CT 06260
888-940-4669
Sarah.mortensen@NOWinmotion.org
NOWinmotion.org
Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a non-profit human service organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs, offering scholarships with up to 95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW. Visit our website for information on upcoming clinics and events.

N. Grosvenordale River Walk/Park
Riverside Dr. (Rte. 12)
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255 • 860-923-9440
thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
Park on Rte. 12: at Gazebo, Public Library, or behind Knights of Columbus.
Walk through historic mill village, along French River and pond. It’s an easy 3.2 mile round-trip (1 hour, 20 minutes). Mostly paved, with crushed gravel at the end. Handicap & bike accessible. Gazebo in park hosts summer concerts. No fee.

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

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

Opacum Woods - Opacum Land Trust
Old Brook Circle, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144 • opacumlt.org
Park at trailhead on Old Brook Circle. NO parking on Forest Lane.
4 miles of hiking trails on 266-acre property. Enjoy Blue, Red, Yellow and Green trails. Enjoy a variety of habitats, ponds, woodlands, wildlife, interesting historical features like ancient rock shelter. View trail map available online. No fee.

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

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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.

Pequot Trails - Two Trees Inn
240 Indiantown Rd., Ledyard, CT 06339
800-369-9663
foxwoods.com/pequottrails.aspx
Picturesque woods offer exhilarating adventure in the Thames River Watershed on a choice of trails. Try the scenic trail loop behind the Two Trees Inn or enjoy a more vigorous walk on the Lantern Hill Trail taking you up nearly 500 feet above sea level to enjoy views that stretch as far as the waters of Block island nearly 500 feet above sea level to enjoy views that stretch as far as the waters of Block island.

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 • pmftrecct.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 its water activities, be sure to take an easy hike on the 1.54 mile loop trail through forested areas, which also crosses Quadick Town Farm Rd. Some fees.

Quandoc Conservation Area
246 Brickhouse Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-5310, 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org • killinglyct.org
125-acre property features forests, several wildlife habitats, stonewalls, evidence of farm fields and recreated wetlands along Quandoc Brook. Follow yellow trail markers. 1.5 mile trail. No fee.

Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail
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 to Blackstone's Hamilton reservoir to the south. Year-round habitat varies throughout supporting spotted salamanders, beavers, kingfishers, herons, seasonal blooms & more. No fee.

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

Robbins Preserve - Wyndham Land Trust
Fred Davis Rd. (off Quaddick Town Farm Rd.)
Thompson, CT 06277 • 860-963-2090
info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Park at gate.
128-acre diverse tract, a former working farmland, includes a mature hemlock forest & grassy meadows interspersed with pine & spruce. Permitted activities include birdwatching (whip-poor-whill's nest on the property), fishing, horseback riding & mountain biking. No motorized vehicles, dogs must be leashed. Visit website for trail map. No fee.

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

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

Sherman Memorial Forest - Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./Wolf Den Land Trust
170 Breakneck Hill Rd., Dayville, CT 06241
ecola.org
Take a 3 mile woodland hike to an old stone foundation & well on land trust & town land acquired in 1892. Walk through forests, pine groves, and old town roads. Trail entrance at parking area. No fee.

Sprague Land Preserve (aka Mukluk Preserve)
Holton Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
860-822-3000 • ctsprague.org
Park in lot at cabin at end of dirt road.
Formerly known as the Mukluk Preserve, the Town of Sprague purchased this property in 2005 with the help of a Land Acquisition grant from CT DEEP. Take in the beautiful setting, many wooded trails, and area wildlife. Just below the Scotland Dam on the Shetucket River, enjoy 1 mile of riverfront, too. See website for trail map. No fee.

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

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

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

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

Uncas Leap Walking Trail – Walk Norwich
134 Yantic St., Norwich, CT 06360 860-886-1776 • info@walknorwich.org
parkatuncasleap.org
Park at Uncas Leap: 134 Yantic St. An easy 2 mile self-guided walk features the Native Mohegan tribe’s rich history in southeastern CT, including a legendary battle with the Narragansett Tribe. Along the way you’ll see stunning Yantic Falls, the Uncas monument, Royal Mohegan Burial Grounds, and the Mohegan Landing. Map & more available on website. No fee.

Victorian Foot Bridge
off Main St. (opposite North St.) Willimantic, CT 06266 860-465-3000 • windhamct.org
Built in 1906, the only footbridge in the eastern U.S. to cross a highway, river and rail line, the footbridge connects Main St. and Pleasant St. Bring your camera. No fee.

Webster Memorial Beach Walk
Memorial Beach Dr. (off Rte. 193) Webster, MA 01507 508-949-3800 • webster-ma.gov
Get moving on the 2 paved walks outside of beach area (no fee for parking before beach entrance). Rules & regulations apply for boating/launch, fishing and swimming for both town residents and non-residents. Check website for full details. Some fees.

Wells State Park/Carpenter’s Rock Trail
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49) Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-9257 • mass.gov
Park at headquarters. 1.5 mile easy loop in 1,500 acres of preserved land. Carpenter’s Rock is a scenic overlook, accessed by a trail mix of road and footpath, year-round (also great cross-country skiing). Moose have been sighted in recent years! Some fees.

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

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

White Brook Sanctuary – Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./ Wolf Den Land Trust
Darby Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234 ecfia.org/wdlt.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 06278 • ctwoodlands.org
Park 1.33 miles down dirt road. The Blue-Blazed Nipmuck Loop Trail is moderate 5 miles & the only area open to the public on this private piece used for research by Yale University. Walk north from parking area, along Bigelow Brook, look out over Boston Hollow atop a high stone cliff area with ridge & fault lines - like walking a dinosaur’s back, north to Barlow Mill Rd., turn south and return via Boston Hollow Rd. No fee.
Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Horseback Riding & Horse Camping

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

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

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

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

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/Indian Chair Trail
147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
The 1.06 mile equestrian trail, the “Indian Chair trail” is entirely within state park boundaries and a nice addition to this location. See website for map. Seasonal fee.

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

Mashamoquet Brook State Park/Indian Chair Trail
147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
This vast state forest offers not only horseback riding on miles of trails, but has horse camping at the Silvermine Horse Camp Site available on a 1st come/1st served basis, designed specifically for equestrian use. Horse rentals are not available. Pit toilets. No fee.

Mohegan State Forest
Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
This vast state forest offers not only horseback riding on miles of trails, but has horse camping at the Silvermine Horse Camp Site available on a 1st come/1st served basis, designed specifically for equestrian use. Horse rentals are not available. Pit toilets. No fee.

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 served basis, designed specifically for equestrian use. Horse rentals are not available. Pit toilets. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest/Frog Hollow Equestrian Camping Area
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
CT’s largest forest with more than 24,000 acres offers miles of CT Horse Council recommended roads & trails for great horseback riding, with horse camping at Frog Hollow Equestrian Camping Area. Some fees.

Pomfret Horse and Trail Association, Inc.
860-617-1863
pomfrethorseandtrail@gmail.com
pomfrethorseandtrail.com

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

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

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

Hunting

Hunters must abide by regulations and safety measures for hunting and trapping in CT & MA. Each state’s website has all the pertinent information. Our National Heritage Corridor is known for its pheasant, turkey, water fowl, small game and deer. The following state and federal properties allow hunting.

Connecticut Hunting Area Map
depdata.ct.gov/wildlife/maps/huntingareas.asp

Massachusetts Hunting Areas
mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/maps-destinations/wildlife-management-areas.html

Beaver Brook State Park
Back Rd. (off Rte. 14), Windham, CT 06280
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Bigelow Hollow State Park
Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

Brimfield State Forest
86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687 • mass.gov

East Brimfield Lake
24 Riverview Ave., (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil

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.

Killingly Pond State Park
Pond Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

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

Mooween State Park
Old Rte. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd.
Lebanon, CT 06249 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

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

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

Pomeroy State Park
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Quaddick State Forest
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Ross Pond State Park
Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

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

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Labyrinths / Mazes

Fun for the entire family or a chance for quiet reflection, these earthly puzzles are another way to connect with fresh air & natural resources in The Last Green Valley!

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

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

First Congregational Church, Woodstock U.C.C. – “The Hill Church” Labyrinth
543 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-7405
office@firstchurchwoodstock.org
firstchurchwoodstock.org
An always-open, public labyrinth in the the First Congregational Church’s backyard. It is a 60’ diameter, eleven-circuit classical style, with a 970’ walk to the center. Labyrinths are unicursal mazes with one way in, and one way out. Enjoy this ancient tool for walking-meditation, healing and thoughtful questioning. No fee.
Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
Letterboxing & Geocaching

Feel like a treasure hunter and search out the amazing number and variety of geocaches and letterboxes hidden along the trails in The Last Green Valley. Use common sense, follow the clues provided, wear bright orange during hunting season, and check for ticks when you leave the woods. A compass may come in handy as you Explore! Enjoy!

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 • ct.gov/deep
The conservation education center offers programs & has a letterbox! Plan for 1 hour. Route is easy, along some forest roads where vehicles are restricted. A compass will help you out with the clues. No hunting. No fee.

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

Natchaug State Forest
66 Pilfershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Letterbox is on the “CCC Trail,” a blue/yellow Connecticut Forest & Park Association trail. Approximately 1 mile in, round trip 2 miles, or do loop hike of 3.1 miles. Bring a topographic map & compass if you do loop hike or get off the trail to explore. Some fees.

Nathan Hale State Forest
Off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Rather short walk to letterbox, hidden off of South River Rd., located on site of an 18th-century farm & given special attention as an archeological site. Don’t remove or disturb anything in the area. Dogs must be leashed & under control. Don’t disturb wildlife. No fee.

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

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

Pachaug State Forest
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Letterbox is off Wyassup Lake Rd, No. Stonington, off blue trail near summit of High Ledge Lookout. 2 miles round trip — hilly, rocky terrain with steep stretches. Plan on 1.5 hours. May be slippery when wet. Be aware of your surroundings. Some fees.

Quaddick State Forest
818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Letterbox lies off Quaddick Town Farm Rd. Easy hike about 0.5 mile roundtrip, on easy terrain. Plan for 45 minutes. Mosquitoes & deer flies can be thick by wet areas. Consider bringing bug repellent. Check out the tall & straight red pine while you’re there. No fees.

Maples Farm Park
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.
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Brimfield Public Library
25 Main St. (Rte. 20) • brimfieldpubliclibrary.org

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

Dudley’s Pearle L. Crawford Library
40 Schofield Ave. (Rte. 12) • crawfordlibrary.org

East Brookfield Public Library
122 Connie Mack Dr. (Rte. 9) • eastbrookfieldlibrary.org

Holland Public Library
23 Sturbridge Rd. • town.holland.ma.us/Pages/HollandMA_Library

Oxford Free Public Library
339 Main St. (Rte. 12) • oxfordmapubliclibrary.org

Southbridge’s Jacob Edwards Library
236 Main St. (Rte. 131) • jacobedwardslibrary.org

Sturbridge’s Joshua Hyde Public Library
306 Main St. (Rte. 131) • sturbridgelibrary.org

Webster’s Chester C. Corbin Public Library
2 Lake St. (Rte. 12) • corbinlibrary.org

IN CONNECTICUT:

Ashford’s Babcock Library
25 Pompey Hollow Rd. (Rte. 44) • babcocklibrary.org

Brooklyn Town Library
10 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 6/169 intersection) • brooklyntownlibrary.org

Canterbury Public Library
1 Municipal Dr. (Rte. 14) • canterburylibrary.org

Chaplin Town Library
130 Chaplin St (Rte. 198) • chaplinct.org/community

Coventry’s Booth & Dimmock Memorial Library
1134 Main St. (Rte. 31) • coventrypl.org

Eastford Public Library
179 Eastford Rd. • eastfordct.org/TownofEastford.cfm?subpage=1764662

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

Griswold’s Slater Library
26 Main St. • griswold-ct.org/publiclibrary.html

Hampton’s Fletcher Memorial Library
257 Main St. • fletchermemoriallibrary.org

Killingly Public Library
25 Westcott Rd. • killinglypubliclibrary.org

Lebanon’s Jonathan Trumbull Library
580 Exeter Rd. • lebanonctlibrary.org

Lisbon/Griswold Slater Library
26 Main St. • griswold-ct.org/publiclibrary.html

Mansfield Public Library
54 Warrenville Rd. (Rte. 89) • mansfieldpubliclibrary.org

Norwich’s Otis Library
261 Main St. • otislibrarynorwich.org

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

Pomfret has 2 public libraries:
Public Library, 449 Pomfret St. (Rte. 44) • pomfretlibrary.org
Abington Social Library
536 Hampton Rd. (Rte. 97) • abingtonsociallibrary.org

Putnam Public Library
225 Kennedy Dr. • putnamct.us/putnam-public-library

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

Sprague Public Library
76 Main St. (Rte. 97/207) • sites.google.com/site/spraguepubliclibrary

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

Thompson Public Library
979 Buckley Hwy. (Rte. 171) • thompsonpubliclibrary.org

Union Free Public Library
107 Main St. (Rte. 138) • unionfreepubliclibrary.org

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

Woodstock has 4 public libraries:
Willimantic Public Library
905 Main St. (Rte. 66) • willimanticlibrary.org
Windham Free Library (nonprofit)
Windham Center • windhamfreelibrary.org

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Windham Free Library (nonprofit)
Windham Center • windhamfreelibrary.org

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

Bracken Memorial Library
Woodstock Academy Campus, Academy Rd.
May Memorial Library
15 Prospect St. (off Rte. 169)
North Woodstock Library
1286 Rte. 169
West Woodstock Library
5 Bungay Hill Rd Connector (Rte. 171) • westwoodstocklibrary.org
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860-946-0606 • lynn@StorrsTrees.com
StorrsAdventurePark.com

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6 Hatch St., Mystic, CT 06355
860-884-3500 • avalonialc@yahoo.com
avalonilandconservancy.org

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

Circle C Campground, Inc.
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circlec@comcast.net • campcirclec.com

Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4048 • ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret

Dudley Conservation Land Trust
PO Box 14, Dudley, MA
508-949-0250 • DCLTrust@aol.com
dudleyclt.org

Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./Wolf Den Land Trust
PO Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234 • ecfla.org

The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood
93 Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret

Foxwoods Resort Casino & Two Trees Inn
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860-312-8525
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foxwoods.com

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Waldo Homestead
96 Waldo Rd., Scotland, CT 06264
860-977-7702, 860-917-5064
joanne@nefamily.coop
reggiepatchell@comcast.net
scotlandgames.org
The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend showcasing athletic, dance, piping, and harp competitions; a clan village; food and merchandise vendors; and pipe bands performing in opening and closing ceremonies. It’s a bonnie good time. See website and the annual TLGV Walktober brochure for more info.

Joshua’s Trust
PO. Box 4, Mansfield Center, CT 06250
860-429-9023 • joshuastrust@snet.net
joshuastrust.org

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

The New Roxbury Land Trust
PO. Box 98, Woodstock, CT 06281-0098
860-928-2669 • nrlt.org

Neopacum Land Trust
P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9144 • info@opacumlt.org
opacumlt.org
Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is a thirteen town land conservation organization founded by volunteers in 2000 to protect natural and cultural resources in South Central Massachusetts. Our aim is to protect the New England charm and rural character of our communities, promote proactive conservation and the creation of greenways and wildlife corridors. Opacum Land Trust is able to permanently protect open space through donation or purchase of land, bargain sales, or by holding a Conservation Restriction.

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

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

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

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

**Woodstock Agricultural Society, Inc.**
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860-928-3246 • Fax: 860-963-7499
info@woodstockfair.com • woodstockfair.com

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

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

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

**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 a blaze around July 4th. Some fees.

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

**Putnam’s Rotary Park & Bandstand**
Kennedy Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-1350 • winyradio.com
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138 Center Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-8782 • info@theblacktavern.com
theblacktavern.com

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

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

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

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum
66 Clara Barton Rd., North Oxford, MA 01571
508-987-2056 • Fax: 508-987-2002
clarabartonbirthplace@bartoncenter.org
clarabartonbirthplace.org, bartoncenter.org

Columbia Historical Society
P.O. Box 551, Columbia, CT 06237
columbiacthistoricalsociety@gmail.com
columbia-history.org

Connecticut Eastern Railroad
Museum
55 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06266
860-456-9999 • cteastrrmuseum.org

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169 West Town St., Lebanon, CT 06269
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ctdar.org/properties • GovTrumbullHouseDAR.org
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96 Waldo Rd., (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-1547 • scotlandhistoricalsociety.com

Ellen Larned Museum
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860-923-3776 • thompsonhistorical.org
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Gertrude Chandler Warner Boxcar
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Off South Main St. (Rte. 12) by Union Square
Putnam, CT 06260 • boxcarchildrensmuseum.com
The museum is dedicated to the life and work
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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.

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Museum
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John Bishop House & Museum, The Anshei Israel Synagogue, and the Burnham Tavern
Lisbon, CT 06351 - 860-376-2015 (Ken) 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 & Genealogical Society, Inc.
196 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239 860-779-7250 • luvshistory@grandpakirk.com killinglyhistory.org

Lebanon Historical Society Museum
856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT 06249 860-642-6579 • Fax: 860-642-6583 museum@historyoflebanon.org historyoflebanon.org
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The Norwich Historical Society
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Mansfield Historical Society & Museum
954 Storrs Rd., Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268 860-429-6755 • mansfield.historical@snet.net mansfieldct-history.org

Connecticut Landmarks
Nathan Hale Homestead - Connecticut Landmarks
2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238 860-742-6917 • hale@ctlandmarks.org ctlandmarks.org
Family home of CT State Hero Nathan Hale. Constructed in 1776, the homestead is a pristine example of a Georgian-style home, remaining virtually intact and furnished with Hale-family pieces and period antiques. Captain Hale was caught and hanged as a spy at age 21 by the British in September 1776, famous for his alleged last words: “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.” Grounds are open year-round, see website for tour info.

The Norwich Heritage and Regional Visitors’ Center
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sdesrosiers@qvarc.org • qvarc.org

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

**The Arc redemption Center**  
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**Blue Slope Country Museum**  
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museum@blueslope.com • blueslope.com

**Quasset 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 — more than 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  
RoselandsCottage@historicnewengland.org  
historicnewengland.org

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**Scotland Historical Society**  
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**Slater Memorial Museum**  
108 Crescent St., Norwich, CT 06360  
860-425-5561 • Fax: 860-885-0379  
museum@nfaschool.org • slatermuseum.org

**Sturbridge Tourist Association**  
Town of Sturbridge, 308 Main St.  
Sturbridge, MA 01566  
visitsturbridge.org

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

**Thompson Historical Society**  
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

Thompson’s Old Town Hall was constructed in 1842. Believed to be designed by Thompson native and renowned architect, Ithiel Town, this old Greek-Revival building served the Town of Thompson until the late 1920s.

Restored by the Thompson Historical Society, the building still stands proudly on the Thompson Common. No fee.

**Threefold Research**  
Valentine lamartino, P.O. Box 478  
Thompson, CT 06277-0478  
threefoldresearch@gmail.com

“Every Life Has a Story.”  
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**Tourtellotte Memorial Room Museum**  
785 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255  
860-923-3776 • thompsonhistorical.org

The Tourtellotte Memorial Room is the largest public school museum in the country. It houses 89 pieces of art and hundreds of other artifacts that celebrate the Tourtellotte family. Dr. and Mrs. Tourtellotte gifted the Tourtellotte Memorial High School to the Town of Thompson in September of 1909. The museum stands as a memorial to their two little girls Hattie and Lucy who died at a young age. By appointment. No fee.

**Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**  
210 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239  
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office@westfielducc.org • westfielducc.org

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and groups the opportunity to act in situations
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and facilities and equipment that are clean, attractive and safe, which afford individuals
and groups the opportunity to act in situations

Caprilands Institute
534 Silver St, Coventry, CT 06238
Facebook: caprilands
This 69-acre property with an 18th century farmhouse breathes tranquility and inspires an enlightened connection to nature. Known for its renowned herb gardens, many tourists have attended lectures and luncheons in the past. Stay tuned for what is to come at Caprilands!

Central Mass South - The Chamber at the Crossroads of New England & The Sturbridge Townships
380 Main St, (Rte. 20), Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-0271, 800-628-8379
info@cmsgchamber.org
cmschamber.org, sturbridgetownships.com

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

Columbia Historical Society
PO. Box 551, Columbia, CT 06237
columbiahistoricalsociety@gmail.com
columbia-history.org

Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret
218 Day Rd, Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948 • caudubon.org/center-at-pomfret

Connecticut Campground Owners Association
Woodstock, CT 06281 • 860-521-4704
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860-456-9999 • ceasternrrmuseum@yahoo.com
ceasternrrmuseum.org

Connecticut Farmland Trust
77 Buckingham St, Hartford, CT 06106
860-247-0202 • Fax: 860-247-0236
outreach@ctfarmland.org • ctfarmland.org

CTDAR Governor Jonathan Trumbull House Museum & Wadsworth Stable
169 West Town St, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-634-3858 • curator@ctdar.org
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Daughters of the Holy Spirit
72 Church St, Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-0891 • Fax: 860-928-6496
jacquiedhs@gmail.com
daughtersoftheholyspirit.org

Dudley Conservation Land Trust
PO Box 14, Dudley, MA
508-949-0250 • DCLTrust@aol.com
dudleyclt.org

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc.
238 West Town St, Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-4163 ext. 402
dan.mullins@comcast.net
conservect.org/eastern

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

Eastern Towns Landowners Association/Wolf Den Land Trust
PO Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234 • ecfla.org

The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary at Trail Wood
93 Kenyon Rd, Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-4948 • caudubon.org/center-at-pomfret

Eileen D. Brown Charitable Trust
119 Colonel Brown Rd, Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-0235

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76 North Canterbury Rd, (Rte. 169)
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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.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts
2132 Hillside Rd.
UConn Campus in Storrs, CT 06269
Box Office: 860-486-4226
jorgensen.uconn.edu

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

Killingly Business Association
172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239
kbainc@yahoo.com
killinglybusinessassociation.com
KBA organized to foster and strengthen Killingly businesses, promote town revitalization efforts, build partnerships with the community and town government and 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! makeitkillingly

Killingly Grange No. 112
801 Hartford Pike, Dayville, CT 06241
860-336-8894 • killingly@ctstategrange.org
Facebook.com/KillinglyGrange

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

Killingly Quiet Corner Regional Lions Club
P.O. Box 183, East Killingly, CT 06243-0183
860-774-5185

Lebanon Historical Society Museum
856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579 • Fax: 860-642-6583
museum@historyoflebanon.org
historyoflebanon.org
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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 (Ken) • Fax: 860-376-2015
99main.com/~chill/Historic.html

Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc.
23 Royce Circle, Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-2740 • Fax: 860-429-2719
mdp@mansfieldct.org • mansfieldct.org/mdp

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

Connecticut Landmarks
Nathan Hale Homestead - Connecticut Landmarks
2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
860-742-6917 • hale@ctlandmarks.org
ctlandmarks.org
Family home of CT State Hero Nathan Hale. Constructed in 1776, the homestead is a pristine example of a Georgian-style home, remaining virtually intact and furnished with Hale-family pieces and period antiques. Captain Hale was caught and hanged as a spy at age 21 by the British in September 1776, famous for his alleged last words: “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.” Grounds are open year-round, see website for tour info.

The New Roxbury Land Trust
P.O. Box 98, Woodstock, CT 06281-0098
860-928-2669 • nrlt.org

Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild/NECTAG
Meets at Audubon Society Sanctuary Center, 218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-455-9958 • nectag1@gmail.com
nectartguild.blogspot.com
Through membership meetings, workshops, programs and exhibits, the Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild (NECTAG) promotes artistic growth, opportunities for exhibition and up-to-date information about the local art scene. If you are an established, emerging or returning visual artist in any medium consider joining us!

Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce
210 Westcott Rd., Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-8001 • Fax: 860-774-4299
info@nectchamber.com • nectchamber.org

The Highland Festival of Scotland
Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd.
Scotland, CT 06264
860-977-7702 • 860-917-5064
joanne@nefamily.coop
reggiepatchel@comcast.net
scotlandgames.org
The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend showcasing athletic, dance, piping, and harp competitions; a clan village; food and merchandise vendors; and pipe bands performing in opening and closing ceremonies. It’s a bonnie good time. See website and the annual TLGV Walktober brochure for more info.

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

Horizon Wings Raptor Rehabilitation & Education
9 Sand Hill Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
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horizonwingsraptorrehab@gmail.com
horizonwings.org

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

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness is a non-profit human service organization focused on youth wellness. NOW provides children with the opportunity to participate in area athletic programs, offering scholarships with up to 95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW. Visit our website for information on upcoming clinics and events. Visit both our Blackwell Field in Canterbury and Logee Park in Putnam.

Norwich Community Development Corporation  
77 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360  
860-887-6964 • Fax: 860-887-3438  
mtoth@askncdc.com • askncdc.com

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

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norwichhistoricalsociety.org

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

Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is a 13-town land conservation organization founded by volunteers in 2000 to protect natural and cultural resources in South Central Massachusetts. Our aim is to protect the New England charm and rural character of our communities, promote proactive conservation and the creation of greenways and wildlife corridors. Opacum Land Trust is able to permanently protect open space through donation or purchase of land, bargain sales, or by holding a conservation restriction.

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

The Oxford Historical Commission  
325 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540  
508-987-0176 • town.oxford.ma.us

Palmer Arboretum  
523 Scenic Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281  
860-928-6595 (ext. 320) • billbrower@charter.net  

PierceCare  
36 Vina Lane, Brooklyn, CT 06234  
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dbamber@piercecare.org • piercecare.org  
PierceCare is the only community in the area offering a continuum of care. Relax with Creamery Brook Village’s Independent and Assisted Lifestyles in spacious apartments or cottages. Pierce Memorial Baptist Nursing & Rehab Center offers expert short-term rehab in our beautiful, newly renovated rooms as well as award winning long-term nursing care.

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

Pomfret Horse and Trail Association, Inc.  
860-617-1863  
pomfrehorseandtrail@gmail.com  
pomfrehorseandtrail.com

Putnam Business Association  
66 Main St., Suite 5, P.O. Box 691  
Putnam, CT 06260 • 860-428-1278  
putnambusinessassociation@gmail.com  
putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com

Putnam Business Association was formed in 2009 by a small group of business owners with a unified vision. Today, the PBA boasts approximately 200 members. The goal of the Putnam Business Association is to promote its business community and the town of Putnam, CT as a premier New England destination.

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

Reliance House, Inc.  
40 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360  
860-885-1970 • Fax: 860-885-1970  
nreynolds@reliancehouse.org  
reliancehouse.org

Roseland Cottage - Historic New England  
556 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281  
860-928-4074 • roselandCottage@historicnewengland.org  
historicnewengland.org

Roseland Cottage - Historic New England is a premier New England destination. One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley!

Roseland Park  
205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281  
860-963-9557 • Townofwoodstock.com  
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60+ acre Roseland Park sits along Roseland Lake (fishing, boating, paddling, unimproved boat launch) surrounded by lots of woods. Great for peaceful walking or a quick jog, it’s family friendly with playground, basketball court, benches, pavilion, dock & gazebo, & picnicking. Winter activities include ice fishing & ice skating. Wonderful scenic views as you stroll all year long! Open daily, closes at sunset. Group event and rustic barn rentals available, but otherwise no fee.  

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11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA 01550
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Trinitycatholicacademy.org
Trinity Catholic is a Pre-School to Grade 8 School. Our goal is to provide our students with the academic, social and spiritual tools that will produce good, well-rounded people who will be ready for the challenges of high school, college and, ultimately, for the jobs they will hold in their futures.

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115 Main St. (Rte. 138)
Voluntown, CT 06384 • 860-376-4089
voluntownedc@gmail.com
voluntown.gov, voluntown.biz
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info@woodstockfarm.com • woodstockfarm.com

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solair@solairrl.com • solairrl.com

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508-865-8903 • waraszkwicz@aol.com

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The Webster Dudley Business Alliance (WDBA)
P.O. Box 821, Webster, MA 01570
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thewdba.org
A coalition of local businesses and organizations working together to promote and support each other through networking, educational opportunities and community events.

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We encourage those who love off-road vehicles and snowmobiles to enjoy trails designed for those purposes. Be sure to pass this information on to your vehicle-loving friends in The Last Green Valley! Join a riding association and learn about private land riding options, too.

At the current time, neither Connecticut nor Massachusetts has any public areas open to quads in The Last Green Valley’s 35 towns. Additionally, there are no Connecticut state-managed areas open to dirt bikes.

**Connecticut Website**
c.t.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325298

**Massachusetts Website**
mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/recreational-activities/off-road-vehicles.html

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**DIRT BIKES/MOTORCYCLES**

_Hodges Village Dam – Registered Off-Road Motorcycles Only_

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

Off-highway motorcycles are allowed on the west side of the French River as reservoir levels, weather, and trail conditions permit. This is a popular off-highway motorcycle area in Central Massachusetts and draws visitors from the tri-state area. NOTE: ATV use is not permitted on the trails. All motorcycles must be registered with the Massachusetts Environmental Police. No fee.

**WHAT IS A NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR?**

Congress designated The Last Green Valley as a National Heritage Corridor in 1994. The Last Green Valley is not a traditional park. Instead, citizens, businesses, nonprofit cultural and environmental organizations, local and state governments, and the National Park Service work together to preserve and celebrate the region’s cultural, historical and natural heritage. Find out more about National Heritage Areas at the National Park Service Website nps.gov/heritageareas.
Paching State Forest – Registered Motorcycles Only
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Over 22,000 acres of public land with many miles of roads and trails available for the shared enjoyment of hikers, snowmobilers, motorists, and equestrians. The motorcycle trails encompass state and town roads, so vehicles must be registered and street legal and drivers must be licensed. No dirt bikes. Some fees.

Nipmuck State Forest
Rte. 171 & Rte. 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Directions: From the intersection of Rtes. 190 and 171, proceed easterly 1.3 miles to the entrance of Bigelow Hollow State Park on Rte. 171. The Nipmuck Forest snowmobile trail begins at the first hiker information sign on the right after entering the park. Parking for limited number of vehicles. Starting in an easterly direction, the snowmobile trail traverses an old woods road and serves two-way traffic for a short distance. The remainder of the run forms a series of loops providing considerable adjustment for time and distance. 9 miles of trails, moderate operator skill required especially in narrow passages. Some fees.

Paching State Forest
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Directions: From the junction of Rtes. 138 and 49, proceed north on Rte. 49 for 1 mile to the forest sign on the left. Follow the forest entrance road for approximately 1 mile. Park at the ball field area. Trail utilizes unplowed forest roads and snowmobile or motorcycle trails. A series of loops permits adjustments for time and distance as desired. The trails are an easy grade and suitable for novice operators. Some fees.

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.), Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • rae.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 snowmobiling and more. Some fees.

Natchaug State Forest
66 Pilchershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Directions: From a point on Rte. 198 halfway between Phoeniexville and Chaplin, turn east at the sign for Forest Headquarters. Proceed across the Natchaug River and uphill to a "T" intersection. Parking available by turning left at 0.7 miles, lot holds 25 vehicles. These trails utilize unplowed forest roads and seasonal hiking trails with a variety of hilly terrain traversing through wooded country. Caution is requested when crossing town roads or where two-way traffic signs are posted. 17 miles of trails. No fee.

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
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1,200+ acres of varied landscape with 17+ miles of trails offer winter activities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing. No fee.

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Paddling

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. The lakes and ponds listed in this section offer paddling only (no other boats allowed). More lakes and ponds for paddling are listed in the Boating and Fishing section, but be aware that other types of boats are also allowed. Discover a different point of view from the waters in The Last Green Valley!

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 be going 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.
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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
thompsonconct.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 flows into this pond from the north, and you can paddle upstream a mile or so. No fee.

Lakeview Marine - Paddlesport Rentals

311 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570
508-461-6020 • rentals@lakeviewwebster.com
lakeviewwebster.com

Norwich Harbor Water Trail

Howard T. Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr.
Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700 • norwichct.org
Park on street near launching ramp.
Begin & end your choice of paddles at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park. Unique scenery and history surround you. Pass Yantic Falls & Indian Leap upstream a mile on the Yantic. Greeneville Dam is 2.5 miles upstream on the Shetucket. Head 4 miles downstream on the Thames to Trading Cove. Long Island Sound is 16 miles downstream. No fee.

Old Killingly Pond

194 Pond Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
killinglyconservation.org, killinglyct.gov
Part of Killingly Pond State Park, this pond has canoe/kayak put-in access available for an easy paddle. No fee.

Poquettanuck 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.
Poquettanuck 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.

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 - 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 and 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.

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Quinebaug River NRT - West Dudley to Fabyan
11-37 West Dudley Rd., Dudley, MA 01571 thelastgreenvalley.org
Launch for West Dudley Pond is adjacent to the parking area. There is vehicular access and a turn-around to drop off your boat and gear.
Launch for the West Dudley to Fabyan segment is downstream of the rail trail bridge, on river right. The carry to the water is less than 100 feet. 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 place for family outings and novice paddlers. 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.
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Quinebaug River NRT - West Thompson Lake
18 Day St., Brooklyn, CT 06234 thelastgreenvalley.org
River access is at the end of the parking lot on the left. The Town of Brooklyny’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.

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.

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Quinebaug River NRT - Robert Manship Park to Butts Bridge, Canterbury
39-55 Lovell Lane, Canterbury, CT 06331
thelastgreenvalley.org
At the bottom of the sloping driveway, the launch is straight ahead. Plenty of parking spaces in that corner of the park. Portable restrooms often available. The path to the water is moderately sloped and can be slippery.
After Robert Manship Park, the current slows and the river makes five large, meandering turns. The lack of current may make paddling feel sluggish and you may wonder whether the bends will ever end! 5.6 miles to Butts Bridge. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - Butts Bridge to Aspinook Pond, Canterbury
67 Butts Bridge Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
thelastgreenvalley.org
Room for many cars. You can pull up right to the water's edge. The landing is a nearly flat firm surface into the flatwater of Aspinook Pond. Anglers launch power boats here, too, so it can be busy during weekends. No public restrooms. The still water of Aspinook Pond and easy access make this an excellent place for novice paddlers to learn new skills safely. The scenery is less dramatic than upriver, but it is narrow and can get blocked with rocks. The right side can be shallow. Below this island, after a short turn, 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 the 6th bridge (Air Line Trail foot bridge). You must exit the river here to avoid dangerous dams in downtown Willimantic. Consult the Paddle Guide for more information prior to launching. No fee.

Willimantic River NRT - 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
Parking for many cars. Follow the paved road to the left, past the soccer fields to the boat launch parking area.
From Heron Cove it is 4.3 miles to the Merrow Meadow (river left) or Taylor Preserve Landing (river right). Paddling on this stretch of the river is for experienced paddlers. You can experience Class II rapids or more depending on water accessions. 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 - Eagleville Lake to Willimantic
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 6 bridges on this section of river; take out river left just after the 6th bridge (Air Line Trail foot bridge). You must exit the river here to avoid dangerous dams in downtown Willimantic. Consult the Paddle Guide for more information prior to launching. No fee.

Willimantic Whitewater Partnership
P.O. Box 406, Willimantic, CT 06226-0406
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sdesrosiers@qvarc.org • qvarc.org

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55 East Main St., Webster, MA 01570
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bookloversgourmet.com

The Christmas Barn
835 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-7652 • Fax: 860-928-4727
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Town of Sturbridge
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sturbridgetourism@gmail.com
visitsturbridge.org
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Scenic Overlooks & Views

Places that make you go "AHHH" in The Last Green Valley. Each season in The Last Green Valley is its own masterpiece, so visit often. Scenic overviews and views offer stunning panoramas and vistas year-round.

Coney Rock Preserve Overlook - Joshua’s Trust
Chaffeeville & Mulberry Rds., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-429-3015 • preserves@mansfieldct.org
mansfieldct.gov, joshuastrust.org
220 wooded acres owned partly by the town and partly by Joshua’s Trust offer 5 easy miles of trails. Joshua’s Trust yellow-blazed Chapin Trail leads to the 1,000-foot-long cliff to enjoy dramatic views. No fee.

East Brimfield Lake
24 Riverview Ave. (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
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’ high. Enjoy cliff-top views of the Fenton River Valley, Lake Naubesatuck and the distant ridges of Scotland. Map with points of interest online. No fee.

Grassland Bird Conservation Center at Pomfret - Connecticut Audubon Society
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06250
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
Take a seat in the grass or bring a blanket or lawn chair as you look out over meadows, up at endless skies and to the forests beyond. Bring your bird book, because you might see something new! No fees.

Heritage Riverfront Trail/Yantic Falls - Uncas Leap
100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700 • norwichct.org
Take the paved walkway along the Yantic River through historic Norwich. A footbridge over the Yantic River offers a scenic vista of the cascading waters of Yantic Falls and the cove below. Handicapped accessible. Leashed dogs are welcome. No fee.

James L. Goodwin State Forest
23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
The pavilion sits beside & overlooking Pine Acres Lake, seats 50 and is available 1st come/1st served to the public 365 days a year from dawn until dusk. While you are there enjoy a stroll, the nature center and the gardens, too. 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, swimming swans, great sunsets and even small planes coming & going from the airport next door. No fee.

Norwich Harbor Water Trail/ Yantic Falls - Uncas Leap
Howard T. Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr.
Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700 • norwichct.org
Park near ramp.
2 options to view Yantic Falls. Paddle out from Howard T. Brown Memorial Park. The unique sceneric quality of the cascading waterfall is unparalleled and just a mile upstream on the Yantic. A footbridge over the river (accessible via Heritage Riverfront Trail) 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
Programming is offered all year long! Leashed dogs welcome, but please clean up. Open daily, closes at sunset. No fee to visit, but inside & outside rental space is available.

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.

Roseland Park
205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Townofwoodstock.com
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60+ acre Roseland Park sits along Roseland Lake (fishing, boating, paddling, unimproved boat launch) surrounded by lots of woods & a few homes. Whether sitting in the pavilion, on a bench, in the gazebo, or while fishing in the lake, the views are peaceful & stunning. Wonderful scenic views and a place to gather your thoughts all year long! Leashed dogs welcome, but please clean up. Open daily, closes at sunset. No fee to visit, but inside & outside rental space is available.

Wells State Park/Carpenter Rocks
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
10+ miles of trails cross the property, which are for hiking only (no off-road vehicles). A popular route leads to the scenic vista at Carpenter Rocks from which the eastern section and Walker Pond can be viewed. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
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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.
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MEDICAL EMERGENCY FACILITIES

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Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 5 pm

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

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

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

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860-892-9000 • physicianoneurgentcare.com
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Sat. - Sun. & Holidays, 9 am - 5 pm

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Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Skate Parks

Skate boarding is hard to resist but requires 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 in the fresh air & make new friends. The skaters’ network is a strong one, demanding respect for these parks. Take good care of them when you visit.

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 breath - 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. Open until 10 pm. See website for 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 has lights for night-time use. Includes 2 quarters (1 with a bank on 1 end), sweet kickers, benches, hubba, pyramid, & rails. Closes for the winter/off season months. No fee.

Owen Bell Skate Park
Town Farm Rd. (off Rte. 101), Dayville, CT 06241
860-779-5390 • killinglyct.gov
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.

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

Sturbridge Skate Park
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 with huge tranny around most of the outside, steel coping, and the middle is set up like a giant street section. Open dawn to dusk. No fee.
### 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 98 for numbered map.

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Explore! State & Federal Parks & Forests

Numbered squares indicate the various State & Federal Parks & Forests in The Last Green Valley. A complete chart listing is on page 95 and full descriptions of each location start on page 100.
CT State Park Season Passes are available. CT also offers free passes for ages 65 & up, as well as for Disabled Veterans. ct.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 MassParks 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, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523 • ct.gov/deep

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

**Beaver Brook State Park**

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

Beaver Brook runs through this undeveloped 401-acre State Park. There are no marked trails, lots of trees, and hunting is allowed in season. No fees for parking or entrance to this still very natural park.

**Bigelow Hollow State Park**

Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
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 horseback riding, mountain biking & hiking/ strolling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing over rolling forest lands, as well as hunting opportunities. 100’ of beach at Dean Pond Rec. Area make swimming & fishing a splash. Pavilion rental for your get togethers, too! Some fees.

**Buffumville Lake**

48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil

500 acres of land for hiking, strolling, volleyball, horseshoes, letterboxing, disc golf, picnics (tables & grills on site), plus rental sites available for shingdigs. 200 acres of water with 300’ beach & swimming, scuba diving, boat launches, paddling & fishing. 3-acre island for primitive camping. Handicapped 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, swimming, 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 for year-round use. Hike, fish, paddle, mountain bike, ride your horse, play disc golf. Hunt, ice fish, cross-country ski & snowshoe. Off-road vehicle trails allow dirt bikes & snowmobiles. The neighboring French River extends your water fun. No fee.

**Hopeville Pond State Park**

929 Hopeville Rd. (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920 • 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep

Many activity options. Open land for field sports (year-round), wooded camp sites, picnic tables, trails for hiking & biking. The 137-acre lake offers swimming, boat launch & boating (8 mph limit), fishing (handicap platform), paddle over to Pachaug Pond & back. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

**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 (non-motorized boats only) for fishing & paddling ‘round the stumps. Conservation Center focuses on nature & forestry, offering frequent & varied programs for all ages. Enjoy gardens, letterboxing, youth group camping, picnic pavilion (1st come/1st serve), or hop on the Air Line Trail. Open all year. No fee.

**Killingly Pond State Park**

Pond Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep

This 162-acre park with limited parking has hiking & hunting on the lands, while the 120+ acre lake is good for carry-in boats & fishing. Consisting of acidic waters, the bass will bite. Paddlers can also enjoy a whirl around this lake. No fees.

**Lake Siog Recreation Area**

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

Major recreation area offers swimming, beach, scuba diving, picnic tables, restrooms, grills, and a 0.75 mile nature trail. Hunting, paddling, boating (launches) & fishing can be enjoyed by accessing the Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail from Holland Pond to E. Brimfield Lake. No fee.

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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
Bassettts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200
c.t.gov/deep Search Mansfield Hollow State Park
The man-made 450-acre lake is a big draw, with boat launch (8 mph limit), fishing & ice fishing, sailing & paddling. Trails for hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing. Stroll & enjoy panoramic views from the dam. Open fields invite field sports & kite flying. Picnic tables, fire places & pit toilets. No fee.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park
147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • c.t.gov/deep
3 parks in 1 (Mashamoquet, Wolf Den & Saptree Run) with trails for hiking. Exciting natural features: Table Rock, Indian Chair & General Israel Putnam’s Wolf Den. Springtime trout stocking of the brook will hook you on stream fishing. Enjoy swimming, camping (2 areas), youth group camping, picnic tables & shelters, dump station & bathrooms. Some fees.

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

Moosenee State Park
Old Rte. 2 to Camp Moosenee Rd.
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • c.t.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 Pilchershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • c.t.gov/deep

Nathan Hale State Forest
off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • c.t.gov/deep
1,500-acre forest of hemlock, white cedar, American chestnut restoration sites, and grass & shrub fields. Perfect for hiking/ strolling, snowshoeing/cross-country skiing or letterboxing. Historic Nathan Hale Homestead close by to extend your visit. Wildlife viewing is ideal, hunting allowed in season. No fee.

Nipmuck State Forest
Rtes 171 & 190, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • c.t.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 • c.t.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 • c.t.gov/deep
Exceptional activity selection in 24,000 acres with miles of roads & trails in CT’s largest state forest. Boating (launches), fishing (handicapped platform), paddling, swimming, various camping types, fireplaces, pit toilets, horseback riding, hiking, letterboxing, picnicking (tables), mountain biking, motorcycles, dog sled races, hunting, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, scenic vistas including 441’ Mt. Misery overlook accessible by trail or car & 26-acre rhododendron sanctuary ablate around July 4th. Some fees.

Pomeronay State Park
Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200 • c.t.gov/deep
This undeveloped and unmarked 200-acre park, part of which was textile manufacturer Charles Pomeroy’s estate, has limited roadside parking. Hike along the top of Bush Hill. Hunting. No fee.

Quaddick State Park and Forest
818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • 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. 12), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • c.t.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 • c.t.gov/deep
One of the largest state hatcheries sits on this 2,000 acres. Starting with the hatch house, different tanks carry trout through their stages of life, supplying 700,000 brookies, browns & rainbows annually. Glass wall for viewing, tours available (self-guided.) Special Children’s fishing pond is stocked often. Ponds & trails spread out to ensure easy walking & views of birds, turtles & more. Daily 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. No fee.

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

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Salt Rock State Campground
173 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-376-4075 • 860-822-0884 • ct.gov/deep
149 wooded acres offers many modern camping amenities (bathrooms, dump station, water, fire rings, picnic tables, playground & in-ground pool), with access to Shetucket River for fishing & room to stroll. No fees to visit. Camping fees apply.

Streeter Point Recreation Area
6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9316 • mass.gov
Paddling, fishing & boating with access to 400-acre E. Brimfield Reservoir on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramps on Rte. 20. See East Brimfield Lake listing. No fees on U.S. Army Corps operated sites.

Wells State Park
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
1,400 wooded acres known best for hiking (10 miles of trails), camping (interpretive programs, guided hikes, recreational activities, evening campfires, swimming, dump station, pavilion) and some great views. Other activities are horsebackriding, mountain biking, playing fields, basketball court, hunting, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing. Walker Pond has boat launch, fishing, paddling. Some fees.

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
Great variety of wildlife & activity in 1,125 forested acres, 80 acres of open grasslands & 200-acre lake. Camping (horseshoes, basketball courts, private sites, dump station, firewood, handicap toilet/shower, interpretive programs, some water & electricity), hiking (17+ miles of trails) and water (paddle the lake & Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail, boat launch, fishing - trout stocked & freshwater fish aplenty) are popular. Disc golf, picnic shelters, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing. Some fees.

Westville Lake Recreation Area
125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
578 acres of diverse land, 23-acre lake, plus access to Quinebaug River & handicapped assessible Grand Trunk Trail are unique here. Boat launches for boating, fishing (warm water bass & stocked trout), paddling & ice skating when safe. 3 miles of walking trails range from flat to rolling hills, also great for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing & sledding. Sports fields, shelters, picnic tables & grills make for year-round enjoyment. Some fees.

SWIMMING/SPASH PADS
Andrew J. Petro Memorial Swimming Pool/Southbridge State Pool
15 Randolph St., Southbridge, MA 01550
508-764-7352 • Facebook.com/SBGEPOOL
Operated by the Town of Southbridge, this outdoor pool is open seasonally. Season or day passes available. Some fees.

Big Alum Pond
Clark Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
617-626-1250 • mass.gov/eea
195-acre pond, 23-45’ deep, clear waters. Boat launch available, not much shore access (pond surrounded by private homes). Swimming & waterskiing are allowed here, as well as fishing. No fee.

Brimfield State Forest/Dean Pond Recreation Area
86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687 • mass.gov
Dean Pond Recreation Area, located in the western portion of Brimfield State Forest (off Rte. 20) has 100 feet of beach and swimming. A pavilion, comfort station and picnic facilities also on site. Some fees.

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
The park has a 300-foot long beach with an enclosed swimming area for safety. People over age 12 pay minimal fee for using the beach. Swimming, wading, scuba diving at your own risk. Some fees.

Swimming & Scuba Diving
From competition-ready swimming pools to nature’s scenic swimming holes, The Last Green Valley is home to wonderful swimming and scuba diving opportunities. Since many locations are ponds, lakes, and streams, be sure to contact the location before making a trek as weather and rainfall can greatly affect the availability of summer swimming.
East Brimfield Lake/Streeter Beach
6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9316 • mass.gov
Swimming is available some years at the Streeter Beach. The fee area is operated by the MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. Some fees.

East Brookfield Town Beach
eastbrookfieldma.us
The East Brookfield Parks and Recreation Committee maintains, along with North Brookfield, the Town Beach at Lake Lashaway. The beach opens in late June and closes for the year after Labor Day.

Hale YMCA Youth and Family Center - The YMCA of Greater Hartford
9 Technology Park Dr., Putnam, CT 06260
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Hopeville Pond State Park
929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-2920 • 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep
The 137-acre lake offers swimming as well as boating. Restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

Hygeia Reservoir
off Valley Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-779-5390 • killinglyct.gov
The town-owned Hygeia Reservoir had been closed most recent years, but the summer of 2015 saw a revival of this swimming hole as a swim-at-your-own-risk swimming area. The 80’ x 40’ roped-off swimming area is fronted by a narrow strip of beach that includes a shaded tent near a portable bathroom. Open to residents of Killingly. Call Killingly Parks and Recreation Department for details. No fee.

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

Lauter Park – Splash Pad & Beach
625 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3046 • windhamrec.org
Perfect for children, you will have fun keeping cool in the splash pad waters. The park is also home to a beach area along the Natchaug River. No fees.

Mansfield Community Center
10 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015 • mansfieldct.gov
A 6-lane, 25-yard lap pool with diving area & heated mid-size therapy pool. Wide range of activities/programs for all ages & abilities including lessons, water fitness classes, general recreational & lap swimming & more. Certified Lifeguards. Special events rental available. Resident and non-resident fees apply.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park
147 Wolf Den Dr. (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06059
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
The dammed brook in this park provides a small child-friendly swimming area. Depending on rainfall amounts as summer progresses, swimming is not always possible. Some fees.

Mohegan Park/Spaulding Pond
Park Center Rd/Mohegan Park Rd.
Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3978 • norwichct.org
Swimming is allowed in designated areas only in Spaulding Pond. To help keep the waters clean, please do not feed the ducks & geese that like to visit here. 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 • killinglyct.gov
Killingly Parks and Recreation offers great relief from the heat & fun for the kids in the splash pad. Contact them for hours of operation. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest/Green Falls Area
Rte. 138 (east off exit 85 off of Rte. 395)
Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Green Falls Pond offers a swimming spot in this diverse forest, along with boating. Parking by the pond as well as bathrooms & picnic tables nearby. Some fees.

Plainfield Town Pool
Town Hall basement, 8 Community Ave.
Plainfield, CT 06374
860-564-1819 • plainfieldct.org
Membership required for both residents and non-residents and available at the Plainfield Recreation Department. Lessons, life guard training, fitness classes, adult swim & more are available. Some fees.

Quaddick State Park
818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
400+ acre reservoir of cool water and a sandy beach is a water lover’s delight & draws crowds for great swimming. Other fun, such as boating, fishing & paddling too. Restrooms, changing areas & picnic tables make this an ideal summer escape. Some fees.

Salt Rock State Campground
173 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 97), Sprague, CT 06330
860-376-4075 • 860-822-0884 • ct.gov/deep
This seasonal campground offers an in-ground swimming pool for registered campers only. Some fees.

Webster Memorial Beach
Memorial Beach Dr. (off Rte. 193)
Webster, MA 01570
508-949-3800 • webster-ma.gov
Rules and regulations apply. Boating/launch and fishing also available here for both town residents and non-residents. Check website for full details. Some fees.

Wells State Park
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
Walker Pond provides a peaceful setting for swimming, but the swimming beach is for campers’ use only. Some fees.

Bigelow Hollow State Park
Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
A rare spot to scuba dive in The Last Green Valley, Bigelow Hollow has 3 popular ponds ranging from 18 acres to 300 acres. Rock formations are great for an underwater glimpse of turtles, fish and more. As a popular hiking & fishing area, parking lots can fill up fast. Some fees.

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
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Lake Siog Recreation Area/Holland Pond
off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Swimming and scuba diving at your own risk are allowed at Lake Siog, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.
Modern day explorers need a place to reenergize. From one end of The Last Green Valley to the other, these locations will tantalize your taste buds. You’ll leave them with a full belly, a renewed spirit, and a desire to return!

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**Dog Lane Café**
One Dog Lane, Storrs, CT 06268
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ask@doglanecafe.com • doglanecafe.com

**Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm & The Brown Cow Café**
227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), Sterling, CT 06354
860-564-0248 • info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
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**Heirloom Food Company**
630 North Main St. (Rte. 12)
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860-779-3373 • eateirloomfood@gmail.com
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30 Front St., Putnam, CT 06260 • 860-928-7887
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thebradleyplayhouse.org

The Vanilla Bean Café
450 Deerfield Rd., Rte. 97
Pomfret, CT 06259
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Sturbridge Tourist Association
Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
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Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts
2132 Hillside Rd.
UConn Campus in Storrs, CT 06269
Box Office: 860-486-4226 • jorgensen.uconn.edu

Mansfield Drive-In Theatre & Marketplace
228 Stafford Rd. (Jct. Rtes. 31 & 32)
Mansfield, CT 06250 • 860-456-2578
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WINY Radio
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winter activities

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HIGHLAND FESTIVAL OF SCOTLAND
Waldo Homestead
96 Waldo Rd., Scotland, CT 06264
860-977-7702, 860-917-5064
joanne@nefamily.coop
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The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend showcasing athletic, dance, piping, and harp competitions; a clan village; food and merchandise vendors; and pipe bands performing in opening and closing ceremonies. It’s a bonnie good time. See website and the annual TLGV Walktober brochure for more info.

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

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

BIGELOW HOLLOW STATE PARK/
NIPMUCK STATE FOREST
Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Multi-use trails of various length & difficulty are available in the 9,000+ acre area for snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Snowmobile trail is 9 miles. Some fees.

BRIMFIELD STATE FOREST
86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687 • mass.gov
Rolling, heavily forested property has more than 20 miles of roads and trails providing winter outdoor activities like snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Some fees.

Airline 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.

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30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540 • 508-248-5697
nae.usace.army.mil
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**James L. Goodwin State Forest**
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Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
Easy variety of 10 miles of wooded trails as well as views of Pine Acres Lake make for great snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Open year round. No fee.

**King St. Hill**
King St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us
Street parking only.
King St. is a short residential street off of Grove Street in Putnam with a nice town-owned sledding hill & has been frequented by local sledders for many years. Parking is tight and on the street. Be respectful of the homeowners in this area when you visit. No fee.

**Mansfield Hollow State Park**
Bassett Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
There are several easy trails available for snowshoeing & cross-country skiing, some with spectacular views of Mansfield Hollow Lake. No fee.

**Mohegan State Forest**
Waldo Rd. (off Rte. 97), Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
700 acres in 2 parcels (smaller piece in Sprague) make up this hardwood and softwood forest. Roadside parking by gate (no parking area), will lead you to gravel road for snowshoeing & cross-country skiing with nice old stone walls to view. No fee.

**Natchaug State Forest**
66 Pillershires Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Expand your visiting season here by using the many trails over and through various terrain on snowshoes or cross-country skis, some more challenging than others. 17 miles of snowmobile trails. Pit toilets. No fee.

**Nathan Hale State Forest**
off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
1,500-acre forest of hemlock, white cedar, American chestnut restoration sites and fields. Perfect for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Wildlife viewing is ideal, hunting allowed in season. No fee.

**Pachaug State Forest**
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Explore many miles of roads & trails on snowshoes or cross-country skis for a chance to view CT’s largest state forest in the winter. The snowmobile trail utilizes unplowed forest roads & trails. Dog sled mushing competitions held here, too! Some fees.

**Quinebaug Woods**
Dug Hill Road, Holland, MA 01521
413-245-7108 • town.holland.ma.us
Parts of the moderate/short 1.1 mile loop trail are suitable for both snowshoeing and cross-country skiing if there is snow! Follow the Quinebaug River. Head up and over a steep hillside with rocky outcrops if conditions allow. Mixed open canopy along the top of the “hogback” ridge, hemlocks dominate below, forming dense stands. View remains from a cabin built in 1932. Look over Blake Hill to the east and Hamilton Reservoir to the south. No fee.

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

**Sayles School**
25 Scotland Rd. (Rte. 97)
Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330
There is a little hill at this school, great for sledding when school is cancelled or on winter weekends when no other events are taking place at the school. Parking lot next to school. Be safe and respectful of this public property. No fee.

**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 Arledge Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
These 1,200+ acres of varied landscape with 17+ miles of trails offer winter activities including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing, too. No fee.

**Westville Lake Recreation Area**
125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
578 acres of diverse land with 3 miles of trails ranging from flat to rolling hills, are great for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing & sledding. Some fees.

**WATER/ICE**
(ice skating, ice fishing)
Where you can ice fish, you can generally ice skate. Always be sure to confirm the safety and thickness of ice before engaging in these activities. Local fishing licenses/rules/regulations apply.

**Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary/Opacum Land Trust**
Tipton Rock Rd. (off Rte. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550 • 508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Park in small lot on road.
3 snowshoe trails available (0.64, 0.5 and 0.41 miles) along the shore of Morse Pond 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
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.

**Lake Lashaway**
Harrington St. (off Rte. 9)
East Brookfield/North Brookfield, MA 01518
508-835-3607
mass.gov/wildlife or eastbrookfieldma.us
293-acre pond, transparent & average depth to 10’ with a very developed shoreline. Pickerel here make for good ice fishing, and ice skating is great winter fun too. The paved ramp at north end of pond off of Harrington St. makes summer catching fun with most abundant population being largemouth bass & white perch. No fee.

**Lake Siog Recreation Area/Holland Pond**
off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Ice fisherman are welcome when there is ice at Holland Pond/Lake Siog Park, which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. No fee.

**Lebanon Town Green**
Rte. 87 (near Rte. 207 intersection)
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-2011 • lebanontownhall.org
In winter, a portion of the green is flooded for ice skating and is lighted in the evening. Parking is available at the Library, Alden Tavern Parking Lot, and the Jonathan Trumbull House. No fee.

**Mansfield Hollow State Park/Lake**
Bassett 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.

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Sturbridge Town Common Rink
Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-2041
recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us
town.sturbridge.ma.us

Sturbridge floods the Town Common to take you back in time. Join the long list of folks who’ve laced up here over the years. For information, contact Recreation Department. No fee.

UConn Freitas Ice Forum
509 Stadium Rd., Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-2712
uconnhuskies.com/facilities/freitas-ice-forum

Public skating, lessons, tip-ups or jigs. Some fees.

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

A 23-acre lake at this recreational area generally freezes solid, so it is also fun for ice skating. Wonderful scenic views all year long! For information, contact Recreation Department. No fee.

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

200+ acre lake has plenty of room for ice fishing, with great parking area and access to the water. No fee.

Westville Lake Recreation Area
125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705 • ne.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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