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
2017 Programs & Events

Jump in and have fun with The Last Green Valley (TLGV) staff and volunteer Rangers. We invite you to join the fun by participating in our programs. Keep up to date on our websites - thelastgreenvalley.org, thelastgreenvalleyacorns.org - and on our Facebook page & Instagram.

TLGV Ranger Marcy’s Acorn Adventures
Free outside adventures for families with children & kids of all ages!

Sunday, May 21, 1-2:30pm: Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery, Plainfield. See where trout are raised & do some family fishing!

Sunday, June 11, 1-2:30pm: Letterboxing at Camp Laurel. A PREREGISTER event to marcy@tlgv.org.

Saturday, July 1, 1-2:30pm: Lebanon Historical Museum & Green, Lebanon. Patriotic Parade to Celebrate Independence!

Friday, August 11, 7-8:30pm: Heins Farm, Sturbridge. Perseids Meteor Showers under dark skies!

Sunday, September 10, 1-2:30pm: Opacum’s Thompson Forever Preserve, Southbridge. Come explore!

October 2017: Celebrate and attend as many family-friendly Walktober experiences as you can!

Sunday, November 5, 1-2:30pm: Lisbon Meadows Park & Trails. Fly a kite under a rising full moon!

Sunday, December 17, 1-2:30pm: Killingly River Trail. Winter walk, scooter & bike ride!

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, and more! Not yet a member? Join today!

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

TLGV Ranger Talks
Do you belong to an organization that is looking for an interesting and informative program? Consider a presentation about The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. TLGV currently offers 9 different presentations, each lasting approximately 45 minutes, complimented with free brochures celebrating The Last Green Valley’s unique cultural and natural resources. Questions to bill@tlgv.org.

NEW Farmer in the Valley Tours
Tour the farms and meet the farmers in The Last Green Valley as we make a few stops each year at their events. Exclusive opportunities for TLGV members and donors. The good news? You can donate or become a member of The Last Green Valley at each of these events!

Historical Collaborations
To help preserve and pass on compelling stories, TLGV organizes quarterly programs to share the many resources in the National Heritage Corridor’s 35 towns. History is our story, so if you enjoy local history, please attend.

Join us as we celebrate the bounty of The Last Green Valley with a new twist on the area’s favorite farm-to-table event

August 27 • The Publick House, Sturbridge, MA
Visit thelastgreenvalley.org for tickets and more information

2017 tastes of the valley

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Our 35 towns offer dozens of unique reasons for you to EXPLORE each and every one of them. Spread the word about the great places we have here in eastern CT and south-central MA!

35 Special Towns Unite to make The Last Green Valley a National Heritage Corridor!

In Touch
TLGV’s twice-yearly member magazine brings to life stories that make The Last Green Valley a National Heritage Corridor. Featuring a new theme in each publication, we connect you to subjects like eagles, healthy soil, trout, museums, and of course our members & partners who are The Last Green Valley.

Spring Outdoors!
Join our partners & members on guided walks and tours during the entire spring season. Learn interesting stories, and see things spring to life in The Last Green Valley. Go ahead! Spring Outdoors!

NEW Tastes of the Valley featuring a Farmer at Your Table
Join The Last Green Valley for a farm-to-table feast and fundraiser on August 27. Enjoy a new “flavor” this year with a seated, multi-course gourmet dinner that showcases local restaurants preparing food grown, raised and created in The Last Green Valley’s 35 towns. Tickets go on sale in mid-summer.

Walktober!
What started out as one walking weekend more than two decades ago has grown to close to 300 Walktober experiences throughout the month of October and then some. Walk, hike, stroll, pedal, paddle, enjoy art, visit farms, pick apples, enjoy historical tales, visit burying grounds, tweet while watching birds, attend a fall festival, or climb a hill. Connect to our National Heritage Corridor!

Water Quality Monitoring
TLGV is always looking for volunteers to help monitor the health of our streams, rivers, ponds and lakes. Whether you would like to monitor once a season, once a month, or once a week, we have an opportunity for you. Training and equipment are provided. Together we can identify, track, and correct problems that might otherwise go undetected. For more information contact Jean Pillo, Coordinator for The Last Green Valley Water Quality Monitoring Program, at 860-928-4948 or Jean.Pillo@comcast.net.

In Massachusetts (9 towns):

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

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

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

East Brookfield (1920) (eastbrookfieldma.us): The northern-most town in The Last Green Valley, 25% of the town’s open space is for recreation, so get out and breathe in East Brookfield.

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

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

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

Sturbridge (1738) (town.sturbridge.ma.us): Known far and wide for the living history museum at Old Sturbridge Village, there are also well-tended trails and many organized hikes thanks to Friends of Sturbridge Trails (FrOST), plus dining, camping and more.

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

In Connecticut (26 towns):
Ashford (1714) (ashfordtownhall.org): Home of Horizon Wings, a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey and offering programs at their home base and on the road.

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

Canterbury (1703) (canterburyct.org): Back to the launch site.

Coventry (1711) (coventryct.org): Westernmost town of our region, it is still a quiet ride to partake in the wildly popular Coventry Farmers’ Market. Bring your appetite.

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

Putnam (1855) (putnamct.us): A destination downtown offers unique shops, dining, theater, and entertainment. On top of that, the town and businesses work together to provide year-round events, closing Main Street for pedestrian-friendly celebrations or filling the banks of the Quinebaug River in Rotary Park with music.

Scotland (1857) (scotlandct.org): Founded by Isaac Magoon and named for his country of birth, Scotland hosts the annual Scotland Highland Festival at the Edward Waldo House each Columbus Day weekend in Walktober.

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

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

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

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

Voluntown (1721) (voluntown.gov): More than 70% state forestlands, including Pachaug Forest’s 24,000 acres, the town also hosts a fun Farmer’s Market and encourages everyone to discover the great quality of life within its borders.

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

Woodstock (1686) (townofwoodstock.com): Area-wise, as the second largest town in CT, Woodstock has more operating dairy farms than any other town in CT. Visit Roseland Cottage, Roseland Park and the Woodstock Fairgrounds.
Destinations need accommodations! If you’ve got friends and family coming to Explore The Last Green Valley, our partners have 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.

Bed & Breakfast at Taylor’s Corner
Enjoy a quality stay at a traditional B&B in the country.
Woodstock, CT
888-974-0490 • www.taylorsbb.com

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

Inn at Woodstock Hill
94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0526 • Fax: 860-821-8561
innwood@gmail.com • woodstockhill.com

Nathan Hale Inn & Conference Center
located on the UConn Campus at Storrs
855 Bolton Rd., Storrs, CT 06268
860-427-7888 • Fax: 860-427-7850
nathanhaleinn.com

Quiet Corner Inn (formerly 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

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

Woodstock Sustainable Farms & The Manton-Greene Bed & Breakfast
P. O. Box 542, Woodstock, CT 06281
888-788-8726
info@wssfarms.com • wssfarms.com
Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
Astronomy/Night Sky Views

Our National Heritage Corridor is green by day and dark by night because 77 percent of the land in our 35 towns is either forest or farm. Satellite photos show our distinctively dark haven amid the urban and suburban glow in the sprawling metropolitan Boston-to-Washington corridor. The Last Green Valley has a variety of places to Explore dark skies – gaze up often and attend dark sky events to learn more!

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

Eastern CT State University Planetarium
83 Windham St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-5300
easternct.edu/physicalscience/planetarium/
Bring your class, scout troop, office or community group on a tour of the Universe.

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.

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

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

The Last Green Valley Acorn Adventure - Perseids Meteor Showers
Friday, Aug. 11, 7-8:30 pm
Heins Farm, 179 Leadmine Rd.
Sturbridge, MA 01566
marcy@tlgv.org • thelastgreenvalleyacorns.org
Come enjoy the Perseids Meteor Showers under dark skies with Ranger Marcy! Monthly Acorn Adventures are aimed at families with children of all ages. They’re free and you do not need to be a member of TLGV to attend. Email with any questions. No fee.

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

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

Webster Lake Association 🌿
Webster, MA 01570
info@websterlakeassociation.org
websterlakeassociation.org
The Webster Lake Association offers occasional evening paddles on Webster Lake & under the stars.

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

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Do you have great night sky viewing in your own backyard? You just might! Take time to step outside in the evening and gaze skyward. Priceless!
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. Join a cycling club.

**Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

**Bicycling & Mountain Biking**

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

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

**Brimfield Trolley Trail**
120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010
413-324-8350 info@brimfieldtrail.org • brimfieldtrail.org
Approximately 4 miles out & back, this trail is open year round and available for walking and bicycling. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to Sturbridge), this is flat & easy and is also a section of the Titanic Rail Trail. No fee.

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

**Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm**
227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), Sterling, CT 06354
860-564-0248 • info@ekohnkhillturkeyfarm.com ekohnkhillturkeyfarm.com
Sitting atop scenic Ekonk Hill Road (Route 49) there are views galore on this popular bicycle route. Be sure to stop in & visit Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm’s shop loaded with local deliciousness on your pedal.

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

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

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

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

**Killingly Village Dam**
Hill Turkey Farm's shop loaded with local deliciousness on your pedal.

**Mansfield Hollow State Park**
Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
1,200 varied 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 grass for mountain biking. No fee.

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

**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.

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The 2.5 mile Putnam River Trail, flat, paved, is also great for mountain biking. No motorized vehicles, dogs must be leashed. Visit website for map & more details. No fee.

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Putnam Quinebaug River Trail – Cargill Falls
Kennedy Dr. & Rte. 44, Putnam, CT 06260
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.

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.

Wells State Park
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov/eea, search pond maps list
The project envisions a connection from Southbridge’s Heritage Trail to the onset of the rail trail on Crane Street. When completed, it will extend a distance of 11 miles. At this time a 1.7 mile section is completed from Rte. 131 to the Dudley line where it connects to the Dudley trail system. No fee.

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.

Wyndham Land Trust
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
888-940-4669 • wyndhamlandtrust.org
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
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Connecticut Main Fishing Page
ct.gov/deep/fishing
Connecticut Freshwater Fishing Page
ct.gov/deep/freshwaterfishing
Connecticut Lake Contours Maps
ct.gov/deep, search CT Lake Bathymetry maps
Connecticut Anglers Guide
ct.gov/deep/anglersguide
Massachusetts Main Fishing Page
mass.gov/eea, search fishing
Massachusetts Freshwater Fishing Page
mass.gov/eea, search fresh water fishing

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
Boating and Fishing
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!

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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, perch & more. No fee.

Beach Pond
Shore Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
Boat launch available for 372-acre pond abutting RI, where both state’s licenses apply. Handicapped accessible fishing, too. Largemouth & smallmouth bass, pickerel & more. No fee.

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

Big Alum Pond
Clark Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
195-acre pond, 23-45’ deep, clear waters. Boat launch available, but not much shore fishing (pond surrounded by private homes). Trout stocked, also fish for large & smallmouth bass, pickerel & more. Swimming & waterskiing are allowed. No fee.

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

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

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

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

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01518
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/ct-deep
373-acre lake with concrete boat ramp. Water-skiing is popular here and speed limits differ at different times. See website. No fee.

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

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

East Brimfield Lake
24 Riverview Ave. (off Rte. 20), Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • n.e.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.

East Halls Pond
Rte. 49, Eastford, CT 06242 • ct.gov/ct-deep
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us

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

Eglash 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. Glasco (a long, winding 168-acre pond with paved boat launch) and Doaneville (68-acre pond accessible by waters running under Sheldon Rd.) offer fishing (largemouth bass, perch, bullhead & more), water skiing, jet skis. Paddlers can get more of a wilderness experience by paddling east & under Rte. 165. No fee.

Glasgo Pond - Pachaug State Forest/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/ct-deep
48-acre Green Falls Reservoir has boat launch, but no internal combustion engines allowed. Trout, largemouth & smallmouth bass & more. Swimming is also allowed here. Some fees.

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

Hampton Reservoir
Kenyon Rd., Hampton, CT 06247
88-acre water body is located in Natchaug State Forest. Car-top boats only, no internal combustion engines. Largemouth bass, perch, pike & more. No fee.
Killingly Pond State Park
Pond Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
More than 120 acres, this pond is good for carry-in boats & fishing. Acidic waters mean bass will bite — perch & pickerel, too. CT or RI license allowed. Paddlers also enjoy a whirl around this lake. No fee.

Lake Lashaway
Harrington St. (off Rte. 9)
East Brookfield/North Brookfield Line, MA
508-835-3607 • mass.gov/wildlife
293-acre warm water pond, transparent & average depth to 10’ with a maximum of 18’, with a very developed shoreline. Paved ramp at north end of pond off of Harrington St. Large variety of fish to catch, most abundant are largemouth bass & white perch. Pickerel here make for good ice fishing too. No fee.

Lake Siog Recreation Area/Holland Pond
off Dug Hill Rd., Holliston, 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

Leadminde Pond
487 Leadminde 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 Leadminde Rd. Sleepy, rustic pond perfect for nature lovers. 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.

Mansfield Hollow Lake & State Park
Bassett’s Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
The man-made 450-acre lake is a bass management area, with boat launch (8 mph limit) & paddling. Reel in large & smallmouth bass, perch, pike & trout. No swimming. Pit toilets. No fee.

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 Pilfershire 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. Breakneck Pond (92 acres) is more remote, no motors allowed. Pit toilets. Some fees.

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

Quaddick State Park
818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
This more than 400-acre reservoir is an active water area with many activities, including fishing with trailered boat ramp, plus paddling. A northern pike lake, also home to largemouth bass, perch & bullheads love to swim. No fee.

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.

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

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

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

Roseland Lake – Roseland Park
205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Roselandpark.org
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org

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

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

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

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

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

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 want to come back for the experience.

Taftville Reservoir (Ouellet Park)
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 a spring-fed ponds, clear enough to see down 15’, with 2 boat launches. Home to many species including American eel, smallmouth bass, trout, bullheads & stocked with brood salmon. Some fees.

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

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

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

Settle in comfortably and enjoy the great outdoors! Day camps, overnight camps, family campgrounds, and educational camps all connect us to nature and our family and friends. 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. Don’t forget the s’mores!

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

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

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

Get away was never so close! Experience the diversity Connecticut has to offer, from the mountains to the river valley, the Quiet Corner and ocean; we’ve got the perfect campsite for you!

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

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

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

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

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

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Connecticut Camping Info
c.t.gov/deep

Massachusetts Camping Info
mass.gov/transportation-recreation

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

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
1-877-444-6777
reserveamerica.com, nae.usace.army.mil
3-acre island available to rent for up to 1 week. Primitive camping; boat needed for the short trip to the island. Reservations start Jan. 1 each year. Call 1-877-444-6777 to register. Some fees.

Camp Woodstock YMCA -The YMCA of Greater Hartford
42 Camp Rd., Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
860-974-1336, 800-782-2344
Fax: 860-974-0754 • tony.gronski@ghymca.org
campwoodstock.org
Our aim is to provide skilled leadership and facilities and equipment that are clean, attractive and safe, which afford individuals and groups the opportunity to act in situations that are physically wholesome, mentally stimulating, and socially and spiritually sound. At Camp Woodstock, we strive to embody the following core values of the YMCA which are the cornerstone of what we teach our campers. From the first day these values are used to highlight expectations, encourage positive behaviors and cement meaning of the camp experience into the minds of campers. CHoRR = caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

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general@gsofct.org • gsofct.org
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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.

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

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

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

Solair Recreation League/ Laurel Ridge, Inc.
65 Ide Perrin Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-9174 • Fax: 860-928-4709
solair@solairrl.com • solairrl.com

Green leaf indicates member of TLGV
Economic development is absolutely part of TLGV’s mission. These business groups work tirelessly to promote what the 35 towns in our National Heritage Corridor have to offer. They are valuable resources and provide networking opportunities and support to help you Explore The Last Green Valley to its fullest potential.

Ashford Business Association (ABA) PO Box 342, Ashford, CT 06278 • 860-208-3037 ashfordbusiness.org and on Facebook

The Chamber of Central Mass South & The Sturbridge Townships 46 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-2761, 800-628-8379 info@cmschamber.org cmschamber.org, sturbridgetownships.com

Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce (GNACC) Angela Adams 114 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360 860-887-1647 angelaadams@norwichchamber.com norwichchamber.com

Killingly Business Association (KBA) 172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239 kbainc@yahoo.com killinglybusinessassociation.org 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! New businesses are encouraged to join. Meetings take place the first Thursday morning of each month, 7:45 am at the Killingly Community Center (185 Broad St., in the theater room).

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

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

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

Putnam Business Association (PBA) 66 Main St., Suite 5, P.O. Box 691 Putnam, CT 06260 • 860-428-1278 coordinator@putnambusiness.org putnambusiness.org, discoverputnam.com The Putnam Business Association was formed in 2009 by a small group of business owners with a unified vision. Today, the PBA boasts approximately 200 members. The goal of the Putnam Business Association is to promote its business community and the Town of Putnam, CT as a premier New England destination, with compelling and family-friendly events occurring throughout the year. New members are encouraged. Meetings take place the second Wednesday morning of each month, 8:30 am at the Crossings Restaurant & Brew Pub, 45 Main St.

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.

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

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

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

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

Explore towns and communities in our project area to explore the many options available.

To learn more about the business groups in your area, please visit their websites:

Chambers/Economic Development
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Community Concerts

Free toe-tapping, finger-snapping fun is combined with all sorts of other 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. Get around!

**Ashford**
Thursday Thunder Car Cruises with live music or DJ, each month featuring a different donation collection theme.
Midway Restaurant, 174 Rte. 44, Last Thursday of each month from May – September.
ashfordbusiness.org & facebook.com/AshfordBusinessAssociation

**Brimfield**
Brimfield Common
Tuesdays, July & Aug., 6:30 – 8:30 pm
brimfieldma.org (home page/community events) & hitchcockacademy.org

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

**Coventry**
Thursdays in July & Aug.
Patriots Park Bandshell, 124 Lake St., coventryrec.com

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

**Griswold**
Veterans Memorial Park
griswoldrec.org

**Hampton**
164 Main St., The Little River Music Series, consisting of 4-6 concerts a year, ranging from classical to rock.
hamptonct.org (Recreation and Community Activities Commission)
hamptontownactivities@gmail.com

**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 June 30, and the Annual Bike Night on August 17 as thousands of 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 (Storrs)**
Summer Concerts on the Square, Betsy Paterson Square, 2 Dog Lane
Thursdays in June & July, 6:30 - 8 pm
Mansfieldmusic.org

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

**Oxford**
Annual Concert & Picnic
Huguenot Fort Site, 87 Fort Hill Rd., Sunday, September 17, 2017, 12 noon (Rain Date 9/24/17)
thehuguenotmemorialsocietyofoxford.org

**Plainfield**
Lions Park, 8 Community Dr., Wednesdays, 6:30 – dusk
plainfieldct.org (departments/recreation)

**Putnam**
Concerts and River Fires
Rotary Park, 196 Kennedy Drive
Saturdays, July 15, Aug. 12, & Sept. 9, from 7 – 10 pm
Bonus concerts at July 1 fireworks (rain date is July 2) and during Discover Putnam's First Fridays between May and October.
winyradio.com (upcoming events) and discoverputnam.com

**Southbridge**
Town Common, Rtes. 131 & 169
(Rain events are held in the School Auditorium at 25 Cole Ave.)
Sundays from end of June – September, 6 – 8 pm
Facebook.com/recreationsouthbridgema & ci.southbridgemass.org/recreation

**Sprague**
Veteran's Memorial Park, West Main St., Some Saturdays during the summer months
ctsprague.org

**Sturbridge**
Town Common, Rte. 131
Thursdays, mid-June through Aug., 6 – 8 pm
town.sturbridge.ma.us (boards & committees/recreation committee) or their Facebook page

**Thompson**
Riverside Park Gazebo, Riverside Dr., Fridays June 23, June 30, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 18, 7 – 8:30 pm
Movie night thrown in the mix on August 12 at 8:15 pm
thompsonrec.org

**Webster**
French River Summer Concert Series
French River Park, Davis St., Wednesdays in July & Aug., 6:30 – 8 pm
webster-ma.gov (events) or Facebook.com/webster arts/recreation group

**Willimantic**
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)
**Disc Golf**

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

**Brooklyn Recreation Department Davis Forest & Disc Golf Course**
End of Salmon Dr. (off South St.)
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-5464 • brooklynnc.org
Enjoy walks along the trails on the many acres of this wooded area, then try your skills on a newly constructed 18-hole disc golf course. Keep active as a family while enjoying the quiet and scenic areas of Davis Forest. No fee.

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

**Hodges Village Dam**
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
For year-round outdoor recreation, including an 18-hole disc golf course, visit Hodges Village Dam. U.S. Army Corps Park Rangers are available to assist you during your visit. No fee.

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

**Sturbridge Tourist Association**
Town of Sturbridge
308 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridge@sturbridge.org
Welcome to Sturbridge! Whether for a quick visit or an extended stay, or a round or two of disc golf, 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.

**Voluntown Peace Trust**
539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-9970
voluntownpeace@gmail.com
Disc golf areas are just one reason to explore the Voluntown Peace Trust.

**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**

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” —Benjamin Franklin.
Our partner educators work tirelessly to teach and involve us all in life-long learning adventures. Together we will continue to enjoy, care for and pass on The Last Green Valley for future generations.

**Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Rivers Council**
231 Ashford Center Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
charles.copeland@scouting.org • ctrivers.org
The Connecticut Rivers Council is one of New England’s largest private youth-serving organizations; the Connecticut Rivers Council delivers Scouting programs that develop character, citizenship, fitness, and leadership skills to more than 32,000 youth and nearly 9,000 adult volunteers in 127 cities and towns in Connecticut. The Boy Scouts of America collaborates with hundreds of churches, school affiliated groups, and other community organizations that organize and operate local Scout groups.

**Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary**
56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01508
508-248-5516, 508-736-3974
caponhill@chartner.net • capenhill.org
Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary is a U.S. Army Corps property located adjacent to the Voluntown Peace Trust. The Sanctuary is open daily to the public and offers summer resident and day camp opportunities for girls and their families. Visit capenhill.org to see the wide variety of fun things to do!

**Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret**
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948 • ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
The Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and enjoyment of birds and their habitats through education, research, and the maintenance of a 1,000-acre nature sanctuary.

**Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFCT)**
340 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106
860-522-0163, 800-922-2770
general@gsofct.org • gsofct.org
Girl Scouts of Connecticut welcomes all girls in grades K-12. Girls may become independent members or join a troop. GSOFCT offers year-round opportunities for girls and their families, and offers summer resident and day camp settings. Visit gsofct.org to see the wide variety of fun things to do!
Striving to keep the green in The Last Green Valley, more electric car charging stations are appearing in our National Heritage Corridor each year. If you have one in your town, please let us know so 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.

Southbridge
Coming soon – stay tuned

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

Woodstock
• The Woodstock Academy, 57 Academy
  Rd. (main parking lot near maintenance
  garage)
• Woodstock Elementary School,
  24 Frog Pond Rd.
• Woodstock Middle School, 147B Rte. 169
• Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Rte. 169

The Woodstock Academy
57 Academy Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928–6575
jlahtinen@woodstockacademy.org
woodstockacademy.org
The Woodstock Academy’s academic, vocational and technical courses allow students to achieve. Our Fine Arts programs provide avenues for students to create. Our athletic department brings triumph into students’ lives, and our extra-curricular activities help students discover new passions. Contact us for more information about our Centaur Nation!
Explore!

Entertainment & Theaters

Cheer for local talent and discover your inner talent! It will be impossible to stay in your seat with these choices to Explore while expanding your horizons! Invest time in yourself, your relationships & even your pets! Destinations – we’ve got them! Enjoy and support the arts offered by our schools, recreation departments, and faith-based organizations, too.

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860-933-2221 • artiqueputnam@gmail.com
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158 Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
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199 North Brookfield Rd.
East Brookfield, MA 01515 • 508-867-6629
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Bradley Playhouse – Theater of Northeastern CT
30 Front St. (Rte. 44), Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7887 • Fax: 860-963-7832
office@bradleyplayhouse.org
thebradleyplayhouse.org
The Bradley Playhouse is a 114 year-old vaudeville theatre in the heart of the Putnam antiques & restaurant district in northeastern CT. Since 1991 it has been managed by the volunteers of The Theatre of Northeastern Connecticut, Inc. (TNECT), produces 8 main season shows per year, a number of special fundraising events for Restoration Fund, as well as host to other productions, too. TNECT’s mission is to produce and sponsor quality theatre and entertainment for the residents and visitors of the region, to encourage the development of creativity through the support of local artists, and to support education and hands-on experience in the creation, direction, and production of theatre and the performing arts.

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Eat fresh with CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture) offering a variety of locally-grown fresh foods. CSAs are affordable and an investment in your long-term quality of life, with a wide range of product and amazing quantities. Make it a family affair to “put away” product for our winter months when it will be a special treat. Freeze, can, preserve! Eat & Shop Local!

Tantalize your taste buds with our farm-to-table event as area chefs team with local farms & products for our annual Tastes of the Valley fundraising event, featuring a Farmer at Your Table this year. Don’t miss it!

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devonpointfarm.com

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herrootsrundeep@gmail.com
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hartsgreenhouseflorist.com

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New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF)
32 Foster St., Littleton, MA 01460
978-952-6856
creinertsen@newenglandforestry.org
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New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) works to conserve forests for future generations. Founded in 1944, NEFF owns 142 Community Forests with over 26,000 acres, practicing sustainable forestry while providing opportunities for public recreation. Learn more by visiting newenglandforestry.org.

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

**Aicher Preserve - Wyndham Land Trust**
Freedley Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
wyndhamlandtrust.org

Look for WLT sign, park on side of road, enter through farm gate. Cornfield is on left, a lake on right as you proceed. Turn right into a network of woods roads or continue straight ahead and over the dam. Follow the tree line to either the right or the left. Almost 200 acres in size, this is 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.

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Albert E. Moss Wildlife Sanctuary
10 South Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-3015
preserves@mansfieldct.org • mansfieldct.gov
Park at Town Hall/Community Center. Cross street to stairs by apartments for entrance. 135-acre natural area with 2.15 miles on 2 loop trails (blazed white). See wildlife while walking through a varied forest and around a 5-acre pond with a dam & waterfall. Named for Professor Moss, an inspiring educator in UConn’s Forestry Department who developed the 1st curriculum in forest (1924) & wildlife management (1932). No fee.

Bear Hill Property
312 Bear Hill Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-5310 • 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Enjoy a 0.75 mile woodland walk along Old Trolley Trail to the edge of Alvia Chase Reservoir. No fee.

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

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

Benedict Arnold Trail – Walk Norwich
Corner of Washington St. & Arnold Pl.
Norwich, CT 06360 • 860-886-1776
info@walknorwich.org • walknorwich.org
askncdc.com
Park at Leffingwell House Museum, 348 Washington St., or at the Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors’ Center, 69 East Town Street. Benedict Arnold is Norwich’s most infamous native son. Discover the story of a controversial and complicated man who greatly impacted our nation’s history during the Revolutionary War. The self-guided tour gives a glimpse into Benedict Arnold’s complex childhood and discusses prominent Norwich figures that played a role in the Revolutionary War. Walk 2 easy miles (some uneven terrain) past the family homestead, Leffingwell Inn, Olmstead-Lathrop Manor (from the 1600s) and more. Maps & more available on website. No fee.

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

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

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

Border Woods Preserve - The New Roxbury Land Trust
Eastford Rd. (Rte 198), just north of the Rte. 197 intersection, Woodstock, CT
860-928-2669 • nrlr.org
36.7 mostly-wooded acres (lots of oaks & hemlocks) open for walking, hiking and bird watching. There are no developed trails, some erosion and a bit of wetlands, but it’s still a great place to explore. Respect the property, leaving nothing behind. No motorized vehicles allowed. No fee.

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

Buffumville Lake
48 Old Oxford Rd. (off Buffum Dam Rd. & Charlton St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
500 acres of land for hiking, including 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
thompsoncnt.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 miles wood trail with additional 0.33 mile on road. Small bridge at end. No fee.

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

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

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

Cat Hollow Park  
25 Cat Hollow Rd. (off Dog Hill Rd.)  
Dayville, CT 06241  
860-774-5310 • 860-234-0196  
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org  
0.5 mile paved walk along scenic Whetstone Brook and falls. View ponds and dams that once provided water power for two mills. Azaleas and other unique plantings by former owner. No fee.

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

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

Coney Rock Preserve - Joshua’s Trust  
Chaffeeville & Mulberry Rds.  
Mansfield, CT 06250  
860-429-3015 • preserves@mansfieldct.org  
mansfieldct.gov, 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 Rock remains a mystery. No fee.

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

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 allowed. No fee.

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

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

East Brimfield Lake Nature Trail  
24 Riverview Ave., (off Rte. 20)  
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518  
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil  
Using the Nature Trail Map & Guide on the website, become an amateur naturalist as you stroll the 0.75 mile loop trail plus letterboxing. No fees for self-guided hikes, and guided hikes are offered for member & non-member prices.

East Brimfield Lake Mill Trail  
256 Town Mills Rd.  
Pomfret, CT 06259 • 860-963-2090  
info@wyndhamlandtrust.org  
wlyndhamlandtrust.org  
Parking at both road entrances.  
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 allowed. No fee.

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

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

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

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Garden Bridge at Windham Mills
Main St. (Rtes. 32 & 66), Willimantic, CT 06226
860-465-3000 • windhamct.com
Park at Windham Mills Heritage Park.
Built in 1906 as a pedestrian bridge over the Willimantic River, this unusual structure features granite planters, flowers and trees. Great photo ops. No fee.

George Askew Nature Trail
12 Westford Rd., Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-0125 • eastfordct.org
Park in the Elementary School parking lot.
This short & easy nature trail (approximately 1 mile) starts/ends behind the school's playing fields, is named for a retired teacher, was developed by students, and runs along the Still River. It's marked with points of interests with a corresponding guide book available at the town’s library. Benches added with TLGV grant.

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

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

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

Heine Family Farm Conservation Area
Leadmine Rd. (south of Shumway Farm)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
sturbridge trails.org • visitsturbridge.org
Heins Farm Conservation Area
Fabyan-Woodstock Rd.
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-963-2090 • info@wyndhamlandtrust.org
482 Norwich Rd. (Rte. 12), Plainfield, CT 06374
860-923-9440 • thompsonct.org/maps-a-guide
West Thompson Lake. 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.

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

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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 parking area 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
860-426-3200 • ct.gov/deep
1.25 mile trail loop trail on the forested Old Kentuck Trail onto Quinn’s Hill Rd. and Pond Rd. Canoe/kayak access available too. No fee.

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

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

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

Langhammer Trail & spur to Ruby Fenton Preserve
Off Lustig Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-487-4400
ashfordtownhall.org/government/land-use/conservation-commission
Limited parking off Lustig Rd., bear to the left at the end of the road. Please do not park on the road; it could inhibit the passing of emergency & other vehicles.

72+ acre town-owned property, Langhammer Forest is Ashford’s largest town-owned open space parcel & contains a diversity of wildlife, plants and geological features. Now linked to the 300+ acre Willington Fenton Ruby Park and Preserve by a spur trail both towns developed to connect the areas for continuous forest adventures. Map on website. No fee.

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

Lyon Preserve - Wyndham Land Trust 🌳
33 Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
860-963-2090
wyndhamlandtrust.org
Easy 0.57 mile loop trail follows the east side of the Willimantic River, with interpretive signs, flora & fauna on the 0.5 mile trail. You can letterbox here, too! Parking lot is off Mason Hill Road. No fee.

Mansfield Hollow State Park
Bassetts Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 • 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. No fee.

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

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

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

Mohegan Park
Park Center Rd/Mohegan Park Rd.
Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3798 • norwichct.org
2,500 rose bushes in 120 varieties. Playgrounds on old cart paths. Great views of lake. No fee.

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Mohegan State Forest
Waldo. (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
c.t.gov/dot/LIB/dot/documents/dbikes/062.pdf
Park at Community Center.
Approximately 5 miles of this longer trail (which runs from Coventry, RI to Plainfield and beyond) cuts right through Sterling. A former rail trail, you’ll traverse gravel to ballast surfaces. Glimpse the Moosup River & Sterling Pond in this rural setting. Great for biking too.
No fee.

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

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 railroad 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.

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

Natchaug State Forest
66 Pillersford 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.

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
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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 Gazeba, 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. Gazeba in park hosts summer concerts. No fee.

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

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

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

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

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

Pachaug State Forest/ Mount Misery Trail
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Moderate 3 mile woodland trail; the Blue-Blazed Pachaug and Nehantic Trails become a single path as they ascend Mount Misery (411’), with views to the RI border; return via same trail. Pachaug State Forest, with 28,000 acres, is the largest state forest with 35+ miles of marked trails. No fee.

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

Pomfret Rec. Park Trail
576 Hampton Rd. (Rte. 97)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-1423 • pomfretct.gov
Easy to moderate varied 2.5 mile loop Blue-Blazed trail at the site of an 18th-century iron mill. Woodlands, streams, wetlands. Difficulty increases while climbing to summit of Ross’ Cliffs to view Half Hill Pond. Head down to Ross Pond State Park, around Half Hill Pond back to Old Furnace State Park. No fee.

Preston Community Park Nature Trail
13 Rte. 117, Preston, CT 06355
860-287-5581 • 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.

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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
2 mile round-trip (1 hour) Blue-Blazed trail starts on flat Air Line Trail, to CT/MA stone border marker on right; then challenging uphill, rocky climb to historic tri-state marker erected in 1883. Off-shoot trails into RI & MA, access by a trail mix of road and footpath, year-round. Intersection of 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.

Trolley Trail - Brimfield
120 Sturbridge Rd. (Rte. 20), Brimfield, MA 01010 413-324-8350 info@brimfieldtrail.org • brimfieldtrail.org
Approximately 4 miles out & back, this trail is open year-round & available for not only walking but bicycling, horse riding, & leashed dogs, too. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to walking but bicycling, horse riding, & leashed dogs. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to walking but bicycling, horse riding, & leashed dogs. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to walking but bicycling, horse riding, & leashed dogs. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to walking but bicycling, horse riding, & leashed dogs. An old trolley rail bed (Springfield to walking but bicycling, horse riding, & leashed dogs.

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

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

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

UConn Forest – Fenton Tract
Off Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195), Storrs, CT ecuhusk.org/development/parks.html
UConn offers many locations for biking & hiking. Both the Fenton Tract & the Hillside Environmental Education Park (HEEP) Trails are close to campus and offer many different routes to explore. You can also discover many varieties of trees on campus through the Campus Tree Touring Guide. Maps available online. No fee.

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

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

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

Wells State Park/Carpenter’s Rock Trail
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49) Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-9257 • mass.gov
Park at headquarters.
An easy 2 mile loop trail starts to right of boat ramp. Follow Wells State Park’s shoreline through meadows to mature forest. Note: Crossover bridge on Old Blain Rd. no longer exists. To complete loop take the Quinebaug River Trail north to Red Bridge Rd. & cross river. Follow Quinebaug River Trail on the opposite side, taking you back to Old Blain Rd. & Shoreline Trail. No fee.

Westville Lake Trail
125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
1.8 mile loop trail around the 23-acre Westville Lake on abandoned railroad bed & service roads. Info kiosks at trailheads, plus benches along the way. Some fees.

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

White Brook Sanctuary - Eastern CT Forest Landowners Assoc./Wolf Den Land Trust
Darby Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234 ecfila.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.

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.

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Horseback Riding & Horse Camping

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

Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

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

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

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
413-324-8350
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.
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**
ct.gov/deep, search hunting

**Massachusetts Hunting Areas**
mass.gov/eea, search hunting

**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 Connecticut River only. No fee.

**Hunting in Federal Properties**
Federal properties allow hunting.

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

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

**Nathan Hale State Forest**
off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
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

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

**Quinebaug Woods**
Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
413-245-7108 • town.holland.ma.us

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

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

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

**Wells State Park**
508-347-9257 • mass.gov

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.

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

**Quinebaug State Forest/ Frog Hollow Equestrian Camp 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 Camp Area. Some fees.

**Quinebaug State Forest/ Frog Hollow Equestrian Camp Area**
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep

CT’s largest forest with 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.
Labyrinths / Mazes

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

CLiCK, Inc.
41 Club Rd., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-8395
clickwillimantic@gmail.com
clickwillimantic.com
In addition to their good work with food & nutrition, the CLiCK team has built a labyrinth for those seeking a peaceful place to contemplate.

Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm Corn Maze
227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), Sterling, CT 06354
860-923-3439
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
herootsrundeepleep@forthillfarms.com
forthillfarms.com
Corn maze is both educational and fun! The best place to get lost. Check website for details, hours, fees.

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

Voluntown Peace Trust (VPT)
539 Beach Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-9970
voluntownpeacetrust@gmail.com
voluntownpeacetrust.org
As an educational resource offering programs, workshops, retreats, the VPT’s labyrinth is a perfect place to find peace. Contact VPT to learn more & visit their labyrinth.

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

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.

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

Letterboxing & Geocaching

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

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Explore!

Libraries of The Last Green Valley!

Large quantities of clay tablets found in ancient Mesopotamia date back more than 5,000 years! The libraries of our National Heritage Corridor are not only places to find our modern version of clay tablets - books, periodicals and more - they also host fun and educational programs and events. Look for TLGV publications such as our maps, Walktober guide and Explore! Visit your library often!

IN MASSACHUSETTS:

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

Charlton Public Library
40 Main St. (Rte. 31) • charltonlibrary.org

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

East Brookfield Public Library
122 Connie Mack Dr. (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) • sturbridgepubliclibrary.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-slaterlibrary.org

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

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

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

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MORE! Outdoor Activities & Sites

Leo Tolstoy wrote “Boredom: the desire for desires.” Tolstoy should have visited The Last Green Valley, where there is so much to do that we needed this section for “More.” If you don’t find what you’re looking for elsewhere in this Explore guide, check here. There is no reason to ever be bored in The Last Green Valley!

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
389 Route 2 • prestonlibrary.org

Windsor has 3 libraries open to the public:
- Guilford Smith Memorial Library 17 Main St., South Windsor guilfordsmith.org
- Willimantic Public Library 905 Main St. (Rte. 66) willimanticlibrary.org
- Windham Free Library (nonprofit) Windham Green Rd., 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

Located just outside The Last Green Valley:
Friends of Ledyard Library
Supporting both:
- Bill Library 718 Col. Ledyard Hwy., Ledyard, CT 06339 860-464-9912
- Gales Ferry Library 18 Hurlbutt Rd., Gales Ferry, CT 06335 860-464-6943
Ledyard.lioninc.org/friends-of-the-library

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

Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.
6 Hatch St., Mystic, CT 06355 860-884-3500 • avalonialc@yahoo.com avalonialandconservancy.org

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

Fresh air helps you to think better and increases your energy level. Meet our business and nonprofit partners, and our towns, state, and federal properties, all with options to offer us more exciting outdoor opportunities. Climb, race, cheer, toss horseshoes, play volleyball, tackle a trail, rent a picnic area, or even do some dirt biking or whale watching.

Be sure to view our State & Federal Parks & Forests listings for all they have to offer. Together we can care for, enjoy, and pass on all that we have in The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor. Enjoy is the key word on these pages!

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### Highland Festival of Scotland

**Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd.**

CT 06247  
860-977-7702 • 860-917-5064  
highlandfestival@hotmail.com  
joanne@nefamily.coop  
reggiepatchell@comcast.net  
scotlandgames.org

The Highland Festival Association promotes Scottish culture and heritage by hosting an annual Highland Games on the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend showcasing athletic, dance, piping, and harp competitions; a clan village; food and merchandise vendors; and pipe bands performing in opening and closing ceremonies. It’s a bonnie good time. See website and the annual TLGV Walktober brochure for more info.

### Hodges Village Dam

**30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)**

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

1,200 varied acres with off-road vehicle trails that allow dirt bikes & snowmobiles. No fee.

### Hopeville Pond State Park

**929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)**

Griswold, CT 06351  
860-376-2920 • 860-376-0313 • ct.gov/deep

Open land for field sports (year round) and picnic tables with restrooms on site. Main gate open seasonally. Some fees.

### Mansfield Drive-In Theatre & Marketplace

**147 Wolf Den Dr., (Rte. 44)**

Pomfret Center, CT 06259  
860-926-6121 • 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.

### Mansfield Hollow State Park

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

No fee.

### Mystic Aquarium/Sea Research Foundation

**55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355**  
860-572-5955

info@mysticaquarium.org • mysticaquarium.org

### Opacum Land Trust

**95% of the cost being subsidized by NOW.**

Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW)

66 Main St. (P.O. Box 206)  
Putnam, CT 06260-0206

888-940-4669
Sarah.mortensen@NOWinmotion.org  
NOWinmotion.org

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.

### Opacum Land Trust

**P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566**  
508-347-9144

info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org

The New Roxbury Land Trust

**PO. Box 98, Woodstock, CT 06281-0098**  
860-928-2669 • nrlt.org

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Exceptional activity selection in 24,000 acres with miles of roads & trails in CT’s largest forest. You'll also find fireplaces, pit toilets, picnic tables (tables), motorcycle trails, dog sled races & 26 acre rhododendron sanctuary ablaze around July 4th. Some fees.

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

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

**South Charlton Reservoir Association**
508-865-8903 • waraszkiewicz@aol.com
A family friendly outdoor venue offers concerts, parades, River Fires, fireworks and an annual car show, right along side the Quinebaug River. No fee.

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

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

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

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

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

**Westville Lake Recreation Area**
125 Wallace Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Sports fields, shelters, picnic tables & grills add to year-round enjoyment here. Some fees.
Brooklyn Historical Society Museum &
Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office
25 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169), Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-7728 • brooklynntc.org
The Brooklyn Historical Society Museum building and the Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office have been owned by the society since 1972 and now fill the entire first floor at 25 Canterbury Road. Visit any Wednesday or Sunday, from 1 - 5 pm, beginning in late May and running through early October each year, to view the exhibits of the General Putnam Gallery, the 1888 Karl Gerhardt designed bronze wolf heads stolen from the General Putnam equestrian statue in 1984 and 1985 and returned to the society in 2015, as well as the changing and temporary exhibits. The Museum will also be open by appointment each Walktober through its reopening in May. There is no admission charge, the Museum is air conditioned as well as handicapped accessible, and sponsors 4 history programs each year as well as other special events. New members are welcome. For more information call 860-774-7728.

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

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum &
The Barton Center for Diabetes Education
66 Clara Barton Rd./30 Ennis Rd.
North Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056 • Fax: 508-987-2002
clarabartonbirthplace@bartoncenter.org
info@bartoncenter.org
clarabartonbirthplace.org, bartoncenter.org

Columbia Historical Society
P.O. Box 551, Columbia, CT 06237
columbiahistory.org

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

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

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

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

Ellen Larned Museum (ELM)
Thompson Rd. (Rte. 193), Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3776 • thompsonhistorical.org

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

The Black Tavern Historical Society
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

Friends of Ashbel Woodward Museum
387 Rte. 32, Franklin, CT 06254
ashbelwoodwardmuseum@gmail.com
sites.google.com/site/ashbelwoodwardmuseum
facebook.com/
FriendsOfAshbelWoodwardMuseum

Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (BIMP)
1 Royce Circle, Suite 101B, Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-8580 • Fax: 860-486-8565
bimp@uconn.edu • bimp.uconn.edu

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Green leaf indicates member of TLGV

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The worthy goals of the Trust can only be met through broad membership in the organization. Join! Visit!

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

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

Lebanon Historical Society Museum
856 Trumbull Hwy., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579 • Fax: 860-642-6583
museum@historyoflebanon.org
historyoflebanon.org
One of the locations to get your National Park Service Passport stamped in The Last Green Valley!

Leffingwell House Museum/The Society of the Founders of Norwich
348 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-889-9440
info@leffingwellhousemuseum.org
leffingwellhousemuseum.org

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

Mansfield Historical Society & Museum
954 Storrs Rd., P.O. Box 145
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268-0145
860-429-6575 • mansfieldhistorical@snet.net
mansfieldct-history.org

Connecticut Landmarks

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

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

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

Old Sturbridge Village (OSV)
1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd. (off Rte. 20)
Sturbridge, MA 01566
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osvinfo@osv.org • osv.org
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The Oxford Historical Commission
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Palmer Arboretum
523 Scenic Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 (ext. 320)
billbrower@charter.net

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

Preston Historical Society
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The Last Green Valley is thankful to have these strong and supportive nonprofit partners. Each has its own mission and goals, but together we improve the quality of life in our region. Together we can care for, enjoy, and pass on the treasures of our National Heritage Corridor.

Nonprofits

Explore!

The Arc Emporium & The Arc Redemption Center
785 Riverside Dr., North Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-3776 • thearc.org
The Arc Emporium is the largest public school museum in the country. It houses 89 pieces of art and hundreds of other artifacts that celebrate the Arc family. Dr. and Mrs. Arc gifted the Arc Emporium 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
860-774-8438 • Fax: 860-774-8439
office@westfielducc.org • westfielducc.org

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

Windham Textile & History Museum/The Mill Museum
411 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-2178 • themillmuseum@gmail.com
millmuseum.org

The Arc Emporium & The Arc Redemption Center
22 Route 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-774-2827
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

Friends of Ashbel Woodward Museum
387 Rte. 32, Franklin, CT 06254
ashbelwoodwardmuseum@gmail.com
sites.google.com/site/ashbelwoodwardmuseum
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FriendsOfAshbelWoodwardMuseum

Ashford Business Association (ABA)
PO Box 342, Ashford, CT 06278 • 860-208-3037
ashfordbusiness.org and on Facebook

Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.
6 Hatch St., Mystic, CT 06355
860-884-3500 • avalonialc@yahoo.com
avalonialandconservancy.org

Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry (BIMP)
1 Royce Circle, Suite 101B, Storrs, CT 06268
860-486-8580 • Fax: 860-486-8565
bimp@uconn.edu • bimp.uconn.edu

The Black Tavern Historical Society
138 Center Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-8782 • info@theblacktavern.com
theblacktavern.com

Blue Slope Country Museum
138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254
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The Brooklyn Fair/Windham County Agricultural Society
developing character, citizenship, fitness, and leadership skills to more than 32,000 youth and nearly 9,000 adult volunteers in 127 cities and towns in Connecticut. The Boy Scouts of America collaborates with hundreds of churches, school affiliated groups and other community organizations that organize and operate local Scout groups.

OUR MISSION: It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America and the Connecticut Rivers Council to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout oath and law.

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

Brooklyn Historical Society Museum & Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office
25 Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169), Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-7728 • brooklyncnt.org
The Brooklyn Historical Society Museum building and the Daniel Putnam Tyler Law Office have been owned by the society since 1972 and now fill the entire first floor at 25 Canterbury Road. Visit any Wednesday or Sunday, from 1 - 5 pm, beginning in late May and running through early October each year, to view the exhibits of the General Putnam Gallery, the 1888 Karl Gerhardt designed bronze wolf heads stolen from the General Putnam equestrian statue in 1984 and 1985 and returned to the society in 2015, as well as the changing and temporary exhibits. The Museum will also be open by appointment each Walktober through its reopening in May. There is no admission charge, the Museum is air conditioned as well as handicapped accessible, and sponsors 4 history programs each year as well as other special events. New members are welcome. For more information call 860-774-7728.

Camp Woodstock YMCA - The YMCA of Greater Hartford
42 Camp Rd., Woodstock Valley, CT 06282
860-974-1336 • 800-782-2344
Fax: 860-974-0754 • tony.gronski@ghymca.org
campwoodstock.org
Our aim is to provide skilled leadership and facilities and equipment that are clean, attractive and safe, which afford individuals and groups the opportunity to act in situations that are physically wholesome, mentally stimulating, and socially and spiritually sound. At Camp Woodstock, we strive to embody the following core values of the YMCA which are the cornerstone of what we teach our campers. CHoRR = caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

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

Connecticut Campground Owners Association
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860-521-4704 • Fax: 860-821-8057
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Getting away was never so close! Experience the diversity Connecticut has to offer, from the mountains to the river valley, the Quiet Corner and ocean; we’ve got the perfect campsite for you!

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum
55 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06266
860-456-9999 • cteasternmuseum@yahoo.com
cteasternmuseum.org

Columbia Historical Society
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columbiahistoricalsociety@gmail.com
columbia-history.org

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860-456-8395 • clickwillimantic@gmail.com
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CTDAR Governor Jonathan Trumbull House Museum & Wadsworth Stable
169 West Town St., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-634-3858 • curator@ctdar.org
ctdar.org/properties
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Coventry Farmers Market at Hale Homestead
2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238
coventryfarmersmarket.org
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The mission of the Coventry Farmers’ Market at Hale Homestead is to provide a dynamic and sustainable marketplace for the exchange of high quality, locally grown and crafted products and services directly to the consumer. The Market also serves to promote local economic development and community enrichment by cultivating a vibrant gathering place offering educational, artistic, and social activities.

Daughters of the Holy Spirit
72 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-0891 • Fax: 860-928-6496
jacqueidhs@gmail.com daughtersoftheholyspirit.org

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

Dudley Conservation Land Trust
P.O. Box 14, Dudley, MA 01010
860-319-8806 • dan.mullins@comcast.net
dcltrust@aol.com • dudleyclt.org

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc.
238 West Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-319-8806 • clan.mullins@comcast.net
evergreen.org/estern
eastern

Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association/Wolf Den Land Trust
P.O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234 • ecfla.org

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

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

Finnish American Heritage Society (FAHS)
76 North Canterbury Rd. (Rte. 169)
Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-6671 • info@fahs-ct.org
FACESofFAHS@gmail.com • fahs-ct.org
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First Congregational Church, Woodstock U.C.C. – “The Hill Church”
543 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-7405
office@firstchurchwoodstock.org
firstchurchwoodstock.org

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

Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce (GNACC)
114 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-887-1647
angelaadams@norwichchamber.com
norwichchamber.com

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

GROW Windham / Windham Region Community Council
872 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-423-4534 • info@growwindham.org
growwindham.org

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

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

Hampton Antiquarian & Historical Society
PO. Box 12, 185 Main St., Hampton, CT 06247
hamptoncht.org/community

Heifer International
Volunteer Coordinators
13 Jean Dr., East Lyme, CT 06333
860-739-4212 • williamwernau@gmail.com

Highland Festival of Scotland
Waldo Homestead, 96 Waldo Rd. Scottsdale, CT 06264
860-977-7702 • 860-917-5064
highlandfestival@hotmail.com
joanne@nefamily.coop
reggiepatchell@comcast.net
scotlandgames.org
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Hitchcock Free Academy
2 Brookfield Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-9977 • sue@hitchcockacademy.org
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9 Sand Hill Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
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In 1983, the Highland Festival of Scotland was formed with the goal of promoting Scottish culture, heritage and a sense of community. It is the largest Scottish highland games event in the Northeast, and is one of the largest in the region. The Highland Festival of Scotland is a community run 501c3 non-profit association.

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36 Huntington Rd. (Rte. 14), Scotland, CT 06264  
860-423-1547 • info@huntingtonhomestead.org  
huntingtonhomestead.org  
The Huntington Homestead is the birthplace of Samuel Huntington, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a distinguished statesman during the Revolutionary War and early Republic. The remarkably well-preserved site includes an 18th-century house is a National Historic Landmark on its original foundation surrounded by acres of farmland, bordered by Merrick Brook, with old-growth trees, stone walls, an abandoned road, and other interesting features. The Governor Samuel Huntington Trust, Inc. is the owner of the Huntington Homestead Museum, which is open to visitors May - October on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 11 am - 3 pm. Many of these dates have special programming listed on the website. The worthy goals of the Trust can only be met through broad membership in the organization. Join! Visit!

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

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

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

Killingly Business Association (KBA)  
172 Main St., Killingly, CT 06239  
kbainc@yahoo.com  
killinglybusinessassociation.org  
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! New businesses are encouraged to join. Meetings take place the first Thursday morning of each month, 7:45 am at the Killingly Community Center (185 Broad St., in the theater room.)

Killingly Grange No. 112  
801 Hartford Pike (Rte. 101), Dayville, CT 06241  
860-336-8894 • killingly@ctstategrange.org  
Facebook.com/KillinglyGrange

Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.  
196 Main St., Danielson, CT 06239  
860-779-7250 • luvshistory@grandpakirk.com  
killinglyhistorical.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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Friends of Ledyard Library  
Supporting both:  
• Bill Library  
718 Col. Ledyard Hwy., Ledyard, CT 06339  
860-464-9912  
• Gales Ferry Library  
18 Hurlbutt Rd., Gales Ferry, CT 06335  
860-464-6943  
Ledyard.lioninc.org/friends-of-the-library

Leffingwell House Museum / The Society of the Founders of Norwich  
348 Washington St., Norwich, CT 06360  
860-889-9440  
info@leffingwellhousemuseum.org  
leffingwellhousemuseum.org

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

Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Inc. (MDP)  
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., P.O. Box 145  
Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268-0145  
860-429-6575 • mansfield.historical@snet.net  
mansfieldct-history.org

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

Mystic Aquarium/Sea Research Foundation  
55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355  
860-572-5955 • info@mysticaquarium.org  
mysticaquarium.org

Connecticut Landmarks

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

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five markets each week in Killingly, Putnam,
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produce directly to the public enabling many of
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for consumers to purchase locally grown fresh
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Association has operated farmers markets in
Since 1980, the Northeast CT Farmers Market
nectfarmersmarket.org
info@nectfarmersmarket.org

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

NECT Farmers’ Market Association/
Northeast CT Farmers’ Market
info@nectfarmersmarket.org
nectfarmersmarket.org
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The Northeast Opportunities for Wellness, Inc. (NOW) 66 Main St. (P.O. Box 206) Putnam, CT 06260-0206 888-940-4669 Sarah.mortensen@NOWinmotion.org NOWinmotion.org 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.

The Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild/NECTAG
Meets at Pomfret Historical Society 11 Town House Dr., Pomfret, CT 06259 on the 1st Thursday of the month nectag1@gmail.com • nectag.org
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.com

The Norwich Heritage and Regional Visitors’ Center
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Opacum Land Trust
P.O. Box 233, Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-9144 info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Opacum Land Trust, Inc. is a 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
Physical: 655 Main St., Mailing: P.O. Box 606 North Oxford, MA 01537 oxfordfireassn@aol.com huguenotsteamer.com

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

Plainfield Lions Club P.O. Box 333, Plainfield, CT 06734 860-564-1915 • Plainfieldct.lionwap.org

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

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

A coalition of local businesses and organizations working together to promote and support each other through networking, educational opportunities and community events.

Webster Lake Association
Webster, MA 01570
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The Webster Lake Association is dedicated to enhancing, preserving and protecting Webster Lake.
NPS Passport Stamp Locations

Get your National Park Service Passport (NPS) stamped at our Visitor Centers and add to your collection of National Park Service destinations. Be sure to check hours of operation as some locations are seasonal only. Visitors from around the world come to get stamped in The Last Green Valley!

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

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

Windham ARTS
1010 Main St., Willimantic, CT 06226
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Windham Region Chamber of Commerce
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Lebanon, CT 06249
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Norwich Heritage & Regional Visitors Center
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Norwich, CT 06360
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Old Sturbridge Village
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Sturbridge, MA 01566
osv.org

Prudence Crandall Museum
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Roseland Cottage
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Off-Road Vehicles/Snowmobiles

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

Connecticut Information
ct.gov/deep, search snowmobiling

Massachusetts Information
mass.gov/eea, search snowmobiling

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

Rolling, heavily forested property has over 20 miles of roads and trails providing winter outdoor activities like snowmobiling and more. Some fees.

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

Over 20 miles of trails for year-round use include cross-country skiing & snowshoeing for beating the winter blues. Off-road vehicle trails allow snowmobiling. No fee.

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

Directions: From a point on Rte. 198 halfway between Phoenixville and Chaplin, turn east at the sign for Forest Headquarters. Proceed across the Natchaug River and uphill to a “T” intersection. Parking available by turning left at 0.7 miles, lot holds 25 vehicles. These trails utilize unplowed forest roads and seasonal hiking trails with a variety of hilly terrain traversing through wooded country. Caution is requested when crossing town roads or where two-way traffic signs are posted. 17 miles of trails. No fee.

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

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

Pachaug State Forest
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, motorcyclists, and equestrians. The motorcycle trails encompass state and town roads, so vehicles must be registered and street legal and drivers must be licensed. No dirt bikes. Some fees.

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

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

A popular 1,400 acre woodland park with over 10 miles of trails to enjoy all winter long on your snowmobile! Some fees.
Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Paddling

The Last Green Valley is a great place to paddle, and with additions to the Willimantic River and the Shetucket River National Recreation Trails, there are more miles than ever to explore! Many rivers, ponds and lakes offer family-friendly adventures, while some river segments are for advanced paddlers only. Before taking to the rivers, learn as much as you can about each segment. The lakes and ponds listed in this section offer paddling only (no motors allowed). More lakes and ponds for paddling are listed in the Boating and Fishing section, but be aware that other types of boats are also allowed. Discover nature from a different point of view from the waters in The Last Green Valley!

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary / Morse Pond - Opacum Land Trust
N. Woodstock Rd. (Rte. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550 • 508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Small parking lot on Tipton Rock Rd.
Have a canoe or kayak? You can access peaceful Morse Pond from N. Woodstock Rd. (Rte. 169 - south of Tipton Rock Rd. intersection and just north of the state line). Please note this is for non-motorized use only. No fee.

French River Canoe Trail - Greenbriar to Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540 • 508-248-5697
thelastgreenvalley.org, nae.usace.army.mil
Parking available near put-in at Greenbriar Park and take-out at Hodges Village Dam.
This stretch of the French River has only one established kayak/canoe launch and the trip down to the Bailey Bridge take-out area at Hodges Village Dam is not an easy paddle. Boaters must portage around at least two formidable beaver dams and can count on tree snags occurring here and there along the way. What makes it worth the effort is the abundance of wildlife, particularly in the open marsh areas. The trail is 3.4 miles long, and should take about 2.5 hours. Ample opportunities to stop and pull out for rest and exploration. You can also paddle back upstream to the put-in. No fee.

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

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

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

CAUTION
Paddle at your own risk. Do not use this guide as your only source of navigation information. Conditions change constantly, sometimes drastically on the rivers. It is your responsibility to be aware of changing conditions and the abilities of your group so your decisions lead to a safe trip.
- Paddle Safe, Paddle Smart
- Wear your life jacket with an attached whistle.
- Carry a cell phone and pack water, snacks, extra clothing and a flashlight.
- Let friends/family know where you will put in and take out, and when you expect to return.
- Bring an extra paddle, pump, and throw lines.
- Check nearby stream gauges for water levels before you go.
- Be sure everyone in your group has the skills necessary to paddle the segment safely.
- When in doubt, don’t go out.
- In case of emergency, dial 911 and try to pinpoint your location in relation to launches, visible landmarks, and road crossings.

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The Beeches Recreation Park
Senexet Village Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595 • woodstockconservation.org
Entrance to trail is near the basketball court on the west side of the soccer field.
Car top boat ramp to Little River access with short portage from Senexet Village Road.
Caution: Take out, or paddle upstream only. Unmarked dam downstream. See website for map. No fee.

Chase Reservoir
85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Paddle & fish this 80 acres, from shore or in kayaks/canoes. Don’t leave fishing line on the property. No motor boats (electric or gasoline) or swimming permitted. Dam is owned by others, so don’t trespass there. Reservoir is surrounded by private property, please be respectful. 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.

Poquettanuck Cove
Royal Oaks Dr., Ledyard, CT 06339
thelastgreenvalley.org
Street side parking is available. Usable only at high tide. See description above.

Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail (NRT) - An Overview
Holland, MA to Canterbury, CT thelastgreenvalley.org
The Quinebaug River National Recreation Water Trail offers 45 miles of paddling stretching from Holland, MA to Canterbury, CT. Many of the segments provide an opportunity for family-friendly outdoor adventures with a surprisingly remote feel; wildlife is abundant and the only traces of civilization are the remnants of old mills. Before you go, be sure to check the Paddle Guide (thelastgreenvalley.org). There are a few stretches of challenging whitewater that demand serious paddling skills, and some sections are not safe for anyone to paddle. No fee.

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

Quinebaug River NRT - West Dudley to Fabyan
11-37 West Dudley Rd., Dudley, MA 01571
thelastgreenvalley.org
Launch for West Dudley Pond is adjacent to the parking area. There is vehicular access and a turn-around to drop off your boat and gear. Launch for the West Dudley to Fabyan segment is downstream of the rail trail bridge, on river right. The impounded river behind West Dudley Hydro Dam (also known as Paper Mill Dam) provides a pleasant stretch of river with current and plenty of water even in dry conditions. Paddle around the pond, or upstream until either current or scratchy rocks convince you to turn back. West Dudley Pond is an ideal place for family outings and novice paddlers. Keep an eye on the wind as the open water is about 0.75 mile long and 400 feet wide. The paddle below the dam to Fabyan includes quickwater, river turns with Class I whitewater, small islands with narrow channels and fallen trees. You should have enough water to paddle with at least 200 cfs at the USGS Streamgage at Westville Dam. Beware of turbulence from water released from the dam to run the powerhouse; it is automated and unpredictable. It may get boney in the half-mile Rock Garden sections between Rte. 131 (Old Turnpike Road) and Rte. 197 at the state line. You will float comfortably again once you pass under Rte. 197. Be careful as you approach Fabyan Dam which is unsafe to shoot. Hug the shore on river left and enter the marked channel for the take-out/portage. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - Fabyan to West Thompson Lake
622 Fabyan-Woodstock Rd.
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
thelastgreenvalley.org, nae.usace.army.mil
Park in small lots on either side of Fabyan-Woodstock Rd; carry is less than 250 feet. This segment is within the West Thompson Lake project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is 5.8 miles long with some moving water but no rapids, some flat water, extensive wildlife habitat, and no portages. It is an excellent 3 hour outing for paddlers who are comfortable with moving water. Before you go, check the West Thompson Lake dam website for “West Thompson Lake Real Time Water Levels;” if you have at least 225 cfs, you will have a pleasant ride. Below that level, you’ll scrape or have to walk. As you leave the shelter of the river and enter West Thompson Lake, wind can be a factor. Hug the left shore for the final mile to the West Thompson Lake Boat Ramp. No fee.

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Lakeview Marine — Paddlesport Rentals
311 Thompson Rd., Webster, MA 01570
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Norwich Harbor Water Trail
Howard T. Brown Park, 100 Chelsea Harbor Dr., Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3700 • norwichct.org
Park on street near launching ramp.
Begin & end your choice of paddles at Howard T. Brown Memorial Park. Unique scenery and history surround you. Pass Yantic Falls & Indian Leap upstream a mile on the Yantic. Greeneville Dam is 2.5 miles upstream on the Shetucket. Head 4 miles downstream on the Thames to Trading Cove. Long Island Sound is 16 miles downstream. No fee.

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

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Quinebaug River NRT - West Thompson Lake
341-365 Readon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
thelastgreenvalley.org
25-30 fee parking spaces at the West Thompson Lake Boat Ramp; you can drive down to the water to unload/load.
Paddle around the lake and venture upstream to the north end where the Quinebaug River enters. Winds are changeable and can make paddling difficult, especially for inexperienced and young paddlers. No fee.

Quinebaug River NRT - Putnam to Pomfret
80-82 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT 06260
thelastgreenvalley.org
About 12 parking spaces. The shoreline is a grassy bank with a 1-2 foot drop to the water; this can be tricky, depending on water levels. The trip to Route 101 in Pomfret is 5.9 miles long with current, some quick-water and flat-water, but no portages. It is an excellent 2 hour outing for paddlers who are comfortable with moving water. This section holds water well and may be navigable when other sections are too low. Beginners will enjoy this stretch with moderate flow of 300 to 600 cfs on the USGS Streamgage at Cargill Falls, Putnam. No fee.

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

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

Quinebaug River NRT - Plainfield to Canterbury
139-159 Trout Hatchery Rd., Plainfield, CT 06374
thelastgreenvalley.org
When the gate is open, you can drive to the launch and drop off or pick up boats, but you are not permitted to park there. There is plenty of parking outside the gate which is several hundred feet from the river. The 4.7 miles of paddling to Robert Manship Park in Canterbury is somewhat less challenging than the miles above the hatchery, but there are several stretches of white water to paddle carefully. Generally, the river is wide, undeveloped, tree-lined and very beautiful!
Watch for the Route 14 bridge as you near Robert Manship Park. As you approach the take-out on river right, stay close to the right bank and arrange your group in a line. The broad current can make this a tricky landing. Have the first paddlers ashore catch subsequent boats as they pull in. No fee.

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

Quinebaug River NRT - Butts Bridge to Aspinook Pond, Canterbury
67 Butts Bridge Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331
thelastgreenvalley.org
Room for many cars. You can pull up right to the water’s edge. The landing is a nearly flat firm surface into the flatwater of Aspinook Pond. Anglers launch power boats here, too, so it can be busy during weekends. No public restrooms.
The still water of Aspinook Pond and easy access make this an excellent place for novice paddlers to learn new skills safely. The scenery is less dramatic than upriver, but you may see everything from bald eagles and osprey to wood ducks, Canada geese and mergansers. You can paddle downriver on the pond almost 3 miles to Jewett City. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Plains Road to Salt Rock State Park & Campground, Baltic (Sprague)
305-311 Plains Rd., Windham, CT 06226
thelastgreenvalley.org
Ample parking at town rec fields for many cars. 50 foot carry to top of river bank, then 25 foot long steep incline to the water.
This 7 mile segment is popular & scenic, passing railroad tracks, Route 32, and finally into a more wooded habitat, offering common sightings of eagles, osprey, muskrat, otters & more. A mile from the launch you’ll approach an island. Paddle to the east side (river left) through the wider channel. Pass under the Route 203 bridge (which can be used for an emergency exit only, but is not a public landing or launch location), and note that you will also pass the private Windham Fish & Game Club, which is not a public landing either. Five miles from the Plains Road Launch, paddlers must portage the Scotland Dam. DO NOT PADDLE OVER SCOTLAND DAM! The portage is on the western shore (river right), 350 feet long with the first 50 feet up a hill beside dam, then down a sloping path to launch location below the dam. This is a great spot to relax and rest up for the remainder of the paddle to Salt Rock State Park. Drier summer months can make the stretch below the dam very “bony.” Salt Rock State Park is

Shetucket River NRT – Lauter Park to Plains Road
619 Jackson St., Willimantic, CT 06226
thelastgreenvalley.org
Plenty of parking along road and for several cars near boat launch.
Relatively easy put in, but beware of large rock at launch location depending on water levels. Lauter Park is a popular paddling starting point, and is actually on the Natchaug River which quickly meets up with the Willimantic, where together they form the Shetucket. Depending on water levels the river moves with some current, but is still relatively easy for novice paddlers. The river passes under Route 66, makes three sharp turns, then flows under the Route 14 Main Street Bridge and passes the wastewater treatment facility. 3.2 miles to the Plains Road landing, just under the Plains Road Bridge on the western shore (river right). Be aware of current when approaching the landing. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Windham to Norwich, CT
39-55 Lovell Lane, Canterbury, CT 06331
thelastgreenvalley.org
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Windham to Norwich, CT
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approximately 2 miles from the dam on the eastern shore (river left). You can exit the river at Salt Rock by carrying your boat 300 feet from landing, through tunnel under railroad tracks to parking area. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Salt Rock State Park & Campground to Sprague River Park
137 Scotland Rd, Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330
thelastgreenvalley.org
Parking area is 300 feet from river through flat pedestrian tunnel running under railroad tracks. Paddle the 2.1 miles from the campground to the popular small park which attracts fly fishermen and is home to picnic benches, grills and a portable restroom available on site in warmer months. The landing on the east side of river (river left) can be tricky with exposed rocks on both sides of the shore. Depending on water levels, stay middle/right of river approaching landing, then paddle hard left across current to the beach/landing area. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Sprague River Park to Occum Dam or Red McKeon Park
24-78 North Main St. (Rte. 97)
Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330
thelastgreenvalley.org
Ample parking in this popular small park. Launch from park picnic/beach area unless water levels are too low, then launch just under the Rte. 97 bridge instead. Although wide, launching in this area can be a bit bony in low water. Enjoy picturesque coves, inlets and lots of wildlife in the river habitat along this 2.5 mile section on the way to Occum, where paddlers must portage at the Occum Dam, which has a 14 foot drop. DO NOT PADDLE OVER OCCUM DAM! Approach dam and portage on the eastern side (river left). Carry approximately 150 feet to the launch area below the dam if you’d like to paddle 0.5 miles further south to Red McKeon Park. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Occum Dam or Red McKeon Park to Taftville Dam
Occum Dam: 23 Church St.
Baltic (Sprague), CT 06330
Red McKeon Park: 30 Taftville-Occum Rd. (Rte. 97), Occum (Norwich), CT 06360
thelastgreenvalley.org
Parking at dam is available adjacent to the dam, Monday – Saturday, across from the Versailles United Methodist Church (please do not park here Sundays from 10am-noon, as it is used for church services.) Launch above the dam to paddle up to Sprague River Park, or launch below the dam to paddle down as far as Howard T. Brown Park (7 miles with 2 portages.)
Parking also at Red McKeon Park, a newer and easier launch just 0.5 further south on Rte. 97 with a 300 feet carry down paved path to launch. Just over 1.5 mile mostly flatwater paddle is easy with just a slight current. Pass houses and woods, travel under Rte. 395 and pass a large trash incinerator plant. The views of the Ponomah Mill complex and its beautiful towers is something special. This is a popular stretch for fishing. Paddlers must portage at the Taftville Dam, a large and imposing structure 500 feet across the river and one of the most difficult on the Shetucket. DO NOT PADDLE OVER TAFTVILLE DAM! Take out on eastern shore (river left) above the dam. This landing is closed to vehicle access from November 1 to April 1. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Taftville Dam to Greeneville Dam
Riverview Dr./Boat Launch Dr. (off Rte. 169)
Lisbon, CT 06351 • thelastgreenvalley.org
Parking & launch areas areas are accessed from Riverview Dr. (also the entrance to Wheelabrator Technologies Lisbon).and are closed to vehicles from November 1 to April 1. Put in via several steps with handrails from the top of the dam to the rocky put in location below the dam. It is a long 700+ feet carry from parking, down steps to launch.

*This section is not recommended for most paddlers due to rocky & varying conditions, dramatic changes in water levels, plus very bony paddling as you approach downtown Norwich. This 2.4 mile section carries you past the Rte. 12 bridge and to the confluence with and the end of the 60-mile long Quinebaug River (river left). Next you’ll enjoy pretty habitat on the eastern shore (river left) and another popular fishing location. Paddlers must portage at the Greeneville Dam on the eastern shore (river left), which can be very muddy! DO NOT PADDLE OVER GREENEVILLE DAM! To exit the river, walk through woods to parking area on the dirt road off of Roosevelt Ave., or carry 300 feet to the launch below the dam to continue down to Brown Memorial Park. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Greeneville Dam to Howard T. Brown Memorial Park
2-14 Roosevelt Ave., Norwich, CT 06360
thelastgreenvalley.org
Parking for a few cars is located off Roosevelt Ave. on a dirt access road adjacent to river by the river information kiosk. Access river through the woods or carry 1,000 feet to the launch area below the dam. This 2 mile section takes you through a popular fishing area and away from Greeneville Dam’s fish lift, which allows migratory fish to move upstream from Long Island Sound & the Thames River into the Shetucket. Paddle through the City of Norwich, past the East Main St. Bridge and to Brown Memorial Park where the Yantic & Shetucket Rivers combine to form the Thames River. Take out in Brown Memorial Park. No fee.

Shetucket River NRT – Howard T. Brown Memorial Park
11-99 Market St., Norwich, CT 06360
thelastgreenvalley.org
ct-norwich.civicplus.com/documentcenter/view/1657
Plenty of parking at Brown Memorial Park or at the municipal lot across from the park on Chelsea Harbor Dr.
Paddle the Shetucket, the Yantic and Thames River from this starting point, as you explore the Norwich Harbor Water Trail, with maps and information available at ct-norwich.civicplus.com/documentcenter/view/1657. No fee.

Willimantic River National Recreation Water Trail (NRT) - An Overview
Willimantic, CT
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
The Willimantic River National Recreation Water Trail provides more than 22 miles of paddling enjoyment and challenges with only one short portage. There are 3 major segments: the rapids and quickwater of the narrow upper section; the impoundment above Eagleville Lake Dam; and downstream below the dam on slow-moving current or flat water to the new landing in Willimantic, CT. Before you go, be sure to check the Paddle Guide (thelastgreenvalley.org) for information on each segment. No fee.

Willimantic River NRT - Stafford Springs to Heron Cove
Commuter Lot on 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 conditions, in addition to rocks and possibly strainers. Consult the Paddle Guide for additional information prior to launching. No fee.

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Willimantic River NRT - Merrow Meadow to River Park
Merrow Meadow Park on Merrow Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
Parking for 10 or more cars and a good location for family outings with walking trails and a nicely maintained park.
The paddle to River Park is 3 miles long and for experienced paddlers. You'll encounter 2 islands on this stretch. Approach the second island slowly. The quickest route is on the left, but it is narrow and can get blocked with trees. The right side can be shallow. Below this island, after a straight-away, beware of a sharp right turn where the current can range from mild to strong, pushing you to river left. This area has strong eddies and a number of bends. The current begins to slow as you pass under the bridge downstream.
The current begins to slow as you pass under the Columbia Rte. 66 bridge, and if conditions allow, continue 6 miles further to Eagleville. High water or after rain. Paddle up 1 mile to 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 - River Park to Eagleville Lake, Mansfield
Plains Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
thelastgreenvalley.org, willimanticriver.org
10+ spaces and a nicely landscaped circular drive for easy access unloading boats near the launch. River Park in Mansfield is just upstream of the point where the river becomes an impoundment behind Eagleville Dam. Access for car-top carriers is excellent; the concrete ramp is smooth and wide and the gradual slope to the water's edge makes getting in and out of boats easy. This is the best launch site on the river for novice paddlers and those unfamiliar with paddling in current. The spacious and well-groomed launch site, plus the adjacent playing field, makes it an ideal site for outings with kids. Paddling upstream you will encounter some current, but it's worth the extra effort to explore in this direction until the current gets the best of you. Since the river becomes an impoundment downstream of the launch, this is a good place for a loop trip with no worries about current; just be aware of wind on the lake. 1.4 miles one way to Eagleville Lake. To portage Eagleville Dam, take out on river left. Parking and a take-out also available river right. No fee.

Willimantic River NRT - Eagleville Lake to Willimantic
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.
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Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518

508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil

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**Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm**

227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), Sterling, CT 06354

860-564-0248 • info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com

ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com

Ekonk Hill Road is a beautiful ride any time of year. Stop in to Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, get a treat from the bakery, or some ice cream, and enjoy the views.

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91 Valley St., Willimantic, CT 06266

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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 06259
860-928-4948
ctaudubon.org/center-at-pomfret
Take a seat in the grass or bring a blanket or lawn chair as you look out over meadows, up at endless skies and to the forests beyond. Bring your bird book, because you might see something new! No fees.

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

James L. Goodwin State Forest
23 Potter Rd., (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
The pavilion sits beside & overlooking Pine Acres Lake, seats 50 and is available 1stcome/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 scenic quality of the cascading waterfall is unparalleled and just a mile upstream on the Yantic or from the land. A footbridge over the river (accessible via Heritage Riverfront Trail) offers a quite different look of the falls and cove below. No fee.

Old Furnace State Park
So. Frontage Rd./Ross Rd. (off Rte. 6)
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
Gently sloping trail through pine forest steepens at the end. Efforts are rewarded with panoramic views from rocky outcrops 200’ above the valley. You’ll see Half Hill Pond (aka Upper Ross Pond) & unobscured views across eastern CT into RI. A lush mix of tree cover surrounds & adds “wow factor” each fall. No fee.

Pachaug State Forest
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Scenic vistas galore include the 441’ Mt. Misery Overlook, which is the highest point in the vicinity, giving a fine view of Pachaug Forest and Voluntown. The overlook is accessible by trail or car (600’ from parking area.) Some fees.

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

Roseland Lake – Roseland Park
205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-963-9557 • Roselandpark.org
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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.

West Thompson Lake
449 Reardon Rd., N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-2982 • nae.usace.army.mil
The natural setting surrounding West Thompson Lake is enjoyable year-round, offering pleasing & panoramic views from the dam for sightseers, artists and photographers — different in each season. Some fees.

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.

Wolf Rock Nature Preserve – Joshua's Trust
Crane Hill Rd., Mansfield, CT 06268
860-429-9023 • joshuastrust.org
One of Mansfield’s most spectacular landmarks, a 6-foot diameter glacial boulder sits atop a sheer 40-foot cliff. Wolves may have inhabited the area when the town was settled, but by the turn of this century this location became a great place for a see from the top of the ledge you can see the Sawmill Brook Valley below and fields on Crane Hill Road. No fee.
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860-859-5100 • concentra.com
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**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
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Skate Parks

Get a new skate of mind! Skate boarding is hard to resist but requires practice! You can become a “ripper” if you keep at it. 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 breathe - and skate. No fee.

Griswold’s Jewett City Skate Park
Wilson St. & Hill St., Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-7060 • griswold-ct.org
Skate enthusiasts will definitely be on a roll in this park. There are no fees, but a park pass is required. 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.

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

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

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

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

Southbridge BMX/Skate Park
Joe Capillo Park
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ci.southbridge.ma.us/recreation
This active park has multiple quarter pipes, a fun box, pyramid, half pipe and concrete urban features. Open 7am - dusk. Contact Southbridge Recreation, 508-764-6459 for more information. No fee.

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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 118 for numbered map.

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Explore! State & Federal Parks & Forests

LEGEND

Highway
Scenic Drive
Route 169 National Scenic Byway

Numbered squares indicate the various State & Federal Forests & Parks in The Last Green Valley. A complete chart listing is on page 114 and full descriptions of each location start on page 120.
Explore! OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

State & Federal Parks & Forests Descriptions

CT State Park Season Passes are available. CT also offers free passes for ages 65 & up, as well as for Disabled Veterans. ct.gov/deep, search Charter Oak Pass

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, search Senior Mass Parks Pass

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 shindigs. 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-skimming, 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 State Park
Bassetts 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. 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
Walpo 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.

Mooseden State Park
Old Rte. 2 to Camp Mooseden 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 Piffershore 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
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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From competition-ready swimming pools to nature's scenic swimming holes, The Last Green Valley is home to wonderful swimming and scuba diving opportunities. Since many locations are ponds, lakes, and streams, be sure to contact the location before making a trek as weather and rainfall can greatly affect the availability of summer swimming! Take lessons and learn to swim for great exercise!

SWIMMING/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. & Charlot St.), Charlton, MA 01507
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
The park has a 300 foot long beach with an enclosed swimming area for safety. People over age 12 pay minimal fee for using the beach. Swimming, wading, scuba diving at your own risk. Some fees.

**East Brimfield Lake/Streeter Beach**
6 Streeter Point Ave., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9316 • mass.gov
Swimming is available some years at Streeter Beach. The fee area is operated by the MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. Some fees.

**East Brookfield Town Beach - Lake Lashaway Beach**
Rte. 9, East Brookfield, MA 01515
508-867-3832 • eastbrookfieldma.us
The East Brookfield Parks and Recreation Committee maintains, along with the help from North Brookfield, the Town Beach at Lake Lashaway. The beach opens in late June and closes for the year after Labor Day. Check website for details and fees.

**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.
Fronted by a narrow strip of beach that includes an 80-foot by 40-foot roped-off swimming area is a shaded tent near a portable bathroom. Open to residents of Killingly. Call Killingly Parks and Recreation Department for details. No fee.

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

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

**Mashamoquet Brook State Park**
147 Wolf Den Dr., (Rte. 44)
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-6121 • ct.gov/deep
The dammed brook in this park provides a small child-friendly swimming area. Depending on rainfall amounts as summer progresses, swimming is not always possible. Some fees.

**Mohegan Park/Spaulding Pond**
Park Center Rd/Mohegan Park Rd.
Norwich, CT 06360
860-823-3798 • norwichct.org
Swimming is allowed in designated areas only in Spaulding Pond. To help keep the waters clean, please do not feed the ducks & geese that like to visit. Lakeside Pavilion can be rented for events. Some fees.

**Owen Bell Splash Pad**
Town Farm Rd. (off Rte. 101), Dayville, CT 06241
860-779-5390 • killingly.org
Killingly Parks and Recreation offers great relief from the heat and fun for the kids in the splash pad. Contact them for hours of operation. No fee.

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

**Plainfield Town Pool**
Town Hall basement, 8 Community Ave.
Plainfield, CT 06034
860-564-1819 • plainfieldct.org
Membership required for both residents and non-residents and available at the Plainfield Recreation Department. Lessons, life guard training, fitness classes, adult swim and more are available. Some fees.

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

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

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

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

**SCUBA DIVING:**

**Bigelow Hollow State Park**
Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
A rare spot to scuba dive in The Last Green Valley, Bigelow Hollow has 3 popular ponds ranging from 18 acres to 300 acres. Rock formations are great for an 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
The park has a 300 foot long beach with an enclosed swimming area for safety. People over age 12 pay minimal fee for using the beach. Swimming, wading, scuba diving at your own risk. Some fees.

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

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

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

**Hopeville Pond State Park**
929 Hopeville Rd., (Rtes. 201 & 395)
Griswold, CT 06351
860-376-4089 • Voluntown.org
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.

**Hygeia Reservoir**
Off Valley Rd. (off Rte. 101), Killingly, CT 06239
860-779-5390 • killingly.org
The town-owned Hygeia Reservoir had been closed most recent years, but the summer of 2015 saw a revival of this swimming hole as a swim-at-your-risk swimming area, meaning there is no lifeguard on duty. The 80-foot by 40-foot roped-off swimming area is fronted by a narrow strip of beach that includes...
Modern day explorers need a place to reenergize, relax and socialize. From one end of The Last Green Valley to the other, these locations will tantalize your taste buds. Visit them or let the incredible caterers bring the meals to you. Experience a full belly, a renewed spirit, and a desire for more than a second helping!

**Tastes & Sips**

**85 Main**
85 Main St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-1660 • Fax: 860-928-3174
ask@85main.com • 85main.com

**Artique ~ a Family Arts Studio & Paint Bar**
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located in The Complex Performing & Creative Arts Center
135 Main St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-933-2221 • artiqueputnam@gmail.com
artiqueputnam.com

**Bella’s Bistro**
75 Main St., Suite 1, Putnam, CT 06260
860-928-7343 • bellasmarket@att.net
bellasbistromarket.com

**Dog Lane Café**
One Dog Lane, Storrs, CT 06268
860-429-4900 • Fax: 860-429-4906
ask@doglanecafe.com • doglanecafe.com

**Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm**
offering baked goods, ice cream, turkey & more
227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), Sterling, CT 06354
860-564-0248 • info@ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com
ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com

**The Farmer’s Cow Café & Creamery**
86 Storrs Rd. (Rte. 195), Mansfield, CT 06250
860-450-8408 • calfe@thefarmerscow.com
thefarmerscowcafe.com

The Farmer’s Cow Café & Creamery is a great, REAL LOCAL place for breakfast, lunch, dinner or quick snacks. The menu features ice cream, shakes, sundaes, freshly-made sandwiches, salads, soups, fresh coffee, and a full milk bar. The Café also features the full line of Farmer’s Cow products for sale.

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G-Seven Catering Company
139 Riverside Drive, Thompson, CT 06277
860-963-1010 • amy@g7catering.net
gseven07catering.com
We focus our energy on providing you with the most exceptional service, food, and price to ensure the very best experience possible. Customer care and service are the driving forces of our company success story, which began in 2004. Our passion to serve extraordinary food sets us apart from our competitors. We hold ourselves to a higher standard and our love of this business ensures that you will be pleased. We’re here for your Weddings, Outdoor BBQs, Corporate functions and a la carte needs.

George’s Galley
55 Main St. (Rte. 12), Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-7111 • georgesgalley.com
The Golden Lamb Buttery
499 Wolf Den Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-4423 • Fax: 860-774-5225
info@thegoldenlamb.com
thegoldenlamb.com
Heirloom Food Company
630 North Main St. (Rte. 12)
Danielson, CT 06239
860-779-3373 • eatheirloomfood@gmail.com
eatheirloomfood.com

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

The Mansion at Bald Hill
29 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-3456 • Fax: 860-974-1929
info@mansionatbaldhill.com
mansionatbaldhill.com

Marty’s of Dudley
119 West Main St. (Rte. 197), Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-0101 • martysofdudley@yahoo.com
martysofdudley.com
Marty’s of Dudley is a proud supporter of The Last Green Valley, with a mission of doing environmental good. To that end, Marty invites you to “cash in” on the automatic, indoor, no-limit, drive-through, on-site redemption center. Marty’s is family-owned and run. A full-service liquor store, specializing in fine wine with unrivaled knowledge & selection available, plus craft beer, cheap booze, and many unique local products. Enjoy a wide selection of Polish spirits!

Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village
1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd.
Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-3362
aconte@osv.org • osv.org

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

Taylor Brooke Winery
848 Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-1263 • linda@taylorbrookewinery.com
taylorbrookewinery.com
“Experience the Vintage of the Quiet Corner.” We produce 17 wines, including our signature Chocolate Essence and Wine Dog 1. Enjoy a glass of wine, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy next to the vineyard, browse our gift shop and check out our fine line of Connecticut specialty foods, including “CT Grown” artisan cheeses. We’re a stop along the CT Wine Trail, too! Hours: May-Dec.: Fri. 11 am - 6 pm; Sat. & Sun. 11 am - 5 pm; private tours by appointment.
Winter Activities

Invigorating! Brisk & fresh winter air is just that. There’s no need to be house-bound in The Last Green Valley during winter. Whether by land or water, there are wonderful opportunities to get outside and Explore all winter. (Sledding information is difficult to obtain due to a number of factors. If you offer a venue for sledding/tubing, please let us know!)

**LAND/TRAILS**
(snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and sledding)

You can often enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the same areas. Snowshoers can generally traverse most hiking trails. Both activities are usually allowed on all multi-use trails and roads in state parks and forests. Trails are not machine-set or groomed, and rescue services are not provided.

**Air Line State Park Trail**
Lebanon, Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Pomfret, Putnam, Thompson, CT
860-295-9523 • ct.gov/deep
The Air Line Trail is a flat, linear, long trail, outstanding for easy cross-country ski or snowshoe fun. No motorized vehicles allowed (including snowmobiles). See website for parking info. No fee.

**The Beeches Recreation Park**
Senexet Village Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-6595
woodstockconservation.org
Entrance to trail is near the basketball court on the west side of the soccer field.
Loop trail is about 0.87 miles, flat or gently sloping except for 2 sections with slight grade.
Wraps around a residential development, a shady walk with pretty views of Little River. Good for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing if there is snow. No fee.

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

**Brooklyn Elementary School**
119 Gorman Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
Get in some sledding when school is cancelled or on winter weekends when no other events are taking place at the school. Be safe and respectful of this public property. No fee.

**Chase Reservoir**
85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT 06243
860-774-5310 • 860-234-0196
killinglyconservation.org, killingly.org
Choose either a 3.5 or 5 mile woodland trail through varied 285 acres with heavily wooded forests, historic foundations & wildlife habitat for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. No horses or motorized vehicles. No fee.

**Hampton Elementary School**
380 Main St., Hampton, CT 06247
Sledding is great fun when school is cancelled or on winter weekends when no other events are taking place at the school. No snow? Roll down the hill! Be safe and respectful of this public property. No fee.

**Hodges Village Dam**
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
Over 20 miles of trails for year-round use include cross-country skiing & snowshoeing for beating the winter blues. Off-road vehicle trails allow snowmobiles. No fee.

**James L. Goodwin State Forest**
23 Potter Rd. (off Rte. 6), Hampton, CT 06247
860-455-9534 • ct.gov/deep
Easy variety of 10 miles of wooded trails as well as views of Pine Acres Lake make for great snowshoeing & cross-country skiing. Open year round. No fee.

**King St. Hill**
King St., Putnam, CT 06260
860-963-6800 • putnamct.us
Street parking only.
King St. is a short residential street off of Grove Street in Putnam with a nice town-owned sledding hill that has been frequented by local sledgers 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**
Bassets Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
There are several easy trails available for snowshoeing & cross-country skiing, some with spectacular views of Mansfield Hollow Lake. No fee.

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

**Natchaug State Forest**
66 Pilfershire 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.

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

**Bigelow Hollow State Park/ Nipmuck State Forest**
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.

**Nathan Hale State Forest**
off Case Rd., Coventry, CT 06238
860-424-3200 • 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.

**Nipmuck State Forest**
66 Pilfershire Rd. (Rte. 198), Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
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Pachaug State Forest
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075 • ct.gov/deep
Explore many miles of roads & trails on snowshoes or cross-country skis for a chance to view CT’s largest state forest in the winter. The snowmobile trail utilizes unpaved forest roads & trails. Dog sled mushing competitions held here, too! Some fees.

Quinebaug Woods
Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA 01521
413-245-7108 • town.holland.ma.us
Parts of the moderate/short 1.1 mile loop trail are suitable for both snowshoeing and cross-country skiing if there is snow! Follow the Quinebaug River. Head up and over a steep hillside with rocky outcrops if conditions allow. Mixed open canopy along the tops 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 seasonal golf course; take care of the hills as if they were your own! No fee for sledding.

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

UConn Horsebarn Hill
Horsebarn Hill Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-2413
animalscience.uconn.edu; ecohusky.uconn.edu/development/parks.html
Climb up Horsebarn Hill for views of the UConn Storrs Campus & turn to view the forests in the other direction. Then hop on your sled and zoom down the hill! At your own risk, be mindful of the fencing at the bottom of the hill and any passing cars. No fee.

Wells State Park
159 Walker Pond Rd. (Rte. 49), Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257 • mass.gov
A popular 1,400-acre woodland park with over 10 miles of trails to enjoy all winter long on your snowshoes & cross-country skis. Carpenter’s Rock Trail offers a view! Some fees.

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

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

WATER/ICE (ice skating, ice fishing)

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

Claire Birtz Wildlife Sanctuary/Opacum Land Trust 📚
Tipton Rock Rd. (off Rte. 169)
Southbridge, MA 01550
508-347-9144
info@opacumlt.org • opacumlt.org
Park in small lot on road.
3 snowshoe trails available (0.64, 0.5 and 0.41 miles) along the shore of Morse Pond, plus ice skating. Enjoy stands of beech trees, hemlock, and mixed forest habitats, and old stone walls. No fee.

East Brimfield Lake
24 Riverview Ave. (off Rte. 20)
Fiskdale (Sturbridge), MA 01518
508-347-3705 • nae.usace.army.mil
Excellent ice fishing, featuring northern pike, pickerel, and bass. No fee.

Hodges Village Dam
30 Howarth Rd. (off Charlton Rd.)
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697 • nae.usace.army.mil
If you enjoy cold weather and winter sports, this is the spot for ice fishing at Augustette Pond. No fee.

Lake Lashaway
2000-2040 Roadway off of Harrington Ramp at north end of pond off of Harrington Rd., Rte. 117, with a seasonal skating pond, as well as amenities for all other seasons, too. No fee, but there is a pavilion available to rent for gatherings.

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

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

Mansfield Hollow State Park/Lake
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.

Norwich’s RoseGarden Ice Arena
641 New London Tpke., Norwich, CT 06360
860-892-2555 • Rosegardenicearena@gmail.com
rosegardenicearena.com
An indoor arena for skating all year long that offers public skating, freestyle skating, lessons for all skills and ages from tots to adults, pro shop, and of course hockey! A great place to host a party, too. Some fees.

Preston Community Park
13 Rte. 117, Preston, CT 06365
860-889-2482 • preston-ct.org
Located in Poquetanuck Village, Preston Community Park is situated between Lincoln Park Rd., Rtes. 2A and 117, with a seasonal skating pond, as well as amenities for all other seasons, too. No fee, but there is a pavilion available to rent for gatherings.

Quaddick State Park and Forest
818 Town Farm Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 • 860-424-3200 • ct.gov/deep
400+ acre reservoir in the park is a year-round water lover’s delight with ice fishing & skating to while away the winter months. Some fees.

Lake Siog Recreation Area/ Holland Pond
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back in time. Join the long list of folks who've Sturbridge floods the Town Common to take you recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us
Sturbridge, MA 01566 • 508-347-2041 contact the Recreation Department. No fee.

You can have an old-fashioned skating party
Rte. 97, Sprague, CT 06330

Sprague’s Pine Pond

200+ acre Roseland Lake 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.

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 197, join the long list of folks who've laced up here over the years. For information, contact the Recreation Department. No fee.

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

A 23-acre lake at this recreational area offers ice skating when safe for year round enjoyment. Some fees.

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

A 23-acre lake at this recreational area offers ice skating when safe for year round enjoyment. Some fees.

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

Lace up and glide along on the same ice as the frozen Huskies do. Public skating, lessons, skate sharpening & facility rental available. See website for full details. Some fees.

Webster Lake
Memorial Beach Dr., Webster, MA
508-389-6300 • mass.gov/eea
1,442 acres makes this the largest natural lake in southern New England, 45’ at deepest point. Room for tip-ups or jigs galore. Some fees.

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