

# Connecticut<sup>®</sup>

lighthouse point ★ new haven



blue-blazed hiking trails ★ 825 miles





ct wine trail ★ [ctwine.com](http://ctwine.com)



ct beer trail ★ [ctbeertrail.net](http://ctbeertrail.net)

## CONNECTICUT TRAILS

Just as Connecticut's hiking and biking trails help you explore the natural beauty of the state, there are other trails that can help you connect to experiences that will make your visit complete.



ct art trail ★ [artrail.org](http://artrail.org)



ct antiques trail ★ [ctvisit.com/antiquetrail](http://ctvisit.com/antiquetrail)

# The perfect blend of experiences in one perfectly located place.

Between New York City and Boston, there is a place where nature and culture live side by side. Where relaxation can be found just around the corner from exhilaration. And where legendary history is never far from contemporary style.

Whether you visit us for a week or make us your base for exploring New England, Connecticut is so much more than a single destination. Our attractions are close to one another, and our natural vistas are easily enjoyed, coastline to countryside.

From unique places to stay to charming vineyards to dynamic casinos and world-class shopping, come see why we say Connecticut offers New England's best blend of experiences.

The logo for the state of Connecticut, featuring the word 'Connecticut' in a white serif font with a small red and white flag icon to the right.

mark twain house ★ hartford

# BY LAND

History is alive and well in Connecticut, where you'll find grand houses that tell amazing stories, from the homes of great authors and artists to architectural wonders. From our unique vantage point on the New England shoreline, you'll discover our celebrated maritime legacy and our ongoing connection to life at sea.

### ▼ Yale University, New Haven

Home to art galleries, libraries and more, one of the world's leading schools can trace its history back before the American Revolution.



### ▲ Covered Bridge, West Cornwall

One of the last and most scenic covered bridges in Connecticut is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

### ▼ Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme

Part mansion, part art museum, this former artists' colony is considered the birthplace of American Impressionism.



mystic seaport ★ mystic

# BY SEA

### ▲ Mystic Seaport, Mystic

Explore living history with historic ships and a re-created 19th-century seafaring village at the Museum of America and the Sea.



### ▲ USS Nautilus, Groton

Experience what it was like to be a member of the crew aboard the first nuclear-powered submarine.



### ▲ Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk

See exhibits, marvel at a six-story IMAX® screen and discover the marine life of Long Island Sound. Or get even closer with a cruise aboard the R/V Spirit of the Sound.



### ▼ Mystic Aquarium, Mystic

Meet a penguin, touch a shark and get close to a whale at this hands-on aquarium.



### ◀ SoundWaters, Stamford

Enjoy an afternoon sail and learn about the environment of Long Island Sound aboard the SoundWaters, an 80-foot, three-masted schooner ship.



# NATURE

“The great outdoors” takes on a whole new meaning in Connecticut, where our rolling hills, rich forests and rugged coastline entice visitors to enjoy our natural beauty. Meanwhile, many of our favorite views can also be found indoors — in the studios, galleries and halls of our world-renowned art museums.



### ▲ Appalachian Trail, Litchfield Hills

The hiking highway meanders through the northwestern corner of Connecticut for 52 miles from South Kent to Salisbury.

### ▼ The Adventure Park at Storrs

Soar through five wooded acres of ziplines and aerial rope courses.



### ▲ Thimble Islands, Stony Creek

Paddle through the calm waters of Long Island Sound, exploring tiny islands and hidden coves.



# CULTURE

### ▲ Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven

The first college art museum in the United States is home to a large collection of modern and contemporary art from the 20th and early 21st centuries.



### ▲ New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain

This dramatic museum is home to more than 10,000 American works of art from 1740 to the present.



### ▼ Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford

America's oldest public art museum, the Atheneum currently holds over 50,000 works of art spanning 5,000 years.



### ▲ Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam

With stunning views of the Connecticut River, this Tony Award-winning theatre offers a uniquely historic but charmingly modern experience.



### ◀ Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket

More than a museum, this immersive, multimedia journey takes you back through time to learn about the land and its Native people.



# UNPLUG

From world-class hotels to the small-town charms of a historic inn, a room with a scenic waterfront view to an RV by a roaring campfire, Connecticut offers so many ways to relax and unwind — especially after experiencing one or more of our many uniquely Connecticut activities.



### ▲ Odetah Camping Resort, Bozrah

Camp in the Connecticut woods, close to historic sites, scenic drives, incredible hikes and endless fun.

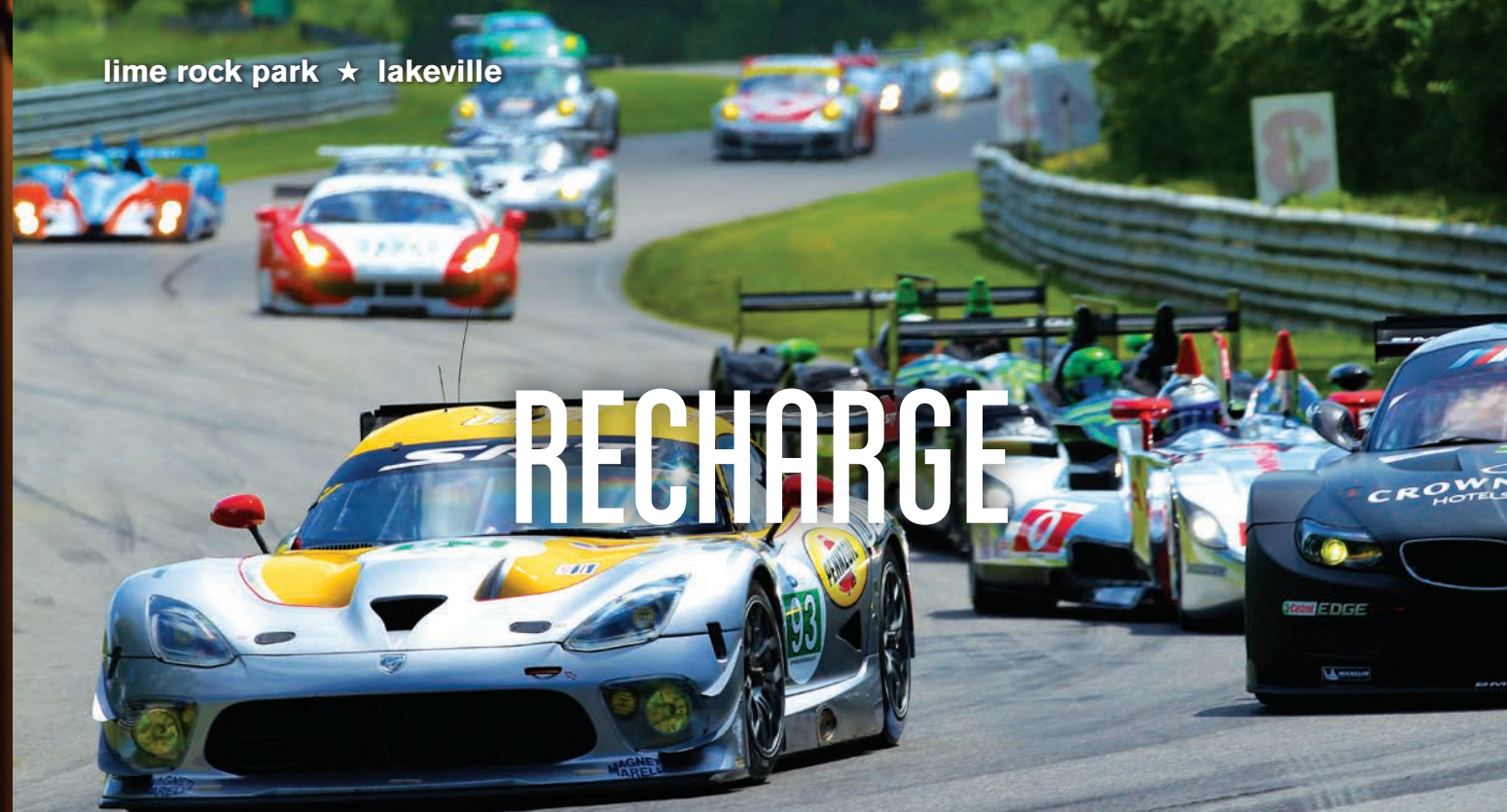
### ▼ Inn at Harbor Hill, Niantic

Experience waterfront lodging on the shoreline, close to the world-class excitement of Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort casinos.



### ▲ Madison Beach Hotel, Madison

Walk in the dunes at sunrise and savor freshly prepared, farm-to-table cuisine at this cozy beachfront hotel.



# RECHARGE

### ▲ Lime Rock Park, Lakeville

Rev up your engines for world-class road racing, car shows and auto festivals at this fan-friendly venue in the Litchfield Hills.



### ▲ Farmington River Tubing, New Hartford

Splash through white-water rapids in specially designed tubes on 2.5 miles of the scenic Farmington River.



### ▲ Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket

Come play with six casinos, AAA Four-Diamond hotels, gourmet restaurants, nightlife and shopping at the new Tanger Outlet Center.

### ▼ Essex Steam Train, Essex

Board vintage rail cars and cruise on a riverboat through the natural beauty of the Connecticut River Valley.



### ▲ Brownstone Exploration & Discovery Park, Portland

Get your thrills rock climbing, cliff jumping, snorkeling, ziplining and taking on "Survivor"-type obstacle courses, all in one unique adventure destination.



Drink in the best of Connecticut, whether you sip wines from award-winning vineyards or down a pint of beer in our breweries and craft brew pubs. Then, savor the taste of farm-to-table cuisine and devour traditional New England fare at our gourmet restaurants, seafood shacks, diners and dairies.



▲ **Two Roads Brewing Company, Stratford**

*Housed in a 100-year-old factory, this popular craft brewery offers tours, a tasting room and outdoor beer garden.*

▼ **Saltwater Farm Vineyard, Stonington**

*Visit a vineyard and winery bordered by tidal marshes, a cove and vistas of Long Island Sound.*



▲ **Dinners at the Farm, East Lyme**

*Spend an evening under the stars as you enjoy a multicourse meal made from ingredients freshly harvested at local farms.*

▲ **Millwright's, Simsbury**

*Built in a 17th-century sawmill, this award-winning restaurant is known for serving local, seasonally inspired New England cuisine.*



▲ **Louis Lunch, New Haven**

*Stop for lunch at this popular New Haven eatery, famously known as the birthplace of the American hamburger.*



▲ **Abbott's Lobster in the Rough, Noank**

*Dockside dining at its best, with classic New England seafood, such as lobster, steamers, clams and clam chowder.*



▼ **Pepe's Pizza, New Haven**

*Enjoy a slice at one of the oldest and most well-known pizzerias in the United States.*



▲ **Fresh Salt, Old Saybrook**

*From cocktails and appetizers to breakfast or lunch with a view, enjoy locally inspired cuisine where the Connecticut River meets Long Island Sound.*



# QUAINT



# CONTEMPORARY

In Fairfield County and the Litchfield Hills, from the Quiet Corner to the Mystic coast, you'll find small towns with big hearts, like Chester, Guilford, Essex and Kent, offering shopping, dining and culture to fill a day or a weekend. For a more modern twist, Connecticut's vibrant downtowns and eclectic museums have an appeal all their own.



### ▲ Silverman's Farm, Easton

Silverman's is one of many family-owned farms where you can pick your own apples, peaches, strawberries and other farm-fresh treats in season.

### ▼ Town Green, New Haven

In New Haven's historic Town Green neighborhood, you'll find places to shop, dine and discover the arts while exploring museums and other sites of interest.



### ▲ Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets, Clinton

Save 25% to 65% when you shop 70 outlet stores from the world's finest designer and name brands.

### ▲ Connecticut Science Center, Hartford

Spark your imagination at this dynamic and hands-on science center, filled with exhibits and fun for all ages.



### ▲ PEZ Visitors Center, Orange

Discover the history behind one of America's favorite pop culture icons, the PEZ candy dispenser, made right here in Connecticut.



### ▼ The Glass House, New Canaan

Stroll the grounds of this architectural marvel that's also home to 20th-century paintings and sculptures.



### ▲ Mohegan Sun, Uncasville

Three casinos, luxury hotel rooms, world-class dining and nightlife make this one of the most energized destinations in New England.



### ◀ Hotel Zero Degrees

Stay in an urban-chic boutique hotel in Stamford or Norwalk, conveniently located near major highways and just minutes from downtown areas.



## WHERE WE ARE

Connecticut is located at the heart of the Northeast region, halfway between New York City and Boston. And as the southernmost New England state, we are an easy drive from the larger Northeast cities.

## HOW TO GET HERE

If you travel by car or bus, highways are easy and plentiful. Trains are primarily along the shoreline, with some service between New Haven and Hartford. There are also ferries from Long Island to our ports, and Bradley International Airport in Hartford/Windsor Locks makes it easy to visit from Europe and beyond.



### BY TRAIN

Amtrak.com  
MTA.info/mnr



### BY PLANE

Closest airport:

- Bradley International Airport (BDL), Hartford/Windsor Locks, CT  
flybdl.org



### BY CAR

Find driving distances in km/minutes using the chart below.



### BY FERRY

(New London) longislandferry.com  
(Bridgeport) 88844ferry.com

	Stamford	Hartford	Mystic	New Haven	New London	Litchfield
New York, NY	64 km → 0:52	188 km → 2:09	215 km → 2:24	130 km → 1:36	202 km → 2:16	162 km → 2:15
Boston, MA	280 km → 2:48	163 km → 1:37	159 km → 1:41	219 km → 2:10	171 km → 1:46	212 km → 2:40
Albany, NY	248 km → 2:41	183 km → 1:48	269 km → 3:03	241 km → 2:31	254 km → 2:52	148 km → 1:59
Burlington, VT	501 km → 5:24	378 km → 3:56	472 km → 4:35	439 km → 4:24	451 km → 4:48	428 km → 4:41
Newport, RI	229 km → 2:51	140 km → 1:41	77 km → 0:58	163 km → 1:46	93 km → 1:07	229 km → 2:49
Philadelphia, PA	212 km → 2:36	336 km → 3:34	365 km → 4:27	280 km → 3:04	351 km → 4:16	312 km → 3:27
Portsmouth, NH	365 km → 4:07	248 km → 2:43	270 km → 2:46	304 km → 3:20	259 km → 2:52	291 km → 3:04
Portland, ME	446 km → 4:57	323 km → 3:05	352 km → 3:53	385 km → 3:47	338 km → 3:21	375 km → 4:14
Washington, DC	430 km → 4:27	550 km → 5:39	576 km → 6:50	491 km → 5:53	568 km → 5:50	520 km → 6:17
Montreal, Canada	602 km → 5:45	536 km → 5:50	621 km → 6:52	587 km → 5:41	607 km → 6:41	486 km → 5:24

Distances and driving times between Connecticut destinations and top Northeastern cities will vary.



Come see why you can do more in one visit to  
Connecticut than anywhere else in New England.

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