

Come and see our GREAT State!

Connecticut is the third smallest state by area, the 29th most populous, and the fourth most densely populated of the 50 United States. It is known as the "Constitution State", the "Nutmeg State", the "Provisions State", and the "Land of Steady Habits". It was influential in the development of the federal government of the United States. Much of southern and western Connecticut (along with the majority of the state's population) is part of the New York metropolitan area; three of Connecticut's eight counties are statistically included in the New York City combined statistical area, which is widely referred to as the Tri-State area. Connecticut's center of population is in Cheshire, New Haven County, which is also located within the Tri-State area.

The 1st Steel Mill in America opened in Simsbury, CT in 1728.

The "Hartford Courant" is the oldest newspaper in the country that is still being published.

It was established in 1764

Connecticut

The Scoville Memorial Library, founded by Richard Smith, in 1771, is the oldest public library in America.

The 1st nuclear submarine, "The Nautilus," was launched in Groton, CT in 1954.

George Smith, from Connecticut, was the proud owner of the 1st lollipop machine which he named after a famous racehorse in 1908.

Places to visit in Connecticut

- Mystic Seaport - Mystic Seaport is a recreation of an historical seaport village and a major nautical museum in the United States. The most prominent ships on display include the last antique whaling ship, and the Bark Charles W. Morgan (1841). Other historical ships featured are the Joseph Conrad, the Schooner L.A. Dunton and various steam vessels. The buildings on the grounds are not only the houses and stores of a small village, but also the sailmakers, ship builders and others who provisioned the ships of old. Several museums feature ship figureheads, the history of shipping, and ship models.

*Have lunch at the Daniel Patrick Inne (great pub food)
Address: 32 Water Street, Mystic, CT 06355*



- Yale University - Yale University has a long history which began, to some extent, in the 17th century, although the school was not actually in existence until the early 18th century. Visitors can take a tour of the campus and learn all about the institution. On the university campus are the Peabody Museum, the Art Gallery, the Reinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, whose principal treasure is a Gutenberg Bible, the Sterling Memorial Library, and the Center for British Art.

Address: 149 Elm Street
Official site: <http://www.yale.edu/>



*While you are in New Haven, don't miss Pepe's Pizzeria (go early, there will be a line waiting at the door).
Address: 157 Wooster Street, New Haven, CT 06511*

- Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University - The Peabody Museum of Natural History is one of the main highlights for visitors to Yale University. This comprehensive museum features a range of topics from dinosaurs and Egyptian mummies, to Native American Indian artifacts.

Address: 170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
Official site: <http://peabody.yale.edu/>



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- Mystic Aquarium & Institution for Exploration - Encounter ocean animals with a visit to the Mystic Aquarium. Experience Birds of the Outback, an interactive exhibit. Reach in and touch a ray, go beak to nose with a penguin, and get up close to a beluga whale. Some of the most popular animals here include beluga whales, Steller sea lions, African penguins, and blue tongued skinks. Other attractions include the XD Motion Theater Deep Sea 3D, and exhibits based on Dr. Robert Ballard's expeditions.

Address: 50 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355



- Gillette Castle State Park - Located on a 184 acre estate in East Haddam, the unique Gillette Castle is the 1919 home of William Hooker Gillette, known for being the actor who played the original Sherlock Holmes.

Address: 67 River Road, East Haddam

Official site: [http://www.ctrivervalley.com/4-](http://www.ctrivervalley.com/4-Connecticut-CT-in-of/Major-attractions-in-CT/gillette_castle_state_park/)

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- New England Air Museum - The New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks is spread throughout two large hangars, with more than 70 aircraft. On display are helicopters amphibious aircraft, jets, WWII aircraft, and others. Visitors can see science demonstrations and try out a flight simulator.

Address: 36 Perimeter Road, Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks

Official site: <http://www.neam.org/>



Places to visit in Connecticut

- Take a short ride from the Sheraton to Main Street, Old Wethersfield (where the CALS office is located). In 1634, Wethersfield was a mixture of timber, meadow, river and marsh. Native Americans - Wongunks - had lived here for centuries until discovered by John Oldham and small band of enterprising traders. These pioneers carved the first permanent settlement in what would later become Connecticut, one of the 13 original colonies. Today, visitors can re-discover our nation's heritage in an authentic, living, New England village, whose artifact-rich museums, historic homes, shops and places of interest are nestled among tree-lined streets. Wethersfield is a living and working community that also happens to be deeply devoted to preserving its authentic New England heritage, now nearly 375 years in the making. Amble about the largest Historic District in Connecticut and you'll find 50 houses built before the Revolutionary War; 100 built by the time of the Civil War; and another 150 built shortly thereafter. Each fascinating home captures the essence of the style in vogue at the time. *Stop in at Comstock Ferre & Co. (200 years old) and buy some heirloom seeds, have lunch and then take a short walk to the Main Street Creamery for an ice cream.*



- Connecticut Science Center - Explore 165+ hands-on activities and exhibits, a state-of-the-art 3D digital theater, plus daily programs and events.
Address: 250 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103



- Mark Twain House – The Mark Twain House and Museum in Hartford, Connecticut was the home of Samuel Langhorne Clemens and his family from 1874 to 1891. Designed by Edward Tuckerman Potter, the house was built in the American High Gothic style.
Address: 351 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105



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- Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center - The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center is a tribally owned complex that presents exhibits on the Native and natural history of southern New England. The indoor exhibits feature dioramas, text panels, interactive computer programs, and a series of films that highlight the evolution of Mashantucket Pequot life. Visitors will encounter a 16th-century coastal Pequot village, a glacial crevasse from 18,000 years ago, as well as life on a reservation from 1675 to the 1970s.

Address: 110 Pequot Trail

Official site:

<http://www.pequotmuseum.org/default.aspx>



Casinos – Foxwoods Resort Casino, 350 Trolley Line Blvd. Mashantucket, CT 06388
- Mohegan Sun Casino, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd, Uncasville, CT 06382

- The Florence Griswold Museum is an art museum at 96 Lyme Street in Old Lyme, Connecticut centered on the home of Florence Griswold, which was the center of the Old Lyme Art Colony, the main center of development of American Impressionism. 96 Lyme St, Old Lyme, CT 06371

Drive down the street and have a drink at the lovely Bee & Thistle Inn.

Then cross over the bridge to the Town of Old Saybrook, where you can shop at the Saybrook Country Barn, visit the Katherine Hepburn Cultural Art Center, and have lunch at Liv's, all on Main Street.



- Outlet Shopping – Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets – Coach, Ralph Lauren, Lindt Chocolates, etc.

Address: 20 Killingworth Turnpike, Clinton, CT 06413

- Tanger Outlet –Don't miss the Williams-Sonoma Store, it is awesome.

Address: 314 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook, CT 06498



The Borough of Stonington – One of the prettiest coastal towns in New England.

Visit the Old Lighthouse Museum. Shop in some of the charming antique shops on the main street. Have lunch at the Breakwater and stay overnight at the Inn in Stonington.

Address: Water Street, Stonington, CT 06378



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- Essex Center, CT – Stop in at some of the charming shops on North Main Street as you stroll down toward the Connecticut River Museum.

Be sure and have lunch or a cocktail at the Griswold Inn, 18th-century inn featuring colonial-style lodging, plus a classic American restaurant & tap room.

Address: 36 N Main Street, 860-767-1776



- If a lovely town with charming shops and great restaurants sounds appealing, take a 30 minute drive to West Hartford Center. Don't miss Blue Back Square while you are there.

Address: 65 Memorial Road, West Hartford 06107



- Take a ride on the Essex Steam Train, The Valley Railroad is a heritage railroad based in Connecticut on tracks of the Connecticut Valley Railroad which was founded in 1868. It operates the Essex Steam Train and the Essex Clipper Dinner Train.

Address: 1 Railroad Avenue, Essex 06426.

