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The Last Green Valley is a surprising place – an unexpected and beautiful green oasis in the midst of the most densely populated area of the country. At every turn its exceptional qualities are apparent – scenic vistas, historic landmarks, verdant and wild open spaces, and miles of hiking and water trails. As soon as you enter The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor you can feel the tension subside. The Last Green Valley is naturally inspiring. It is for those who yearn for the solace of endless green fields and forests. It is the place for hands-on experiences like kayaking, backpacking, pumpkin carving and apple picking. The Last Green Valley is where you will find a special, long-sought antique or that precious art piece. And it’s where dining experiences will create life-long memories. The region is a photographer’s dream, from panoramic views to wildlife close ups. Whatever your interest, find the inspiration to take it to another level here in The Last Green Valley.
MAJOR SEASONAL EVENTS

Please see our Calendar of Events that is updated regularly at www.thelastgreenvalley.org.

ONGOING

Year Round - First Friday Norwich in downtown Norwich, CT. Three galleries, 2 theaters, and 3 bars team up to make First Friday Norwich a fun event! Stop in at each of the galleries and get your punch card stamped to receive a 20% discount on a meal at the participating eateries. The Spirit of Broadway Theater produces bold, innovative theater productions in its 74-seat Black Box Theater. The Donald Oat Theater hosts musical acts monthly. Visit www.firstfridaynorwich.com for information about each month’s artists and events.

May through September - River Fires in Rotary Park, Putnam, CT. Fires are lit at dusk and burn for 1 1/2 - 2 hours as an eclectic mix of music from Gregorian chants to Andrea Boccelli is played by WINY-1350 AM and simulcast over speakers. Bring a picnic or purchase food from concessions. For dates and details, including weather postponement, call Putnam Parks & Rec. Dept., 860-963-6811 or visit www.discoverputnam.com.

May through September - Square Fair at Storrs Center, (Mansfield) CT. Held on the fourth Friday of each month, Square Fair is new for 2014. Stop by after work, meet friends for dinner, and then stroll through the artists’ and makers’ booths to find unique pieces of art! Call 860-429-3315 for information.

May through October - Third Thursday Celebration in downtown Willimantic, CT. Five stages along Main St. have continuous performances ranging from Rhythm & Blues to Latin jazz to folk rock to African drumming interspersed with performances by dance troupes, poets and puppeteers. Street performers and children’s events offer new adventures. Cultural diversity brings wonderful food
to the festival with vendors providing gastronomic delights from around the world. www.willimanticstreetfest.com.

SPRING

Late April – Annual All-American River Race, sponsored by the Sturbridge Lions Club. Travel from Sturbridge, MA, 4 mi. down the picturesque Quinebaug River through Class 2 rapids to Southbridge, MA. Registration fee. 508-347-9636.


Mid-May – Music in May at the Waldo Homestead, Waldo Rd., Scotland, CT. Bring your own picnic and enjoy a variety of music all day. Call 860-456-0081 for details.

Mother’s Day at Old Sturbridge Village, just off Rte. 20, Sturbridge, MA, offers a 19th-century perspective on motherhood, heirloom bulbs in bloom, baby farm animals, and 1/2-price admission for Mom. Admission. 800-SEE-1830 or www.osv.org.

Memorial Day ceremonies and parades throughout The Last Green Valley, including the Red, White & Blue Parade in Woodstock and the brief yet significant Little River Naval Ceremony held on the bridge in Hampton, CT, to honor those who have died on the water.

SUMMER


Mid-June - Colonial Encampment at the Hale Homestead, South St., Coventry, CT, features a twilight battle, Revolutionary War re-enactors, house tours and hands-on children’s activities. Admission. 860-742-6917.
Mid-June – Strawberry Festival at the Dudley Grange, 139 Center Rd., Dudley, MA, is held the third Thursday each June, serves homemade strawberry shortcake, includes a frog jumping contest (contestants must return the frogs to where they were found) and other traditional activities.

Late June - Coventry-Fest at Patriot’s Park, Coventry, CT, includes live bands, carnival rides, food, games, crafts, face-painting and more, culminating with fireworks. Free admission; parking charge. 860-742-4068.


Late August - Brooklyn Fair at the Fairgrounds, Rte. 169, Brooklyn, CT. The nation’s oldest continuously operating agricultural fair, it features 4 days of livestock exhibits, arts & crafts, children’s play land, carnival rides and more; no pets or alcoholic beverages allowed. Admission. www.brooklynfair.org.

Go Fourth! Independence Day celebrations scheduled throughout The Last Green Valley, including Willimantic, CT’s Annual Boom Box Parade, the largest of its kind in the world, and the East Woodstock, CT, Congregational Church July 4th Jamboree with a parade, chicken BBQ, hayrides, a cake walk, patriotic music, games, firemen’s water polo, food and craft booths.

FALL

Labor Day Weekend - Grand Old Woodstock Fair, at the Fairgrounds, Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT. Premier Connecticut agricultural fair features livestock exhibits, an antique corner, a midway, pulling contests, an agricultural museum barn, and entertainment; no pets or alcoholic beverages. Admission. 860-928-3246 or www.woodstockfair.com.


Mid-September - Artists in the Country outdoor juried art show with works by professional artists, painters, potters, jewelers, fine furniture makers and wood turners. Held rain or shine at 52 County Rd., Woodstock, CT. Admission; proceeds benefit children with autism.
Mid-September - Annual Civil War Encampment at Roseland Cottage, Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT, includes military drills, camp-life demonstrations, period cooking and clothing, music and weapon displays, and children’s activities. Encampment free; admission for museum tours. 860-928-4074.

Late September – Community Day, Riverside Park, Rte. 12, North Grosvenordale (Thompson), CT. All are invited to “celebrate unity in community.” Features activities, music, food and fun. Free.

Late September - Celebrating Agriculture at the Woodstock Fairgrounds, Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT, showcases agriculture in The Last Green Valley through a day of old-fashioned family fun, children's games, live animal exhibits and shows, a farm tour, forestry demos, farmers market, and more. Held rain or shine; free admission. 860-774-8397.

Late September - Annual Antiques Show on the historic Town Green in Lebanon, CT. Up to 100 quality New England dealers display a variety of antiques from Early American furniture to small collectibles. Held rain or shine; free admission and parking. 860-642-6579 or e-mail museum@HistoryofLebanon.org.

October – November – The Last Green Valley’s Walktober: Explore the historical, cultural and natural treasures in the 35 towns of The Last Green Valley on any of 100+ free, guided walks, paddles, bike rides, and many special events; times vary; held rain or shine. Complete schedule available in August at www.thelastgreenvalley.org.


Saturday of Columbus Day Weekend – Annual FACES at FAHS (Fine Art & Craft Exhibit & Sale at the Finnish American Heritage Society), Finnish Hall, Rte. 169, Canterbury, CT. Features works in many media. Demonstrations in lampwork beads, spinning, weaving, and woodcarving. Music; refreshments available; handicapped accessible; free admission. Email FACESatFAHS@gmail.com for information.
Sunday of Columbus Day Weekend -
Annual Scotland Highland Festival
at Waldo Homestead in Scotland, CT,
hosts competitions in highland dancing,
piping, drumming, amateur athletics, a
clan village, Celtic music, food specialties,
a sheep dog demonstration, and
Highland cattle. Admission; held rain or

Mid-October - Annual Festival of
Fine Arts & Crafts at Roseland Cottage,
Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT. One of New
England’s leading shows with 175
exhibitors and their wares, live music,
food, and first-floor tours of the museum.
Held rain or shine; no dogs, please.
Admission. 860-928-4074.

Late October – Annual Fall Festival,
4th Saturday in Canterbury, CT. Follow the
map of fun, scary and unique scarecrows
throughout the cozy town. Discover
family-oriented walks, open farms and
business expo. For more information, visit

Day after Thanksgiving - Illumination
of City Hall, a spectacular c. 1870 historic
structure, 100 Broadway, Norwich, CT,
features a visit from Santa and carol
singing. Other Winter Festival events
take place throughout December.
Call 860-892-1813 for details.

The Last Green Valley’s
Walktober
Naturally inspiring!

COME EXPLORE THE LAST GREEN VALLEY

With more than 100 FREE, guided walks, bikes, and
paddles, and over 50 regional events, visitors and
residents alike will enjoy exploring the natural, historical
and cultural treasures of the The Last Green Valley in
northeastern CT and south central MA during the entire
month of October and beyond!

For more information call toll-free 1 (866) 363-7226
or visit www.thelastgreenvalley.org

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Thanksgiving Weekend - Annual Holiday Dazzle Light Parade in downtown Putnam, CT. Festive holiday parade with more than 120 brilliantly lit floats to celebrate the community spirit of the season. www.winyradio.com.

Thanksgiving Weekend and the following weekend - Annual Fall Artists Open Studios of Northeast CT. Enjoy locally created art and visit with more than 80 artists. Free admission. www.AOSCT.org.

WINTER

First weekend in December - Annual Winterfest Parade through downtown Norwich, CT. 860-887-3289.

First Sunday in December - Christmas in Coventry Village on Main St. in Coventry, CT, includes horse-drawn wagon rides, Santa visits and photos, a carol-sing, farmer’s market, traveling musicians, shopping, exhibitions, and games for children.


January – Mushing Events at Pachaug State Forest in Voluntown, CT. Bring a lunch or cook-out supplies and watch the dog sled races. Find the race schedule at www.cvshc.com.

Throughout January and February – Ice Skating on the Common at Old Sturbridge Village, just off Rte. 20, Sturbridge, MA. Bring your own skates. Admission. 800-SEE-1830 or www.osv.org.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Old Sturbridge Village, just off Rte. 20, Sturbridge, MA. Visit with 19th-century characters who played significant roles in the abolitionist movement. Admission. 800-SEE-1830 or www.osv.org.

Mid-February – Mid-March – The Last Green Valley’s Green Lights, throughout the 35 towns of the National Heritage Corridor, is an invigorating way to chase away the winter doldrums! Tour the region to see simple to elaborate displays of green lights by residents, communities and businesses in honor of The Last Green Valley that remains 78% forest and farmland. Look for “Green Light Specials” at local restaurants and shops, like green plate specials, greentinis and more.

Mid-February – Chocolate Festival in downtown Willimantic, CT. Local businesses will open their doors with free chocolate samples, menu specials, chocolate soda and beer.

Mid-February – Fire and Ice Festival, downtown Putnam, CT. Live ice-carving demonstrations, ice sculptures, horse and carriage rides. Downtown Putnam is aglow with luminaries and twinkling lights. Come down and enjoy many shopping and dining options.

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Presidents Day at Old Sturbridge Village, just off Rte. 20, Sturbridge, MA, offers 19th-century festivities in honor of George Washington. Visitors named George or Martha are admitted free. Admission. 800-SEE-1830 or www.osv.org.

February - March - Annual Connecticut Artists Juried Exhibition – Paintings, sculpture, photography, print and mixed media at Slater Memorial Museum, 108 Crescent St., Norwich, CT. 860-887-2506.
VISIT OUR TOWNS

The Last Green Valley is part of two states, all or part of five counties, and includes 35 towns. Each town has unique qualities and interesting stories. Here are just a few –

**Ashford, CT (1714)** is the site of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang Camp created by Paul Newman. It is also the home of Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton, who commanded the first unit of select men as spies in the American Revolution, known as Knowlton’s Rangers. The Ashford Green is 10 partially-wooded acres established in 1718.

**Brimfield, MA (1731)** provides access to the Quinebaug River Canoe Trail, a National Recreation Trail. It was also the home of William Eaton (1764-1811), U.S. Consul at Tunis, involved in one of the first military actions in the Muslim world and the 1st recorded land battle on foreign soil.

**Brooklyn, CT (1786)** was a hub for social activists in the 19th century, including Celia Burleigh (children’s causes), Samuel May and George Benson (abolitionists). Brooklyn Fair is the oldest continuously operating agricultural fair in the country.

**Canterbury, CT (1703)** hosts an Annual Fall Festival each October. It has 6 listings on the National Register of Historic Places: Canterbury Center Historic District, Captain John Clark House, Jonathan Wheeler House, Rochambeau Army Route, Prudence Crandall House, and the Westminster Congregational Church.

**Chaplin, CT (1822)** has several popular campgrounds along the Natchaug River that have welcomed visitors for decades, particularly for the start of fishing season. Silk, calfskin boots and paper were important early industrial products.
Charlton, MA (1755) includes the Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary, an 86-acre wildlife refuge with trails and exhibits. The Rider Tavern is an important structure from the Federal period which accommodated the Marquis de Lafayette and is owned by the Charlton Historical Society.

Coventry, CT (1711) hosts the Coventry Farmers’ Market, a destination for locally-produced food and value-added products. Creaser Park Nature Trail provides a 2-mile loop along the Skungamaug River where 40 species of birds have been sighted.

Dudley, MA (1731) provides access to the Quinebaug River Trail and Water Trail. Stevens Linen Works, founded by Henry Hale Stevens (1818-1901), was the first and only linen mill in the U.S. that contained all the processes for production under one roof.

East Brookfield, MA (1920) is the northern most town in The Last Green Valley. Lake Lashaway’s 293 acres lies half within the town, has 13 species of fish, and is a popular summer destination. Twenty-five percent of the town’s open space is for recreational purposes.

Eastford, CT (1847) holds Heritage Day each June which includes a vintage car show, pie eating contest, silent auction, crafts and food. It is a rural town with large tracts of forest and a traditional village center. The Benjamin Bosworth House is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Franklin, CT (1716) was originally the West Farms section of Norwich. It includes the home of Ashbel Woodward, a physician who served as a medic in the Civil War and authored a definitive history of the town. It is also the birthplace of Uriah Tracy (1755-1807), the first member of Congress to be buried in the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.
Griswold, CT (1815) has several villages. Pachaug was the first area settled around 1690 and originally part of Preston. Glasco was named for Isaac Glasko, who was a Native-American/African-American noted for tool making skills enhanced by his trip hammer.

Hampton, CT (1786) offers hikers and bikers one of the most scenic sections of the East Coast Greenway on the Air Line State Park Trail. Originally the town common was a median strip running between the front yards of facing houses but it was transected north to south by Rte. 97 in the early 20th century.

Holland, MA (1783) was home to Rev. Martin Lovering (1853-1941) who wrote the 749-page history of Holland and genealogies of more than 50 of the town’s families. The Quinebaug River flows north out of Lake Siog, also called Holland Pond, a year-round recreation area popular with ice fishermen.

Killingly, CT (1708) includes Old Furnace State Park, a scenic reserve with a 200-acre lake noted for excellent bass fishing. Among its National Register of Historic Places listings are the Daniel’s Village Archaeological Site, the Danielson Main St. Historic District and the Elliotville Lower Mill.

Lebanon, CT (1700) is the birthplace of Dr. William Beaumont (1785-1853), the Father of Gastric Physiology. The Wadsworth Stable, moved to its present site from Hartford, is the place where George Washington’s horse slept. The town green is one of the largest in New England and the last still in agricultural use.

Lisbon, CT (1786) boasts a Congregational Church built in 1858 by famous local cabinetmaker Ebenezer Tracy. The Andrew Clark House, Anshei Israel Synagogue, Lathrop-Mathewson-Ross House and John Palmer House are all listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mansfield, CT (1702) is the home of Wilbur Lucius Cross, governor of Connecticut from 1931-39. The Gurleyville Grist Mill is the only stone mill of its kind in Connecticut. The town has 19 separate villages and sections, including Storrs, the location of the University of Connecticut.

Norwich, CT (1659) was originally settled in the present Norwich town section, near the 30-foot rock outcropping known as Meetinghouse Rock. Juneteenth in early June celebrates African American history. City Hall is a beautiful Italianate historic building that is illuminated for the holidays.

Oxford, MA (1713) is the site of the Johnston Massacre in the 1690s when a father and his three children were killed by Native People in the first attempt to settle the town. Joslin Park is named in honor of Dr. Elliot Joslin, a pioneer in the treatment of diabetes. The French River, an important tributary of the Quinebaug River, runs through the town.
Picture Yourself in Norwich

The Leffingwell House Museum
348 Washington Street
leffingwellhousemuseum.org

The Faith Trumbull Daughters of the American Revolution Museum
42 Rockwell Street
faithtrumbulldar.org

Otis Library
261 Main Street
otislibrarynorwich.org

Slater Memorial Museum
108 Crescent Street
nfaschool.org

Uncas Leap Heritage Area
200 Yantic St

historic • hip • happening

NCDC
askncdc.com
77 Main St.
Norwich, CT
860-887-6964

Destination Downtown
historic • hip • happening
luvdowntown.com
Plainfield, CT (1699) includes the Moosup Valley State Park Trail which is part of the East Coast Greenway and offers scenic views of the Moosup River. It was the home of Dr. Elisha Perkins (1741-1799), a physician and inventor of metallic tractors that sparked a theory of treatment later named Perkinsian, debunked by the Connecticut Medical Society.

Pomfret, CT (1713) is the site of the Abington Meeting House (1751), the oldest in continuous use in the U.S. Rufus Malbone (1824-1884) was a freed slave and purveyor of produce who was buried with his horse Dolly at their farm near the Putnam border.

Preston, CT (1686) is an agricultural community and home to the largest grower of black currants in North America. It is also the birthplace of Captain George G. Benjamin (1814-n.d.), a successful sea captain and whaler who circumnavigated the globe 7 times.

Putnam, CT (1855) was originally known as Aspinock and incorporated from parts of the towns of Pomfret, Thompson and Killingly. Scenic Cargill Falls on the Quinebaug River has both a manmade dam and natural cascading falls. The Cady-Copp House is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Scotland, CT (1857) was founded by Isaac Magoon, named for his country of birth and is the site of the annual Scotland Highland Festival. The Rock Spring Wildlife Refuge has a 3-mile loop trail through glacial formations, a natural spring and interesting plant habitats.

Southbridge, MA (1816) was named All-American City in 1978-79 for the beautification of its central business district. Westville Lake is a 23-acre impoundment of the Quinebaug River popular for outdoor recreation. The town boasts the newest common in the National Heritage Corridor, created in 1996 with rose gardens and a view of the Quinebaug River.

Sprague, CT (1861) owns the Mukluk Preserve, one of the largest in southeastern Connecticut, with several miles of trails and beautiful hidden waterfalls on the Shetucket. The Sprague Historical Society museum is in a charming 155-year old grist mill on the bank of the Shetucket River.

Sterling, CT (1794) includes the villages of Sterling Hill, Oneco and Ekonk (the Native People’s word for “long hill”). The last leg of the Moosup Valley State Park Trail, part of the East Coast Greenway, connects to the trail system in Rhode Island. Both the Dorrance Inn and the Sterling Hill Historic District are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Sturbridge, MA (1738) was nicknamed the Crossroads of New England for its proximity to the intersection of major highways in southern New England. Purportedly, the source of the Quinebaug River begins in a swamp in town and flows south to Union and Holland. The Publick House Historic Inn has been in continuous business since 1771.

Thompson, CT (1785) is the birthplace of Ellen Larned (1825-1912), notable author and historian who wrote the 2-volume *History of Windham County*. The Thompson International Speedway has the highest banked racetrack in New England. The Hezekiah S. Ramsdell Farm is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Union, CT (1734) boasts the highest elevations in eastern Connecticut. It was the birthplace of Alonzo Horton, founder of San Diego, CA. Within the town lies Bigelow Hollow State Park and its 3 ponds (Bigelow, Mashapaug and Breakneck) with so many hiking trails that it is possible to chart a route of 14 miles without retracing steps.

Voluntown, CT (1721) was created by land grants to volunteers serving in the Pequot and Narragansett Wars. More than 70% of the town is state forest lands, including Pachaug State Forest that has large stretches of sand barrens, an unusual white cedar swamp, and a rare rhododendron sanctuary. Dog sled racing occurs each winter, with or without snow.

Webster, MA (1832) was founded by Samuel Slater, the father of American Manufacturers, who developed a factory system that included mills, housing, stores, churches and schools. The French River creates the border between Webster and Dudley. Both the Main Street Historic District and the Rock Castle School are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Windham, CT (1692) is home to the Eastern Connecticut State University, founded as the Willimantic State Normal School in 1889. It is also the birthplace of Dr. Samuel Lee (1773-1814), inventor of a patented medicine “Samuel Lee’s Genuine Windham Bilious Pills.”

Woodstock, CT (1686) has the most farms of any town in the National Heritage Corridor. It is the largest town in The Last Green Valley and the 2nd largest in Connecticut. Roseland Park Golf Course was begun in 1896 and is one of the oldest 9-hole courses in the country.
Honey is a natural sweetener made from the nectar of plants by honey bees. The sweetener is a carbohydrate compound with small amounts of enzymes, minerals, vitamins and amino acids. Its color and flavor depends on the bees’ source of nectar. The lighter the color, the milder the flavor and vice versa.

According to the National Honey Board, a hive of 60,000 bees may travel collectively 55,000 miles to gather nectar from two million flowers just to make one pound of honey. The bees’ journey from flower to flower is essential to the pollination of plants in the ecosystem. No wonder one often sees stacks of bee hives in orchards and gardens.

How do honey bees perform the miracle of transforming nectar to honey? Each bee returns to the hive and regurgitates the nectar into wax honeycombs where it is stored as food for the hive. That is the simple version of the much more complicated process that involves fanning the combs to regulate temperature and sealing each cell. The precious honey locked into its wax container will sustain the hive over the winter. Beekeepers encourage excess production so that the honey not needed by the colony may be harvested.

The sweetness of honey comes from the monosaccharides fructose and glucose. On the sweetness scale, honey equals that of granulated sugar, a disaccharide. Bakers particularly like honey as a sweetener because it is hygroscopic and makes the final baked goods moist.

Honey comes in several forms. Comb honey is in the original package – honey still in the honeycomb from the hive which is completely edible. Cut comb is packed as a liquid with chunks of honeycomb inside. Crystallized honey is liquid where some of the glucose content has crystalized. Whipped honey is crystalized but the crystallization is managed so that the honey will spread like butter at room temperature. Liquid honey is the form most people use. It is clear and completely free of crystals. It is extracted from the honeycomb by spinning, straining or gravitational draining. In the U.S., liquid honey is the form with the greatest sales.

Honey is sold based on two criteria: color or variety. There are over 300 unique varieties of honey in the country but most producers and retailers sell a blend of honeys called a varietal. One of the best known is Clover Honey.

The other criteria for classifying honey is color. Lighter colors have a delicate taste and are sweeter. A more robust flavor is found in the deeper hues. Color is more important to commercial users like bakers or beverage makers who purchase in large quantities, sometimes even in 55 gallon barrels. Cost is also a determining factoring in buying large amounts and generally a darker honey is less expensive as well as more flavorful. The color has no effect on the honey’s function as a hygroscopic in a baking formula.

There have been volumes written about the medicinal uses and health benefits of honey. Honey is an easily
digestible sweetener because it is a monosaccharide. Therefore, it has been a popular ingredient in folk medicines that are ingested, notably preparations for cough and throat maladies. Honey has also been used as a dressing for wounds, purportedly reducing scarring as the wound heals. It also acts as a germicide.

Sweeten your tea, or oatmeal, or freshly baked bread with honey. Be sure to read the label and make sure you know where your honey comes from. There’s nothing better than honey from The Last Green Valley.

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**Honey Butter**

*A simple but very special touch!*

Whip together 1 part honey with 4 parts butter. (Some healthy substitutes for butter have more moisture and the resulting product may melt more quickly.) Store in the fridge and use on breads, waffles, scones – anything! The whipping keeps the honey incorporated.

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**Citrus Honey Cakes**

*Great for breakfast, tea or dessert!*

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Beat together:
- 2/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 egg

In a separate bowl combine:
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 T. finely grated orange or lemon peel
- 2 t. baking powder
- ½ t. baking soda
- ½ t. salt

Add liquids and dry ingredients until just blended. Don’t over mix. Spoon into lined muffin tins (yield 36 mini muffins or 18 regular-sized muffins). Bake mini muffins for 8-10 minutes; bake regular-sized muffins 15 minutes or so. Test for doneness with toothpick. Cool on rack. Dust tops with powdered sugar.
TASTES AND SIPS OF THE LAST GREEN VALLEY

Enjoy a great snack, elegant dinner, or a glass of wine at one of the featured destinations in The Last Green Valley!

ASHFORD, CT

Westford Hill Distillers
196 Chatey Rd., Ashford, CT 06278
860-429-0464 • www.westfordhill.com
Email: info@westfordhill.com
When visiting The Last Green Valley, be sure to take home a bottle of nationally-recognized Westford Hill Distillers’ fine aged brandy, eau-de-vie or Rime Vodka. The award-winning, artisan-distilled brandies are produced from pure fruit grown locally. Sorry, no retail sales or tours at the facility but please ask for Westford Hill spirits at local wine shops and restaurants, and check the website for scheduled open houses.

BOZRAH, CT

Bozrah Farmers Market
45 Bozrah St., Rte. 163, Bozrah, CT 06334
860-889-2689 X5
www.bozrahfarmersmarket.org
Email: bozrahfm@aol.com
Held in beautiful Maples Farm Park, amidst the 2.4 miles of newly constructed hiking and biking trails, the Bozrah Farmers Market feels like a small town surprise. Highlights include: theme nights, music, special local guests and 35+ vendors selling Connecticut-grown food. Voted CT Favorite Market in 2013. Like us on Facebook!
Hours: Fri., 4–7 p.m., 4th of July weekend–Columbus Day weekend.
BROOKLYN, CT

Golden Lamb Buttery
499 Wolf Den Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-774-4423 • www.thegoldenlamb.com
Email: thegoldenlamb@charter.net
Located in a 150-year old barn on a 1,000 acre farm. Dinner reservations include a hayride with guitarist accompaniment, entertainment throughout the evening and a table that is yours until the candles burn down. Hours: Tues.-Sat., please check website for details.

DUDLEY, MA

Marty’s of Dudley
119 West Main St., rte. 197
Dudley, MA 01571
508-943-0101
Email: martysofdudley@yahoo.com
Marty’s of Dudley is a full service liquor store specializing in cheap booze, fine wine, craft beer and hard to find items. We also have the only in-store Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW), the largest selection of Polish items around and a no limit drive-through redemption center. Hours: Mon. – Sat., 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Sun., 12 – 10 p.m.

EASTFORD, CT

Frog Rock Café & Antique Shop
212 Rte. 44, Eastford, CT 06242
860-377-6025
Frog Rock is a legendary destination. Come experience our picnic-style lunch or dinner in a historic forest setting. We offer excellent food and ice cream. Best fried clams in CT! Also browse through our over-flowing antique shop. Hours: Seasonal. Apr.–Sept., Tues.–Sun., 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

KILLINGLY, CT

Deb’s Place
150 Main St., Rte. 12, Danielson, CT 06239
860-779-9797
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Danielson, CT 06239
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Owned since 1973 by Nick and Judy Haines, this is your Discount Package Store carrying all your favorite brands at the prices you will love: ales, beers, liquors, wines, imported and domestic beers, mixers, soda, ice and accessories. One-stop shopping. Monthly specials – sign up for our monthly newsletter by emailing us. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Danielson, CT 06239
860-779-3373
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**Pizza Pizzaz**
136 Main St., Rte. 12, Danielson, CT 06239
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Award-winning pizza and buffalo wings! Mouth-watering grilled chicken salads, homemade pastas, hearty subs, and soups. Selection of cheesecake, baklava, and homemade cookies. **Hours:** Mon.–Sat., 11 a.m.–9 p.m.; Sun., 12–8 p.m.

**MANSFIELD, CT**

**Dog Lane Café**
One Dog Lane, Storrs, CT 06268
860-429-4900 • www.doglanecafe.com
Email: ask@doglanecafe.com
Dog Lane Café is northeastern Connecticut’s newest European/American café, offering something for everyone from early morning to late at night. The menu and the daily specials emphasize seasonal, local and freshly-prepared food all made to order. Relax in our comfortable dining room or dine on one of the outdoor patios. Whether you are in a hurry or want to take some time and relax with friends, our style of service lets you set your own pace. **Hours:** Mon.–Thurs., 7 a.m.–10 p.m.; Fri., 7 a.m.–11 p.m. (kitchen closes at 10 p.m.); Sat., 8 a.m.–11 p.m. (kitchen closes at 10 p.m.); Sun., 8 a.m.–10 p.m.
The Farmer’s Cow Calfé & Creamery
86 Storrs Rd., Rte. 195, Mansfield, CT 06250
860-450-8408
www.TheFarmersCowCalfe.com
Email: calfe@thefarmerscow.com
The Farmer’s Cow Calfé & Creamery is a great, REAL LOCAL place for breakfast, lunch, dinner or quick snack. The menu features ice cream, shakes, sundaes, freshly-made sandwiches, salads, soups, fresh coffee, and a full milk bar. The Calfé also features the full line of Farmer’s Cow products for sale. Hours: Daily, 7 a.m.–9 p.m.

NORWICH, CT
Prime 82 Restaurant and Bar
181 West Town St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-949-8893
www.prime82restaurantbar.com
Our warm and rustic steakhouse offers excellent cuts of steak prepared to perfection, fresh caught seafood, and a bar and lounge featuring microbrews from around the country and wines from around the world. Located in Norwich, CT, since 2010, the great minds behind Prime 82 have over 20 years of experience in the restaurant business from New York to Connecticut. Hours: Mon.–Sat., 11 a.m.–12 a.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

PLAINFIELD/MOOSUP, CT
Pizza Pizzaz
24 Prospect St., Rte. 14, Moosup, CT 06354
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POMFRET, CT
Grill 37
37 Putnam Rd., Rte. 44, Pomfret, CT 06258
860-315-5640 • www.grill37.com
Grill 37 is a high-quality restaurant with expert service, exquisite food, and glorious wines to create the perfect place to host your wedding, shower, luncheon, family dinner or romantic dinner for two. It is set in a beautiful and historic country setting that is comfortable and welcoming to the diverse community of northeast Connecticut. Hours: Tues.–Thurs., 4–9 p.m.; Fri.–Sat., 4-10 p.m.; Sun. Brunch, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; Sun. Dinner, 3–8:30 p.m. Closed on Christmas.
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108 Wade Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-3549 • www.sharpehill.com
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Vanilla Bean Café
450 Deerfield Rd., Rte. 97
Pomfret, CT 06258
860-928-1562
www.thevanillabeancafe.com

PUTNAM, CT

85 Main
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860-928-1660 • www.85main.com
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Offering fresh, quality seafood, sushi, steaks, and creative dishes using fresh, locally-grown produce when in season. Served in an atmosphere one might expect to find in a “big” city. Featuring the area’s only Raw Bar and a late night menu. Hours: Daily, 11:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
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Email: bellasmarket@att.net  
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Hours: Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tues.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

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860-963-0074  
www.courthousebarandgrille.com  
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860-928-5118 • www.JessicaTuesdays.com
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860-928-6660
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Southbridge, MA 01500
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Sturbridge, MA 01566
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Hours: Sat. Lunch 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; Sun. Brunch, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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Willimantic, CT 06226
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WOODSTOCK, CT

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53 Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4977
Email: soleilandsunsbakery@yahoo.com
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860-974-1263
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BOZRAH, CT

Bozrah Farmers Market
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860-889-2689 X5
www.bozrahfarmersmarket.org
Email: bozrahfm@Aol.com
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Chaplin, CT 06235
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**PLAINFIELD/MOOSUP, CT**

**Alpaca Obsession**  
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Moosup, CT 06354 (Sterling)  
860-564-6960 or 860-230-1536 (cell)  
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Sterling, CT 06377
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Mashamoquet Brook State Park/Campground
1147 Wolf Den drive, off Rte. 101
Pomfret, CT 06259
860-928-6121
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or www.reserveamerica.com
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325238
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STURBRIDGE, MA

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371 Main St., Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-5056 • www.osv.org
Email: info@osv.org
Enjoy the historic ambiance of the 10-room circa 1789 Oliver Wight House, which is listed on the National Historic Register of Places, as well as the comfort and convenience of 29 modern lodging units, each with a private entrance. Special packages are available. Located adjacent to the museum. **Rooms:** 39

The **Publick House Historic Inn**
277 Main St., Rte. 131
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3313 • Toll-free: 800-PUBLICK
www.publickhouse.com
Email: lodging@publickhouse.com
We welcome you to the Publick House Historic Inn where delicious homemade food and comfortable lodging becomes your home away from home. Feast on our generous meals and enjoy the comfort of our Yankee hospitality. **Rooms:** 103

STERLING/ONECO, CT

**River Bend Campground**
41 Pond St., Rte. 14-A, Oneco, CT 06373
860-564-3440 • www.riverbendcamp.com
Email: riverbendfun@aol.com
A great place for family camping. The children love our mining adventure. With two playgrounds, a moonbounce and a train ride, they are sure to have fun. Lots to do for adults, too! Sand volleyball, horseshoes, canoeing on the Moosup River and so much more! **Sites:** 197
Wells State Park
Mountain Rd., Rte. 49
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257
Reservations: 1-877-422-6762 or
www.reserveamerica.com
www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/well.htm
Wells State Park encompasses 1,400 acres and offers hiking, fishing, boating, canoeing, horseback riding, mountain biking and swimming. Interpretive programs are available during the summer. Sites: 60

THOMPSON/ N. GROSVENORDALE, CT

The Cottage House
351 Rte. 193, Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3886
www.ltmcottagehouse.com
Email: mail@ltmcottagehouse.com
Located in picturesque northeast Connecticut with great access to the surrounding cities of Worcester, Providence and Hartford, this tranquil inn is an ideal setting for vacation accommodations, business overnights, or romantic getaways. Calming and comfortable, fresh and inviting, the Cottage House provides a refreshing retreat in a hassle-free environment. Rooms: 7

Lord Thompson Manor
Rte. 200, P.O. Box 428
Thompson, CT 06277
860-923-3886
www.lordthompsonmanor.com
Email: mail@lordthompsonmanor.com
Specializing in the “Weekend Wedding” concept, Lord Thompson Manor provides rehearsal dinners, spa treatments, receptions, after parties, brunches, and more as part of your unique and exclusive stay. Its central locale in northeast Connecticut is only 1 hour from Boston, Providence, and Hartford, and approximately 3 1/2 hours from Manhattan. Rooms: 6

West Thompson Lake Campground
RFD #1, 449 Reardon Rd.
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255
860-923-3121 (Campground office)
Reservations: 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov
West Thompson Lake Campground offers 24 campsites (11 basic sites, 11 premium sites with electrical and water hookups, and 2 lean-to shelters). Families will enjoy nature programs, hiking trails, children’s play area and horseshoe pit. A public boat ramp allows access to the 200-acre lake for boating and fishing. Sites: 24
VOLUNTOWN, CT

Circle C Campground
21 Bailey Pond Rd., Voluntown, CT 06384
860-564-4534
www.campcirclec.com
Email: circlec@comcast.net
A family-oriented campground. Open 3rd full weekend in April through Columbus Day. We have a swimming pond, most outdoor activities, dances, fishing, boat rentals, clean restrooms, laundry, and planned activities most weekends. Fun for all ages. We would love to have you. Please come give us a try. Pets welcome, too! Sites: 118

Pachaug State Forest
Dawley Pond, Dry Reservoir, Legend Wood, and Peg Miller Shelters
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
Permits: 860-295-9523
Backcountry camping zones offering primitive campsites with few facilities. Length of stay at any one location is limited to one night.

Pachaug State Forest
Frog Hollow Horse Camp/Campground
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075
Toll-Free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&Q=325070
Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Stream fishing and swimming nearby. Sites: 22

WOODSTOCK, CT

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

Inn at Woodstock Hill
94 Plaine Hill Rd., Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-0528 • www.woodstockhill.com
Email: innwood@gmail.com
Offering romance, warmth and sophistication in a picturesque country setting. The Inn features 21 uniquely and attractively decorated rooms, many with four-poster beds and fireplaces. Highly acclaimed restaurant offers exceptional cuisine, impeccable service and an unrivaled ambiance that will leave an everlasting memory. Rooms: 21
Air Line State Park Trail  
East Hampton, CT to Massachusetts border  
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNav_Gid=1650#air%20line  
Stretching from East Hampton to East Thompson, CT, and the Massachusetts border, the 50-mile Air Line State Park Trail is a mecca for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and horesback riding. The name refers to the Air Line, a Boston to New York railroad that began in 1873 and ran until 1955. Some sections are improved while others are more primitive; see the website for details.

Connecticut Forest & Park Association/Walk CT  
16 Meriden Rd., Rockfall, CT 06481  
860-346-2372  
www.walkct.org and www.ctwoodlands.org  
Email: info@ctwoodlands.org  
The Connecticut Forest & Park Association’s WalkCT program gives you a new way to get out and get moving. Our interactive website, www.walkct.org, features over 100 walking locations statewide as well as events like our free WalkCT Family Rambles. WalkCT makes walking so much fun you forget it’s good for you!

Wyndham Land Trust  
860-963-2090  
www.wyndhamlandtrust.org  
Email: info@wyndhamlandtrust.org  
The Wyndham Land Trust is working hard to protect land in the Quiet Corner of northeast Connecticut. The land trust was incorporated in April 1975 and the first parcel was protected in 1977. Today we have acquired 41 parcels in ten towns totaling almost 1,800 acres. An additional 700 acres are protected through conservation restrictions owned by the land trust.
Great Outdoors cont.

BRIMFIELD, MA

Brimfield State Forest
86 Dearth Hill Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010
413-267-9687
www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/brim.htm
Rolling, heavily forested land with over 20 miles of road and trails. Fishing, hiking, horseback riding trails, hunting (restrictions), mountain biking, and cross-country skiing.

BROOKFIELD, MA

White’s Landing
7 Fiskdale Rd., Rte. 148
Brookfield, MA 01506
508-867-5561
Whiteslanding@aol.com
www.whites-landing.com
White’s Landing is located along the historic Quaboag River on Rte. 148 in Brookfield, MA, offering canoe and kayak rentals. Tour this historic area by self-guided paddle or join us for a 1-hour river cruise. Enjoy this unique coastal plain setting offering rare birds, ancient plant life, and Native American meadows.

CHARLTON, MA

Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary
56 Capen Rd., Charlton, MA 01508
508-248-5516 • www.capenhill.org
Email: capenhill@charter.net
An 86-acre wildlife refuge and visitor’s center with live animal exhibits, a nature library, a gift shop and trails that are open from dawn until dusk. We offer a summer nature camp. Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; weekends, check website for hours or call.

EASTFORD, CT

Natchaug State Forest
66 Pilfershire Rd., Rte. 198
Eastford, CT 06242
860-928-6121 (Mashamoquet Office)
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
Backpack camping, cross-country skiing, fishing, hiking, historic site, horseback riding, horse camping, hunting, mountain biking, picnicking, snowmobiling, and letterboxing. Facilities include picnic tables and pit toilets.

GRISWOLD, CT

Hopeville Pond State Park
Rtes. 201 & 395, Griswold, CT 06351
Park Office: 860-376-2920
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325218&depNav_Gid=1650
Hopeville Pond is actually an impoundment of the Pachaug River. Its habitat is that of sand barrens, characterized by sandy soils that will not hold moisture and grasses, pitch pine and scrub oak. Because of the unique environment, birds represented here are not found elsewhere in Connecticut. Bicycling, boating, camping, field sports, hiking, picnicking, pond fishing, and swimming. Facilities include restrooms, a boat launch, and picnic tables.
HAMPTON, CT

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

James L. Goodwin State Forest
23 Potter Rd., off Rte. 6
Hampton, CT 06247
860-928-6121 (Mashamoquet Office)
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=437244&depNav_GID=1650
The forest includes the Goodwin Conservation Center, an interpretive museum explaining natural sciences and forestry. Several blue-blazed trails and the Air Line State Park Trail are accessed from this site. Bicycling, bird watching, boating, cross-country skiing, hiking, conservation education center, letterboxing, and youth group camping. Facilities include a boat launch, conservation education center, outhouses, and a picnic pavilion.

HOLLAND, MA

Lake Siog Recreation Area
Off Dug Hill Rd., Holland, MA
508-347-3705 • www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/ebl/eblhpmap.htm
Major recreation area featuring a swimming beach, picnic tables and grills, restrooms, ¾-mile nature trail, access to the Grand Trunk Trail, plus access to a National Recreation Canoe Trail from Holland Pond to E. Brimfield Lake. Fishing, hunting, and boat launches.
KILLINGLY/DANIELSON/DAYVILLE, CT

Bear Hill Property
312 Bear Hill Rd., East Killingly, CT
The Bear Hill property features a 3/4-mile woodland trail along Old Trolley Trail to the edge of Alvia Chase Reservoir.

Cat Hollow Park
25 Cat Hollow Rd. (off Dog Hill Rd.)
Dayville, CT 06241
Cat Hollow Park is a 1/2-mile paved walkway along the scenic Whetstone Brook. View dams that once provided water power for two mills. Enjoy specimen gardens and the picnic grove.

Chase Reservoir
85 Pratt Rd., East Killingly, CT
The Chase Reservoir features a 5-mile trail through town conservation land and Chase Reservoir property. Parking is available at 85 Pratt Road. Enjoy kayaking, canoeing, and fishing on Chase Reservoir.

Killingly Pond State Park
Pond Rd., off Rte. 101, Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNav_GID=1650#KillinglyPond
Killingly Pond is a 200-acre lake, the most eastern in the state. Bass fishing is good in the most acidic water in Connecticut. Boating, fishing and hiking.

Old Furnace State Park
South Frontage Rd., off Rte. 6
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=435384
A few archaeological remains remind visitors that this once was the site of a Revolutionary War foundry. Hiking, boating, fishing, and hunting.

Quinebaug Lake State Park
Shepard Hill Rd., off Rte.12
Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNav_GID=1650#QuinebaugLake
The beautiful clear water of Quinebaug Lake is stocked with trout but also contains large and small mouth bass, pickerel, black crappie, yellow perch and bullheads. Car-top boat ramp, fishing and boating (electric or paddle only).

Ross Pond State Park
Ross Rd., Killingly, CT 06239
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNav_GID=1650#RossPond
There is a boat ramp at the south end of Ross Pond which is stocked with trout. Boating, fishing, hiking, and hunting. Outhouses.

Sherman Memorial Forest
170 Breakneck Hill Rd, Dayville, CT
The Sherman Memorial Forest features a 3-mile woodland trail to an old stone foundation and well on land trust and town land.
LEBANON, CT

Mooween State Park
Old Rte. 2 to Camp Mooween Rd.
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNav_GID=1650#Mooween
The name “Mooween” means brown bear in Algonquin. Several points of interest on the trails include the remains of the former boys camp and the foundation and chimney stack of the 300-year-old Granny Austin Tavern. Boating, fishing, and hiking.

Pomeroy State Park
Rte. 289, Lebanon, CT 06249
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNav_GID=1650#Pomeroy
Undeveloped and unmarked, the site was once the estate of textile mogul Charles Pomeroy. The site includes 90 acres but parking is limited to the roadside. Hiking and hunting.

MANSFIELD/STORRS, CT

Mansfield Hollow Lake
141 Mansfield Hollow Rd.
Mansfield, CT 06250
860-923-2982 (West Thompson Office)
www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/mhl/mhlhome.htm
The U.S. Army Corps facility is operated by the State of Connecticut. See below for amenities.

Mansfield Hollow State Park
Bassett Bridge Rd., Mansfield, CT 06250
860-928-6121 (Mashamoquet Office)
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325236&depNav_GID=1650
The main feature is Lake Naubesatuck, the man-made impoundment of a flood control facility. It is normally 440 acres but can expand to 1,950 acres and hold over 700 million gallons of water. It is noted for its fishing. Boating, car-top boating, cross-country skiing, field sports, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and picnicking. Boat launch ramp, picnic tables and pit toilets.

MONTVILLE, CT

The Dinosaur Place at Nature’s Art Village
1650 Hartford-New London Turnpike, Rte. 85, Montville, CT 06370
860-443-4367
www.naturesartvillage.com
Nature’s Art Village is home to The Dinosaur Place where 40 life-sized dinosaurs await in a picturesque setting. Play in Monty’s Playground and A”Maze”asaurus or get wet in New England’s largest “Splashpad.” Nature’s Art Village is also home of The Shops and Discovery Depot, an indoor activity center. Hours: Check website for Discovery Depot & the Dinosaur Place. The Shops open daily, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Great Outdoors cont.

NORWICH, CT

Mohegan Park
Judd Rd., Norwich, CT 06360
860-866-4683
www.norwichct.org/content/39/default.aspx
Swimming, picnicking, children’s playground, rose garden, and walking paths.

OXFORD, MA

Buffumville Lake
Buffum Dam Rd., off Charlton Rd.
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697
www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/bvl/bvlhome.htm
Hiking, interpretive programs, 27-hole disc golf course, primitive camping, swimming, fishing, boating, hunting, letterboxing, and walking. Facilities include picnic shelters, tables and grills, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and a boat launch.

Hodges Village Dam
Howarth Rd., off Charlton Rd.
Oxford, MA 01540
508-248-5697
www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/hvd/hvdhome.htm
Enjoy hiking, fishing, hunting, ice fishing, canoeing, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, interpretive programs, and a disc golf course. Dirt bikes and snowmobiles are allowed on designated off-road vehicle trails.

PLAINFIELD/MOOSUP, CT

Quinebaug Valley Trout Hatchery
141 Trout Hatchery Rd.
Plainfield, CT 06332
860-564-7542
One of the largest hatcheries in the East, this facility produces 700,000 brook, brown and rainbow trout annually for recreational fishing. A glass wall allows visitors to see into the hatchery. Restricted fishing allowed. Hours: Daily, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
POMFRET, CT

Connecticut Audubon Society
Grassland Bird Conservation Center
218 Day Rd., Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-928-4948 • www.ctaudubon.org
This 702-acre nature sanctuary is a nationally-recognized important bird area and includes a large beaver pond, acres of grasslands, streams and a hemlock ravine. Over 10 miles of walking trails with interpretive signage. Environtmental programming year round. Hours: Daily, dawn to dusk.

Mashamoquet Brook State Park
147 Wolf Den Rd., Rte. 44
Pomfret, CT 06259
860-928-6121
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325238&depNav_GID=1650
The park is actually a merger of three state parks: Mashamoquet, Wolf Den and Saptree Run. Prominent geological features include: General Israel Putnam’s famous Wolf Den, Table Rock and Indian Chair, all accessed by the park’s trail system. Mashamoquet Brook is stocked with trout each spring. All sites are signed from Rte. 44. Camping, hiking, picnicking, stream fishing, swimming, and youth group camping. Bathrooms, picnic shelters and picnic tables.

Windham County 4-H Foundation, Inc.
326 Taft Pond Rd.
Pomfret Center, CT 06259
860-974-3379 • www.4hcampct.org
Situated on 257 acres, Windham Tolland 4-H Camp holds weekly summer sessions stressing outdoor activities; hi-low ropes, climbing wall, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, archery, sports, horseback riding, dance, drama, yoga, earth agents, nature. Contact registrar for information at 860-974-3379.

SCOTLAND, CT

Mohegan State Forest
Waldo Rd., off Rte. 97
Scotland, CT 06264
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNav_GID=1650#Mohegan
Mohegan State Forest is a beautiful woodland. Hiking, letterboxing, and hunting.

STORRS, CT

The Adventure Park at Storrs
2007 Storrs Rd., Rte. 195, Storrs, CT 06268
860-946-0606
www.storrsadventurepark.com
Email: info@storrsadventurepark.com
Aerial forest ropes park for ages 7 and up. Various courses for beginners through advanced. Fun for the whole family! Open 7 days a week in summer and weekends and holidays in spring/fall. Special rates available for large groups, birthdays and more. Come enjoy nature, challenge yourself and have fun!

STURBRIDGE, MA

East Brimfield Lake
24 Riverview Ave., off Rte. 20
Fiskdale, MA 01518
508-347-3705
www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/ebl/eblhome.htm
Hiking, hunting, swimming, picnicking, fishing, ice fishing, boating, water skiing, and canoeing on a segment of the Quinebaug River, a National Recreation Water Trail from Holland to East Brimfield Lake. Boat launches, picnic facilities, and restrooms.
Streeter Point Recreation Area
6 Streeter Point Ave.
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9316
www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/stpt.htm
The 400-acre area offers fishing, swimming, and picnicking. Boating access via the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramps on Rte. 20. Restrooms available.

Wells State Park
Rte. 49, 159 Walker Pond Rd.
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-9257
www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/well.htm
The 1,400-acre park is a significant destination for campers and hikers. During summer months, Wells State Park has an interpretive program that provides guided walks and hikes, recreational activities and evening campfire programs. Other activities include boating, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding trails, hunting (restrictions), mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and swimming (campground guests only). Restrooms available.

Westville Lake Recreation Area
24 Riverview Ave., Fiskdale, MA 01518
508-347-3705
www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/wvl/wvlhome.htm
Scenic park and trails around a 23-acre lake. Large picnic area and ball fields available. Great trail system includes a 2-mile loop around the lake and the ADA-accessible Grand Trunk Trail. Canoeing, fishing, cross-country skiing, bicycling, ice skating, horesback riding, and a boat launch available on the lake and the Quinebaug River.

THOMPSON/N. GROSVENORDALE, CT

Quaddick State Park and Forest
818 Town Farm Rd.
Thompson, CT 06277
860-928-6121 (Mashamoquet Office)
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325252&depNav_Gid=1650
A water-oriented park used by swimmers, fishermen, and boaters. Boating, field sports, freshwater fishing, ice skating, picnicking, swimming, hiking, letterboxing, youth group camping and hunting. Facilities include restrooms, picnic shelters and tables, changing houses and a boat launch.
Bass fishermen love this 200-acre lake created by impounding the Quinebaug River. The seasonal campground offers some sites with water and electricity. The 18-hole disc golf course is very popular. Hiking trails, boating, canoeing, restrooms with showers, and group picnic shelters are included in the amenities. Interpretive programs. Snowmobile use is permitted in winter.

UNION, CT

Bigelow Hollow State Park
Rte. 171, Union, CT 06076
860-684-3430 (Shenipsit Office)
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325174&depNav_GID=1650
Along with the Nipmuck State Forest, Bigelow Hollow comprises more than 9,000 acres, creating one of the largest unfragmented forest areas in Connecticut. Bigelow Pond, Mashapaug Pond and Breakneck Pond provide recreational spots; Mashapaug Pond is over 300 acres. Boating, cross-country skiing, hiking, hunting (forest only), picnicking, pond fishing, scuba diving, and snowmobiling. Facilities include boat launches, picnic tables, and pit toilets.

Pachaug State Forest
Rte. 49, Voluntown, CT 06384
860-376-4075
860-424-3200
Toll-free in CT: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325068&depNav_GID=1650
This is the largest state forest in Connecticut at 24,000 acres. The 26-acre rhododendron sanctuary is a state-designated Natural Area Preserve, blooming late in June to early July. Pachaug hosts dog sled races in the winter. Boating, backpack camping, camping, cross-country skiing, freshwater fishing, hiking, horseback riding, horse camping, hunting, letterboxing, motorcycling, mountain biking, picnicking, scenic vista, snowmobiling, and youth group camping. Boat launches, campgrounds, picnic tables, and pit toilets.
WILLIMANTIC/ WINDHAM, CT

Beaver Brook State Park
Back Rd., off Rte. 14
Windham, CT 06280
860-424-3200
Toll-free: 866-287-2757
www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=445284&depNavGid=1650#BeaverBrook
Beaver Brook is an undeveloped park with Bibbins Pond, also called Beaver Brook Pond, as its main feature. It is next to the Air Line State Park Trail.

Garden Bridge at Windham Mills
Main St., Rtes. 32 & 66
Parking at Windham Mills Heritage Park. A pedestrian bridge over the Willimantic River, this unusual structure features granite planters, flowers and trees. For information, call the Windham Town Hall 860-465-3000.

Frog Bridge, “Thread City Crossing”
Jct. Main St., Rtes. 32 & 66, and Church St.
Notable for its 11-foot tall bronze frogs sitting atop giant thread spools, the Frog Bridge connects Main St. to Pleasant St. For information, call the Windham Town Hall 860-465-3000.

VICTORIAN FOOTBRIDGE
Off Main St., opposite North St.
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. For information, call the Windham Town Hall 860-465-3000.

WOODSTOCK, CT

Palmer Arboretum
523 Scenic Rte. 169
Woodstock, CT 06281
860-974-2770
www.townofwoodstock.com
The Palmer Arboretum was founded in 1914 by Minnie Palmer Dean. She left the property in her will to the Town of Woodstock in 1925. Many of the trees date back to 1914-16, among them the huge purple beach and grove of cypress. It is a place for education, enjoyment and enlightenment.
Carpenter’s Rock Trail, Wells State Park, Sturbridge, MA
1.5-mile loop, easy. Wells State Park is nearly 1,500 acres of preserved land in the northern part of Sturbridge. Carpenter’s Rock is a scenic overlook, accessed by a trail mix of road and footpath. It is accessible year-round, including by cross-country skiing. In recent years, moose have been sighted in the park. Directions: Rte. 20 to Rte. 49 north. Take 3rd left at entrance sign. Park at headquarters. Information: Wells State Park, Rte. 49, Sturbridge, MA 508-347-9257

Green Falls Pond Trail, Pachaug State Forest, Voluntown, CT
Loop 2 miles, easy to moderate. The trail, beginning at either end of the camping and picnic area, has blue blazes with a red mark inside them. This trail goes around Green Falls Pond and down Green Falls Brook. Should you lose your bearings, follow the lake shore until you pick up the trail again or you arrive back at the camping area. Directions: From I-395 take exit 85 in Griswold; take Rte. 138 east through Voluntown Center; Rte. 49 and Rte. 165 join Rte. 138 for a time, but stay on Rte. 138; it is 8.5 mi. from I-395 to the entrance of the forest; the entrance to Green Falls section of Pachaug State Forest is on the right and marked by signs; after entering, take a dirt road through the forest for 2.5 mi. Information: Pachaug State Forest, Parks Division, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, P. O. Box 5, Voluntown, CT 06384

White Brook Sanctuary, Brooklyn Loop
0.8 mile, easy. White Brook Sanctuary skirts the edges of both a forested and sedge swamp, giving the hiker numerous opportunities to view wildlife and plant species from those habitats. The area is transected by White Brook and at one point follows along the top of a dike near a small pond. Trail starts at parking, comes out on Darby Road and back to parking. Directions: From Rte. 6 take Church St. north, left onto Darby Rd., less than 0.2 miles to parking on left and trail head. Information: Wolf Den Land Trust, P. O. Box 404, Brooklyn, CT 06234

Town Green, Lebanon Loop
2 miles, easy. Lebanon, settled in the 1690s, is one of the most important towns of the American Revolution. The 1-mile long town green, one of the most authentically preserved in the state, is a National Register Historic District. General George Washington reviewed troops here on March 5, 1781. You’ll see over 30 historic buildings and sites, including the War Office where Washington and the Comte de Rochambeau, commander of the French troops in the American Revolution, met with Connecticut Governor Jonathan Trumbull, the only colonial governor to support the revolution. Directions: From Rte. 32 in Franklin, turn north on Rte. 87; go 7 mi. to Lebanon; Green is located at Junction of Rtes. 87 and 207. Parking is at the Lebanon Historical Society and Visitors Center. Information: Lebanon Historical Society and Visitors Center, 856 Trumbull Highway/Route 87, P.O. Box 151, Lebanon, CT 06249

GREAT HIKES & PEDALS

The Walk Guide (available on www.thelastgreenvalley.org) will help you explore more than 130 miles of our trails. The publication contains a sampling of the walks in all sorts of terrain, paved and unpaved, some very easy, some difficult. Each affords the walker a wonderful outdoor experience. Remember to bring a water bottle, take only pictures, leave only footprints and carry out any trash. Another valuable resource is the Connecticut Walk Book East published by the Connecticut Forest & Park Association, featuring 260 pages of detailed descriptions, facts and maps for hundreds of miles of maintained trails in the region (available from the TLGV Shop at www.thelastgreenvalley.org or by calling 860-774-3300).
BIKE LOOP 2 • Sterling Loop

BEGIN

Sterling Town Hall, parking available, view town marker.

MILES

0.0  jct. Rte. 14A & Newport Rd. in Oneco section of Sterling, head east on Rte. 14A
1.1  L  Gibson Hill Rd.
1.2  cross Rte. 14 to Gibson Hill Rd.
3.5  L  (just after bridge) to River Rd.
5.4  L  Main St.
6.5  R  (over bridge) to Rte. 14 quick L to Church St. (climb)
7.6  R  Ledge Hill Rd.
7.9  R  Rte. 14A
8.7  L  Rte. 49
9.6  jct. Rte. 49 & New Rd., stay on Rte. 49 - scenic road
11.9  L  Cedar Swamp Rd. (very hilly)
13.5  L  Porter Pond Rd.
14.0  BR Pine Hill Rd.
14.3  continue on Pine Hill Rd.
16.2  R  Rte. 14A
16.5  end jct. Rte. 14A & Newport Rd. in Sterling

HIGHLIGHTS
Sterling town marker
Quonduct Brook
Moosup River
Sterling Hill National Historic District
State designated scenic road - Rte. 49
Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm & Brown Cow Cafe
Farms, vistas, cemeteries
Pachaug Forest
Great Wall of Oneco

KEY

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L  =  Left
BR =  Bear Right
BL =  Bear Left
** =  Busy Road
○ =  Spoke
=  Direction of Ride

For additional routes, see our website: www.thelastgreenvalley.org.
BIKE LOOP 7 • Eastford/Ashford Loop

BEGIN
Ivy Glenn Memorial, parking available

MILES
0.0 jct. Old Colony Rd., Rte. 198 & Westford Rd. in Eastford head west on Westford Rd. After crossing Bigelow Brook, road turns into Eastford Rd. (very hilly and challenging)
5.9 L Boston Hollow Rd.
6.3 L Rte. 89 (**) 10.5 cross Rte. 44 (**) quick L Slade Rd. (uphill)
11.7 L Bebbington Rd.
12.1 R Kennerson Reservoir Rd.
12.7 straight across
15.5 L Rte. 198 N. (**)
18.6 R General Lyon Rd.
19.1 R Rte. 198 N. (**)
19.2 cross Rte. 44 (**) to Rte. 198 N.
21.1 end at jct. Rtes. 198, Old Colony Rd. & Westford Rd. in Eastford

HIGHLIGHTS
Ivy Glenn Memorial,
Eastford town marker
Yale Forest
Halls Pond
Natchaug State Park

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Link to Spoke F from Loop 7 to Loop 8 (Mansfield)
Link to Spoke E from Loop 7 to Loop 6 (Pomfret/Woodstock)
The Last Green Valley offers beautiful settings for a range of water recreation. Swim in clear spring-fed lakes and refreshing rivers; paddle flat water or quick water through quietly verdant woods; fish in crystalline streams stocked with trout and salmon, and ponds with native bass. Or just enjoy the music of a bubbling brook keeping you company along a hiking trail. In winter, enjoy ice fishing or ice skating in this picturesque rural New England countryside.

Today The Last Green Valley remains a mostly rural area and its rivers and streams are again its major natural asset. Once polluted from industrial waste, the waterways are now restored, with mesmerizing visual appeal and tremendous recreational value. Sections of the rivers are considered among Connecticut’s major trout streams, like the Natchaug River in Chaplin, CT. In addition, more than 80 lakes and ponds add to the water resources available for public recreation and preserve the scenic beauty of The Last Green Valley.

**Webster Lake**
Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg (Webster, MA) is purportedly the second longest place name in the world. Otherwise known as Webster Lake, the Nipmuck word is popularly translated as “You fish on your side, I’ll fish on my side, and nobody will fish in the middle.”

It is the largest natural lake in southern New England at 1,442 acres with its deepest point at 45 feet. It originates as three spring-fed ponds that are joined by narrow channels. Webster Lake is noted for its clarity, with waters transparent to a depth of 15 feet and it is home to at least 17 species of fish including American eel, smallmouth bass and yellow bullheads. It is stocked with brood salmon.

**A Great Place to Paddle!**
The Quinebaug River, a National Recreation Water Trail, offers 45 miles of paddling that stretch 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. But before you go, be sure to check the Quinebaug River Paddle Guide (available on www.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.

On the western side of The Last Green Valley, the Willimantic River Water Trail, also a National Recreation Trail, provides more than 21 miles of paddling enjoyment and challenges with only one short portage. There are 3 major segments: the rapids and quickwater of the narrow upper section; the impoundment above Eagleville Lake Dam; and downstream below the dam on slow-moving current or flat water to Rte. 66, just upstream of Willimantic, CT.
Adventurous paddlers will enjoy a scenic 3.3-mile stretch of the French River in Massachusetts, from Greenbriar Park to Hodges Village Dam. The trip down to the Bailey Bridge take-out area is not easy as boaters must portage around at least 2 formidable beaver dams and can count on tree snags occurring here and there along the way. But what makes it worth the effort is the abundance of wildlife, particularly in the open marsh areas. Since public access is limited and paddlers few, the wildlife viewing is extraordinary. Definitely take a camera!

Poquetanuck Cove in Preston and Ledyard, CT, provides a different kind of paddling experience in protected coastal waters. Poquetanuck Cove is a 2-mile-long tidal estuary that has been described as the largest and highest-quality brackish water meadow and cattail marsh on the Thames River.

Paddle Guides to all of these areas can be found on The Last Green Valley website, www.thelastgreenvalley.org. Organized paddles that are open to the public are also listed on the website during spring, summer, and fall months.
Hummingbird Hawk Moth
Have you ever noticed a very small hummingbird sucking nectar from the flowers? It may actually be a type of hawk moth, *Macroglossum stellatarum*, or a hummingbird hawk moth. Because it has a long proboscis and hovers near blossoms, making a definite humming sound, it is easily mistaken for a tiny bird. It is a fascinating and beautiful insect.

In the U.S., we call them hummingbird moths. Europeans name them bee moths. They live all over the world but do not withstand winter in northern latitudes. They hibernate in crevices of trees, buildings and rocks.

Hummingbird moths have as many as 3 to 4 broods a year. The female lays batches of pale green eggs that hatch in only 6 to 8 days. The larvae feed on the host plant until it pupates in about 20-25 days. Then the cocoon, which is brown in coloration, rests in leaf debris on plants or on the ground until the moths are hatched.

Hummingbird moths have brown wings with black striations in the front, and orange wings outlined with black in the back. Its body has more depth and breadth than is common to an insect, another feature that makes it appear bird-like. Its wingspan is less than 2 inches, and the wings move at such speed that they appear nearly invisible.

Adult hummingbird moths are attracted to flowers with lots of nectar: primrose, violets, verbena, phlox, torenia (wishbone flowers), saliva and petunias.

Entomologists have studied the visual acuity of these moths extensively and discovered that the hummingbird moth shows the ability to learn colors. They can be seen flying any time of the day. Once they discover a flower bed or hanging basket, they will return to it at the same time each day.
Skunk Cabbage
Even in the coldest of winters there is a plant growing. Under the snow and ice and various forms of frost is the skunk cabbage, generating its own heat.

Skunk cabbage. Sounds unappealing to both the nose and the palate. In defense of this maligned, however appropriately, named specie, it is the first flower of the spring and a most remarkable plant.

Even though the buds are first noticed in the spring, they were already 4 or 5 inches tall in the previous fall but remain disguised by the covering of their own dead leaves. The plant begins to regenerate as soon as it appears to die back.

Skunk cabbage is interesting to view in winter months. As the flowers begin to open, heat is generated by the respiration of the plant that may be sufficient to melt snow around it. The heat keeps the bud at a constant temperature over 70 degrees, speeds up the growth and releases a strong chemical that attract pollinators.

When skunk cabbage emerges in the spring its small white flowers are

Water Lily
Water lilies grace the surface of so many of The Last Green Valley’s ponds. The North American white water lily (Nymphaea odorata), also called pond lily or toad lily, is an important plant. Ponds are shallow enough so that the water lily plants root in the soft bottom, sending up stalks to the surface. The leaves are round with a shiny, waxy surface and they float on the water. The stems also support large white cup-like flowers whose petals are arranged in a spiral fashion with a golden yellow center. Water lilies are very showy, almost like floating peonies. Generally, the flowers only bloom in the morning or early evening, when they attract insects by their sweet scent.

The plant also produces a fruit that ripens underwater. When it breaks open from decay or impact, it scatters its seeds that float away and eventually sink into the muck at the bottom of the pond. Water lilies provide support for frogs and dragonflies – the proverbial lily pad. But the plant is also food for waterfowl. More than a dozen species of ducks feed on the seeds. Beavers, muskrats and moose dine on the greens.

In the summer, water lilies can create a carpet of leaves and blossoms across the surface of ponds in many locations in The Last Green Valley. Trailwood in Hampton, Hopeville Pond State Park in Griswold, and Quaddick Lake in Thompson are all great locations to view water lilies.
pollinated by honeybees and small flies, attracted not only by the chemicals but also the warmth of the flower bud. They get stuck inside and rattle around as they pollinate the flower. If you are in an area with a number of the plants, they may seem to be emitting a low buzz.

The plant begins as a mottled purple-brown shoot (a spathe) that covers the delicate bud. As the spathe grows, a spike develops inside covered with small white flowers. After pollination, the spathe and flower die back and the large, heart-shaped green leaves take over, growing to between 1 and 2 feet in length. The green leafy skunk cabbage is what most folks recognize visually. All parts of the plant exude a strong, pungent smell. The leaves of the skunk cabbage contain calcium oxalate crystals that create a burning sensation if ingested and protect the plants from some predators. The roots look like a colony of earthworms.

While it may not have a fragrance to enjoy, skunk cabbage is welcomed as one of the first greens of spring.

**Woodchuck**

Woodchucks are also known as groundhogs or whistle pigs (*Marmota monax*). They are called upon in many locales to predict the advent of spring on Groundhog Day in February.

They are stout, chunky little animals who seem to move amazingly fast for their build. Mostly brown, or perhaps a reddish-brown, they have black feet and can weigh up to 14 pounds. While the woodchuck is only about 18 to 20 inches long, it appears larger with the addition of 4 to 6 inches of tail.

Fence lines are the ideal and preferred habitat for woodchucks. Sometimes they can also be found in fields near the edge of woods. Woodchucks are notable diggers. They live in burrows with a main entrance and an escape tunnel. Other small animals like foxes and rabbits will use abandoned woodchuck burrows for shelter. Although woodchucks live in a field environment, they are also good swimmers and climbers and therefore adaptable in transitional habitats.

They are solitary creatures, except in the spring when litters of 4 or 5 pups are born. The young remain with their mothers for a couple of months until midsummer.

Woodchucks live on low growing, green vegetation. Therefore, they are often deemed a nuisance by gardeners and farmers, alike. They eat a great deal in the summer months, storing fat to see them through a period of hibernation in the winter.

Woodchucks make a distinctive whistling sound, no doubt the reason for their nickname Whistle Pig.
MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES

BRIMFIELD, MA

Hitchcock Free Academy
2 Brookfield Rd., Rte. 19
Brimfield, MA 01010
413-245-9977
www.hitchcockacademy.org

Hitchcock Free Academy is alive with activities for all ages. This community center creates smiles through educational, recreational and cultural programs including: courses in art, dance, history, exercise, scouts, 4-H, community meetings, Concerts on the Common, Annual Antique Auto Show and beyond.

CANTERBURY, CT

Finnish American Heritage Society Inc.
76 North Canterbury Rd., Rte. 169
Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-6671 • www.fahs-ct.org

Built in 1924 by the Finnish American Education Association as a social center for the Finnish Community, the present Society has a Heritage Center with a library and research archives. The Society’s purpose is to assist members in learning, collecting, preserving, and enjoying the Finnish-American traditions, customs, history, and cultural heritage. Hours: By appointment and special events.

BROOKLYN, CT

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

In the museum’s permanent General Putnam Gallery, exhibits explore the life of the Revolutionary War hero and the creation of the statue that honors him. The Special Exhibit Gallery features changing displays of local history. The 19th-century law office of Putnam’s great-grandson is furnished as it might have been during his career. Hours: Memorial Day-Columbus Day, Wed. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. Fee: Free.
**Prudence Crandall Museum**  
1 South Canterbury Rd., Jct. Rtes. 14 & 169, Canterbury, CT 06331  
860-546-7800  
www.cultureandtourism.org  
Connecticut's female hero opened the academy for African-American women on April 1833. Crandall and her students braved harassment and legal battles for almost 17 months until a mob attack on the building forced the school to close. A National Historical Landmark on the Connecticut Freedom Trail and Connecticut Women's Heritage Trail.  
*Call for hours and fees.*

**FRANKLIN, CT**

**Blue Slope Country Museum**  
138 Blue Hill Rd., Franklin, CT 06254  
860-642-6413 • www.blueslope.com  
Blue Slope Country Museum provides uniquely fun and educational programs for groups of all ages – pre-K through the golden years. Summer activities include campfires and square dances. The October event welcomes families for many activities, demonstrations, and horse-drawn wagon rides. View the farm property and animals.  
*Hours: By appointment.*

**Ashbel Woodward Museum**  
387 rte. 32, Franklin, CT 06254  
860-642-1988 • www.franklinct.com  
Once the home of an author and Civil War medic, the museum is now open for tours and special events including: February’s Victorian Tea, May’s Ashbel Woodward Celebration, October’s Transportation Day and December’s Victorian Christmas exhibit.  
*Hours: 1st Sat., Mar. – Nov., 11 a.m. -1 p.m.*

**COVENTRY, CT**

**Nathan Hale Homestead**  
2299 South St., Coventry, CT 06238  
860-742-6917 • www.ctlandmarks.org  
Email: hale@ctlandmarks.org  
The Hale Homestead is the birthplace of Connecticut State Hero Nathan Hale and a Connecticut Landmarks property. During the American Revolution, Hale volunteered to go behind British lines. Captured and hanged as a spy, he is known for his last words: “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.”  
*Hours: Seasonal. Please check website or call. Fee: $7/adults, $4/children 6-18. Other discounts may be available.*

**KILLINGLY/DANIELSON/ DAYVILLE, CT**

**Killingly Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.**  
196 Main St., Rte. 12, Danielson, CT 06239  
860-779-7250 • www.killinglyhistory.org  
The center contains an interesting museum filled with local artifacts and an extensive historical and geological library focusing on Killingly, CT, its surrounding areas, and its people.  
*Hours: Wed. & Sat., 10 a.m. -4 p.m.*
The original pottery barn

At Old Sturbridge Village, our potters preserve the centuries-old art of making redware pottery—and that’s just one of the historic crafts we bring to life every day. See the blacksmith, cooper, and shoemaker at work. Talk with our costumed historians, visit 40 restored antique buildings, and stroll through 200 acres of beautiful countryside. Visit New England’s largest living history museum, and experience everyday life just as it was in the early 1800s. Be sure to book a stay at the Old Sturbridge Inn and Reeder Family Lodges, which offer special getaway packages throughout the year.

Old Sturbridge Village
Sturbridge, MA • 800-SEE-1830

Visit www.osv.org
LEBANON, CT

CTDAR Governor Jonathan Trumbull House
169 West Town St., Lebanon, CT 06249
860-634-3858
www.GovTrumbullHouseDAR.org
This house museum was the home of Governor Jonathan Trumbull (1710-1785). He was the only Colonial Governor to support the American Revolution and was known as the Patriot Governor. Built around 1735, the home is furnished with many Trumbull family possessions. The museum is owned and operated by the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution. Hours: Seasonal. Please check website for hours. Fee: Donations appreciated.

Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Museum
780 Trumbull Hwy., Rte. 87
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6100
www.lebanontownhall.org/trumbulljuniormuseum.htm
Revolutionary War patriot Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. served as General George Washington’s military secretary and as Governor from 1797 to 1809. Maintained by the Town of Lebanon. Hours: May – Oct., Sat. – Sun., 12-4 p.m.; and by appointment. Fee: Free.

Lebanon Historical Society Museum
856 Trumbull Hwy., Rte. 87
Lebanon, CT 06249
860-642-6579
www.historyoflebanon.org
Email: museum@historyoflebanon.org
Explore Lebanon’s rich history at this modern museum and visitor’s center with its historic buildings. Changing exhibitions, library/genealogy research center, children’s hands-on history room and visitor services. Area attraction brochures available in the 24-hour outdoor kiosk. Hours: Wed.–Sat., 12-4 p.m. & by appointment. Fee: Free.

LISBON, CT

John Bishop House & Anshei Israel Synagogue
1 Newent Rd., Rtes. 169 & 138
Lisbon, CT 06351
860-376-6866
The Bishop House is an 11-room, 1810 Federal L-shaped farmhouse with 7 fireplaces. Hearth cooking demonstrations and classes. The Synagogue was built in 1936 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hours: Seasonal June – Aug., Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m., and by appointment.
MANSFIELD/STORRS, CT

Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry
6 Bourne Pl., just off Rte. 44
Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-0339
www.bimp.uconn.edu/
The collection includes thousands of puppets including marionettes, rod and hand puppets. Stage props, photographs and letters of historical significance are also an important part of the museum and institute archives. Hours: Apr. – Nov., Fri.– Sun., 12-5 p.m. Fee: $3/adults; $2/seniors & children

Connecticut Archaeology Center & Connecticut State Museum of Natural History
The University of Connecticut
2019 Hillside Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4460
www.cac.uconn.edu/index.html
A unique and exciting educational destination with a variety of exhibits and programs. The facility provides a home for the state’s collection of 600,000 artifacts. Hours: Wed.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee: Free, donations appreciated.

William Benton Museum of Art at The University of Connecticut
245 Glenbrook Rd., Storrs, CT 06269
860-486-4520 • www.thebenton.org
The state’s art museum presents exhibitions of art from the 15th to the 21st centuries, accompanying lectures, campus art walks, musical performances, and family programs. Hours: Thurs. & Fri., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 1- 4:30 p.m. Fee: Free; $2/pp docent-led tours; donations appreciated.

NORWICH, CT

Guns of Norwich Historical Society, Inc.
Norwich, CT
860-423-9444
shbrigham@sbcglobal.net
The Guns of Norwich Historical Society is a local society formed in 1995 by a group of people with a special interest in the firearms industry which flourished in Norwich, CT, from the 1700s to the 1930s. Meetings are open to the public and occur on the 3rd Wednesday of even numbered months at 7 p.m. in the Yantic Firehouse.

Slater Memorial Museum
108 Crescent St., Norwich, CT 06360
860-425-5561 • www.slatermuseum.org
The Slater Memorial Museum awakens visitors to the richness and diversity of the human experience through art and history. Housed in a stunning Romanesque Revival building, the Slater’s collection interprets 300 years of Norwich history, and also represents a broad range of world cultures from the Americas, Asia, Europe and Africa. Hours: Tues. - Fri., 9 a.m. -4 p.m.; Sat.- Sun., 1- 4 p.m.; closed Mon. & Holidays. Fee: $3/adults, $2/seniors, free/children 12 & under.

OXFORD, MA

Clara Barton Birthplace Museum
66 Clara Barton Rd., N. Oxford, MA 01537
508-987-2056 X213
www.clarabartonbirthplace.org
The childhood home of the founder of the American Red Cross and “Angel of the Battlefield.” View special exhibits featuring items belonging to Clara such as her personal field desk used to write letters home for many of the wounded Civil War soldiers. Hours: June - Aug., Fri.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sept., Sat. only; Oct.–May, appointment only. Fee: $6/adults, $3/children 6-12, free/5 and under.


**SCOTLAND**

**Edward Waldo House**
96 Waldo Rd., off Rte. 97
Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-1547
www.scotlandhistoricalsociety.com

The Scotland Historical Society is the conservator of the Edward Waldo House which has a very long history in Scotland. Built in 1715, it remained in the Waldo family until 1975 and has a wonderful story to tell. The 10-acre property in Waldo Valley is also home to the Scotland Highland Festival held every Columbus Day weekend in October. **Hours: May–Sept., 1st Sat. of the month, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.** Fee: Donations appreciated.

**Huntington Homestead**
36 Huntington Rd., Rte.14
Scotland, CT 06264
860-423-1547
www.huntingtonhomestead.org
Email: info@huntingtonhomestead.org

Birthplace of Samuel Huntington, signer of the Declaration of Independence. The circa 1723 farmhouse is a National Historic Landmark and has many original features intact. It is part of the nationally-designated Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary War Route. **Hours: May–Oct., 1st & 3rd Sat. of the month, 11 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** Fee: Donations appreciated.
Old Sturbridge Village
1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd., off Rte. 20
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-3362 or
Toll-Free: 1-800-SEE-1830
www.osv.org • Email: info@osv.org
Old Sturbridge Village is one of the
country’s oldest and largest living history
museums, depicting early New England
life from 1790-1840 with historians
in costume, antique buildings, water-
powered mills, and a working farm.
Visitors can view antiques, meet heritage
breed animals, and enjoy hands-on crafts.
Open year-round. Hours: Vary by season.
Fee: Please see website or call.

Willimantic/Windham, CT

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum
55 Bridge St., Willimantic, CT 06226
860-429-7961 • www.cteastrmuseum.org
The CERM is located in Willimantic at
“Columbia Junction” and consists of 45
acres of land running west from Bridge
Street for 1 mile along the Willimantic
River. CERM includes restored trains and
buildings, including a 6-stall round-house
and operating turntable. Hours: May-Oct.,
Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fee: $5/adults; $4/
seniors; $1/children 8-12; children under 8
are FREE.

Windham Textile & History Museum
411 Main St., Rte. 66
Willimantic, CT 06226
860-456-2178 • www.millmuseum.org
Located in the historic former Willimantic
Linen Company. Through its exhibits,
programs, and collections, the museum
preserves and interprets the history of

Woodstock, CT
Roseland Cottage
556 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-4074
www.historicnewengland.org
Email: RoselandCottage@historicnewengland.org
Roseland Cottage was built in 1846 in
the newly-fashionable Gothic Revival
style. Its status as National Historic
Landmark is based on the significance
of its architecture and the historical
importance of owner Henry Chandler
Bowen. Beautifully restored inside
and out, the estate includes a historic
boxwood parterre garden and the
nation’s oldest surviving bowling alley.
Hours: June-mid-Oct., Wed.–Sun., 11 a.m.-
5 p.m. Fee: $8/adults.

Woodstock Historical Society
523 Rte. 169
Woodstock, CT 06281
860-928-1035
www.woodstockhistoricalsociety.org
The purpose of this Society shall be
to acquire and preserve historical
knowledge and materials of Woodstock,
Connecticut. Hours: Most Sundays, 12 -
4 p.m., or by appointment. Fee: Free.
NOTABLE & NOTORIOUS

A selection of historical characters who lived in The Last Green Valley.

WILLIAM EATON (1764-1811)
Brimfield, MA

William Eaton was notably involved in one of the first U.S. military actions in the Muslim world, and, in fact, the first recorded land battle on foreign soil. He was born in Woodstock, CT, and later transplanted to Brimfield, MA. Enlisting during the Revolution, he spent 3 years as a young officer before returning to school. Eaton graduated from Dartmouth College in 1790 where he studied Arabic. Two years later he returned to the military, accepting a captain’s commission in the army which he held until 1797.

On July 11, 1797, William Eaton was appointed U. S. Consul at Tunis. He developed expertise in dealing with the delicate politics of the region and became Navy Agent for the Barbary Regencies in 1804.

Eaton was authorized by the U.S. Government to create an alliance with deposed Tripoli leader Hamet Karamanli and return him to the throne by waging war against the coastal nation, a part of the Ottoman Empire. Karamanli had been ousted by this brother, Yussif. Eaton and Karamanli gathered a mercenary force of Christians and Muslims to combine with a small detachment of U.S. Marines. They commenced a 500-mile march to Derne, the capital of the province of Cyrenaica. The trip was punctuated with numerous disputes among the culturally mixed force. The attack on Derne commenced on April 27, 1805, with land forces supported by the naval warships Argus, Nautilus, and Hornet. The attack was the inspiration for the Marine's Hymn; “from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli…”. The successful campaign against Derne and the threat to all of Tripoli influenced a peaceful end to the conflict. A treaty with the Pasha of Tripoli was negotiated by Tobias Lear and Commodore John Rodgers, but Eaton and Karamanli were disappointed with the diplomatic solution and the mercenary army was angered by the end to the attack on Tripoli. The resulting peace was uneasy at best. Cultural clashes would mark the region for centuries.

Eaton died in Brimfield, MA, on the first of June, 1811.

Sites to visit:
1. A modest gravestone marks Eaton's resting place in the Brimfield Cemetery, Rte. 19, Brimfield, MA.
2. Although his estate was destroyed by fire in the early 20th century, the Brimfield Library, Rte. 20, has photographs of Eaton's home.

ELMER BITGOOD (c.1870-1938)
Voluntown, CT

Elmer Bitgood has been called the “Paul Bunyan of New England” and “the local Sampson.” He was by all accounts an
extraordinarily large and strong person. Paul Bitgood, one of his brothers, was a practitioner of natural healing in New London and recorded the size and habits of his sibling. In adulthood, Elmer weighed 340 pounds and stood five feet nine inches tall. He lived a simple life working on the family farm; he consumed no other drinks except milk and water, never married and was a strong and faithful Baptist. Elmer was good natured, gentle, quiet but quick to laugh. He was much loved by those in his community.

Legends of Elmer abound and seem to grow exponentially as each is repeated. However, there are a number of legitimate articles that appeared in contemporary publications that included interviews with his family and acquaintances justifying Elmer’s amazing notoriety.

An article in the Providence Sunday Journal in 1916 recorded Bitgood’s feats of strength, including “lifting a 180-pound keg with both hands over the head, lifting 175 pounds of good solid Connecticut rock with one hand straight up above the head and …raising a dumbbell weighing 416 pounds with both hands over the head.” Elmer himself explained to the reporter how he backlifted huge weights, adding rocks to a platform in his backyard “until the weight is 4,200 pounds. How often do I lift that? Oh, sometimes three or four times a day and sometimes not for a week. It all depends; if I need exercise I try it. If visitors come along and won’t believe I can do it, I just show them.” Elmer had a pet red Devon calf that he would hold on his lap and carry around on his shoulders, even when the beast was full grown.

Elmer’s uncle, Dr. Ellsworth Marshall Bitgood, a veterinarian, recounted to another Providence reporter in 1946, “how when Elmer was thirsty he would place one hand on each end of a keg of cider and drink the contents.”

Elmer lived his whole life in Voluntown but his death is a bit of a mystery. There is no death certificate recorded in the town hall. The Robbins Cemetery holds the remains of many generations of the Bitgood family but no marker has been found for Elmer.

**GERTRUDE CHANDLER WARNER (1890-1979) Putnam, CT**

Born in Putnam, Gertrude Warner was an avid reader and dreamed of being a writer at an early age. Purportedly, her favorite book was *Alice in Wonderland*. She learned to play the cello, encouraged by other members of her musical family. Her secondary school education was cut short because of chronic illness, however she completed her education with the help of a tutor.

During World War I, there was a need for teachers as male educators were called up for active military duty. Gertrude had had some experience as a Sunday School teacher and began to teach first graders in 1918. It was then that she developed the idea for the Boxcar Children, a family of orphans who lived in an abandoned boxcar while searching for their grandparents. Gertrude wrote the first book with a very
small vocabulary to encourage reluctant readers and she fashioned a story line to appeal to boys who she felt comprised the majority of the reluctant.

The popular series, *The Boxcar Children*, started in 1942 with the first volume published by Scott Foresman. There were a total of 19 books written by Gertrude Warner and other authors have added stories to the series until today there are 90 Boxcar books.

Before her death in 1979, Gertrude Warner also served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, assisted other charitable groups, and mentored aspiring writers from her cottage on Ring St. in Putnam. She is remembered by many as a sweet and gifted teacher.

*Site to visit: The Boxcar Museum, South Main Street (Rte. 12), near the Railroad Station, Putnam, CT.*

**BENONI IRWIN (1840-1896)**

Coventry, CT

Benoni Irwin was born to Jared and Lydia Kennedy Irwin who had immigrated to Newmarket, Canada (in the present day province of Ontario) from the Scottish borderlands. Benoni’s father was connected to MacKenzie’s Rebellion or the Upper Canada Rebellion of the late 1830s. However, it was not until 1840 that the authorities caught up with Jared and put him in jail for some duration to pay for his participation in the uprising. Poor Lydia gave birth to her son just after this occurred and she named him Ben-Oni after the Old Testament story of Jacob. The name means “son of my sorrows.” Benoni was the first of 7 children born to the family.

Benoni studied art at the National Academy in New York City, as well as in Italy, France and Germany. While in Paris, Irwin worked alongside the famous portrait painter Emile Auguste Carolus-Duran honing his skill and exhibiting his work at the Universelle in 1889.

Benoni returned to New York, regularly exhibiting his paintings at various venues, living for periods of time in Chicago (exhibiting at the 1893 World’s Fair), Baltimore and Louisville, Kentucky. It was the Golden Age and industrialists and the rich and famous were keen to have their portraits done by an artist of Benoni’s caliber. He was commissioned to paint the portraits of many important people, including Frederic Remington and John Henry Clifford, the governor of Massachusetts. Between 1870-80, Benoni was one of the early members of the Bohemian Club and painted the portraits of some of the city’s leading figures. He was a close friend of John Muir, naturalist, author and great advocate for the preservation of wilderness. They both shared Scottish ancestry.

Irwin owned a summer home in Coventry for 20 years where it allowed him and his family to connect with his wife Adelaide’s aunt, Charlotte Curtis Dean, who lived there. In 1896, Benoni was on Lake Waumgumbaug (Coventry Lake) in a small, round-bottomed boat. He was trying to finagle a clumsy camera with a large tripod so he could take a photograph of the sunset. As he was trying to adjust the focus of the camera, he and the equipment went into the water which was only 8 feet deep. Benoni was an expert swimmer and the accident occurred a mere 20 yards from shore but he nevertheless drowned. The autopsy revealed that he was knocked unconscious when he hit his head on the edge of the boat during the fall. Benoni is buried, with his wife Adelaide and his oldest daughter Edith, in the Nathan Hale Cemetery.

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Pull out some sturdy boots, your day pack, water, sunscreen and snacks. Today is the day to get lost in the beautiful forests of The Last Green Valley.

Pomfret, CT – start the day with a hearty breakfast at the Vanilla Bean Café, junction of Rtes. 44, 97 and 169. The award-winning restaurant offers excellent food in a relaxed atmosphere. Order freshly squeezed OJ, a side of sausage and a bagel with lettuce, tomato, sprouts and red onion. And don’t forget the bottomless cup of New England Coffee. Order a moderate but difficult hike with interesting glacial features, rugged topography, and many photo ops.

Lunch time. Leave the park and travel on Rte. 44 west to Eastford, CT and the Frog Rock Rest Stop. This interesting glacial erratic was so well-known for its frog-like appearance that in 1881 state representative T.J. Thurber painted in the details of the eye and mouth to confirm the frog’s identity. It has been painted ever since. Generations of travelers remember Frog Rock, and now it has become the site of an eatery, antique shop and visitor’s center. A great photo spot!

After your midday break, retrace your route to Rte. 97 and go south to Rte. 6. Take Rte. 6 west to Hampton, CT, and the James L. Goodwin State Forest. The forest includes the Goodwin Conservation Center, an interpretive museum explaining natural sciences and forestry. Several blue-blazed trails and the Air Line State Park Trail are accessed.
from the site, affording the hiker a chance to build an interesting afternoon outing.

Tired and hungry hikers are welcomed to dinner at the Inn at Woodstock Hill. Travel east on Rte. 6 to Rte. 97 north, to Rte. 169 north to Woodstock, CT. The Inn is located at 94 Plaine Hill Rd., just off Rte. 169. The highly acclaimed restaurant offers exceptional cuisine, impeccable service and an unrivaled ambiance that will make a perfect final memory of the day you got lost in the woods. Overnight at the Inn at Woodstock Hill, noted for its charming décor and beautiful views.

OR

Option 2: Travel on Rte. 6 west to Rte. 169 north, to Bush Hill Road on the left, in Brooklyn, CT. The drive on this quaint road is a treat in itself. The Golden Lamb Buttery is in a large barn on the left at 499 Wolf Den Road. They offer American feasts in a rustic barn setting. Overnight at Barn at Gray Mare Hill Guest House, located at 117 Pomfret Rd. (Rte. 169), a few miles south of the Golden Lamb. The accommodation is a tastefully renovated 3,200-square-foot barn with beautiful gardens and grounds, and an in-ground pool.

Just for Kids Day
A great day for kids of all ages starts with 30 life-sized dinosaurs at The Dinosaur Place at Nature’s Art Village, 1650 Hartford-New London Turnpike (Rte. 85), Montville, CT. Entertain and exhaust the kids by unearthing fossils, digging up gemstones, panning for gold, getting wet in New England’s largest splash pad, and more. Shopping and antiquing is also available at the site for adults. Get a snack at Monty’s Munchies in the Village before hitting the road.

Sterling, CT. Travel on Rte. 85 north, to Rte. 82 east, to Rte. 165 east and finally to Rte. 49 north. This is a scenic drive that passes through the Pachaug State Forest. Arrive at the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm and Brown Cow Café, 227 Ekonk Hill Rd. (Rte. 49), in Sterling, CT. Lunch in the café on exceptional sandwiches, beverages and baked goods, shop for locally-produced products and visit the turkeys (corn maze during the fall season).

Continue the farm experience with a visit to Pine Hill Alpacas. Journey north on Rte. 49 to Rte. 14A. Take Rte. 14A east to Pine Hill Rd on the right and number 148. The family-owned farm is located on 8.5 acres and raises alpacas for their wool. Alpacas are cousins to llamas, camels and vicunas. The farm store sells raw fleece, yarn and roving and other alpaca products. Call to arrange a visit 860-564-7204.

Are the kids still full of energy? Travel Rte. 14A west to I-395 north. Drive to exit 95, Kennedy Drive in Putnam, CT. Take a right off the exit ramp and travel 0.25 mile to the Putnam Farmers’ Market and the beginning of the Putnam River Trail. The 2-mile paved trail includes a pedestrian bridge over the Quinebaug River, a beautiful view of Cargill Falls, culminating at Rotary Park. There are story books in the landscape along the way, as well as interesting sculpture and a Victorian-style bandstand.

Time for dinner at the Courthouse Bar and Grille, 121 Main St. in the old downtown section of Putnam. The menu includes more than 100 items like award-winning New England clam chowder, fresh seafood, and kid favorites like chicken fingers and nachos. The menu has a court and jail theme, entertaining just to read. Parents will enjoy the award-winning, hand-carved Angus steaks.

After dinner there is always something to do in Putnam. Take in a local sporting event at Owen Tarr Park (jct. of Rtes. 12 and 171) where baseball and soccer is played in season. Or return to Rotary Park for a performance or one of the three River Fires each season.

Overnight at Peppertree Camping, Rte. 198, on the Natchaug River in Eastford, CT.

Optional 2nd Day: The Adventure Park at Storrs, (Mansfield), CT, for zip lines and thrills. OR

Overnight at the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, 14 Mechanics St. (Rte. 169) in Southbridge, MA.

Optional 2nd Day: Old Sturbridge Village, off Rte. 20, Sturbridge, MA, a whole day’s worth of fun and adventure back in the 1830s.
Shop ‘til You Drop Day

Today is not for the faint of heart. Fortify yourself with freshly baked pastries and coffee at Soleil & Suns, Rte. 171, Woodstock, CT. Then tour the quaint shops located north along scenic Rte. 169: the Christmas Barn (holiday, folk art), Scranton’s Shops (antiques) and the Garden Gate Florist (gifts and antiques). Visit Roseland Cottage, the Pink House, a Victorian summer home now a museum, located across from the Woodstock Hill Common.

Getting hungry from all that shopping? Travel south on Rte. 169 to Rte. 171 east to Putnam, CT. Have lunch on the terrace at Someplace Special. The restaurant is known for its excellent menu that includes Baby Spinach Pear Salad, Chicken Frances, and Belgian Chocolate Moose Cake. Then meander the historic downtown for more shopping at the Flying Carpet Studio (largest bead shop in area), Saw Mill Pottery (gallery exhibits work of many potters) and the Silver Circle Gallery (art classes and exhibitions).

The next stop is Celebrations Gallery & Shoppes in Pomfret, CT, an extraordinary shopping experience. Take Rte. 44 west from Putnam until you arrive at 330 Pomfret Street (Rte. 44). The 1885 Victorian house has 10 rooms filled with art, jewelry, gifts and everything tea. Dine at Grill 37, a charming restaurant nearby on the corner of Rte. 44 and Woodstock Rd. It is new, very well received, and a wonderful addition to the culinary experience in The Last Green Valley.

Overnight at the Feather Hill Bed & Breakfast, 151 Mashamoquet Rd. (Rte. 44) in Pomfret. The replica 19th-century center hall colonial style home offers spacious accommodations with modern touches.

Optional 2nd Day: Shop in Sturbridge, MA, where an eclectic shopping experience may be enjoyed along Rte. 20. Don’t forget the museum shop at Old Sturbridge Village. Or take in a local festival or fair depending on the season. (See Major Seasonal Events.)

Fall Foodie’s Tour

Today is all about the bounty of The Last Green Valley. Fall is the time for new apples, seasonal pumpkins and gorgeous chrysanthemums. Explore all the best of locally-grown and prepared foods.

Pomfret, CT. Start with breakfast at the Vanilla Bean Café, Rtes. 44, 97, and 169. A bottomless cup of New England Coffee and freshly baked muffins send you off on a culinary adventure. Travel south on Rte. 97 through farmland and over the hills to Wade Rd. (left) and number 108 – Sharpe Hill Vineyard. The Tasting Room offers samples and the hilltop view from the vineyard offers panoramic scenes of 3 states.
Return to Rte. 97, travel south to Rte. 6, take Rte. 6 west to Chaplin Farms in Hampton, CT, where the store is filled with wonderful local products like award winning jam, honey, maple syrup, soap, pies and more. Continue on Rte. 6 to Willimantic, CT, take Rte. 6 to Rte. 66 west, right on Church St. to 91 Valley St. and the Willi Food Coop. The store is known for locally-sourced foods, a wide assortment of natural groceries, a great selection of locally-grown and organic produce, dairy products and cheese. Although the Coop is owned by its members, anyone is welcome to shop here.

A special lunch waits at Heirloom Foods, 630 North Main St. (Rte. 12) in Danielson (Killingly), CT. Although the restaurant is new, the cuisine has earned awards and great reviews. Try the Spicy Tofu Wrap or the Beta Burger. Stretch your legs after lunch at Heart and Home, 65 Main St. (Rte. 12) for household accoutrements. Browse through 2 floors of Yankee Candles, Crabtree & Evelyn, Vera Bradley, gifts and furnishing.

Time for one more stop in Thompson, CT. Travel south on Rte. 12, to Rte. 6 east, to Rte. I-395 north. Take Exit 98, right at the ramp onto Rte. 200 east. At the stop sign, go straight on Quaddick Road to number 260 and Fort Hill Farm. Awarded by Yankee Magazine, “Best of New England,” this destination farm offers The Farmer’s Cow ice cream, dairy products, corn maze in season, organic lavender and blueberries, as well as more than 50 perennial gardens.

After your foodie tour, travel into the sunset. Follow Quaddick Rd. west to Rte. 200 west, then drive north on Rte. 12 to Rte. 131 west to Sturbridge, MA. After a half hour, stop at the Publick House Historic Inn for dinner and overnight. The Publick House has been in business serving travelers since 1771 and offers New England traditions like Indian Pudding and the best chicken pot pie ever! It has a charming atmosphere with beautifully decorated rooms and historic details.

Optional 2nd Day: Visit Old Sturbridge Village, an 1830s New England Living History Museum, to see how food was raised, prepared and preserved in early rural communities. Don’t miss the cookbook section in the OSV Museum Shop and browse the household wares like pottery and textiles.
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- "Katchaug" - between rivers
- "Washamquah" - stream of good fishing

Native American Origins
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