

STEP BACK IN TIME---HISTORY FANATICS WE HAVE SOME FUN FOR YOU!

A weekend of really cool places to go with historical importance for couples, families and friends!

Start your weekend by experiencing the style and comfort of an historic inn and bed & breakfast in CT's Quiet Corner:

Daniel Rust House, <https://www.thedanielrusthouse.com/>

2011 Main St, Coventry
860-742-0032

"The Daniel Rust House is filled with period antiques, serves home baked goodies, and is dog friendly. Beautiful gardens and idyllic grounds perfect for evening strolls."

Other great places to stay:

Fitch House Bed & Breakfast, <https://www.fitchhouse.com/>

563 Storrs Rodd, Mansfield Center
310-868-4445

Stone Arches Bed & Breakfast, <https://www.stonearchesbnb.com/>

614 Storrs Rd, Mansfield Center
860-429-2269

Henrietta House B&B and Red House Farm, <http://www.historichenriettahousebnbct.com/>

125 Ashford Center Rd, Ashford
860-477-0318

Graduate Storrs Hotel, <http://www.graduatestorrs.com>

855 Bolton Rd, Storrs
860-427-7888

Wake up with fresh coffee and fabulous breakfast from any of these great places:

That Breakfast Place <https://www.facebook.com/thatbreakfastplace/>

37 Boston Post Road, Willimantic
860-456-8011

This is no ordinary breakfast café. Enjoy fresh roasted coffee in a variety of flavors, unique and delicious menu specials like Ham & Asparagus Benedict, Raspberry Ricotta French Toast, homemade breads, Carrot Cake Pancakes or Salmon Flatbreads.

Spring Hill Café, <https://www.facebook.com/SpringHillCafe/>

1029 Storrs Road, Storrs
860-477-0975

Sip on freshly brewed gourmet coffee, enjoy home baked pastries or items from their gluten-free menu, as well as smoothies and a variety of cupcakes. Make sure you take one for later!

Aero Diner, <https://www.facebook.com/50sdinerllc/>

361 Boston Post Rd, N. Windham
860-450-1959
1950's retro diner

Hoppy Days Diner, <https://www.facebook.com/Hoppydaysdiner>

931 Main St, Willimantic
860-456-3344

Now it's time to start your adventure by finding these amazing places and learning what happened there long ago:

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Day 1: 18th Century America

Windham/Scotland

Windham Center Green

Routes 203 & 14, Windham

Stroll around a historic green in Windham Center Green where all the architecture is well over a century old.

Points of Interest: Town Green, Charter Oak Tree Descendant, Dr. Hunt Office c. 1790, Rochambeau Route

Samuel Huntington Homestead Museum, <https://www.lebanonct.gov/history-lebanon-ct/pages/town-green>

36 Huntington Road (Rt 14), Scotland

860-423-6862

The birthplace of Samuel Huntington, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a distinguished statesman during the Revolutionary War and early Republic.

While you are there...

Raspberry Knoll Farm, <https://www.raspberryknoll.com/>

163 North Windham Rd, Rt. 203, N. Windham

860-786-7486

Illiano's Italian & Pizzeria, <http://illianosofcolchester.com/windham/>

361 Boston Post Rd, N. Windham

860-942-8899

The Vineyard at Hillyland, <https://www.thevineyardathillyland.com/>

75 Murphy Hill Rd, Scotland

860-786-7770

Lebanon

Lebanon Town Green, <https://www.lebanonct.gov/history-lebanon-ct/pages/town-green>

Routes 207 and 87, Lebanon

The largest existing green (mile long) in America, still used for the same agricultural purposes as in the 18th century. The sites connected to the American Revolution are unrivaled. Governor Trumbull, the only colonial governor that was a patriot not a loyalist, used his position and his fortune to plan the war from his little store. George Washington said, "Had it not been for brother Jonathan the war would not have reached a successful conclusion."

Governor Jonathan Trumbull House Museum, <https://www.govtrumbullhousedar.org/>

169 West Town St, Lebanon

860-642-7558

War Office, <https://www.facebook.com/waroffice/>

149 West Town St, Lebanon

860-873-3399

Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Museum, <https://www.facebook.com/JTrumbullJr.Museum/>

780 Trumbull Highway, Rt. 87, Lebanon

860-642-6100

Congregational Church, <https://www.lebanonfirstcong.org/history>

Designed by John Trumbull, Painter of the American Revolution.

While you are there....

Brick Barn Antiques, <https://www.facebook.com/Brick-Barn-Antiques-189215254460680/>

1004 Exeter Rd, Lebanon

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860-468-5115

Lebanon Green Vineyards, <https://lebanongreenvineyards.wordpress.com/>

589 Exeter Rd, Lebanon

860-222-4644

Columbia

On your way to Coventry, the scenic route will take you through Columbia Village, the site of a famous school. Reverend Eleazar Wheelock taught English to the indigenous peoples and his school is the origin of Dartmouth College in NH.

Other school teachers ahead of their time were Nathan Hale, who believed women/girls should go to school 1775 and Canterbury's Prudence Crandall who was arrested and attacked for teaching black girls in 1833.

Columbia Moor's Charity School c. 1755, <https://historicbuildingsct.com/moors-charity-school-1754/>

located behind the Congregational Church at the corner of Rt. 325 and Rt. 87.

While you are there.....

Heartstone Farm & Winery, <https://www.heartstonewinery.com/>

486 Rt. 87, Columbia

860-337-0162

Trailside Treasures, <https://www.facebook.com/TrailsideTreasure/>

26 Rt. 66, Columbia

860-214-9459

By The Pond, <https://www.facebook.com/By-The-Pond-414787402618567/>

187 Rt. 66 East, Columbia

860-498-0272

Coventry

Nathan Hale Burying Ground, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/2306/nathan-hale>

Cross Street, you will find the cemetery and the Memorial Green where parking is preferred.

Rising nobly on top of the hill, sits the obelisk for Nathan Hale's cenotaph. A stroll through the ancient burying ground where most of the Hale family is buried (Hale had five brothers who also served in Rev War) summons you to remember the millions who sacrificed for our safety and freedom.

Nathan Hale Homestead, <https://ctlandmarks.org/properties/nathan-hale-homestead/>

Also, home of the Coventry Farmer's Market (Market Sundays 11-2, June to Oct)

2299 South Street, Coventry

860-742-6917

Veterans Memorial Green & CT Vietnam Memorial, <http://www.cvvm.org/>

234 Lake St, Coventry

Coventry Historic Walking Tours, <https://www.coventryct.org/documentcenter/>

While you are there...

Coventry Arts & Antiques, <https://www.facebook.com/Coventry-Arts-and-Antiques-251203054996332/>

1140 Main St, Coventry

860-498-0352

Nathan Hale Antique Center, <https://www.facebook.com/NathanHaleAntiqueCenter/>

1141 Main St, Coventry

860-498-7400

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Steins Classic Antiques, <https://steinsclassica antique.wixsite.com/home>

1034 Main St, Coventry

860-498-0330

Preserved Antiques, <https://www.facebook.com/Preserved.Antiques>

1159 Main St, Coventry

860-759-2008

Memories Too Antique Center

2208 Boston Turnpike, Coventry

860-742-2865

Bidwell Tavern, <https://thebidwelltavern.com/>

1260 Main St, Coventry

860-742-6978

Lakeview Restaurant & Bar, <https://lakeviewct.com/>

50 Lake St, Coventry

860-498-0500

Outdoor dining & music, Italian American food on Coventry Lake

Coventry Farmers Market, <https://www.coventryfarmersmarket.org/>

2299 South Street, Coventry

Every Sunday

Cassidy Hill Vineyard, <https://cassidyhillvineyard.com/>

454 Cassidy Hill Rd, Coventry

860-498-1126

Day 2: 19th Century America

Mansfield

Gurleyville Grist Mill, <https://joshuastrust.org/gurleyville-grist-mill/>

Stonemill Rd, Mansfield

Visit an 1835 Grist Mill. It is the only stone grist mill in the state and contains a complete set of preserved milling equipment.

While you are there...

The Hoot, <https://www.hootgifts.com/>

86 Storrs Road, Mansfield

Lisa's Chocolates and Gifts, <https://www.facebook.com/lisaschocolatesandgifts/>

534 Storrs Road, Mansfield

860-546-6897

Ellie's Little Place, <https://www.facebook.com/Ellies-Little-Place-147284419090710/>

497 Storrs Rd, Mansfield Center

860-771-8284

Paperback Trader, <https://m.facebook.com/ThePaperBackTrader/>

522 Storrs Rd, Mansfield Center

860-456-0252

Fenton River Grill, <https://willimanticbrewingcompany.com/>

135 Storrs Road, Mansfield Center

860-786-7870

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Dog Lane Café, <https://doglanecafe.com/>

1 Dog Lane, Storrs
860-429-4900

Maharaja Indian Restaurant, <https://maharajaindianctonline.com/>

466 Storrs Rd, Mansfield Center
860-942-8325

Farmer's Cow Calfe & Creamery, <https://thefarmerscowcalfe.com/>

86 Storrs Road, Storrs

Daddy's Noodle Bar, <https://daddysnoodlebar.com/>

1 Dog Lane, Suite A-103, Storrs
860-477-0999

Hops 44, <https://www.hops44.com/beer-on-tap>

625 Middle Turnpike, Storrs
860-477-1174

Amazing local beer

Pizza Mike's Pizzeria, <https://www.pizzamikes.com/>

1659 Storrs Rd, Storrs
860-946-0606

Toast Four Corners, <http://www.toastfourcorners.com/>

625 Middle Turnpike, Storrs
860-477-1557

Gluten Free alternatives

UConn Dairy Bar, <https://dining.uconn.edu/uconn-dairy-bar/>

17 Manter Rd, Storrs
860-486-1021

Yummiest ice cream around

Red Barn Creamery & Stearns Farm Stand, <https://www.facebook.com/stearnsfarmstand/>

483 Browns Rd, Storrs
860-382-2303

Willimantic

The Mill Museum, <https://millmuseum.org/>

411 Main Street, Willimantic
860-456-2178

In the 19th century the mighty rivers attracted the early water-powered mills that grew into industrial cities. One of the largest thread mills in the world was in Willimantic. The thread company was run-of-the-mill with immigrant operatives working 12 hour days. It was also famous for the world's first factory built for electric lighting, first thread wound onto wooden spools, and the invention of the coffee break! Don't miss the breathtaking views of the historic Garden on the Bridge that was replaced by the modern four lane Frog Bridge.

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum, <http://www.cteastrrmuseum.org/>

55 Bridge Street, Willimantic

The city was a major hub back in the days of rail roading. The trains brought the cotton bales and the immigrants.

While you are there...

Swift Waters Artisans Cooperative, <https://www.swiftwaters.org/>

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866 Main St, Willimantic
860-456-8548

Landrop Comics and Game Center, <https://www.facebook.com/Landrop-Comics-and-Game-Center-100156142055293/>

750 Main St, Willimantic
860-423-3505

Willimantic Records, <https://www.facebook.com/Willimantic-Records-237188439668014/>

34 North St., Willimantic
860-450-7000

Rajeans's Gifts, Antiques & Collectibles, <https://www.rajeansgiftsantiques.com/>

744 Main St, Willimantic
860-423-8040

Willimantic Brewing Company, <https://willimanticbrewingcompany.com/>

967 Main Street, Willimantic
860-423-6777

Oriental Café, <https://www.facebook.com/OrientalCafeWillimantic/>

1257 Main St, Willimantic
860-456-8885

Asian food and sushi

Stone Row Kitchen, <https://stonerowkb.com/>

956 Main St, Willimantic
860-423-4243

Fine dining indoors and out

Willimantic Food Co-Op, <https://www.willimanticfood.coop/>

91 Valley St, Willimantic
860-456-3611

Other sources of information for you to browse if you are visiting this area:

CT Tourism website with events, places, food, etc.: <https://www.ctvisit.com/>

The Last Green Valley, explore the outdoors: <https://thelastgreenvalley.org/>

Downtown Storrs: <https://www.downtownstorrs.org/>

Willimantic 3rd Thursday Street Fest: <https://www.willimanticstreetfest.com/wri.htm>

Agricultural fairs: <http://www.ctagfairs.org/events/filters/iso=1>

Trails and Parks in Mansfield: <http://www.mansfieldct.gov/1698/Parks-Preserves>

Joshua's Trust trails: <https://joshuastrust.org/property-list/>

Willimantic River Alliance: <http://willimanticriver.com/>

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