

Connecticut is the place to be!

Visit Connecticut

www.visitct.com

A great quick search on this site lets you narrow the field of activities by category, region and general type. You can also filter your search so that all results are accessible. Other features include the ability to sign up for their e-newsletter and the link titled "this weekend" that gives you state events at a glance.

Visit New England - Connecticut Section

www.visitconnecticut.com

This site breaks up the state by region with general info and a short list of events happening soon. The site includes "50 Great Things to do in Connecticut" which is an eclectic mix and can be broken down by region as well. Extra bonus here is that there are sites for each New England State available.

Connecticut Magazine

www.connecticutmag.com

Connecticut magazine often lumps together things you would not expect (As seen on TV trips and great places for a kid's birthday party). They also feature a Best of Connecticut section where they research the "best" in six categories: Food and Drink, Nightlife, Health and Beauty, Casinos, Diversions and Style. They also feature ratings of doctors and dentists in the region.

tripadvisor

www.tripadvisor.com

This site uses reviews written by travelers to set the rating for places to stay/things to do, and also features a page that groups attractions by region of CT.

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A "news" site that features current entertainment events and highlights upcoming things as well. This is the home of the Hartford Advocate (and other CT cities Advocates as well) which is a small newspaper magazine you can find in businesses and supermarkets.

Outdoor Activities

Appalachian Trail

www.appalachiantrail.org

Did you know that the famous Appalachian Trail goes through CT? Well now you do. This site lists hikes closest town, difficulty level and how long it is.

CT Department of Transportation

List of trails by town with printable maps and highlights.



Coastal Access Guide

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection CT Coastal Access Guide

Tell this search engine what you want (examples – picnic area, supervised swimming and sandy beach) and the site will show places that offer these activities. They also include links to city/town sites that have more info on that coastal region, including cool things to do in that particular town. If you're looking for beaches, many come with a day parking fee that is only listed on the specific town site, so double-check before heading out to the beach.



Connecticut Greenways

www.ct.gov/dep > Programs & Services > Greenways

A list of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Greenways (Connecticut Greenways. Much of the info links you to other websites or directs you to a contact person. The key is that now you have the name of the Greenways (and general area) and can look into them yourself if you want to.

Recreation & Activities

www.ct.gov > Visiting > Recreation & Activities

Great centralized location for info on camp grounds (including maps) and getting latest updates and announcements for fishing and boating.

Riverfront Recapture

www.riverfront.org

Hartford's Riverfront is host to many amazing performances and festivals. You can search their free events by category or by date. They also have a great set of listings for walks and trails around the riverfront area.

Winter Activities

www.ct.gov/dep > Outdoor Recreation > Other Activities > Winter Activities

A list of places to ski, snowmobile and even camp in the winter.

Other Attractions

Casinos

www.mohegansun.com

Mohegan Sun Casino offers shows, concerts, dining and of course gambling! They are also the home of the Connecticut Sun (WNBA team).

www.foxwoods.com

Foxwoods Casino also offers shows, concerts, dining, gambling, and high stakes BINGO!

The Bushnell

www.bushnell.org

The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts is home of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and many theatrical and musical performances!

Connecticut Science Center

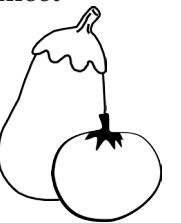
<http://ctsciencecenter.org>

Various exhibits, a 3D theater and tasty café! You can also get a joint ticket with the Mystic Aquarium!

Coventry Regional Farmer's Market

<http://coventryfarmersmarket.com>

Don't let the name fool you, it is more than a market. Connecticut's largest and most diverse market features local produce, meats, and flowers. You will also find art and artisans from the area as well as many tasty prepared foods, live entertainment and animals to meet too! Located on the Nathan Hale Homestead, you also experience a bit of history while you are there.



Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center

www.pequotmuseum.org

This gives you a chance to learn the history and culture behind the Native American tribe that now owns and operates the Foxwoods Resort.

Mystic Aquarium

www.mysticaquarium.org

A world class aquarium with live shows and the 4D theatre!

Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America & the Sea

www.mysticseaport.org

Old time sea village complete with demonstrations, historic boat tours (and rides) as well as a planetarium.

XL Center: Hartford Civics Center

www.xlcenter.com

AHL hockey plays here as well as UConn's Men's and Women's Basketball teams. They also host concerts and various other shows throughout the year.

