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Reconnecting with the landscape

As the days grow longer and we head outdoors across the Northwest Corner and neighboring hills, fields and villages, this Towns & Villages special section turns its focus to the places where we wander, gather, linger and reconnect with the landscape that shapes life here. This year's focus on outdoor recreation offers a guide to the hidden swimming spots, well-worn trails, roadside farm stands, twilight concerts, open-air tables and beloved corners that give each town its particular character. Thoughtfully reported and rich in detail, each piece captures the seasonal rhythms and distinctive places that make this region feel newly discovered each summer.

— Natalia Zukerman



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A monarch butterfly at rest inside its habitat at Sharon Audubon Center.

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Life outside in Amenia

By LEILA HAWKEN

In Amenia, the outdoors is more than scenery — it is a way of life. Residents and visitors alike can walk, hike, run, bicycle, or simply relax in the sunshine while taking in the town's natural beauty and strong sense of community.

The popular Harlem Valley Rail Trail wends its tranquil way through Amenia for an estimated 10 miles. The trail stretches roughly 26 miles from the Wassaic Metro-North station to Copake Falls in neighboring Columbia County. The route is scenic, and the paved terrain is flat and inviting to bikers, hikers, joggers, and walkers as it passes through forests and farms. The trail is accessible from the hamlet of Wassaic thanks to an extension added in recent years. Dogs are always welcome on the rail trail, as long as they are on a leash.

An annual, festive, community-focused foot-race, Rattlesnake Run, has

been tentatively scheduled this year for Saturday, June 13, but plans are still pending. The foot-race proceeds along the rail trail for a variety of distances, including 5K and 10K races, as well as a half marathon, beginning and ending at Maxon Mills.

For hikers and mountain bikers, the Northern Red Oak Trails project is under construction along Old Route 22. When completed in the coming months, it will offer 12 miles of hiking and biking trails within a 470-acre property. Trails will be 3 feet wide and designed with minimal impact on the land. The terrain will be hillier and more challenging than that offered by the rail trail.

"Sometimes it's just nice to go outdoors and sit in the sunshine," said Town Clerk Dawn Klingner, gesturing toward the Town Hall benches being expertly refurbished by staff member John



Photo by Leila Hawken

Bicyclist Wahid Ziani of Saida, Algeria, enjoyed a trek on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on Monday, May 4, intending to ride from Wassaic all the way to Millerton and back.

Nowak. Sunshine-sitting opportunities abound throughout the scenic town.

Another chance to sit, or dance, is offered by the town-sponsored weekly free Summer Music Series held at the town's basketball courts and skate park. The annual series is highly popular.

Amenia's Beekman

Park, which includes a playground for youngsters, is open for recreation during most months of the year except the snowiest.

For outdoor dining, The Lantern in Wassaic offers patio seating, as do other local restaurants, many of which have invit-

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The town basketball court and roller blade park also attracts the occasional roller skater.

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ing outdoor spaces.

“There is scenery no matter where you drive,” said Recreation Commission Chairman Judy Moran, noting that the spectacular

DeLavernge Hill remains a breathtaking picnic site.

Choices for outdoor recreation in Amenia are clearly as vast as the outdoors itself. Residents and visitors are invited to explore and enjoy.



Photos by Leila Hawken

The coolness of the Wassaic Creek, with its population of trout, flows picturesquely through Wassaic hamlet on its way to Ten Mile River.



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Explore recreation in Millbrook

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN

Millbrook's status as a Dutchess County hub for recreation has only solidified in recent years. Its main street, Franklin Avenue, is the foundation, framed on one end by the rolling hills of the Millbrook Tribute Garden and by the Millbrook Library on the other. In between, the village earns its nickname as "the museum in the streets." Much of the original architecture from its Quaker beginnings remains intact, now housing a variety of pedestrian-friendly dining and retail options for contemporary visitors.

The iconic Millbrook Diner still fills its silvery shell near the bottom of the street, serving classic, affordable fare all day. Its early hours are matched by All That Java — a modern coffee shack with patio seating — and Millbrook Deli, a neighborhood favorite known for its pizza and sandwiches.

Beyond the streets, Millbrook offers a number of natural sites to explore.

The family-friendly Tribute Garden features a large playground, streams and winding paths. The Cary Institute, an ecological research center just outside town, has created a wild-life-rich network of public trails crisscrossing its campus. Innisfree remains the area's crown jewel, a sprawling botanical garden that draws visitors from far afield.

The Millbrook Farmers Market returns May 23 with its wide range of vendors. It takes place every Saturday and makes the perfect prelude to an afternoon exploring the village's antique stores, historic library or nearby vineyards. Millbrook Vineyards & Winery is well worth the short trip out of town, whether for its food or drink. Its Friday Night Food Trucks series resumes May 22 and runs from 5 to 8 p.m.

For those who would rather stay close to the town center, there are plenty of options within walking distance. Canoe



Tribute Garden.



Photos by Graham Corrigan

Innisfree Gardens is the area's crown jewel.

Hill, Julien's, Barbaro, Babette's Kitchen, Nooch's Pub & Grill, Millbrook Continental, Cafe Les Baux and House of Stefas are each distinctive dining destinations, with plenty more to discover.

For equestrians, the Millbrook Horse Trials return in July. The four-day event features dressage, show jumping and cross-country competition, along with food trucks and a petting zoo.

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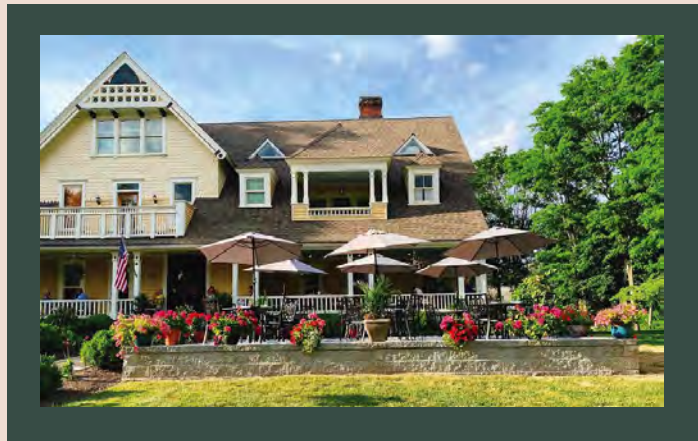


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Millerton: a natural playground

By NATHAN MILLER

The area surrounding Millerton and the Town of North East is a veritable natural playground, offering premier opportunities for fishing, hiking, hunting and cycling. The community's summer offerings are made even more special this year with the 175th anniversary of Millerton's settlement. More than a week of festivities — including food, drinks and live music — will fill Eddie Collins Memorial Park from July 11 to July 19. The goal, organizers say, is to create something that feels both nostalgic and exciting for people of all ages. Committee Chair Lisa Hermann said it will be a mix of retro fun, hometown pride and forward momentum. Eddie Collins Memorial Park, the home of the planned 175th anniversary celebrations, is the village's main outdoor recreation space on Route 22. The park features full-sized soccer fields and basketball courts, a playground, a baseball field and a pavilion for picnickers. Village officials finalized designs and funding for a new pool and poolhouse at the park, expected to open in the summer of 2027. Construction on the new pool is expected to begin later this year after the conclusion of the 175th celebration in July. The village and surrounding town also offer more rugged, natural recreation opportunities. Nearby Rudd Pond, accessible via an entrance on Rudd Pond Road just north of the village, serves as a popular fishing venue for locals. Boat rentals are available between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Boat-

village's main outdoor recreation space on Route 22. The park features full-sized soccer fields and basketball courts, a playground, a baseball field and a pavilion for picnickers. Village officials finalized designs and funding for a new pool and poolhouse at the park, expected to open in the summer of 2027. Construction on the new pool is expected to begin later this year after the conclusion of the 175th celebration in July. The village and surrounding town also offer more rugged, natural recreation opportunities. Nearby Rudd Pond, accessible via an entrance on Rudd Pond Road just north of the village, serves as a popular fishing venue for locals. Boat-



ers can rent canoes and kayaks for \$10 per hour up to three hours, \$40 for a full 24-hour day or \$100 for a week. Motorized boats are not permitted on the lake. Campsites are also available at the park, ranging in price from \$15 to \$22 per night. Cyclists also have ample opportunities in the area, with the Harlem Valley Rail Trail running through downtown

Millerton. The paved trail connects the community to Amenia and Wassaucott to the south and Copake and Hillsdale to the north. Roads around Millerton and North East are enticing to cyclists as well. The rugged terrain of the Taconics provides challenging hills and scenic views that attract cyclists from across the state and beyond.

Photo by Nathan Miller

A gravel lot along Rudd Pond Road in the Town of North East serves as a boat launch for canoes and kayaks into Rudd Pond. Swimming is prohibited, but the pond provides ample opportunity for angling.

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There is also an opportunity for golfers to work on their swing at the Millerton Driving Range, located just east of the village of Millerton Route 44 near the Talk of the Towne Deli.

Millerton's downtown also serves as a popular walking destination. Historic buildings line Main Street, and a historic walking tour produced by the North East Historical Society and Millerton Townscape — a volunteer group that focuses on beautification and revitalization — serves as an interactive educational tool about the village's history.

Visitors to the area and even seasoned locals can see more opportunities for outdoor recreation and things to do at visitmillertonny.com



Photo by Nathan Miller

Visiting cyclists take advantage of sunny weather on Thursday, May 7, to enjoy a ride through Millerton on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. The cyclists traveled to Millerton from Putnam County, New York, and Greenwich, Connecticut, to meet on the rail trail and ride their bicycle.



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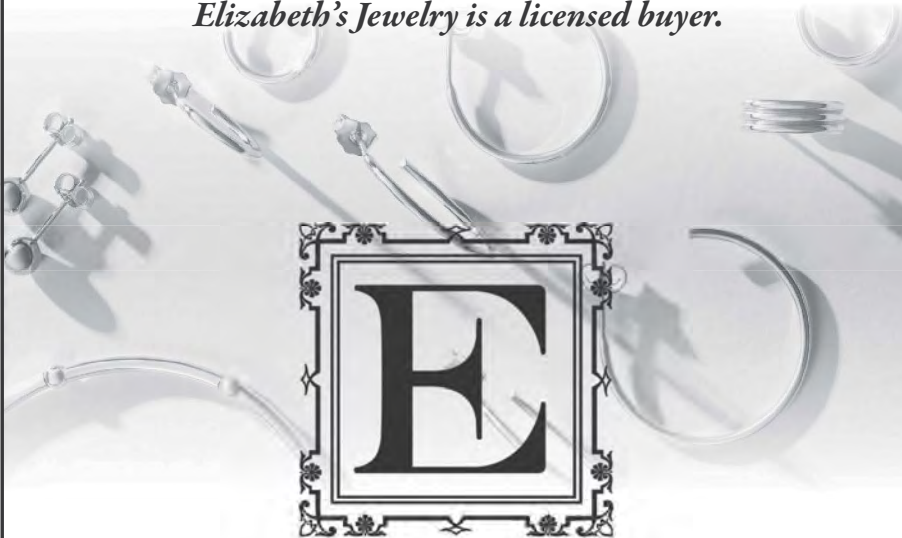
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Photo by Graham Corrigan

Champêtre serves seasonal fare in Pine Plains.

Pine Plains has it all

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN

Historically, Pine Plains has fostered a reputation as one of the area's more tranquil communities. That's changing fast — especially when summer comes around.

For the outdoorsy among us, Stissing Mountain Fire Tower remains one of Dutchess County's most rewarding hikes. It's a steep climb, but the payoff is an unparalleled view of the Catskills.

For the more horizontally inclined, Thompson Pond offers a loop around its marshy edges, while Stissing Lake Park features a beach for swimming, playgrounds and seating for larger gatherings. If the weather is bad or you just need a moment of peace, head to the Pine Plains Free Library, where the reading is supplemented by yoga classes, tai chi and game nights.

When the sun goes down, Pine Plains offers a variety of dining options. French restaurant Champêtre serves seasonal fare such as escargot and beef bourguignon in

a chic, airy space. Stissing House has become a regional favorite, offering elevated tavern fare in a colonial setting that dates to 1782.

Equally delicious are Pine Plains' more casual dining options. Spud Shack churns out quality burgers, fries and wings, while Tower Pizza shares space with The Cabin, a cozy bar with a garden out back where you can enjoy a pint with your pie. Guacamole Grill is around the corner on Main Street, serving generous portions of Mexican classics.

Stissing Center is Pine Plains' newest hub for arts and culture. Check out its events calendar for a mix of music, dance, comedy and children's programming. There are multiple venues within the space, including the new cabaret-style Grace Note that hosts music every Friday night.

When the sun rises, head to Storybook Cafe or Winchell Mountain Coffee. Both have gone above and beyond to round out

the Pine Plains food scene: Storybook has revitalized a longtime location with reading nooks and a hearty breakfast menu, while Winchell Mountain pairs locally roasted coffee with artwork by local legend Sandra Boynton.

Last but not least, stop by one of the local farms

this season. Ronnybrook's dairy products have spread far and wide, but visitors can still buy milk and cheese straight from the source in Pine Plains. Chaseholm Farm is just up the road, where regenerative agriculture yields some of the county's best beef, pork and more.

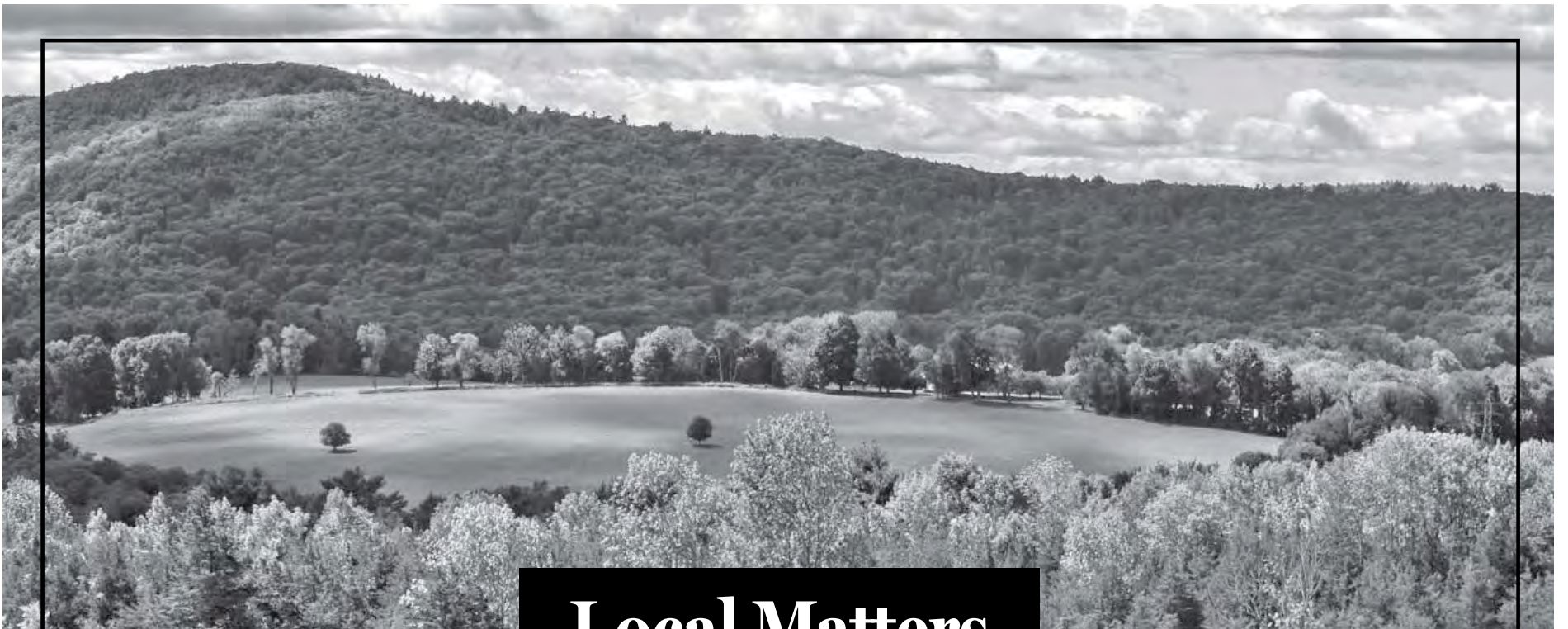
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Community comes alive in Falls Village

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Falls Village offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities for adults and children.

The David M. Hunt Library is front and center on the recreation front. The library maintains a busy schedule of talks and activities, many geared toward children, as well as regular children's programs. The library is next door to the Lee H. Kellogg School, which is handy as students can walk straight to after-school events.

The library also sponsors art exhibits and open mic events.

The town's Recreation Commission is very active, with events for children year-round.

The town recently hired Allycia Soule as its new recreation director.

The commission runs the town pool, which will open for the season in late June and will be sporting a renovated poolhouse.

The Center on Main is the home of the Falls Village Children's Theater, which offers youngsters

a chance to participate in every phase of theater production. The Center also hosts activities such as the monthly Twelve Moons Coffee House (folk music) and any number of children's activities.

For the outdoors enthusiast, Falls Village has a section of the Appalachian Trail that runs along the Housatonic River before crossing the Water Street bridge into the Amesville section of Salisbury. Recreational boaters and anglers can get to the river from the parking lot on Water Street by the First Light hydroelectric plant. (There is construction activity at the plant but the trail is open.) Hikers can also use the Mohawk Trail between Falls Village and Cornwall.

Great Mountain Forest allows hiking in season from the West Gate on Canaan Mountain Road.

For car enthusiasts, and anybody else who enjoys a spectacle, the Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show is a can't miss event.



Photo by Patrick L. Sullivan

Brook and Leo Martinez perform at Hunt Library's open mic night.

Hundreds of vehicles, from the impossibly antique to the hypermodern, pour into the downtown area. There is food, music and the chance to chat with the car owners. This year's show is Sunday, July 12.

And that's not all. On the Friday of Labor Day weekend (Aug. 28 this year), one of the most popular features of Lime Rock Park's Historic Weekend, the vintage car parade, winds through Lakeville and Salisbury before rolling into Falls Village, where food, drink and music await. The parade starts at 5 p.m. and usually gets

to Falls Village about 40 minutes later, and it gets crowded. Best to come early and stake out a spot along Main Street.

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society has a big slate of events planned for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Often overlooked is the chance to wander over to Housatonic Valley Regional High School to watch the Mountaineers play. Spectator-friendly spring sports include baseball and softball. There's no charge, but it's Bring Your Own Chair.

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Busy in every season

By RUTH EPSTEIN

City dwellers have been known to question their country friends about what there is to do for entertainment in a small town. Cornwall residents would have no trouble providing a litany of activities available in every season for all ages and interests.

The Park and Recreation Commission would be a good place to start. Its members, along with Director Bethaney Mastrocola, work tirelessly to offer programs of all types. In addition to sports and several holiday events for the younger set, there are many ways for seniors to gather, including monthly breakfasts, lunches and social hours. The commission also hosts July Fest, bringing townspeople to the Green for food and friendship.

Not to be forgotten are pets, as seen each fall when the Little Guild animal shelter sponsors its Run & Wag, at which humans and their canine

companions compete to see who can traverse the course the fastest.

Cornwall's landscape provides a recreational feast. The Housatonic River is a prime resource where canoeists and kayakers are often seen paddling between its banks. A big draw each spring is the annual Covered Bridge Slalom. The Conservation Commission hosts trail walks throughout much of the year, allowing participants the opportunity for exercise as well as taking in breathtaking views. Hiking in Mohawk State Forest is another popular pastime. And, of course, the iconic covered bridge in West Cornwall brings numerous tourists to snap photos of one of the state's top destinations. In winter, the slopes of Mohawk Mountain Ski Area are filled with those who love the sport.

Art is a main focus in the town. Various shows are held at the Cornwall Library, Wish House and



Photos by Ruth Epstein

The Cornwall Library is a center of activity in the town, featuring a host of speakers and art shows throughout the year.

UCC parish hall. The summer Rose Algrant Show, which showcases the work of local artists, will hold its 68th rendition this year. The library presents many speakers on varying topics, and the Cornwall Historical Society has a large exhibit each year.

Many find it unique that there are two farmers markets in this small town. On Saturday mornings from spring to fall, vendors offer an array of goods at both the town Green and on the lawn of the Wish House. Bargain hunters from all over

converge in the summer for the Cornwall Woman's Society rummage sale, where items are found in buildings throughout town. The town celebrates its agricultural heritage each year at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair; the 34th edition will be held this September. Those wishing to participate in yoga, Pilates and more can take advantage of programs offered by the Wellness Collective.

Cornwall may not have Broadway or large museums, but there is certainly no lack of things to do.

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Why visitors flock to Kent

By RUTH EPSTEIN

Kent has become known as a popular tourist destination because of its many recreational offerings.

Probably the best-known attraction for visitors is Kent Falls State Park, where a waterfall drops 250 feet in less than a quarter-mile. After a heavy rain, when the speed and force of the water are high, spectators can often be seen standing on nearby rocks, hoping to get sprayed.

The other state park is Macedonia Brook, whose 2,300 acres offer plenty of fishing opportunities, campsites and a pavilion for parties. Both parks feature extensive hiking trails.

Bulls Bridge, one of the state's few operational covered bridges, is another draw. A bridge has stood at that site since 1760, with the current structure dating to 1842.

It is reputed to have been crossed by George Washington.

Those pulling into the driveway just north of the village on Route 7 hit a trifecta. There, they will come upon the Sloane Stanley Museum, named after artist and author Eric Sloane (1905-1985). The museum contains his paintings, illustrations and extensive collection of early American hand tools. The grounds also include a recreation of an early 19th-century dwelling and the ruins of the Kent iron furnace. The museum building was donated to the state in 1969 by Stanley Works, a Connecticut-based tool manufacturing company.

In the same area, visitors will find the eight-acre Connecticut Antique Machinery Museum, dedicated to the preservation, restoration and demonstration of antique



Photo by Ruth Epstein

The Kent Art Association is one of the state's oldest artist organizations.

machinery. Run by the all-volunteer Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, it aims to educate the general public about early industrial and agricultural methods. Among its displays are exhibits on mining and geology, sawmills and wood finishing, and steam traction engines. Many visitors also head there for rides on a

steam locomotive.

Third at the site is the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science, where the interior is lined with enclosures filled with an extensive mineral collection.

Kent has also become known for its wide assortment of art galleries. The

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Kent Art Association on South Main Street, formed in 1923, is one of the oldest art organizations in the state. It holds exhibits throughout the year showcasing artists working in all mediums. The large Morrison Gallery holds a prominent spot on North Main Street, as does the Good Gallery on South Main, while smaller galleries can be found throughout the downtown commercial area.

Kent's streets are an attraction in themselves. Filled with shops and restaurants, and lined with wide, smooth sidewalks installed a few years ago, they make strolling a popular pastime.



A replica of Bulls Bridge leads visitors to the falls at Kent Falls State Park.

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Where arts meet the outdoors

By JENNIFER ALMQUIST

With its mix of pristine forests, celebrated arts institutions and lively summer events, Norfolk offers a blend of cultural sophistication and outdoor adventure in the heart of Connecticut's Northwest Corner.

The Norfolk Library hosts children's programs, a teen group, monthly art exhibits, and film and concert series.

The historic Ellen Battell Stoeckel Estate serves as the summer home of the Yale School of Music and the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, bringing acclaimed classical performances to the region in its historic music shed. The Yale Norfolk School of Art also offers life-drawing classes and art lectures.

Local artists showcase their work during the Norfolk Artists and Friends annual art exhibit, scheduled for July 31 through Aug. 2 at the Yale Art Barn.

Infinity Hall presents popular, folk and rock concerts in its historic



Photo by Tom Fahsbender

Hiking in Great Mountain Forest in early May. Local student groups who love the woods enjoy the 13 miles of hiking trails and mountain biking in this 6,000 acre conservation area.

venue, while the Haystack Book Festival draws celebrated writers for conversations and readings. Independent bookstore Les Renards & Co. also supports the Norfolk Library.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Norfolk offers exceptional access to forests, trails and waterways. Great Mountain Forest encompasses 6,000 acres of woodland, hiking trails, bird habitat and

maple syrup production.

The Norfolk Land Trust maintains more than 20 miles of trails across 4,000 acres. Haystack Mountain State Park features a 1,680-foot summit and observation tower, while Aton Forest includes an ecosystem field station and the 1,000-acre Spaulding Pond Wilderness Preserve, home to wetlands, meadows, beavers, bears and moose.

Fishing and boating

are available at Wood Creek Pond, while Campbell Falls State Park Preserve offers hiking, stream fishing and scenic waterfalls. Tobey Pond provides swimming for residents and guests with a required pass.

Dining options include the Icebox Café, which serves breakfast and lunch with outdoor seating and a bocce court,

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Left, the grounds of the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival offer inviting pre-concert picnic spots. Right, Woodcreek Pond in Norfolk offers year-round fishing.

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History and hometown spirit

By CHRISTIAN MURRAY

North Canaan has long been one of the Northwest Corner's busiest small towns. Located at the junction of Routes 7 and 44 and shaped by its railroad history, the town grew into a regional center for business, transportation and industry. Today, that working-town identity remains, but it is equally defined by outdoor recreation, historic landmarks and community spirit.

In terms of the outdoors, Canaan Mountain remains the area's most prominent natural landmark. Forming a border between North Canaan and Falls Village, the mountain offers wooded trails and sweeping views across the Northwest Corner. The Blackberry River, another defining feature of the landscape, winds through parts of town before joining the Housatonic River.

For those seeking history, the Village of East

Canaan — a rural section within the town — is home to the Beckley Furnace Industrial Monument, an iron furnace that operated from 1847 until 1919. One of Connecticut's best-preserved blast furnaces, it offers a window into the iron industry that once dominated the region. That industrial legacy continues today through the massive lime quarry on Lower Road, which remains an active part of the local economy.

Closer to downtown, Bunny McGuire Park serves as a longtime gathering place with sports fields and playgrounds, while the public pool and tennis courts on Whiting Drive remain central to summer recreation.

Downtown North Canaan reflects the past. The Colonial Theatre, a restored Art Deco landmark that first opened in 1923 under a different name,



Photo by Christian Murray

Freund's Farm Market & Bakery has become a Northwest Corner staple known for its fresh produce and baked goods.

hosts films and community events, while the New England Accordion Connection & Museum Company draws visitors with its unusual collection of hundreds of instruments.

The historic Canaan Union Depot remains a symbol of the town's railroad roots. Although the 1870s depot has returned to use as an office hub for the Housatonic Railroad, it still anchors the downtown

district.

For family entertainment, Caddie Shack on Ashley Falls Road offers mini golf and casual dining. Local dining options also include comfort food at Blackberry River Bistro and some pastries at the local roastery, Ilse.

Many locals and visitors also head to East Canaan for Freund's Farm Market

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North Canaan's calendar stays active throughout the warmer months. June brings cemetery tours and Summer Talks presented by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, along with a reenactment of the raising of the Liberty Pole on the Corner Green beside Bunny

McGuire Park. Summer Nights of Canaan returns in July with a carnival, fireworks and parade. Canaan Railroad Days follows in August, celebrating the town's locomotive heritage with events centered around the historic depot.

To newcomers, the geography can be confusing: the Village of Canaan sits within the Town of North Canaan, while the neighboring Town of Canaan is better known as Falls Village. The two communities were once one town until North Canaan separated in 1858 after the northern section became a growing industrial and transportation hub, while Falls Village remained smaller and more rural.

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When it comes to outdoor recreation, Salisbury and Lakeville have it all

By ALY MORRISSEY

With its shimmering lakes, rolling hills and sweeping views, Salisbury has long drawn residents and visitors looking to enjoy the natural beauty of the Northwest Corner and its many outdoor recreational opportunities.

From a bird's-eye view, Salisbury is dotted with ponds and lakes. Among its best known is Lake Wononscopomuc, a hidden gem offering a wide range of outdoor activities for all ages. Affectionately known by locals as "The Grove," the town beach offers swimming, fishing, kayaking, paddleboarding, sailing and picnicking with on-site grills.

The Grove also features a playground that draws families with young children, while pickleball and tennis courts and a designated area for lap

swimming attract sports enthusiasts.

Learning and educational opportunities abound at The Grove, with a variety of children's programming and lessons in swimming, sailing, paddleboarding and kayaking, to name a few. A lifeguarding course is also available, culminating in a swim across the lake as a final challenge.

Open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., The Grove is staffed with certified lifeguards.

Salisbury is also known as a winter destination, thanks to Jumpfest, the long-running ski jumping event for regional skiers and future Olympians hosted by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association. But Satre Hill, home to the legendary jump structure, is also a popular summer destination,



Photo by Aly Morrissey

Lake Wononscopomuc is a popular destination for swimming, fishing and boating.

offering a short but steep hike and expansive views of the Northwest Corner and beyond.

More experienced hikers can explore the Undermountain Trail, Lion's Head Peak Trail or the Appalachian Trail, which leads to the summit of Bear Mountain, part of the southern Taconic Range in Mount Riga State Park. With an elevation of 2,316 feet, Bear Mountain is Connecticut's highest

peak that lies entirely within the state, though it is not considered the highest elevation. That title belongs to Mount Frissell, which straddles both Connecticut and Massachusetts and reaches 2,380 feet.

Salisbury is also on the map for many recreational enthusiasts because of its access to the Appalachian Trail. Hikers and backpackers often

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The outdoors is a part of everyday life

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

On any given morning, recreation in Sharon begins with hikers stepping onto shaded trails, paddlers easing into still water or cyclists tracing the town's winding back roads.

At the center is the Sharon Audubon Center, a 1,147-acre preserve with two ponds and more than 11 miles of trails through forests, meadows and wetlands. Its accessible boardwalks, raptor exhibits and seasonal programs make it a year-round destination for families, birdwatchers and casual walkers alike.

The center offers year-round events for visitors, including an enclosed butterfly habitat, hiking trails, school programs and informational sessions about wildlife rehabilitation.

As the warmer months approach, Sharon Parks and Recreation plans to roll out a full slate of programs for residents of all ages, according to Bryan

Failla, the department's director.

At the Sharon Town Beach, the Little Rascals Summer Program is gearing up for another season, offering children a mix of outdoor play, group activities and supervised fun in a safe and scenic environment. Monday nights will continue to bring the community together at Sharon Center School, where pickleball sessions have grown in popularity and welcome players of all skill levels.

Youth sports also remain strong in Sharon, with Babe Ruth baseball continuing to offer a positive and competitive environment focused on skill development and teamwork.

Looking ahead, a town-wide history scavenger hunt is also in the works as part of the Town of Sharon 250th celebration, offering an interactive way for residents to connect with the community's heritage.



Photo by Debra A. Aleksinas

Sharon Audubon Center offers programs and activities throughout the year tailored to visitors of all ages.

Just beyond town, Macedonia Brook State Park — spanning Kent and Sharon, with its primary access in Kent — offers more strenuous hiking. The Blue Trail climbs Cobble Mountain, rewarding hikers with sweeping views of the Harlem Valley and Taconic Range, while wooded paths draw visitors in every season.

Locally conserved lands expand access across Sharon. The Sharon Land Trust owns more than 1,200 acres in Sharon

and invites the public to walk its 22 miles of trails spanning nine public preserves.

A sampling of its trails at these preserves includes the Hamlin Preserve, Mary Moore Preserve and Goodbody Preserve, where walkers can explore open meadows, stone walls and forested ridgelines that define the town's rural character.

A scenic stretch of the Appalachian Trail follows

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Water recreation is readily accessible. The Housatonic River provides opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and fishing, while the 211-acre Mudge Pond in Sharon offers a public boat launch popular with paddlers and anglers.

The Sharon Town Beach at Mudge Pond, managed by the Sharon Board of Recreation and Youth, is a seasonal destination for swimming. Access is limited to residents and their guests via proof-of-residency requirements and parking stickers.

Four Winds Farm is known for

pasture-raised meats and a seasonal farm stand, while Paley's Farm Market offers fresh produce, baked goods and prepared foods that make it a popular stop for visitors exploring the area. Other working farms and roadside stands contribute to the town's scenic, rural character.

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's annual Summer Soirée in early June is a highly anticipated event that brings the community together in support of the library and its programs, reflecting Sharon's blend of cultural and outdoor life.

Many trails and preserves are dog-friendly, and informal recreation — from walking to cycling — is part of daily life across town.



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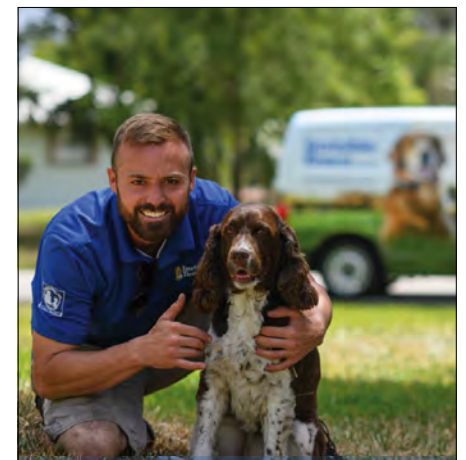
Mount Riga State Park offers 276 acres for walking, hiking and hunting, with hunting limited to archery for deer and turkey. Trails are generally accessible from March through December.

After a day outdoors, many residents and visitors gather on the lawn of The White Hart Inn, where outdoor tables offer a relaxed summer version of an apres-ski scene, with a diverse menu and cold beverages. Dogs and children are welcome



Photo by Aly Morrissey

A colorful array of life jackets for all ages is available in the boathouse at the Town Grove in Salisbury for swimming, paddleboarding or boating.



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S. Berkshire Elderly Transportation	413-528-4773
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By D.H. CALLAHAN

Great Barrington is a beacon of community in the Berkshires, with a treasure trove of places to hike, shop, eat, drink, and gather. The downtown is far more manageable than its grandiose name might imply, but what it lacks in big-city variety, it more than makes up for in unique places to spend time with friends, family, and strangers who could become both.

Let's start in the great outdoors. Fountain Pond State Park, just north of downtown, is a wonderful small park that leads directly into the forest and includes the Threemile Hill hike.

Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest has its own hiking and recreation areas. There's a beach, picnic area, swings, and a boat launch for sailing, canoeing, or kayaking. Dogs aren't allowed at the beach area, but they can access the lake from the boat launch.

There's also an easier walk along the river for those with strollers,

The heart of the Berkshires



Photo by Madi Long

Ski Butternut sits on the northern slopes of East Mountain State Forest in Great Barrington.

wheelchairs, or hikers tired of tripping over roots, and it is easily accessible from downtown. Technically two separate paths, the River Walk connects to the Riverside Path, both of which follow the river south to the historic fairgrounds.

There are plenty of great indoor places to gather in Great Barrington as well. Barrington Brewery offers solar-powered beer and both indoor and outdoor activities. Right

next door is Barrington Hall, which hosts a wide range of entertainment events. Prairie Whale makes fine dining feel approachable, with picnic tables added to its tavern-style interior during the warmer months. Newly opened coffee shop Ilse Coffee serves locally roasted beans ethically sourced from around the world. Nearby is The Triplex Cinema, an independently owned movie theater with an in-house

fast-casual restaurant called Juju, whose offerings can be brought into the theaters.

If you're here in the winter, Ski Butternut can't be beat. With 22 trails for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing, it offers fun for the whole family. Just a few miles away is the historic The Cove Bowling Alley. It has been open since the 1950s and is rumored to have inspired the bowling alley in The Big Lebowski.

Society of the Congregational Church of Great Barrington	413-645-3647
Southern Berkshire Friends Meeting	413-528-1230
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Where farms and trails meet

By SALLY HAVER

Sheffield, Massachusetts has about 3,330 residents across 47.7 square miles, much of it farmland. Cows, sheep and soybean fields are a common sight. With spring and summer approaching, the town offers a wealth of outdoor recreation.

Hiking, wildlife and birding

The best-known route is the Appalachian Trail, which crosses the Housatonic River Valley toward Monterey. A local trailhead is on Route 41 at Race Brook Falls.

Bartholomew's Cobble, on Weatogue Road off Rannapo Road, is a 328-acre preserve with unusual geology, rare plants and a floodplain forest. A hike up Hurlburt's Hill offers views of the Taconic Range and prime hawk-watching.

Lime Kiln Wildlife Sanctuary on Silver Street features fields, swamp and woodland trails, including a two-mile walk with views of Mount Everett, a well preserved lime kiln and old quarry pits.

Ashley Falls Woods, at Route 7A and Ashley Falls Road, includes walking trails as well as an accessible trail for wheelchairs across 24 acres of woodland and an old quarry.

Three Mile Pond Wild-

life Management Area on Brush Hill Road offers excellent birding.

Biking

Sheffield's scenic roads—paved, dirt and gravel—make it a cyclist's delight. Online Sheffield bike routes highlight farmland, historic sites, the Housatonic River and Mount Everett. For guided options, consider Pioneer Valley Food Tours or Bicycle Tour Company International.

Helpful hint: For mid-ride repairs, call True Wheels, 413-248-6177, 292 S. Main St., (located in the Magic Fluke building) open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fishing

Where there's a bridge, there's a place to fish. Try the Sheffield Covered Bridge off Route 7, Rannapo Bridge near Bartholomew's Cobble or Mill Pond Bridge on Bow Wow Road. Licenses and gear are available at Berkshire Bass, 105 Main St., which also offers guided trips (413-446-7158; BerkshireBassin.com).

Farms and farm stands
Sheffield Farmers Market, 125 Main St., open Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. beginning May 22, with produce, meats, baked goods, crafts and live music.



Photo by Sally Haver

The Hornets softball team stop by for ice cream at The Modern Milk Bar.

Boardman's Farm Stand, 64 Hewins St., seasonal, family-owned produce.

Moon in the Pond Farm, 816 Barnum Road: organic meats and vegetables.

Mountain Falls Farm, 1800 S. Undermountain Road: grass-fed beef, produce and maple syrup.

Where to eat
Roberto's Pizza, 113 Main St.: pizza, sandwiches, soups and desserts; closed Mondays.

Chris & MJ's, 139 S. Main St.: breakfast and lunch, Filipino dishes, indoor and outdoor seating.

Fiddleheads Grill, 999 N. Main St.: burgers, tacos and more; open Thursday-Sunday.

Gulotta's Market, 147 Main St.: grab-and-go items and hot breakfast sandwiches.

The Modern Milk Bar, 529 Sheffield Plain Road:

homemade ice cream, including lactose-free options.

Events and places
The Sheffield Town Fair is set for Saturday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Town Park, 53-59 Frederic Lane, with rides, games, music, food trucks and free admission.

The Sheffield Garden Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at Bushnell-Sage Library; meetings are free and open to the public.

Sheffield has more than 20 cemeteries, some dating to the mid-1700s. Pine Grove Cemetery on Bow Wow Road is a notable example.

Dewey Hall, 91 Main St., built in 1887, hosts classes, concerts and community events.

The Thyme, on Route 41 near Salisbury, offers yoga, wellness programs and outdoor experiences.

2026 Summer Day Trips

Action Wildlife Foundation Inc.

435 Torrington Road, Goshen, CT,
www.actionwildlifefoundation.com
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Appalachian Trail

Rte. 41, Undermountain Road,
Salisbury, CT, www.appalachiantrail.org
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Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

25 Main St., Cooperstown, NY,
888-425-5633, www.baseballhall.org
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Beckley Furnace

140 Lower Road, East Canaan, CT,
www.beckleyfurnace.org
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Berkshire Botanical Garden

Rtes 183 & 102, Stockbridge, MA, 413-298-3926,
www.berkshirebotanical.org
Courses & lectures in plant anatomy, physiology, botany, landscape design. Annual Grow Show. Display gardens and visitor center open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 30. Gift Shop. Guided tours available. Leonhardt Galleries open daily through Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Berkshire Museum

39 South St., Pittsfield, MA,
413-443-7171, www.berkshireremuseum.org
Art, natural history and history for the entire family. Touch tank and aquarium, special outings and events. Gift shop. Members & children, under 3, free. Wheelchair accessible. Currently closed for renovations, but see calendar for off-site events.

Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum

Lenox Station, 10 Willow Creek Road, Lenox, MA, 413-637-2210, www.berkshirertrains.org
Historic Lenox Station, ride the Yard Jitney or experience a cab ride with an engineer, and tours. Open select Saturdays Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The Lenox Station is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. See website for updates and museum schedule.

Canaan Railroad Days

North Canaan, CT, northcanaaneventscommittee.org/railroaddays
Railroad Days festival, August 6-9. Trains, food, live music, local history.

Catamount Aerial Adventure Park

2962 State Highway 23, Hillsdale, NY, www.catamountski.com/summer/aerial-adventure-park
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Columbia County Fair

Columbia County Agricultural Society,
32 Church St., Chatham, NY,
518-444-FAIR, www.columbiafair.com
Sept. 2 to 7.

Connecticut Antique Machinery Association

31 Kent-Cornwall Rd. Kent, CT,
860-927-0050, www.camamuseum.org
Visit website for calendar of events. Exhibits of antique farm and industrial machinery. Live demos of machines. Displays of Geology and Paleontology of CT. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday from May 1 through November 1.

Danbury Railway Museum

120 White St., Danbury, CT,
203-778-8337, www.danburyrail.org
Unique line of vintage diesel locomotives, guided tours, train rides, exhibits, library, celebrate your child's birthday, gift shop. Special events each month. Open Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dinosaur State Park

400 West St., Rocky Hill, CT, 860-529-5816,
www.dinosaurstatepark.org
Registered National Landmark, open year round. Picnic area, 500 dinosaur tracks, trails, gift shop. Special events & activities, school programs. Park grounds open daily, 9 a.m. to 30 minutes before sundown, Exhibit Center open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed Mondays. Fee for Exhibit Center only, children 5 and under are free.

Dutchess County Fairgrounds

6550 Springbrook Ave., Rte. 9,
Rhinebeck, NY, 845-876-4000,
www.dutchessfair.com
August 25-30. Check website for the full calendar of events.

Fireman's Association State of New York Museum of Firefighting

117 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY, 518-822-1875, www.fasnyfiremuseum.com
More than 300 years of firefighting history on display. Children under 2 free. Wheelchair accessible. Tours available by request. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Photo by Christian Murray

Beckley Furnace Industrial Monument offers a glimpse into the industrial history of North Canaan.

Goshen Fair

Goshen Fairgrounds, Rte. 63, Goshen, CT, 860-491-3655, www.goshenfair.org
Adult spelling bee, fireworks, hay bale toss contest, skillet throw contest, pie eating contest, parade, rides, demonstrations, food, live music, tractor pulls, animal shows and judging. Sept. 5-7. Check website for schedule.

Hancock Shaker Village

1843 W Housatonic St. (Rtes. 20 & 41), Pittsfield, MA, 413-443-0188,
www.hancockshakervillage.org
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Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Presidential Library and Museum

Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY, 845-229-5320,
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The Institute for American Indian Studies

38 Curtis Rd., Washington, CT. 860-868-0518,
www.iaismuseum.org
Museum open Thursday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibits and events about the culture and history of Native Americans. Indoor displays, including a Children's Discovery Room. Outdoors visitors may walk on nature trails and visit a Healing Plants garden. See website for special events and information about a summer camp for children.

Kent Falls Brewing

33 Camps Flat Rd. Kent, CT, 860-398-9645,
www.kentfallsbrewing.com
Farm brewery with a tasting room and tours. See website for special events. Tasting room is open Thursday-Friday 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

Kent Falls State Park

Rte. 7, Kent, CT, www.ct.gov/deep/kentfalls
Five miles north of Kent center. 275 acres, 200-foot waterfall, hiking, beautiful picnic area and plenty of parking.



Photo by Graham Corrigan

The Millbrook Diner has outdoor seating, a lovely place to enjoy a meal and people watch on Franklin Avenue.

Lake Compounce

185 Enterprise Dr., Bristol, CT, 860-583-3300, www.lakecompounce.com

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Lebanon Valley Speedway

1746 Rte. 20, Lebanon, NY, 518-794-9606, www.lebanonvalley.com

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Lime Rock Park

60 White Hollow Road (Rte. 112), Lakeville, CT, 860-435-5000, www.limerock.com

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20 Mohawk Mountain Road, Goshen, CT, 860-491-3620,

portal.ct.gov/deep/state-parks/forests/mohawk-mountain-state-forest-state-park

Scenic overlook open from 8 a.m. to sunset. Forest areas open between April-November. Hiking, youth group camping, picnic area, and pond and stream fishing.

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75 Greenmanville Ave., Rte. 27, Mystic, CT, 860-572-0711, or 888-973-2767, www.mysticseaport.org

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Bradley International Airport, 36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT, 860-623-3305, www.neam.org

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Old Sturbridge Village

1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA, 800-733-1830, www.osv.org

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55 Duck Pond Rd., Litchfield, CT, 860-567-2062, www.ripleyconservancy.org

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Summer Nights of Canaan

North Canaan, CT, northcanaaneventscommittee.org/summer-nights-of-canaan

Summer Nights of Canaan, July 15-18. Carnival. More info to come.

Taconic State Park

253 Rte. 344, Copake Falls, NY,

518-329-3993, parks.ny.gov/parks/taconiccopake

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Tapping Reeve House

and Litchfield Law School

82 South St., Litchfield, 860-567-4501, www.litchfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Museum includes Tapping Reeve House, Litchfield Law School and Tapping Reeve Meadow. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Topsmead State Forest

Buell Road, Litchfield, CT, 860-424-4070, portal.ct.gov/deep/state-parks/forests/topsmead-state-forest

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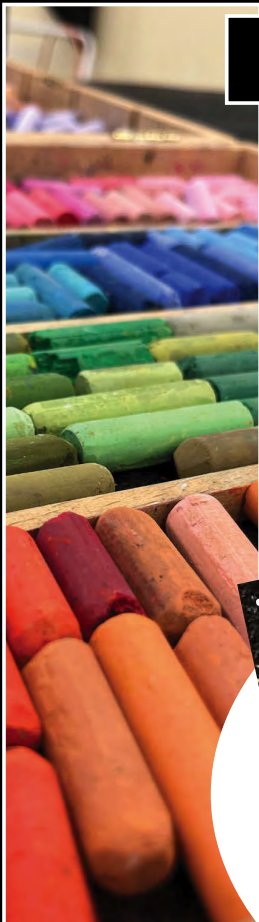


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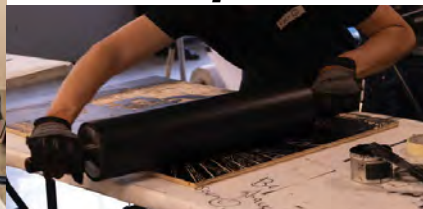


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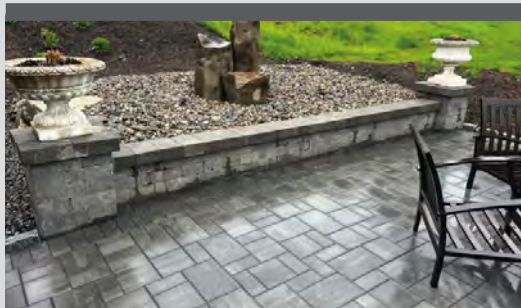


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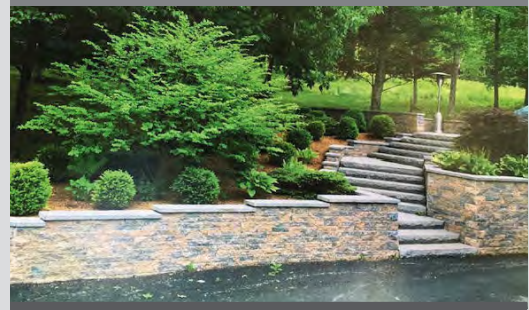
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