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Vibrant Villages

The towns of Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Thompson and Woodstock were all founded in the 18th century and settled even earlier. Period architecture, rambling stone walls, and town greens still dominate the scenery and mark the area's long history. These are places where working farms still thrive and family businesses are favored over big box stores. Here you can find boutique shops and galleries filled with unique treasures, locally owned restaurants ranging from quaint and casual to elegant fine dining, country inns and B&Bs, plus hiking trails, nature preserves and quiet country roads to explore by bike or car.

Main Street & More...

While the Brooklyn, Eastford, Pomfret, Thompson and Woodstock offer village settings, Putnam and Killingly's borough of Danielson are former mill towns that feature historic brick and stone mill buildings, multi-use riverfront recreation areas and classic, small-town Main Streets with an interesting mix of retail, services and dining. Both have convenient, free public parking and a welcoming, walkable scale.

Downtown Putnam was once hailed as the "Antiques Capital of New England." Today it is known as the region's center for arts and culture and a popular dining and entertainment destination. Putnam offers an eclectic mix of restaurants, galleries, and boutique stores all anchored by the still-popular Antiques Marketplace. Two theaters offer live performances, including drama, musicals and dance. Events such as First Fridays street festival, the annual Main Street Car Cruise, outdoor concerts, and the Putnam River Fires draw crowds from far and wide.

Putnam is always the place to go for al fresco dining, with several venues offering seasonal outdoor seating. During the pandemic, the Town allowed more restaurants to offer outdoor dining by blocking of parking spots and



Farm to Table Market, Woodstock, CT (photo courtesy of Elm Farm)

putting up barriers, which Putnam's many artists promptly decorated with bright paintings. This temporary outdoor dining has returned for 2022. Putnam's numerous restaurants offer a wide range of cuisines, prices and ambiance.

Danielson also offers a mix of stores and restaurants in a sidewalk-lined downtown that one can easily explore on foot. A few dining establishments offer seasonal outdoor dining. Shopping includes home décor/artwork, accessories and clothing, sportswear and shoes, appliances, a large Oriental food store, a used book store and more.

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Dining

Downtown Putnam, CT

Even here in the country, you can find worldly cuisines such as Thai food and sushi, but our favorite local restaurants use farm-fresh local produce and other homegrown food products whenever possible. Here are some ideas to get your stomach rumbling....

• Brooklyn

Sweet Peas (www.sweetpeasfinefoods.com)

a fun, little specialty market offering over 100 Delicious, and affordable chef-prepared meals, sides, soups, sandwiches, salads & appetizers, baked goods, local groceries & so much more!

• Danielson

Pizza Pizzazz (www.letseat.at/pizza-pizzazz)

offers a full line of subs, salads and award-winning pizza and wings. Atmosphere is fun and the owners are friendly.

• Pomfret

Vanilla Bean Café (www.thevanilla-beancafe.com)

is popular for breakfast, lunch & dinner. House-made soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers and daily specials prepared with fresh local ingredients. The Boston Globe "...great food... and the best fish cakes around in a relaxed atmosphere." Yankee Magazine Editor's Choice: "Connecticut's Best Country Café." Member of Green Valley Hospitality Restaurants.

• Putnam

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select Grab & Go options, or plan your next catered event.



Saw Dust Coffee House

(www.sawdustcoffeehouse.com)

With 2 locations, the first in Sturbridge, Saw Dust Coffee House has expanded to downtown Putnam, serving coffee & beverages, breakfast and lunch plus freshly made baked goods and desserts. They also have a full liquor license, specializing in dessert martinis and are open late on Friday &

Saturday nights with live acoustic music

• Woodstock

Mansion at Bald Hill (www.mansionatbaldhill.com)

fine dining in elegant historic mansion. Lunch and dinner in the main dining room include specialty salads and entrees made with seasonal local ingredients. Candlelight, fine linens, polished silver, and impeccable service are reminiscent of the finest Old World hotels.

The Baker's Dozen (www.bakersdozenct.com)

with locations throughout northeastern CT Baker's Dozen offers hot and cold beverages, donuts, sandwiches, and more! Drink and eat like a local!

Additional Local Restaurants

- **Brooklyn** (www.brooklynbusinessassociation.org)

Hank's Restaurant, Jonny's Pizza, Brooklyn Pizza, The Ice Box, Suto, Grill 445, Classic Pizza & Family Restaurant and more

- **Killingly/Danielson** (www.killinglyba.org)

The 99 Restaurant, Railside Tavern, Yamato Japanese, Moe's Southwest Grill, Heirloom Food Company, Deb's Place, The Dubliner, Mexican Grill, New York Pizza, 4 G's Restaurant, Golden Greek, Zips Diner, Nolles Coffee Bar, Sugarz Bakery and more!

- **Pomfret** (www.visitpomfret.com)

Grill 37, Pizza 101, Airline Grill (open seasonally)

- **Putnam** (www.discoverputnam.com)

Bill's Bread & Breakfast, Courthouse Bar & Grille, The Quarterback, Henry's, Marika's Place, Mainly Seafood, The Hare & The Hound, Jade Garden, China Star, Empire Buffet, Giant Pizza, The Stomping Ground, Nikki's Dog House, Jessica Tuesdays, Thai Place, Black Dog Cafe, Elizabeth's Farmhouse, Bravo's Bar & Grill, The Broken Crust, Slice of Heaven, Uptown Sandwiches, Chubby Dog Coffee Co., The Brick Wall Eatery, Little Falls Nutrician, Main Street Gelato, The Painted Baker, Thai Chili Pho and more!

- **Thompson** (www.thompsonct.org)

The Raceway Restaurant, Riverside Pizza, Famous Frank's Milltown Grille, Anya, Mack's Catering

- **Woodstock** (www.explorewoodstock.com)

Java Jive, Sweet Evalina's Stand, Thai Basil, Sherwood's Bar & Grill, and Soleil & Sons Bakery

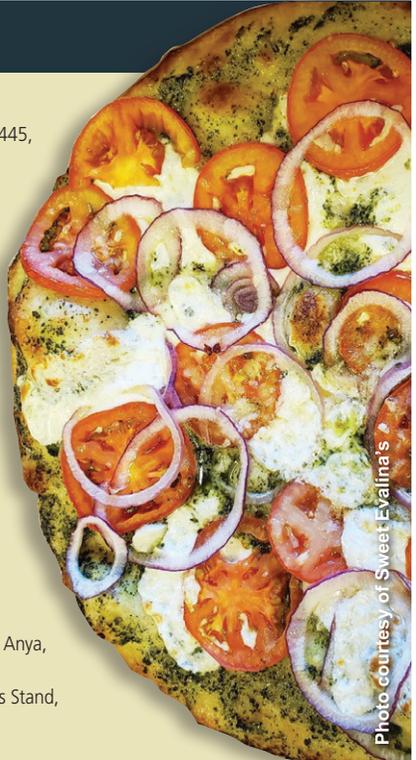


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Breweries & Vineyards

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75 Main Street, Putnam
bearhandsbrewing.com • 860-315-9099

This small brewery and tap room offers an array of beers brewed on-site and other house options. Enjoy seating in their tap room, outside patio (dog friendly) and downstairs lounge (also available for private events). Growlers available to-go. *The Brick Wall Eatery* (located in Bear Hands Brewing) offers delicious pub fare meant to be paired with beer. Order via QR code right from your seat and have your food delivered to you wherever you're sitting at the brewery.

Black Pond Brews

1001 Hartford Pike, Dayville
blackpondbrews.com
860-207-5295

Black Pond Brews offers a full tasting room experience which includes full pours and flights of beers brewed on site, as well as a full restaurant offering German and Italian inspired food.

Sharpe Hill Vineyard

108 Wade Road, Pomfret
sharpehill.com • 860-974-3549

Open since 1997, Sharpe Hill Vineyard has received over 500 medals in International tastings. Sharpe Hill is open to the public for tastings and wine sales year round on Saturday & Sunday from 11am - 5pm. Enjoy beautiful Colonial-era décor and gorgeous outdoor patio in season. Full Flight Wine Tastings.

The Crossings

45 Main Street, Putnam
crossingsbrewpub.com • 860-928-3663

Serves lunch, dinner & drinks. Located in restored historic train station in downtown Putnam, the Crossings offers pub style food and several house brews on top plus guest taps featuring New England's best craft breweries.

Taylor Brooke Winery & Brewery

818 CT-171, Woodstock
taylorbrookewinery.com/
taylorbrookebrewery.com • 860-974-1263

The winery since 2004 and brewery since 2019 are family owned and operated. Located on over 40 acres in scenic Woodstock, guests may walk between facilities and enjoy hand crafted wine or beer or both on one property! Food trucks are on-site on most weekends. Online ordering & curbside pickup is always an option. Please check out websites for the most current business hours.



The Boroughs Brewing Company

21A Furnace Street, Danielson
theboroughsbrewing.com
860-942-6506

A new brewery with taproom and outdoor patio (child and dog friendly). Owners grew up in the Borough of Danielson and are excited to provide the community with tasty brews! Also serving CT made ciders, wines, canned cocktails and spirits.



Watercure Farm Distillery

426 Mashamoquet Road,
Pomfret Center
watercurefarm.com
860-315-5566

Distillery and Tasting Room producing whisky, bourbon, brandies, vodkas and apple spice flavored rum. Located on route 44 at the former entrance to the historic Gwyn Careg Estate. Products are all made in-house with their own 100 and 50 gallon stills. Many are 100% Connecticut grown. Tastings, cocktails, bottle sales and light food.



AWARD WINNING:

Art Galleries • Antiques • Boutiques • Cafes • Dining • Live Music • Theatre

ACCLAIMED SEASONAL EVENTS:

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For more information visit: www.discoverputnam.com



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Shopping

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Local Shops

The Quiet Corner's shopkeepers and merchants are passionate about their businesses. If you appreciate attentive and friendly customer service, handmade and one-of-a-kind gifts, and enjoy exploring, you will have great fun and discover treasures around every corner.

Arts & Framing

136 Main Street, Putnam
(Find them on Facebook)
Offering quality custom framing and restoration plus art gallery featuring local artists.

August & March Home

130 Main Street, Putnam
(www.augustmarchhome.com)
a specialty shop offering a wide variety of traditional, vintage or modern homegoods & home decor.

BLOCK 134 Arts & Wellness Co-Op,

134 Main Street, Putnam
(Find them on Facebook)
a community venue offering Integrative health and wellness resources in partnership with local practitioners and creatives. Art, jewelry, pottery and other locally handcrafted wares for sale.

Chubby Dog Coffee Co.

164 Main Street, Putnam
(www.chubbydogcoffee.com) Fresh, locally roasted coffee. Enjoy a cup there or buy a pound to enjoy at home.

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Pop-Up Putnam



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Enchanted Jewelry, 131 Norwich Rd., Plainfield (www.enchantedjewelryct.com)
A third-generation, full-service fine jewelry and watch shop established in 1985 by respected bench jeweler and watchmaker Gilles St-Georges. Featuring one-of-a-kind, high quality fine jewelry and watch batteries.

Graphics Unlimited in Putnam and nearby Dudley, MA (www.gusigns.com) offer a wide range of products from beautiful heirloom quality carved wood signs to contemporary commercial signs, vehicle lettering, awnings and more.

Garden Gate Florist & Gift Shop
30 Putnam Road, Pomfret (www.gardengatefloristct.com)
fresh flowers and plants plus gifts for the home/garden, local crafts & art.

Harvest Moon Health Foods
554 Liberty Hwy., Suite 4, Putnam (www.harvestmoonhealthfoods.net)
selling healthy foods, supplements, health & beauty products. Homeopathic remedies and advice.

Heart & Home
65 Main Street, Danielson (www.heartandhomect.com)
Wander through 6,000 square feet of home furnishings and gifts, including Yankee Candles, Byers Choice, Vera Bradley, Troll Beads, Ty and many more of your favorite names. Plus a wide selection of hand selected items.

Jeremiah's Antiques & Collectables
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Putnam Business Association

(www.discoverputnam.com) discover more shops and businesses located in and around Putnam online.

Pomfret Proprietors Association

(www.visitpomfret.com) features a variety of shops and businesses located throughout the town of Pomfret online.

Sadie's Sweet Shop

12 Pomfret Street Street, Putnam

(www.sadiessweetshop.com) A family-owned and op-

erated online candy shop committed in providing superior quality candy & chocolates plus fundraising & catering.

Sawmill Pottery

112 Main Street, #14, Putnam

(www.sawmillpottery.com) Working studio offering classes, workshops and studio time for all ages. On-site gallery, showcasing & selling select works of their own potters plus other local artisans making jewelry, sculpture and more.

Scranton's Shops

300 Route 169, South Woodstock

(<https://scrantonshops.com>)

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Silver Circle Art Gallery

Upstairs in Block 134 Main Street, Putnam

(Find them on Facebook)

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Skeeters Toy Box

112 Main Street #13, Putnam

(www.skeeterstoybox.com)

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The Antiques Marketplace

109 Main Street, Putnam
(Find them on Facebook) 350
dealers offering antique glass, silver,
jewelry and vintage clothing to
furniture, art, toys & more.

The Arc Emporium

22 CT-171, Woodstock
(www.thearcct.org)
as the name implies, is a store with
a variety of new and gently used
clothing, jewelry, accessories,
furniture, and household items.

The Christmas Barn

835 CT-169, Woodstock (Find
them on Facebook) The big red
barn located on Route 169 is filled with Christmas and
rustic country decor. Open July through December.

Tunk City Revival

100 Main Street, Danielson (Find them on Facebook)
An artisan marketplace specializing in locally produced
handmade wares great for gifts. Also classes, paint nights
& private parties.



Woodstock Country Shoppe

Twigs & Pearls, 136 Main Street,
Putnam-in the Arts & Framing
Shop (find them on Facebook)
A Boho boutique with a mix of
handmade jewelry and gifts. Popular
socks, soaps, greeting cards.

Wonderland Comics

160 Main Street, Putnam
(www.wonderlandcomics.com)
Featuring comics, collectibles, books,
the latest board games and more.

Woolworks Yarn Shoppe

154 Main Street, Putnam (Find
them on Facebook) for yarn,
needlework supplies and gifts.

Woodstock Country Shoppe

47 CT-171, Woodstock
(www.woodstockcountryshoppe.com) with all the
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Mansion at Bald Hill, Woodstock (www.mansionatbaldhill.com) The Premier Banquet Center located in the Quiet Corner can accommodate 200 guests seated and your ceremony can take place in the professionally manicured gardens.

The Barn at Allen Hill Farm, Brooklyn (www.allenhillfarm.com) is a Christmas tree farm on 350 acres that also hosts seasonal weddings and events in a charming New England barn with great views of the



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Fort Hill Farms

Fort Hill Farms, Thompson (www.forthillfarms.com) historic farm with 70+ gardens, pond, gazebo, and optional tent setup.

Gwyn Careg Inn, Pomfret (www.gwyncareginn.com) enjoy the grounds surrounded by a veritable arboretum of specimen trees, century old rhododendrons, a Spanish Garden surrounded by ten foot stone walls, rolling hills and a 2-1/2 acre picturesque pond. A wedding venue that is unforgettable!

Inn at Woodstock Hill, Woodstock (www.woodstockhill.net) historic country inn, pastoral surroundings - easily accessible to Boston, Hartford & Providence.

Quinebaug River valley. Modern amenities, a full-service catering kitchen and seating for up to 150 guests.

Tyrone Farm, Pomfret (www.tyronefarm.com) beautiful 170 acre private country estate established in 1742, Tyrone Farm is a stunning example of a bygone era, lovingly cared for and available exclusively for your wedding day.

Stonehurst at Hampton Valley, Hampton (www.stonehursthamptonvalley.com) 90+ acres of land with an intimate event space in a stone mansion for 80 people, a renovated barn for up to 299 guests, and Little River for a peaceful outdoor event.



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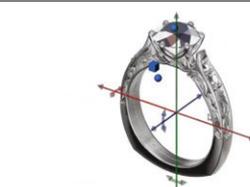
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Comfort Inn & Suites, Dayville (www.comfortinn.com) 78 guest rooms plus indoor pool, on-site restaurant & business center.

Gwyn Careg Inn, Pomfret (www.gwyncareginn.com) an elegant Colonial Revival Mansion nestled upon 14 acres of greenery and beautiful gardens with 5 guest rooms & private baths.

Mansion at Bald Hill, Woodstock (www.mansionatbaldhill.com) this historic landmark that has taken on a new life as a premier restaurant and an elegant Bed and Breakfast. Private and secluded, it offers the perfect setting for that special getaway or event.

The Inn at Woodstock Hill, Woodstock (www.woodstockhill.net) historic country inn, pastoral surroundings. Offers 21 comfortable guest rooms, each individually decorated, having a variety of amenities.

The Watson Boutique Bed & Breakfast, Thompson (<http://thewatsonboutiquebb.com>) An eighteenth century getaway on beautiful, historic Thompson Hill, located within easy reach of twentieth century pleasures. Fully renovated in 2018 with 4 guest bedrooms and a 2-bedroom suite.

Quiet Corner Inn, Brooklyn (www.quietcornerinn.com) Relax in the privacy of your own guest room with amenities including free wireless high-speed Internet access, microwave, mini-fridge, cable TV with HBO, hairdryer, iron with ironing board, and free local calls.

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FALL

Brooklyn Fair, the weekend before Labor Day, Brooklyn Fairgrounds: Founded in 1809, the country's oldest continuously active agricultural fair. Animals, exhibits, food, games, vendors, live music, other entertainment. www.brooklynfair.org

Woodstock Fair, Labor Day Weekend at the Woodstock Fairgrounds: The state's second oldest agricultural fair featuring crafts, livestock shows, petting zoo, Midway, contests, concessions, live concerts on the Main Stage, and lots more. www.woodstockfair.com



Woodstock Fair

Celebrate Killingly, 2nd Saturday in September 10-2PM, Davis Park, Killingly: A day full of fun activities, delicious food and goods from local businesses. www.facebook.com/celebratekillingly/

The Great Tomato Festival, September, Killingly: Quirky town festival at Davis Park celebrating the garden tomato. Farmer's market, craft vendors, parade, and a food court. Free and open to all.

Savor the Flavor & Empty Bowls Project, September, Putnam: Prepare your taste buds and support the Empty

Bowls Project, featuring creative themed tasting dishes by local restaurateurs. All proceeds benefit the IHSP-Daily Bread food pantry.

Roseland Cottage Arts & Craft Show, October, the weekend after Columbus Day, Woodstock: A leading New England juried fine arts and crafts show with 175 artisans, plus food trucks and entertainment. www.facebook.com/Roseland-CottageFineArtsAndCraftsFestival

Great Pumpkin Festival, mid-October, Downtown Putnam: A community celebration of fall

featuring The Great Pumpkin, craft and art vendors, live music, activities for the kids, and more!

Zombie Fashion Show, October, Putnam: Popular apocalypse fashion show brings mini-monsters, creepy couples, fiendish families and more.

Tackle The Trail, 3rd Saturday in October, Airline State Park: Challenging, fun, well-supported trail race includes marathon, 1/2 marathon and relay team options. Proceeds benefit students and programs at Quinebaug Valley Community College. www.tacklethehtrail.org

Walktober, late September through early November, throughout The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor: Hundreds of opportunities to explore with FREE guided walks, paddles, hikes, bike rides, historical tours, and more. Searchable online guide at thelastgreenvalley.org

WINTER

It's Holiday Fair Season, consider the **Holiday Nature Store** (mid-November through Christmas) at CT Audubon Society's Center on Day Road in Pomfret or the long-running **Saint Nicholas Victorian Fair** at Christ Church in Pomfret (1st Saturday in December). Plus **The Holiday Store** (open weekends after Thanksgiving) located in the Thompson Historical Society building.

Artists' Open Studios of NECT, Thanksgiving and the following weekends: A free, self-guided adventure to meet northeastern Connecticut's artists and artisans in their studios (over 80 locations). www.aosct.org

Holiday fun for kids sponsored by Town Parks & Rec during December includes "**Santa Comes to Town**" in Putnam and "**Frosty's Big Night Out**" and "**Breakfast with Santa**" in Killingly.

Holiday Dazzle Light Parade, Sunday after Thanksgiving, Putnam: this popular longtime event has become a REVERSE parade where families enjoy this fun holiday tradition from their car with floats, music and lights.

Fire & Ice, Putnam, February, Downtown Putnam, a great way to celebrate mid-winter and Valentine's Day with indoor & outdoor fun, including an ice block carving contest, "fire-themed" & other entertainment.

SPRING

Kicking off the annual Tag Sale Season is **Pomfret's Town-Wide Tag Sale**, 1st Saturday in May, featuring 50 – 60 locations throughout town. VisitPomfret.com

From late March through June, "**Spring Outdoors**" is The Last Green Valley's mostly free series of outdoor activities such as guided walks, hikes, bike rides, paddles, educational fun and more. thelastgreenvalley.org

Harmonies & Hops, mid-May, downtown Danielson. Kicking off annual festival season, this one sponsored by the Killingly Business Association features music and beer, and tastings.

SUMMER

4th of July Fireworks: Dates and times change annually for these great local light shows sponsored by Town Parks & Rec Departments ~ **Red, White & Blue BBQ**, Killingly, Owen Bell Park, live music, chicken BBQ and fireworks ~ **River Fire, Concert & Fireworks & First Friday's**, Downtown Putnam. This summer street fair celebrates all that Putnam has to offer with art, music, dance, fine cuisine, quaint shopping, family memories.

Second Saturdays, Killingly: free, family-friendly festival in Davis Park during June, July & August with games, prizes, local food & artisan vendors, and live music.



Rotary Park Concerts

Pop-Up-Putnam, organized by the Putnam Business Association, select Saturdays: An open-air market throughout Putnam's downtown spaces, welcoming visitors to discover unique artisan and merchant offerings, live

entertainment. discoverputnam.com/events

Summer Concerts, in Davis Park, Danielson: Free, Thursdays 6-8PM, July through mid-August.

Main Street Car Cruise, August, hundreds of gleaming, restored antique cars line the parking lots and streets of Downtown Putnam, contests, entertainment.

Particle Accelerator Concert: Early August, Rotary Park in Putnam: Showcase of local music to raise awareness of mental health issues, fundraiser benefiting United Services.

Bike Night! Mid-August, 5-8 pm, Main Street, Killingly, bike show with hundreds of motorcycles, plus food, beverages & entertainment. [See Killingly Parks and Recreation Facebook page](http://SeeKillinglyParksandRecreationFacebookpage)

Kickin' It Killingly, Second Saturdays & Food Truck Event, with music, food & beverages, summer & early fall dates. www.killinglyba.org

Putnam River Fire & al fresco Concerts: free live concerts at the Rotary Bandstand followed by wood bonfires that light up the Quinebaug River at dusk.

The Great Outdoors



Photo courtesy of CT National Golf Club

The Great Outdoors

If you love to be outdoors, the Quiet Corner won't disappoint. Hiking, biking, birding, boating, golf and more await you!

Mashamoquet Brook State Park, Pomfret (RT 44)
General Israel Putnam's famous Wolf Den, Table Rock and Indian Chair, well-marked trail system for hikes. Fishing, swimming, picnics.

CT Audubon Center at Pomfret Visitor Center and Bafflin Sanctuary, Pomfret with miles of walking trails plus year-round nature programs, lectures & workshops.

Goodwin State Forest, Hampton for well-maintained and marked hiking, biking & horse trails plus year-round nature programs of all kinds for adults and kids.

Natchaug State Forest, Eastford Popular for its horse trails, outstanding fishing, and riverfront picnic sites.

The Airline State Park Trail
Part of the CT Rails To Trails system and the East Coast Greenway. This former railroad bed runs 55 miles from Thompson to East Hampton, including 20 miles from Pomfret to Willimantic. The flat, gravel trail is fun to explore on foot, bike, horseback, or cross country skis in winter. Plans to improve 4 miles of Trail into Putnam and connect to the Putnam River Trail are in the works. New pocket size guides with map and local amenities are available at the Pomfret Town Hall, Library, Community Center

and local businesses and will be located along the Trail. Visit www.ct.gov/deep for access points.

Old Furnace State Park, Killingly South Frontage Rd. (off Rte. 6) Former site of Revolutionary War foundry: blue-blazed trails with scenic overlook; connects to Ross Pond State Park for fishing & hiking.

Pomfret Forest, is 150 acres owned by the Town of Pomfret with a new multi-use trail system for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use connecting the Forest to the Air Line Trail, Pomfret Recreation Park, Wyndham Land Trust, and New England Forestry Association land. Park at 118 Wolf Den Road.



Old Furnace State park

Quaddick Lake, Thompson (818 Town Farm Rd)
A water-oriented park used by swimmers, fishers and boaters, trail system for hiking/off road biking.

Quinebaug River Water Trail Twenty+ miles of waterways for canoe/kayak. For more information visit

www.thelastgreenvalley.org for a paddler's guide of put-ins and routes from Putnam, Thompson, Pomfret and Killingly.

West Thompson Lake, Thompson
200-acre lake, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, seasonal campground, and a disc golf course. Plus snowmobile & cross-country skiing.

Roseland Park, Woodstock
60 acres on Roseland Lake for boating/fishing, picnicking, playground; Woodstock Golf Course.

Owen Bell Park, Dayville Owen Bell Park offers something for everyone including sports fields, basketball courts, and a running track. The park also has playground equipment & swings for all ages, a small pond, and areas for biking and hiking.

The Wyndham Land Trust, protects over 5,000 acres of valuable habitat in the Quiet Corner. Most of their preserves are open to the public and many have walking trails. For details and some trail maps, see www.thelastgreenvalley.org

Golf Courses open to the public: CT National Golf Club in Putnam, Harrisville Golf Course and Woodstock Golf Course in Woodstock, Raceway Golf Club at the Thompson Speedway & Vineyard Valley Golf Course in Pomfret.

On the Farm

Allen Hill Farm, in Brooklyn (www.allenhillfarm.com) is a seasonal Christmas tree farm on 350 acres with thousands of trees of all varieties and sizes. Enjoy wagon rides, free tree baling, a craft barn with locally made goods and maple products plus complimentary snacks. They also host seasonal weddings in a lovely barn.

Creamery Brook Bison Farm in Brooklyn (www.creamery-brookbison.net) offers group tours on a wagon ride among a herd of buffalo. Call to book a private tour or see their website for public tours in October.

We-Lik-It Ice Cream Stand (www.welikit.com) on the Rich Family Farm in Pomfret won a *Yankee Magazine's Editor's Choice* for its amazing ice cream; the pastoral setting with farm animals is also an attraction.

Fairvue Farms in Woodstock (www.fairvuefarms.com) is a working dairy farm with 700 Holsteins that enjoys giving free tours, provided you make an appointment.

Taylor Brooke Winery in Woodstock (www.taylorbrookewinery.com & www.taylorbrookebrewery.com) features both a winery and a brewery, each with its own tasting room. Since 2004, the Winery has offered tastings of fruit-inspired vintages and self-guided tours of the vineyard. Open in 2019, the

Brewery consists of a production facility and a large tap room serving flight samples, full pours, and growler fills. The farm includes expansive vineyards, a small hop yard, and a growing apiary. Scenic **Sharpe Hill Vineyard in Pomfret** also offers tastings.

There are numerous orchards, farm stands and "pick your own" farms open seasonally, such as **Woodstock Orchards** in Woodstock (RT 169, Woodstock Hill), **Lapsley Orchard** in Pomfret (403 Orchard Hill Rd), **Buell's Orchard** (www.buellsorcharchard.com) in Eastford, and **Fort Hill Farms** in Thompson (www.forthillfarms.com). Many offer locally produced honey, maple syrup, jams & jellies, and crafts in addition to fresh produce. Noted by *Yankee Magazine*, the award-winning **Fort Hill Farms** also offers an educational corn maze and a creamery open during corn maze hours, with "Farmer's Cow" brand milk, eggs and ice cream. Call ahead for hours and events.

Chase Road Growers in Thompson is a family-run farm open seasonally. Specializing in bedding plants, hanging baskets and containers, summer vegetable farm stand, sweet corn, cut flowers, decorative gourds, mums and pumpkins. Check the Facebook page for hours.

Harts Greenhouse (www.hartsgreenhouseflorist.com) This family-run garden center has served northeastern Connecticut for over 25 years, specializing in locally grown plants plus seasonal vegetables.

A seasonal **Farmer's Market** (with locations in Putnam, Danielson, Brooklyn & Plainfield) offers fresh local produce, plants and flowers, locally grown beef, cheese, honey, jams & jellies, maple syrup and baked goods (www.nectfarmersmarket.org).

Unbound Glory Homestead located on Hampton Road in Pomfret, offers heirloom vegetables at local farmer's markets plus BBQ catering/food truck and NEW wood-fired pizza on select dates on the farm (www.unboundgloryfarm.com). At **Farm to Table Market** in Woodstock, you can gaze at Elm Farm's dairy cows while eating ice cream, take home local dairy, meat, produce and other goods (www.elmfarm.net). At **Woodstock Creamery** also in Woodstock, features milk (plain, chocolate, and coffee), yogurts, local meats, and other agricultural products. (<https://woodstockcreamery.com/>)



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Art & History



Photo courtesy of The Complex Performing Arts Center

Arts & Entertainment

Local arts, entertainment and attractions are thankfully getting back into the groove in our post-pandemic world. Please check websites or call ahead at venues to ensure hours, event details, etc.

Putnam's Bradley Playhouse

(www.thebradleyplayhouse.org), is a historic Vaudeville-era theater that offers 8 shows per year, from musicals and drama, to comedy, murder mystery, and family theater. The productions of this well-regarded community theater plus a full season of contemporary drama and dance at the **Complex Performing Art Center** (www.thecpac.org) The Complex is an innovative hub for performing and creative arts education and performance, with programs for children, teens, and adults in dance, theatre, music, and creative/visual arts. The Complex fosters original thought, creative and personal development, and collaborative art making experiences in its 10,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility in the historic Cargill Bank Building. Putnam also offers free, seasonal entertainment at **Rotary Park** on the riverfront such as live concerts "al Fresco," dance shows, Riverfire, and more. **The Little Theatre on Broadstreet** in Danielson also offers live performances (featuring local talent).



Photo courtesy of The Stomping Ground

Live music of all kinds can be enjoyed at many locations, including the **Vanilla Bean Café, Pomfret** (www.thevanillabeancafe.com) an important stop on the New England folk music circuit. In Putnam, music/arts venue **The Stomping Ground** (the-stomping-ground.com) offers live performances 6 nights a week by a variety of diverse groups. **Saw Dust Coffee House**, is open late on Friday & Saturday nights with live acoustic music (www.sawdustcoffeehouse.com).



Roseland Cottage

Historical Attractions

The Quiet Corner is full of history everywhere you look. Woodstock Hill (Rt. 169), Thompson Hill (Rtes. 200 & 193), and Brooklyn (Rtes. 169 & 6) all offer fine examples of New England town greens (or "commons") surrounded by period architecture. Drive by and have a look.

Here are some other sites for history lovers...

Brayton Grist Mill & Marcy Blacksmith Museum and the **Wolf Den, Pomfret** is an 1890s one-man mill operation and the only one left of its kind. Open Sundays (2-4pm) in summer. Plus hiking trails in the park.

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Quasset School, Woodstock (Frog Pond Road off Rt. 171) One of the oldest one-room schools in America in continuous use, a little over 200 years, open Sundays in July & August (1-4pm).

Roseland Cottage,

Woodstock

(<https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/rosland-cottage/>) Locally known as the "Pink House," this rose-colored Gothic Revival and surrounding historic gardens and outbuildings is located on Woodstock's scenic town green. It features a house museum, open seasonally for tours plus teas, concerts, educational programs and an annual craft fair.



Photo courtesy of Bradley Playhouse

The Palmer Arboretum just off the town green in Woodstock is a small botanical park founded in 1914. Several trees in this collection date back to 1914, including a huge purple beech and cypress grove. The gardens are open to the public for enjoyment and education.

Trail Wood on Kenyon Road in Hampton is the former home of writer-naturalist Edwin Way Teale and now a wildlife sanctuary managed by CT Audubon. The 168-acre property is open year-round to visitors for hiking and

natural history programs. Teale's study and writing cabin are open by appointment. (www.ctaudubon.org/trail-wood-home/)

There are many tours of historical sites during **The Last Green Valley's annual "Walktober" event**, many of which are not usually open to the public. See www.thelastgreenvalley.org for details.

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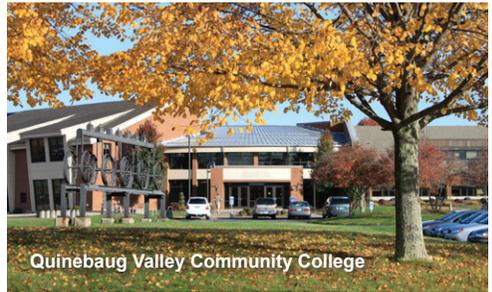
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Quinebaug Valley Community College

Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson

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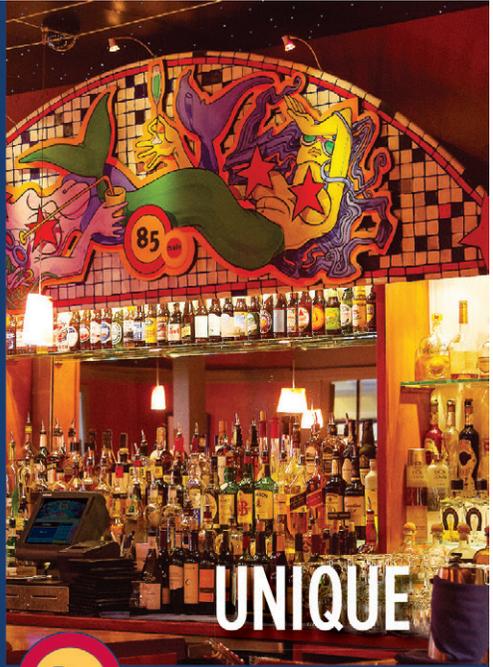
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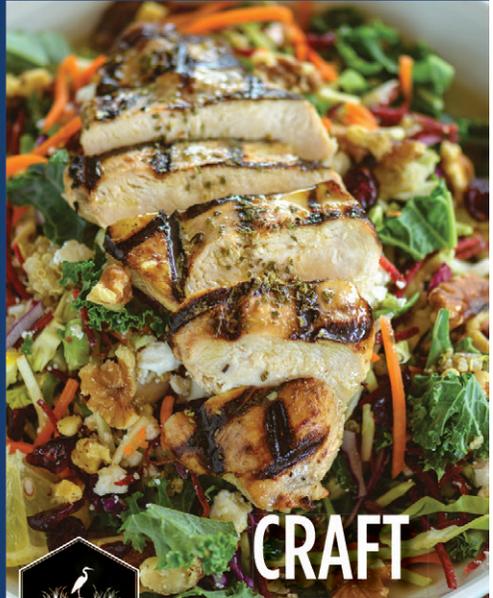
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