



## Summer Activities in CT

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### Outdoor Resources and Opportunities in CT :

- Fishing: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/fishing/care/care---ct-aquatic-resources-education>
- Hiking: <https://ctparks.com/skys-the-limit-hiking-challenge>
- Parks: <https://portal.ct.gov/ncli/great-park-pursuit/gpp-landing-page>

### History Museums

- Fairfield Museum and History Center free admission for children 5 and under
- Greenwich Historical Society Bush-Holley House Museum free on Wednesdays, free for 18 and under
- The Bruce Museum in Greenwich free admission on Tuesdays
- Museum of CT History in Hartford – free admission
- Fort Trumbull (free with library pass)
- New England Civil War Museum, Vernon

### Art Museums

- MoCA Westport free for children 5 and under, free for healthcare providers with ID
  - o Ability to request free admission [info@mocawestport.org](mailto:info@mocawestport.org)
- Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield – free every third Saturday of the month
  - o Offer free Kids Storytime on these days
- Yale Art Museum
- Benton Museum, UCONN Storrs
- Davison Art Center, Middletown
- Whitney Museum of American Art at Champion, Stamford
- Wadsworth Museum, free for Hartford Residents and kids under 18
- Bellarmine Museum of Art

### Science/Children's Museums



- SHU Discovery Science Center and Planetarium Free Wednesdays for Bridgeport Residents
  - o Free for children 2 and under
- Submarine Force Library and Museum in Groton
- SoundWaters Coastal Education Center in Stamford
- Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk free admission for children 3 and under
- Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk free admission for children 1 and under
- J. Robert Donnelly Husky Heritage Sports Museum in Storrs
- Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry in Storrs
- CT Antique Machinery Museum
- Eli Whitney Museum
- Connecticut State Museum of Natural History & Archaeology Center, Storrs

#### Entertainment

- Summer Movie Nights in the Park
  - o Aspetuck Park, Easton, June 28-August 9
  - o Mill River Park, Stamford
  - o Evergreen Walk in South Windsor Free Friday Flicks
  - o Movies in the Plaza, New Haven, every Wednesday after sundown
  - o Old Saybrook Parks and Rec on the town green
  - o Downtown Milford Summer Movie Nights at Fowler Pavilion
- Shakespeare in the Park, Edgerton Park New Haven (8/15-10/1)

#### Splash Pads/Water Parks

- Watrous Park, Cromwell
- Colchester RecPlex, Colchester
- Dinosaur Place Splash Pad (free for children 2 and under), Oakdale
- Portland Recreation Complex, Portland
- Kavanaugh Park, Old Saybrook
- Connor's Place/Macie's Place, Somers
- Lauter Park, Willimantic
- Owen Bell Park Splash Pad, Dayville
- City Park, Meriden



- Lighthouse Point Park (free for New Haven registered vehicles), New Haven
- Mayor Pete Villano Park, Hamden
- East Haven Town Beach Splash Pad, East Haven
- City of New Haven Splash Pads ([map](#))
- BroadBrook/East Windsor Splash Pads, Broad Brook
- Olcott Street Playground, Manchester
- Rockwell Park, Bristol
- Various New Britain splash pads
- Various West Hartford splash pads
- Eisenhower Park, Milford
- Bridgeport (15 different locations, various prices)
  - o Alice Street Park Splash Pad
  - o Beardsley Park Splash Pad
  - o Columbus School Splash Pad
  - o Curiale School Splash Pad
  - o Ellsworth Park Splash Pad
  - o Johnson Oak Park Splash Pad
  - o Luis Munoz Marin School Splash Pad
  - o Newfield Park Splash Pad
  - o Nob Hill Park Splash Pad
  - o Park City Magnet School Splash Pad
  - o Puglio Park Splash Pad
  - o Seaside Park – West Beach Splash Pad
  - o Success Park Splash Pad
  - o Washington Park Splash Pad
  - o Went Field Park Splash Pad
- Ryan Park, Norwalk
- 1 Christopher Columbus Ave, Danbury
- Scalzi Park, Stamford

## Outdoor Activities

- UCONN Animal Barns in Storrs
- Beardsley Zoo Free Saturdays for Bridgeport Residents (Month of June)
- Elizabeth Park Conservancy Rose Garden
- Niantic Bay Boardwalk
- Historic Mystic Village



- Enders Falls
- Devil's Hopyard State Park (waterfalls)
- Buttonwood Sunflower Farm
- Wadsworth Falls State Park
- Avery Point Lighthouse
- Southford Falls State Park
- Northwest Park Nature Center
- Ansonia Nature Center
- Dinosaur State Park (free with library CT Parks Pass)
- Connecticut College Arboretum
- Weir Farm, Wilton