

Nature preserves and trails abound in Salem. Walk through beautiful woodlands, glens and trails while standing by our waterways as you enjoy the natural beauty.

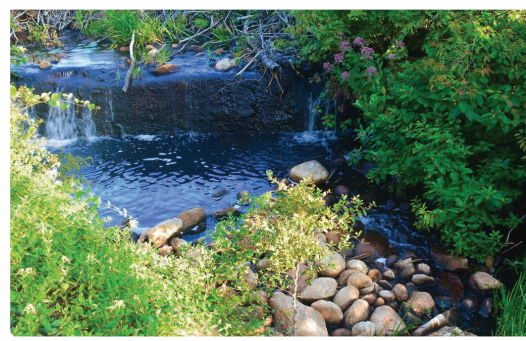


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Historical Notes

Salem was incorporated as a town on May 5, 1819, but its history goes back to 1664 when Captain Sannup, a Niantic Sachem (chief) deeded land to Matthew Griswold, Sr.

In 1718 Colonel Samuel Browne from Salem, Massachusetts, purchased over 10,000 acres of land for farming. It is believed the town took its name from Colonel Browne's home town.

Before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, about two dozen Salem men walked to Boston and joined the ranks of the Continental Army. Some of them participated in the first battle at Lexington.

In 1835, Oramel Whittlesey established the Music Vale Seminary and Normal Academy of Music, the first school authorized to confer a music degree in the United States. Young women from around the country came to Salem to learn voice culture, organ, harp, guitar and piano. The Seminary provided most of the music teachers for the United States at that time. Sadly, the seminary buildings were consumed by a series of fires. To mark this historic location, a plaque is located at the junction of Hartford Rd. (Rt 85) and Music Vale Rd.



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Replica of Bluebird Coach of the Music Vale Seminary on display at the Antique Carriage and Sleigh Museum.



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We sincerely hope you enjoy your visit to our town and take home wonderful memories of Salem, Connecticut.

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Surprising Salem Connecticut

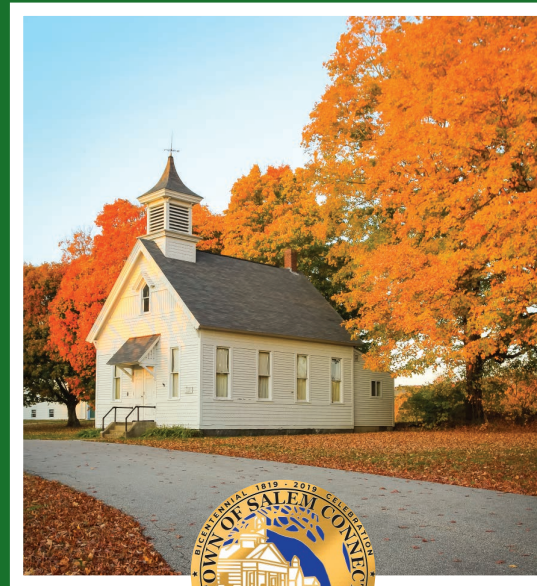


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Salem, Connecticut is located in the heart of Southeastern Connecticut surrounded by beautiful rolling hills and fields that are adorned with streams, ponds and lakes. Salem offers visitors and guests "nature's best".

Salem is proud of its small-town New England charm, hospitality, attractions and quality of life.

Located a short distance between Hartford, New London and Norwich, scenic CT Routes 11, 85 and 82 all converge in Salem.

Salem is a quick drive from a number of attractions in Southeastern Connecticut including Mohegan Sun Casino, Foxwoods Casino, Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium, Gillette Castle State Park and The Dinosaur Place/Nature's Art Village.

The rural town of Salem has a surprising number of things to do, see and experience, that will entertain, inform and delight visitors.



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You are invited to shop for antiques and unique items at Two Sisters Trading Post, the Mill Resale Co. Antique Shop and fine arts and crafts from local artisans at the Red House Cultural Arts Center. While at the Red House, stop by Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream, known throughout Eastern Connecticut for their delicious ice cream treats.

Visit the Mitchell Farm to see beautiful horses or stop by the Antique Carriage & Sleigh Museum and the Salem Historical Society. Spend some time at the Fox Farm Brewery to sample a selection of their locally produced specialty beers.

Sit down at Two Brothers Pizza & Pub or enjoy brick oven pizza from The Plum Tomato, Chinese food from Sweet Rice, or grinders and salads from Subway. Salem Prime Cuts is renowned throughout Connecticut for their smoke house products, grinders and prepared foods from their deli.

LIST OF TOURIST LOCATIONS

ANTIQUES, GIFTS & CRAFTS

- 1 The Mill Resale Co**
594 Norwich Rd
860-859-3561
Fri - Sun - 11 am - 6 pm
Or by appointment
- 2 The Red House Cultural Arts Center**
22 Darling Rd
860-608-6526
Thurs - Sun - 10am - 7pm
(Winter hours reduced)
- 3 Two Sisters Trading Post**
26 New London Rd
860-934-9537
Mon - Thurs - 10pm - 5pm
Fri - Sat - 10am - 6pm
Sun - 11am - 4pm

BREWERY

- A Fox Farm Brewery**
62 Music Vale Rd
860-287-0076
Thurs - Fri - 2pm - 7pm
Sat - Sun - 11am - 5pm

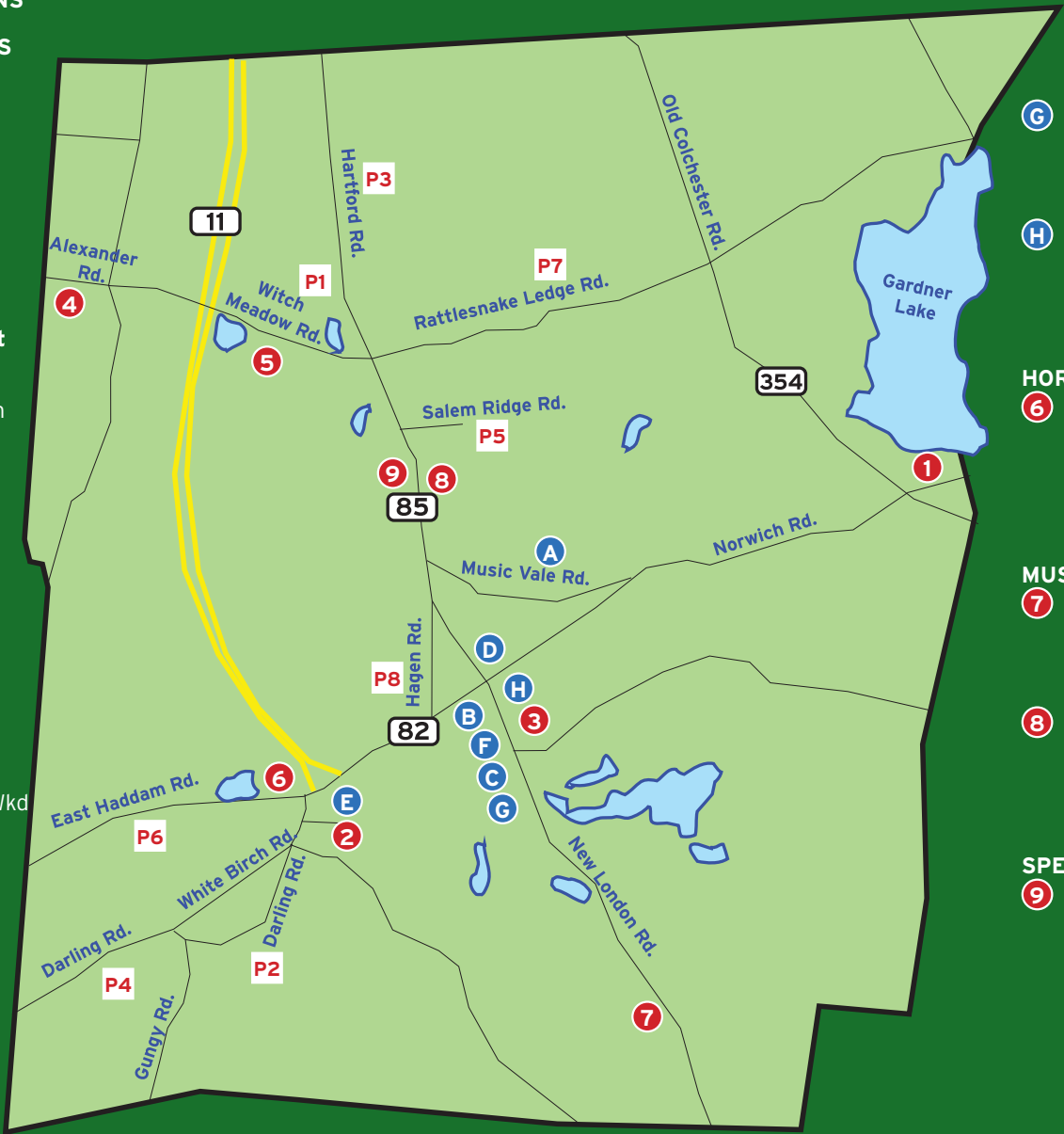
CAMPGROUNDS

- 4 Salem Farms Campground, LLC**
39 Alexander Rd
860-859-2320
May 1st - Columbus Day Wkd
- 5 Witch Meadow Lake Campground**
139 Witch Meadow Rd
860-859-1542
May - October

FOOD

- B Dunkin Donuts**
1 New London Rd
860-859-9051
Daily 4am - 9pm
- C Subway of Salem**
1 New London Rd
860-885-1985
Mon - Sat - 10am - 8 pm
Sun - 11am - 9pm
- D Two Brothers Pizza Restaurant & Pub**
20 New London Rd, Unit 17
Mon - Sat 10:30 - 9pm
860-204-9090

- E Salem Valley Ice Cream**
20 Darling Rd
860-934-9537
April - October
Mon - Fri - 12 noon - 9pm
Sat - Sun - 12 noon - 10pm
- F The Plum Tomato**
Pizzas, sandwiches, pastas
1 New London Rd, Unit 16
860-892-5295
Daily 11am - 9pm



- G Sweet Rice Chinese Restaurant**
1 New London Rd, Unit 25
860-934-9537
Mon - Fri 11am - 10pm
Sun - 12 noon - 10pm
- H Salem Prime Cuts**
Grinders, burgers & prepared food
12 New London Rd
860-859-0741
Mon - Sat - 8am - 5:30

HORSE FARM FOR RETIRED HORSES

- 6 Mitchell Farm Equine Retirement, Inc.**
300 East Haddam Rd
860-303-8705
Visitors welcomed to the nonprofit home for retired horses by appointment
See Special Activities for Music Festival

MUSEUMS

- 7 Antique Carriage & Sleigh Museum**
509 New London Rd
860-859-5336
May - October
Guided Tours - call for appointment
- 8 Salem Historical Society**
246 Hartford Rd
860-859-1429
Jun - Oct
4th Sat 1pm - 4pm.

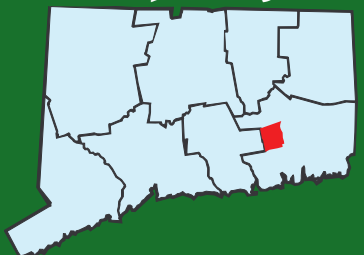
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- 9 Applefest at the Congregational Church of Salem**
244 Hartford Rd
860-859-1211
Known for delicious apple pies, baked goods, whole apples and breakfast in the Apple Cafe. Also, hot dogs, cider, ice cream Sundaes and slices of apple pie are available
No admission charge
Last Saturday of October
9am until sold out
- Magic of Music at the Mitchell Farm**
Annual fundraiser - There is an admission charge
3rd Saturday of September
Check website for more information
- 6 Mitchel Farm Equine Retirement, Inc.**
300 East Haddam Rd
860-303-8705

HIKING TRAILS & LAND TRUST PRESERVES

- P1 Ahnert Preserve**
489 Hartford Rd
(Parking on right before road crosses Big Brook)
6 acre parcel with small wildlife and brook. No trail, but visitors welcomed.
- P2 Alf & Sylvia Bingham Preserve**
194 Darling Rd
(Right of way leads to preserve entrance.)
A 4 acre parcel with a marked right-of-way off of Darling Rd. Vernal pools, a rocky ledge and beaver pond.
- P3 Big Brook Gorge Preserve**
750 Hartford Rd
(Park by the side of the road.)
19.67 acres with a 75 ft gorge.
- P4 Darling Road Preserve**
428 Darling Rd
(Brown kiosk marks entrance on left.)
109 acre preserve with 2.5 miles of trails
- P5 Smuggler's Rock Preserve**
Salem Ridge Drive
(Parking and access trails from Salem Ridge cul-de-sac, please obey parking signs.)
2 miles of marked trails.
- P6 Tatson's Wood Preserve**
483 East Haddam Rd
(A walking path in the woods, across a brook's stepping stones leads to the Preserve. Please park along the road.)
An 8 acre preserve with a 1 mile walk.
- P7 Zemko Sawmill Preserve**
180 Rattlesnake Ledge Rd
(Entrance/parking on the left along dirt driveway.)
92 acres with over 2 miles of trails and a beaver pond.
- P8 Walden Preserve**
119 Hagen Rd
This 400 acre parcel has 6 miles of trails through meadows, woodlands and wetlands. For more information on the Preserves and trails go to www.salemlandtrust.org

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