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5-day coastal outlook for Southeastern Connecticut and adjacent Rhode Island

TODAY

Mostly sunny, breezy and quite cool. **High 50**

TONIGHT: Becoming partly cloudy and chilly. **Low 33**

THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy with rain developing. **High 52 Low 46**

FRIDAY

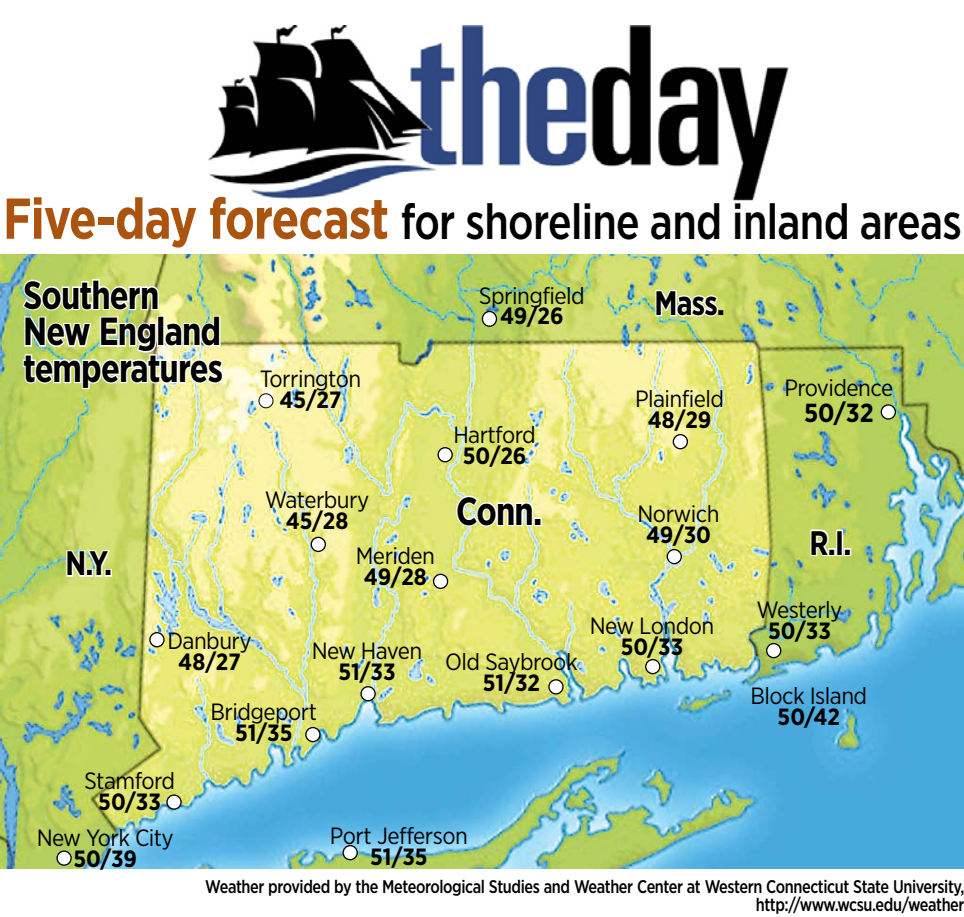
Chance of showers early, partly sunny. **High 55 Low 42**

SATURDAY

Chance for a few late day showers. **High 59 Low 50**

SUNDAY

Partly sunny and breezy, a bit milder. **High 62 Low 47**



TODAY

Mostly sunny, breezy and very cool. **High 49**

TONIGHT: Becoming partly cloudy, very chilly. **Low 30**

THURSDAY

Showers developing midday. **High 47 Low 32**

FRIDAY

Showers end in AM, some PM sunshine. **High 53 Low 38**

SATURDAY

Becoming cloudy, a shower late. **High 57 Low 45**

SUNDAY

Partly sunny and breezy, seasonable. **High 62 Low 43**

MARINE FORECAST

Long Island Sound

Wind: Northwest at 10 to 15 knots.
Visibility: 10 miles or more.
Wave heights: 2 feet. Water temp: 59.

Block Island waters

Wind: Northwest at 10 to 15 knots.
Visibility: 10 miles or more.
Wave heights: 2 feet. Water temp: 63.

TIDES

Today	High Tide	Low Tide
Watch Hill	6:03 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	12:47 a.m. 12:51 p.m.
Westerly	6:40 a.m. 7:06 p.m.	1:05 a.m. 1:36 p.m.
Stonington	6:29 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	12:21 a.m. 12:52 p.m.
Noank	6:39 a.m. 7:05 p.m.	12:54 a.m. 1:25 p.m.
New London	7:01 a.m. 7:27 p.m.	1:02 a.m. 1:33 p.m.
Millstone Point	7:10 a.m. 7:36 p.m.	1:03 a.m. 1:34 p.m.
Saybrook Point	8:12 a.m. 8:38 p.m.	1:47 a.m. 2:18 p.m.

Tomorrow	High Tide	Low Tide
Watch Hill	6:54 a.m. 7:18 p.m.	1:11 a.m. 1:22 p.m.
Westerly	7:23 a.m. 7:47 p.m.	1:52 a.m. 2:25 p.m.
Stonington	7:12 a.m. 7:36 p.m.	1:08 a.m. 1:41 p.m.
Noank	7:22 a.m. 7:46 p.m.	1:41 a.m. 2:14 p.m.
New London	7:44 a.m. 8:08 p.m.	1:49 a.m. 2:22 p.m.
Millstone Point	7:53 a.m. 8:17 p.m.	1:50 a.m. 2:23 p.m.
Saybrook Point	8:55 a.m. 9:19 p.m.	2:34 a.m. 3:07 p.m.

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National weather

Summary for today

Some snow showers are possible in portions of northern New England, while high pressure brings partly to mostly sunny skies to the remainder of the eastern quarter of the country. A storm in the Midwest will produce periods of rain from the upper Midwest and upper Great Lakes to the central Plains. High pressure will bring partly to mostly sunny skies and pleasant readings in the southwestern quarter of the country. Periods of rain from Washington to California.

U.S. CITIES today

City	Hi	Lo	W
Denver	72	46	s
Detroit	49	43	c
Honolulu	86	73	ps
Indianapolis	63	50	c
Jacksonville	80	63	ps
Kansas City	71	48	sh
Las Vegas	83	63	ps
Little Rock	80	58	ps
Los Angeles	68	60	c
Louisville	73	59	ps
Milwaukee	52	42	r
Minneapolis	50	37	sh
Nashville	80	61	ps
New Orleans	82	67	ps
Oklahoma City	79	58	sh
Orlando	85	65	ps
Philadelphia	52	40	s
Phoenix	94	72	ps
Pittsburgh	52	46	c
Portland, ME	50	34	ps

City	Hi	Lo	W
Portland, OR	62	53	r
St. Louis	69	50	sh
San Diego	71	63	ps
San Francisco	71	58	c
San Juan, P.R.	87	77	r
Seattle	61	53	r
Syracuse	44	26	ps
Tampa	84	68	ps
Tulsa	77	57	sh
Washington	58	47	ps

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	54	50	c
Beijing	59	50	c
Berlin	48	41	c
Dublin	57	54	c
Frankfurt	55	41	c
Geneva	59	46	c
Hong Kong	86	79	ps

City	Hi	Lo	W
Jerusalem	77	64	s
Johannesburg	84	61	t
Lima	70	61	ps
London	59	50	c
Madrid	73	57	ps
Manila	91	77	sh
Montreal	43	30	c
Moscow	34	32	sn
New Delhi	95	63	s
Oslo	48	41	ps
Paris	57	48	c
Rio de Janeiro	84	68	c
Rome	75	57	t
Seoul	66	48	c
Stockholm	39	38	c
Sydney	84	63	ps
Tokyo	79	59	ps
Toronto	43	37	ps
Vancouver	55	54	r
Vienna	55	46	c

KEY: weather (W): s-sunny, ps-partly sunny, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, f-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice

Fish & Wildlife Service will start seeking land for Great Thicket refuge

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and are available, she said. The agency does not have funding specifically for Great Thicket land purchases, but “if the opportunity arises, we do have a limited general source of funding that could be considered, depending on other needs and priorities.”

The service is prepared to accept land for the refuge through donations and conservation easements, however.

Rick Potvin, manager of the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge in Westbrook, will manage the Connecticut portion of Great Thicket. In addition to lands in southeastern Connecticut, it also includes about 400 acres in Litchfield County. The entire refuge extends into New York, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island as well as Connecticut. It would encompass about 15,000 acres within a 260,000-acre area of the six states.

“The refuge won’t actually come into being until the first piece of land is added,” Potvin said. He said several of the comments from the public included statements from property owners willing to sell or donate their lands, he said.



SOURCE: U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE
A 38,208-acre area in Groton, Ledyard, North Stonington and Stonington has been identified for the Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge. Within that area, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will pursue donations, conservation easements and acquisition of up to 3,500 acres of suitable lands.

“We got a lot of comments from people saying they have land they’d like us to look at,” Potvin said. “We will be getting in contact with them.”

He emphasized that the establishment of the refuge will have no impact on how owners of properties within the designated area use their lands.

Only specific types of property will be suitable for Great Thicket, he said. Ideal parcels, he said are “old farm fields that have gone fallow for five

or six years, where the bramble is chest-high and difficult to move through. The challenge will be to maintain that characteristic habitat.”

Among supporters of the project are the Avalonia Land Conservancy, which protects about 3,500 acres in eight towns including the four in the refuge, and the Groton Open Space Association. The town of Ledyard and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection also sent letters of

support.

The agency said it expects to build the refuge over the next several decades. It emphasized that it will work with only willing sellers, and acquisitions will depend on funding availability.

Anyone interested in having the wildlife service consider their property for the refuge should contact Potvin at (860) 399-7042, ext. 8133.

“We’d be happy to come and take a look,” he said. j.benson@theday.com

New analysis shreds claim that Death Valley recorded Earth’s hottest temperature in 1913

By JASON SAMENOW

The Washington Post

Death Valley, Calif., boasts that it is home to the hottest temperature ever recorded on Earth. In 1913, the temperature there reportedly spiked to a blistering 134 degrees, a world record that has been endorsed by the World Meteorological Organization.

But an exhaustive analysis published Monday has determined the record is not legitimate. The temperature reported was “essentially not possible from a meteorological perspective” according to geographer and climatologist William Reid, who conducted the analysis. Reid concludes the weather observer erred in taking the measurement, officially logged at Greenland Ranch at Furnace Creek in Death Valley on July 10, 1913.

Reid, who published his 7,000-word critique of the record at Weather Underground, identified three main problems with the temperature measurement.

First, the temperatures re-

ported in Death Valley when the record was set were “not consistent” with weather observed in the same region at the same time. “There is no indication that an exceptional heat wave was occurring in the Southwest U.S. during this period,” Reid writes. “‘Isolated hot spots,’ whether a result of wind patterns or local geography, cannot account for the exceptional temperatures reported at Greenland Ranch given known meteorology of Death Valley during extreme heat events.”

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