
NECS Training Local Information Guide



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Connecticut Tourist Information

This State of CT Department of Tourism website has information on accommodations, restaurants, calendar of events, maps, entertainment and sightseeing. Connecticut information source: <http://www.ctvisit.com/> and State of CT Interactive Map: <http://www.ctvisit.com/interactivemap>

Airports

Tweed New Haven Regional Airport

155 Burr Street New Haven, CT 06512. Serviced only by US Airways and located 20 minutes from NECS offices. <http://www.flytweed.com/>

Bradley International Airport

Schoephoester Road Windsor Locks, CT 06096. Serviced by most airlines and located 55 minutes from NECS offices, North of Hartford. <http://www.bradleyairport.com>

Local Logistics

If you are flying to Connecticut it is best to rent a car to get around. The town of Branford, where our new offices are located, is a suburb of New Haven and mass transit is minimal and infrequent. Taxi service is available in New Haven but is very minimal within Branford and unavailable in the suburbs.

Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express This is a great place to stay just down the street from the new NECS offices.

Address: 309 East Main St, Branford, CT 06405 Phone: (203) 488-4035

- A 13-minute drive from Tweed New Haven Regional Airport, this standard hotel off I-95.
- The modern rooms come with flat-screen TVs and desks, plus premium cable channels, mini fridges and coffeemaker.
- Free WiFi in every room, as well as a choice of hard and soft pillows.
- Suites add separate living spaces with pull-out sofas.
- Amenities include a free breakfast bar, heated indoor pool, whirlpool and fitness center, as well as free parking.

Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale

Address: 155 Temple St, New Haven, CT 06510 Phone: (203) 772-6664

The Study at Yale Hotel

Address: 1157 Chapel St, New Haven, CT 06511 Phone: (203) 503-3900

Red Roof Inn & Suites Guilford

Address: 2300 Boston Post Rd. Guilford, CT 06437 Phone: (203) 453-0123

Tower Inn & Suites

Address: 320 Boston Post Rd. Guilford, CT 06437 Phone: (203) 689-7219

Madison Beach Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton

Address: 94 West Wharf Rd. Madison, CT 06443 Phone: (203) 245-1404

New Haven Shoreline Area Sights & Information

Branford – The town where you will attend training in the new NECS offices. Branford's Center is home to several shops, restaurants and coffee houses that line the Main Street along with the Town Green being at the center. Those who visit Branford can take in a cruise (or private charter) to our majestic archipelago of islands called the Thimble Islands (seal watching cruises are also available in the spring.) There are over fifteen town maintained parks and two beaches, hiking trails, lakes, ponds and a path to the Shoreline Greenway Trail. Branford enjoys over 20 miles of coastline with more than a dozen marinas. For a beautiful drive from the town green follow scenic **Route 146** to Stony Creek, winding around the harbor to the Thimble Islands.

- [Hammonasset Beach State Park](#) in Madison has three distinct beach areas and a nature preserve. Take a splash in the Atlantic Ocean, on Long Island Sound, at Connecticut's longest shoreline beach.

Casino Information

- [Foxwoods Resort Casino](#) *Mashantucket*

Directions: Take I-95 North to Exit 92 in Connecticut. Turn left onto Route 2 West for eight miles. Take the Foxwoods Blvd exit.

- [Mohegan Sun Casino](#), Uncasville, CT.

Directions: Follow I-95 East/North the stay Left and go on I-395 North towards Plainfield/Norwich. Take Exit 79A on CT-2A East toward Ledyard/Preston. Then take Exit 2/Mohegan Sun Boulevard.

Nearby Shopping Outlets

- [Clinton Crossing Premium Outlets](#) Directions: I-95 north to exit 63 then take 2 lefts onto Rt. 81.
- [Tanger Outlets Westbrook](#) Directions: I-95 north to exit 65 turn left at Flat Rock Place.

Nearby Movie Theaters

- **Madison Art Cinemas** (203) 245-3456 761 Boston Post Rd, Madison, CT
- **Regal Cinemas** (203) 481-4089 25 E Main St, Branford, CT
- **Marquee Cinemas 12** (860) 399-9692 314 Flat Rock Pl, Westbrook (at Tanger Outlets)

Restaurants by Town

BRANFORD

- **Ashley's Ice Cream** (a great local product) 1018 Main St. Branford, CT 203-481-5558
- **Assaggio** (Italian) 168 Montowese St. (bet. Main St. & Wilford Ave.) Branford, CT 203-483-5426
Tiny trattoria serving upmarket Northern Italian fare in an intimate, dimly lit interior & patio.
- **Campania Ristorante & Taverna** 284 E Main St Branford, CT 203-483-7773
Italian veteran with an old-country feel whose menu highlights specialties from Southern Italy.
- **Dockside Seafood & Grill** (seafood) Block Island Rd. Branford, CT 203-488-3007
- **Donovan's Reef** 1212 Main St, Branford, CT 203-488-5573
American restaurant/tavern housed in rustic, brick & beam 1800s Lock Works.
- **Eli's on the Hill** (sports bar/restaurant) 624 West Main St. Branford 203-488-2700
- **G-Zen** (Vegan) 2 E. Main St. Branford, CT 203-208-0443
Sophisticated vegetarian, vegan & raw food is paired with organic wine at this stylish spot.
- **Home Restaurant** (American) 1114 Main Street Branford, CT 203-483-5896 #1 in Branford on TripAdvisor!
- **Lenny's Indian Head Inn** (Seafood) 205 S. Montowese St. Branford, CT 203-488-1500
- **Le Petit Cafe** (French Bistro) 225 Montowese St. Branford, CT 203-483-9791
- **Marco Pizzeria** 313 East Main St. Branford, CT 203-483-1544
- **Nellie Green's Restaurant** 50 Maple St Branford, CT 203-483-8400
Marina views set the nautical scene at this seafood eatery & bar with a patio on Branford River.
- **Parthenon Diner** (Greek diner) 374 E. Main St. Branford, CT 203-481-0333
- **Pasta Cosi** 1018 Main St Branford, CT 06405 203-483-9397 Northern Italian cuisine.
- **Su Casa Mexican Restaurant** 400 E Main St, Branford, CT 203-481-5001
- **USS Chowder Pot III** 580 East Main St. Branford 203-481-2356

GUILFORD

- **Ayuthai** (Thai) 2279 Boston Post Rd Guilford, CT 06437 203-453-2988
- **Ballou's Wine Bar** 51 Whitfield St. (bet. Broad & Water Sts.) Guilford, CT 203-453-0319
Bar with outdoor space & live music on weekends pairs wine with chocolate, coffee & light bites.
- **Bufalina** 1070 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT 203-458-1377 Gourmet wood-fired pizza.
- **Guilford Bistro & Grille Cafe** 1016 Boston Post Rd Guilford 06437 203-453-0736 Italian, seafood & pizza.
- **iThai Restaurant** 1200 Boston Post Rd, Guilford, CT 06437 203-5535060. Great fresh Thai food.
- **Som Siam Thai Restaurant** 63 Whitfield St Guilford, CT 06437 203-458-0228
- **Quattro's Italian Cuisine** 14 Water St Guilford, CT 06437 203-453-6575

MADISON

- **Bar Bouchée** 8 Scotland Ave. Madison, CT 203-318-8004
French bistro serving classic Gallic dishes in a dining room with a Parisian accent.
- **Cafe Allegre** 725 Boston Post Rd. (Wall St.) Madison, CT 203-245-7773
- **Christy's Madison** 73 W. Wharf Rd. (Rte. 1) Madison, CT 203-245-7377
Burgers, sandwiches, salads, seafood, and soups.
- **Donahue's Madison Beach Grille** 1320 Boston Post Rd, (Rte. 1) Madison, CT 203-318-8362
Lively Irish pub serving bar food & hosting live music in digs with a fireplace.
- **Elizabeth's Café** 885 Boston Post Rd, Madison, CT 203-245-0250
Refined American fare for lunch, dinner & a popular Sunday brunch, served in a quaint restored home.
- **Friends & Company** 11 Boston Post Rd. (Rte. 1) Madison, CT 203-245-0462
Casual, long-running riverside spot serving health-conscious contemporary American fare & martinis.
- **Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale** 1301 Boston Post Rd. (Rte. 1) Madison, CT 203-245-7289
Basic seafood shack for fried fish & BYOB beer or wine, plus outdoor seating & a carousel.
- **Moxie** 52 Wall Street, Madison, CT 203-421-6963 *Reservations recommended for parties of all sizes in our dining room.* Moxie's food is New England seasonal fare.

CLINTON

- **Westbrook Lobster** 346 E. Main St. (Bluff Ave.) Clinton, CT 860-664-9464
- **Chips Pub III** 24 W Main St Clinton, CT 860-669-3463. Their 10-oz. burgers head a bulky menu of hearty treats such as BBQ ribs, fish & chips in a strip-mall watering hole.

NEW HAVEN FAMOUS PIZZA & MORE

- **Modern Apizza** 874 State St, New Haven, CT 203-776-5306
- **Frank Pepe Pizzeria** 157 Wooster St, New Haven, CT 203-865-5762
- **Claire's Corner Copia** (Kosher & Vegetarian) 1000 Chapel St, New Haven, CT 203-562-3888
- **Union League Café** (French) 1032 Chapel St, New Haven, CT 203-562-4299

You can find Spanish, Cuban, Malaysian, Indian, Vegetarian, Italian, Tapas, American, French, Kosher, Thai, Sushi, Macrobiotic and more.

For More Local Restaurant Information

<http://www.zagat.com/> <http://www.tripadvisor.com/> or download the **TripAdvisor** app to your smart phone.