

# Things to Do in and Around Westport

## A-Z

**Antiquing:** many local shops, several at Riverside Ave. and Post Rd. W., more antique stores along Route 7 north of Wilton. Chamber of Commerce Antique Show mid-September. Check weekly *Antiques*, a paper published by the Newtown Bee.

**Arts:** Local galleries; art exhibits in hallways in Town Hall; Downtown Merchant's Outdoor Art Show in mid-July; Westport Arts Center studios and shows on 431 Post Road East; Silvermine Guild of the Arts in Norwalk.

**Autos:** Racing at Lime Rock (near Sharon, CT). Car parade in Ridgefield in September.

**Beaches:** Three town beaches (permit for parking). Residents pay \$25 (seasonal). Out-of-town cars pay \$15 weekdays, \$30 on weekends, or arrive by Westport Transit bus or bike or on foot. Refreshments at largest beach (Compo), and at Sherwood Island State Park (234 acres). *Car fee at Sherwood Island:* Instate cars: \$5 weekdays, \$7 weekends & holidays; Out-of-state cars: \$8 weekdays, \$12 weekends & holidays (seasonal).

**Biking:** Bikeways along South Compo Rd. to Longshore and Compo Beach; elsewhere ride with traffic.

**Birding:** Active Saugatuck Valley (Westport) and Connecticut (Fairfield) Audubon Societies, frequent field trips. Nature Center has birding and other field trips and programs.

**Boating:** Boat rentals at John Kantor at Longshore; local marinas; cruises on *Lady Joan* out of Norwalk. Charter boats available. (See *Fishing*)

**Camps (day):** YMCA; Nature Center; town-run Beach School.

**Canoeing:** Trips by group at Mahackeno Outdoor YMCA, Nature Center, Machias Outing Club; Connecticut and Housatonic River trips available.

**Cannon Crossing:** June Havoc's restored village and shops off Rte. 7, north of Wilton.

**Crafts:** Two big annual fairs in Westport - Memorial Day weekend and mid-November. Workshops, studios, Save the Children Craft Shop.

**Dining:** A wealth of local restaurants, some on the water. Gourmet food shops. Italian Festival in July; Norwalk Oyster Festival mid-September; Garlic Festival in Fairfield early spring.

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**Drive:** through Southport, Greenfield Hill, up through the reservoir area of Easton and Redding.

**Fishing:** Fish off Two Saugatuck River bridges and from beaches with no permit (permit required for fresh water). Party & Charter boats to hire nearby; *Stacy Ann* (Donald Kovacs, Norwalk, 886-9671). Bait and tackle shops on Norwalk & Fairfield for information and equipment.

**Gambling:** Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard - (860) 885-3000; Jai Alai in Bridgeport & Milford, Pari-mutuel betting in Bridgeport.; Mohegan Sun in Montville - (860) 204-8000.

**Gardens:** Flower shows by Garden Clubs. Barlett Arboretum in Stamford. Dogwood Festival in Fairfield in May. Westport Historical District Society Garden Tour in June.

**Hiking:** Wooded roads, sunny beaches, Sherwood Island State Park, Devil's Den (Nature Conservancy) in Weston, trails at the Nature Center in Westport, Audubon Society in Fairfield. Bridgeport Hydraulic reservoir areas (permit needed), call (203) 336-7788.

**Historic Homes:** *Wheeler House*, Westport, 222-1424, Tues. 10 am - 3 pm, Sat. 12-3 pm; *Ogden House*, Sat. & Sun. 1-4 pm, Bronson Rd., Fairfield (circa 1740) - 259-1598, mid-May through mid-Oct., Thu. & Sun.; *Lockwood-Matthews Mansion*, Post Rd., Norwalk (circa 1860) - 838-1434, Tue.-Fri. 11 am-3 pm, Sun 1-4pm. (*Burr Mansion*, Fairfield - 259-1598 used for events and parties - non-historic.)

**Kiting:** Compo Beach and Sherwood Island State Park.

**Lessons:** in everything! Continuing Education programs through Westport Public School system year 'round. Westport Recreation Commission, Westport YMCA, and so on.

**Movies:** Old and foreign films at local libraries and at Sono Cinema in Norwalk. All the latest films at the Crown Royale just over the Westport/Norwalk border on the Post Road. Cinemas in Bridgeport and Fairfield. IMAX theater at the Maritime Center in Norwalk.

**Museums:** Nature Center and Wheeler House in Westport; Aldrich Museum in Ridgefield; Barnum Museum and Discovery Museum in Bridgeport.

**Music:** Levitt Pavilion, free concert all summer (classical, jazz, rock, dance, children's entertainment) 266-7600. Concerts at Town Hall. Music Theater of Connecticut - 454-3883. Norwalk & Bridgeport Symphonies.

**Nature Center for Environmental Activities:** 10 Woodside Ln. - 227-7253. Trains, local animal exhibits, science museum, hands-on aquarium,

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wildflower atrium, programs for all ages.

**Pick Your Own:** Apples, peaches, berries. Call for specific information. Candee Farm, Easton - 268-7244; Bluejay Orchards, Bethel - 748-0119; Silvermans Farms, Easton - 261-3306.

**Polo:** Watch polo at Fairfield County Hunt Club. Long Lots Rd.

**Races:** Road races summer Saturdays through the Rec. Dept. - (203) 341-5090.

**Rainy-Day Activities:** Westport Library - 227-8411; Stew Leonards (see below); Nature Center; movies.

**Riding:** Horseback, private facilities in Weston, Wilton and Ridgefield.

**Sailing:** John Kantor's Longshore Sailing School, 226-4646, lessons, rentals, wind surfing.

**Sanctuaries:** Nature Center; Devil's Den in Weston; Winslow Park (Post Rd. E./N. Compo).

**Seniors:** Senior Center at Staples High School; programs at the YMCA; many senior discounts in town.

**Sightseeing/Shopping:** Main Street, Playhouse Square, all along the Post Rd. for shopping. Somewhat farther: Maritime Center, Norwalk; Mystic Seaport & Aquarium; steam train and river boat rides in Essex.

**Stew Leonard's:** World's largest dairy store. Small animal farm; animated displays in store; ice cream store. 100 Westport Ave. (Post Rd.) in Norwalk.

**Swimming:** Town beaches and Sherwood Island State Park on L.I. Sound; rivers; town pool at Longshore; YMCA pools; Staples High School pool

**Tennis/Golf:** Town Recreation Dept. - 341-5090; Longshore Club Park for residents and renters. Public courses in Norwalk and Fairfield. Many town tennis courts. Private tennis courts

**Theater:** Westport Country Playhouse; White Barn Theater; Levitt Pavilion; Long-Wharf - New Haven; Hartman - Stamford.

**Youth Activities:** YMCA; Nature Center. Children's programs at the Playhouse, library and Levitt Pavilion. Town-run beach school. Y camp Mahackeno; Compo play structure.

**Zoo:** Beardsley Park Zoo in Bridgeport. Nature Center has live animals. reptiles and tide pool aquarium. Stew Leonard's farm animals (see above).

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