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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>

New Haven Shoreline Area Sights & Information

This area is the home to our NECS offices in Madison. This region is an inspiration with its world-class arts at Yale and lively city scene. Coastal towns -- Branford, Guilford, Madison and Clinton -- share the personality of the area with intimate bookstores, colorful boutiques and fine dining.

Madison - In Madison, where you will attend training in the NECS offices, you can view the “**Madison Sculpture Mile**”, our new Train Station and take a stroll on the Tuxis Pond Boardwalk.

- [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.

Guilford - Visit the historic [Guilford](#) Town Green, boutiques, marinas and shoreline dining.

- [Bishop's Orchards Farm Market & Winery](#), Guilford, CT - Rt. 1 or 1355 Boston Post Road. A Farm Market, Winery and Bakery opened year-round till 7pm with wine tastings daily in the store.

Branford - Follow scenic **Route 146** to Stony Creek, winding around the harbor to the Thimble Islands.

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

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 and bar menu will adapt to New England's seasonal harvest, providing guests with a tasty sense of the familiar and the occasional flare of original savory fare.

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
- **The Stone House** 506 Old Whitfield St. Guilford, CT 203-458-3700 Seafood on the water.
- **Quattro's Italian Cuisine** 14 Water St Guilford, CT 06437 203-453-6575
- **Whitefield's on Guilford Green** 25 Whitfield St, Guilford, CT 203-458-1300
Elevated New American fare in a restored Victorian building with bay windows overlooking the town green.

BRANFORD

- **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 06405 203-483-7773
Italian veteran with an old-country feel whose menu highlights specialties from Southern Italy.
- **Donovan's Reef** 1212 Main St, Branford, CT 203-488-5573
American restaurant/tavern housed in rustic, brick & beam 1800s Lock Works.
- **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.
- **Su Casa Mexican Restaurant** 400 E Main St, Branford, CT 203-481-5001
- **Le Petit Cafe** (French Bistro) 225 Montowese St. Branford, CT 203-483-9791
Chef Roy Ip's acclaimed French bistro serving 4-course set menus in cozy, quaint environs.
- **Nellie Green's Restaurant** 50 Maple St Branford, CT 06405 203-483-8400
Marina views set the nautical scene at this seafood eatery & bar with a patio on Branford River.
- **Pasta Cosi** 1018 Main St Branford, CT 06405 203-483-9397 Northern Italian cuisine.

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.