

AUTO TOUR TAPES

CONNECTICUT FREEDOM TRAIL

COMPANION BOOKLET

*The story of the struggle for freedom,
justice and equality in Connecticut
from 1600 to 1947.*



The Connecticut Freedom Trail Auto Tour

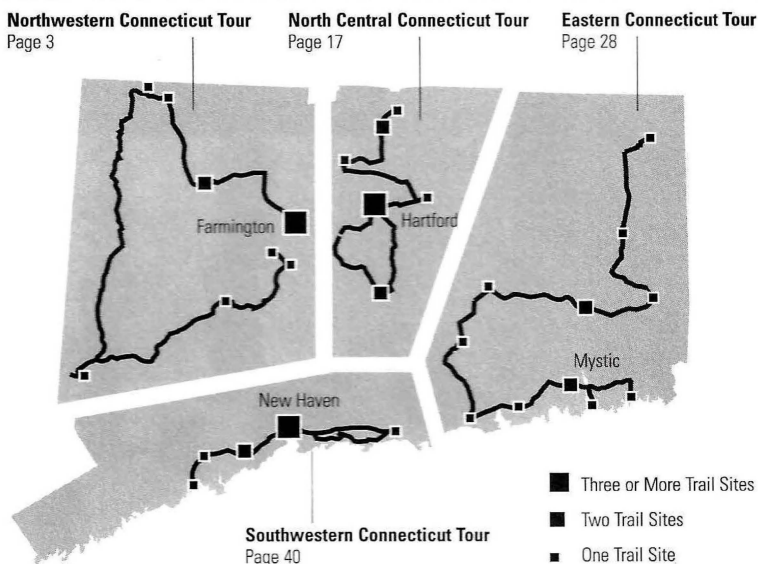
The Connecticut Freedom Trail Auto Tour Tapes and Companion Booklet are designed to be used together to help you explore the places and learn about the people who have moved the struggle for freedom, justice and equality forward in Connecticut from 1600 to 1947.

The sites on the Freedom Trail are selected by the Connecticut Historical Commission and the Amistad Committee. The trail to date consists of 69 sites in 30 towns.

The Freedom Trail is a "living" trail with plans to add new sites each year. The Trail in this auto tour tape series is divided into 4 different regional tours, each of which can be explored in a day or more depending on your interests.

The best way to use this auto tour tape set is to choose one of the four regional sections of the Connecticut Freedom Trail to tour and then follow the directions to the corresponding orientation center. These centers mark the beginning of your journey along each section of the Trail. Orientation centers are: Northwestern Connecticut Tour, Farmington Library, Farmington; North Central Connecticut Tour, Old State House, Hartford; Eastern Connecticut Tour, Mystic Seaport, Mystic; Southwestern Connecticut Tour, Yale University Visitor Information Center, New Haven. Here you can view an interpretive video which will orient you to the significance of some of the sites you will visit. (Plans are to complete the orientation video early 1998).

The auto tour tapes tell the stories of the people and events from each of the sites on the Freedom Trail. At the conclusion of each site description on the tape you will hear a tone. You may chose to turn off the tape until you are ready to proceed to the next site. Before continuing to the next site, read through the directions and consult the included maps. You may prefer to have additional maps, especially in cities like New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport and Norwich and a state map.



Key to Sites:



Amistad



Underground Railroad



Museum



Open to Public



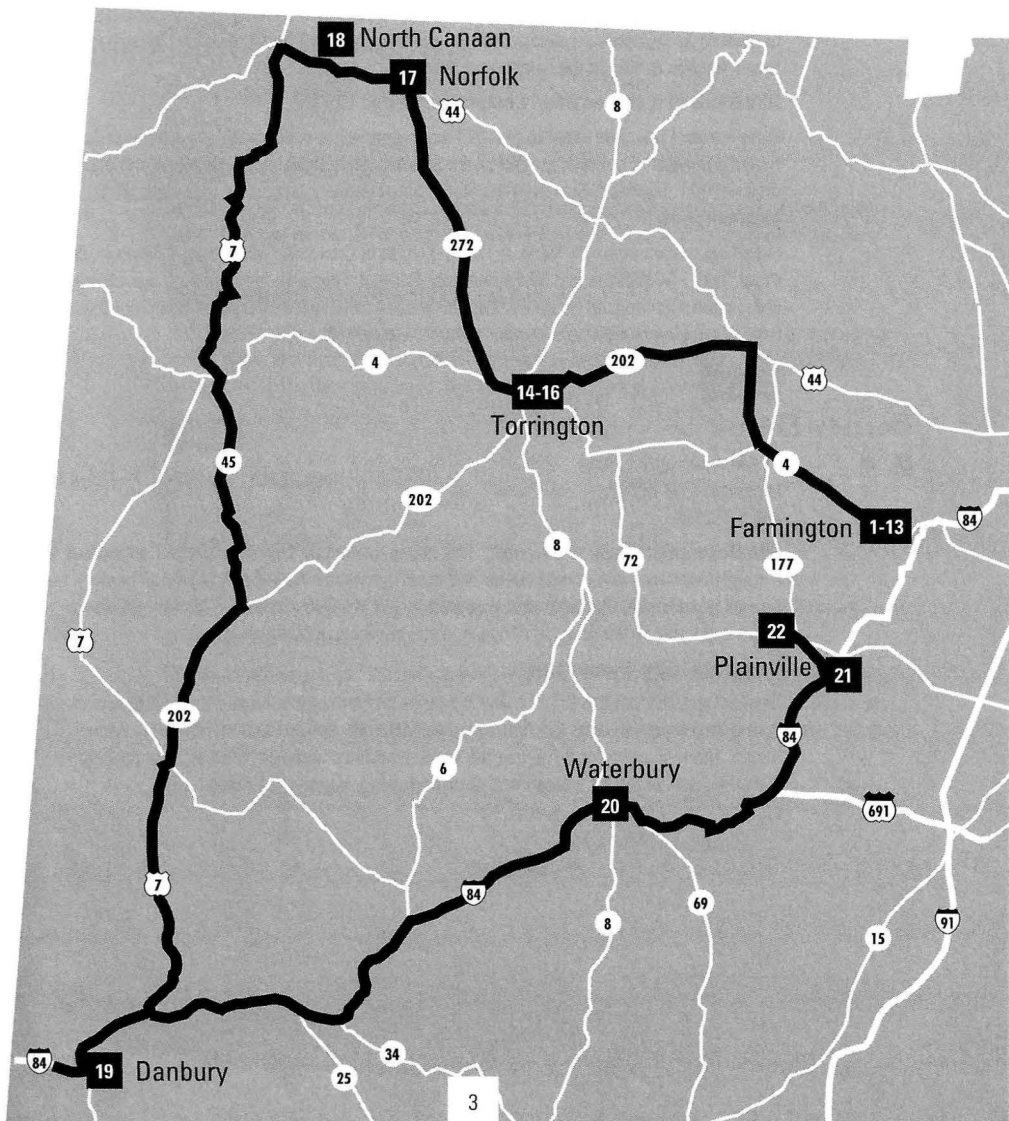
Trail Route

Northwestern Connecticut Tour

Farmington, Torrington, Norfolk, North Canaan, Danbury, Waterbury and Plainville

This tour will take at least a full day. You may want to split the tour over two days so that all sites can be fully enjoyed. This tour has 22 Freedom Trail sites, including seven Underground Railroad sites and nine sites associated with the Amistad story. If you have a particular interest in Underground Railroad sites, follow the directions to each of these sites. Because of the large number of sites and long distances, alternate directions are available in this booklet if you decide not to visit every Underground Railroad site.

This tour begins at the Farmington Library in Farmington, Connecticut.



Orientation Center

Visitors interested in the Connecticut Freedom Trail heritage tour in this area of the state begin their journey in Farmington at the Main Branch of the Farmington Library.

The Farmington Library, Main Branch

6 Monteith Drive

Farmington, CT 06032

860 673-6791

Hours: 9am-9pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10am-9pm Wednesday; 9am-5:30pm Friday; 9am-5pm Saturdays winter; 9am-1pm Saturdays mid-June to Labor Day.

Site Description: When you enter the library go to the circulation desk in the main lobby. If you would like to see the Freedom Trail orientation video, ask to be shown to a room where a television and VCR are set up to view the tape. (Plans call for the video to be completed in early 1998). In addition, the video and audio tour tape series with companion booklet can be purchased at the main circulation desk (check or cash only). The Farmington Library's local history collection is held in the Farmington Room.

Directions to the Orientation Center: Farmington Library

From Hartford take I-84 West to Exit 39/Farmington/Route 4. Follow Route 4 through downtown Farmington. Continue on Route 4 for approximately three miles passing a golf course on your right. The Main Branch of the Farmington Library is located on your right off Monteith Drive.

From New Haven take I-91 North to Route 9 North in Cromwell. Take Route 9 North to -84 West. Take I-84 West to Exit 39/Farmington/ Route 4. Follow Route 4 through downtown Farmington. Continue on Route 4 for approximately three miles. The Main Branch of the Farmington Library is located on your right off Monteith Drive.

Site 1

Barney House



11 Mountain Spring Road

Farmington, CT 06032

860 674-2796

Site Description: Open to the public. This house, owned by the University of Connecticut, is currently used as a conference center and inn. The grounds have lovely Victorian gardens and a small greenhouse. Barney House was built in 1832 by John Treadwell Norton. He was a major supporter of the Amistad Africans, some of whom visited this home.

Directions to the Barney House

Turn Left out of Monteith Drive. Travel 3.2 miles on Farmington Avenue/Route 4 to Mountain Spring Road and turn Left. The first house on Mountain Spring Road on the left is Barney House. There is a circular drive, use the second entrance and park. If there is no parking available, park in the lot located just past the second driveway entrance.

Site 2

Elijah Lewis House



1 Mountain Spring Road
Farmington, CT 06032

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This house is known to have been on the Underground Railroad. It is a colonial saltbox with a central chimney.

Directions to the Elijah Lewis House

The Elijah Lewis House is located across the expansive lawn in the direction of Route 4 adjacent to Barney House. Take a Right out of Barney House driveway. The Elijah Lewis House is on the corner of Mountain Spring Road and Farmington Avenue on your right.

Site 3

Farmington Historical Society



768 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
860 678-1645

Open by appointment only.

Site Description: The Farmington Historical Society houses Amistad materials and offers tours of several of the 13 Farmington Freedom Trail sites. Call well in advance to schedule a tour.

Directions to the Farmington Historical Society

Turn Right from Mountain Spring Road onto Farmington Avenue. Go past the car dealership and after the sharp right curve is #768 Farmington Avenue on the right across from High Street. This is the new location for the Farmington Historical Society.

Site 4

Smith-Cowles House



27 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This house is known to have been on the Underground Railroad. It is a Georgian style house with a Colonial revival entryway.

Directions to the Smith-Cowles House

Continue on Route 4, get into left lane. Turn Left at the next light onto Route 10/South Main Street—follow the Freedom Trail sign. The Smith-Cowles House is located at #27 and is set back from the road on the left, across the street from the Farmington Savings Bank. Pull over in front of the bank.

The next four sites can be a walking tour.

Site 5

First Church of Christ, Congregational



75 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032
860 677-2601

Office hours: 8am-4pm; 9am-1pm summer.

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. The congregation of this church supported the Amistad captives when they were declared free by the U.S. Supreme Court and brought them to Farmington to live. They attended this church and used to sit in the left-hand balcony. Tours arranged in advance with the Farmington Historical Society sometimes include a tour inside the church.

Directions to First Church of Christ, Congregational

Continue on Main Street. Pass Miss Porter's School on the right. The Congregational Church will be on the left. Drive just past the church turning Left onto Church Street. Continue up Church Street, past the Village Branch Library on the left and park in the school parking lot on the left.

Site 6

Union Hall



Church Street
Farmington, CT 06032
860 677-6205

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 1pm-5pm; Sunday 1pm-4pm.

Site Description: Open to the public. Operated as an art school, gallery and gift shop selling area artists work. The Union Hall's second floor is where abolitionists met in support of the Amistad captives.

Directions to Union Hall (Art Guild)

Now called the Art Guild, Union Hall is located on Church Street, across from the school parking lot. From First Church, proceed up Church Street. The Art Guild is on the right.

Site 7

Samuel Deming House



66 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This house which is known to have been on the Underground Railroad, is also called the "Hart House". The Georgian style house has a Greek revival entryway.

Directions to the Samuel Deming House

Follow Church Street back down to Main Street. Cross Main Street. On your right side is the Samuel Deming House.

Site 8

Samuel Deming Store



2 Mill Lane
Farmington, CT 06032
860 677-1623

Hours: 6am-6pm Monday-Friday; 6am-5pm Saturday; 6am-4pm Sunday.

Site Description: The store on the lower level of the building is open to the public. The second floor was used to house and educate the Amistad Africans and is now a private residence. The Deming Store was originally located next to the Deming residence where the fire station now stands.

Directions to the Samuel Deming Store

Church Street becomes Mill Lane at the Main Street intersection. The Samuel Deming Store, now called "Your Village Store", is the first building facing Mill Lane on the right.

If you walked to the last four sites, you can now return to your car.

Site 9

Reverend Noah Porter House



116 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. You can walk to the next site. The Federal Queen Ann style three story brick house has fish scales and shell ornamentation on the third level. It was the home of the minister of the Congregational Church who took in Margru, one of the three girls from the Amistad story.

Directions to the Noah Porter House

From Church Street turn Left onto Main Street. From Mill Lane turn Right onto Main Street. The Noah Porter House is #116 Main Street on the right. Turn Right onto Maple Street, just after the Church of St. Patrick. Park in the lot behind the church. There is a marker in the front yard at the Porter House which reads: "Here was founded the 'American Board' 1810. Oldest U.S. Society for Foreign Missions".

Site 10

Austin F. Williams House & Carriage House



127 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This is a Greek revival style house with a widow's walk that has views of Farmington Valley. The carriage house was the primary home for the Amistad Africans during their stay in Farmington. The site is also known to have been on the Underground Railroad.

Directions to the Austin F. Williams House & Carriage House

Walk across Main Street at Maple Street. Continue down Main Street, to the right. The Austin F. Williams House is #127 on the left. The residence and carriage house are set back from the road. If you decide to drive to this site, there is a place to pull off on the right. This is a private residence.

Return to your car.

Site 11

Timothy Wadsworth House



340 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. The Greek revival style house is currently being used as office space. This house is known to have been on the Underground Railroad.

Directions to the Timothy Wadsworth House

From Maple Street turn Right onto Main Street. Drive approximately one mile to the junction of Route 6 West. Turn Right at the light onto Route 6 West. Make an immediate Left into the driveway, behind the garage. The Wadsworth House is on the corner of Main Street/Route 10 & Route 6 West.

Site 12

Foone's Grave



Riverside Cemetery
160 Garden Street
Farmington, CT 06032
860 674-0280
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: One of the Amistad Africans, Foone, was buried here after he drowned in nearby Pitkin Basin. The site has been visited by numerous African dignitaries in recent years.

Directions to Riverside Cemetery

Backtrack out of the parking lot and turn Right onto Route 6. Make an immediate Left at the light, onto Main Street/Route 10. Proceed one mile to the light. Turn Left onto Meadow Road, just after the Day-Lewis Museum. Take your first Right onto Garden Street. The Riverside Cemetery is on the Left. Drive into the South Gate entrance—directly across from Maple Drive. Proceed down driveway, bearing left at the back of the cemetery and park. From the front of the cemetery Foone's gravestone is located about two thirds of the way down the main driveway on the left side and stands alone. It is a large rectangular slab of stone with FOONE clearly written on the top, facing the front of the cemetery. Continue to the back of the cemetery to look out onto the open meadow where the Africans farmed and below to the Farmington River and the Farmington Canal, which is now a paved road. The graves of Austin Williams and Samuel Deming are at the front of the cemetery to the left of the drive. The Norton family graves are on the right side of the drive.

Site 13

Canal House & Pitkin Basin



128 Garden Street
Farmington, CT 06032

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. It is currently being used as office space. The Canal House is where the Amistad Africans embarked on canal boats to travel to other towns. The Farmington Canal was behind the Canal House. In front of the Canal House was Pitkin Basin where African, Foone, drowned.

Directions to the Canal House & Pitkin Basin

Take a Left out of the cemetery and continue on Garden Street. The Canal House and Pitkin Basin are located just after the North Gate entrance to the cemetery on your left. The Canal House is the building on the far right in this row of offices. Pitkin Basin is now the parking lot.

Other points of interest

Hill-Stead Museum. Part of the Connecticut Impressionist Art Trail. Located at 35 Mountain Road this Colonial Revival-style house (1900) set on 150 acres with sunken garden, houses a collection of French impressionist paintings and decorative art. Hour-long guided tours, 860 667-9064

Trail Alert:

The first two sites in Torrington are Underground Railroad sites. If you wish to visit them, follow Directions to Torrington and then Directions to Uriel and Isaiah Tuttle Houses. If you prefer to skip ahead, follow Directions to Torrington and then Directions to the John Brown Birthplace.

Directions to Torrington

It will take approximately 25 minutes to reach Torrington.

Continue on Garden Street to Farmington Avenue/Route 4. Turn Left onto Route 4 at the light. Pass the junction of Route 177, stay in the right lane and make a soft Right to stay on Route 4/Main Street. At the junction of Route 179, turn Right at the stop sign onto Route 179 and then Left at the Gulf Station. Follow Route 179 through Collinsville. Drive along the Farmington River on Route 179. The native Americans living along this river named it Tunxis, meaning "the beautiful river that ripples down through the hills". You may see an angler or two along the way—there are two public fishing areas. At the junction of Route 202/44 East, turn Left at the light. There is no directional here but this is Route 202 West. At this junction enter Litchfield Hills, noted for its unspoiled natural beauty and history. Litchfield Hills area has been chosen as one of the 50 best places in the United States for a scenic drive. Route 202 West is a designated scenic drive. Along the way pass the Nepaug Reservoir and the 1,199 acre Nepaug State Forest, a popular spot for mountain biking and hiking along a portion of the Tunxis Trail.

Follow Directions to the Tuttle Houses or skip ahead to Directions to the John Brown Birthplace.

Site 14

Uriel Tuttle House



3925 Toringford Street
Torrington, CT 06790

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This house is known to have been on the Underground Railroad.

Directions to the Uriel Tuttle House

Continuing on Route 202 West, enter Torrington's commercial district. Follow signs for Route 183 North. Turn Right onto Route 183 North/Torrington Street. After traveling about a half a mile, there is a Congregational Church and Ruwet Farms on the right. Uriel & Isaiah Tuttle are buried in a cemetery behind the farm. Continue for three and a half miles to the Uriel Tuttle house. The house is .5 miles after the sign for Route 8. The house is painted brick with black shutters, #3925 on the left. There is a small place to pull over on the right for a better look.

Site 15

Isaiah Tuttle House



4040 Torrington Street
Torrington, CT 06790

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This house is known to have been on the Underground Railroad.

Directions to the Isaiah Tuttle House

Continue on Route 183 North/Torrington Street. Turn Right onto the first street, West Hill Road. The house is located immediately on the left on the corner of West Hills Road and Torrington Street. There is no safe place to park here.

Site 16

John Brown Birthplace



John Brown Road
Torrington, CT 06790
860 482-8260 (Torrington Historical Society)

Site Description: John Brown was one of the most famous abolitionist in America. He was born in Torrington in 1800 in a simple wooden house. The house was destroyed by fire in 1918. The land is maintained by the John Brown Association. Parts of the foundation still survive along with the well-hole. Pictures of the home and John Brown are available at the Torrington Historical Society as well as many other research materials.

Directions to the John Brown Birthplace from Underground Railroad Sites

Continue on West Hill Road. At bottom of hill, make a U-turn. Proceed back to Route 183/Torrington Road. Turn Left at stop sign and travel south back on Route 183, backtracking to Route 202 West. Turn Right onto Route 202/East Main Street into downtown Torrington. Follow Directions to John Brown Birthplace

Directions to the John Brown Birthplace

Continue on Route 202 West into downtown Torrington. This is also East Main Street. As you come down the hill into Torrington see signs for Route 8 and Route 4 West. At the traffic light just before Friendly's (on the left) turn Right onto Route 4 West/Elm Street. (NOTE: If you miss this turn, turn Right after the Burger King at the Route 8 sign—this is not a ramp—then turn Left onto Elm Street.) Follow signs for Route 4 West, turn Right onto Main Street and make an immediate Left at the light. Pass the Torrington Post Office on the right, which has two murals that depict scenes from the life of John Brown. Follow Route 4 West for 2.1 miles and cross Route 272. Then almost one mile after Route 272 turn Right onto University Drive. There is a Freedom Trail sign here. Follow University Drive for .8 mile. Turn Left onto John Brown Drive, there is also a Freedom Trail sign here. Go just over a half mile and John Brown's birthplace will be on the right. There is a marker here, but the house is no longer standing.

Other points of interest

Hotchkiss-Flyer House. (c.1900). Victorian mansion with furnishings and decorative arts, elaborate woodwork and hand stenciling. Adjoining museum features permanent and changing exhibits. April 1-December 31, Monday-Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-3pm. Admission charged. 860 482-8260.

Directions to Norfolk

Backtrack on John Brown Road to University Drive. Turn Left onto University Drive. This becomes Brandy Hill Road. At the bottom of Brandy Hill Road, turn Left onto Route 272 North. There is no directional here. Drive 8.6 miles to Norfolk. Pass the John Minetto State Park which is a good place for a picnic. Approaching Norfolk, pass the Dennis Hill State Park, another picnic area. As you enter Norfolk you see the Village Green, renowned for its unmarred beauty and New England simplicity.

James Mars Grave is the only Freedom Trail site in Norfolk. If you want to see the five additional sites relating to the James Mars story, follow Directions to Sites Related to the James Mars story. All of these sites are part of the story heard on the audio tape, but will not be presented in the same order. If you wish to skip ahead, follow Directions to the James Mars Gravesite.

Directions to Sites Related to the James Mars Story

As you enter the Village Green there is a white church on the left, the Church of Christ, Congregational. This church was built in 1813. When James Mars returned to Norfolk in his later years, he became a deacon in this church. Beyond the church and on the corner on your left as you loop around the Green is Pettibone Tavern where James Mars and his family hid as escaped slaves. It is now a condominium.

There are three additional sites that are a part of the James Mars story just outside this area. If you do not wish to drive by them, skip ahead to Directions to the James Mars Gravesite.

Drive past Pettibone Tavern and continue to loop around the Green, turning Left onto Route 272 South and then back the way you entered Norfolk. About a half a block past the fountain on the Green, turn Right onto Mountain Road. Follow Mountain Road less than a mile and cross Westside Road. The former Curtiss House, the family mentioned by Mars in his writings, is on the right, on the corner of Mountain Road and Sunset Ridge. Turn Right onto Sunset Ridge Road. Follow Sunset Ridge for approximately a half a mile, around a right curve and on your left is the former Munger Farm where Mars lived and worked as a slave. The barn, close to the road and built in the 1700's, was converted to a house (68 Sunset Ridge) and the east wing added in the early 1980's. Continue on Sunset Ridge Road to Westside Road. Turn Left at the stop sign. At the next stop sign on the left is the Ariel Lawrence Tavern, which is now a residence. The Lawrence family also helped the Mars family. Turn Left onto Greenwood's Road/Route 44 West. Then follow signs for Route 272 North. Follow Directions to the James Mars Gravesite.

Site 17

James Mars's Grave



Norfolk Center Cemetery
Old Colony Road
Norfolk, CT 06058
860 542-5231 (Norfolk Cemetery Association, Cay Fields)
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: James Mars was born a slave in Connecticut in 1790 and was freed in his 20's. Writings about his life can be found in the book "Five Black Lives". A booklet on James Mars, "The Life of James Mars, A Slave Born and Sold in Connecticut" can be purchased at the Norfolk Historical Museum on the Green which owns several items related to the James Mars story.

Directions to the James Mars Gravesite

Follow Route 272 North. Stay to the right as Route 44 curves to the left. Go a short distance and turn Left on Old Colony Road. After the first house turn Left through stone cemetery gates. This was Norfolk's first cemetery and is now known as Norfolk Center Cemetery. Continue straight to T-intersection, bear left and park in the driveway. Walk down the left drive past a series of small stones to the left. There are two larger headstones together. These are the stones marking the graves of James Mars and his father, Jupiter Mars.

Other points of interest

Norfolk Music Festival. Performances by renowned musical artists and ensembles. June-August and October & November. 860 542-3000.

Site 18

Milo Freeland's Grave



Hillside Cemetery
Route 44
North Canaan, CT
860 824-7350 (Cemetery Sexton, Bob Palmer)
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: Milo Freeland fought with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War and is credited on his gravestone as being the first African American to volunteer for the Union Army during the Civil War. The original headstone is part of the collection of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society.

Directions to North Canaan

Turn Left out of Norfolk Center Cemetery onto Old Colony Road. At the stop sign at the bottom of the hill, turn Right onto Route 44 West. Drive 3.8 miles to the Hillside Cemetery in North Canaan. The cemetery will come up quickly on the right, just after Freund's Farm Market and then a curve to the right. Turn Right into the driveway. Stay on the drive to the left, the low road. Drive around to the back of the cemetery. Just as you come out of the back curve take the first right and park. On the left there is a new headstone a few rows back. This is Milo Freeland's gravesite.

Trail Alert

It will take approximately one hour and forty-five minutes to reach the next Freedom Trail site which is located in Danbury. Currently the Marian Anderson studio and home are off a private drive and therefore very difficult to view. Current efforts are underway to move the studio to another location in Danbury and install a permanent exhibition in the studio honoring Marian Anderson. Please call the Danbury Scott Fanton Museum & Historical Society to verify location and status at 203 743-5200.

Site 19

Marian Anderson Studio

46 Joe's Hill Road
Danbury, CT 06811

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. The studio and home are currently private residences. A housing development is planned for the site which would call for the removal of both structures. In 1940 Marian Anderson purchased her home in Danbury, known as "Marianna Farms," where she and her husband raised livestock and lived for 50 years. Marian Anderson was an internationally acclaimed singer who broke color barriers throughout her long and distinguished career.

Directions to Danbury

Turn Right out of Hillside Cemetery onto Route 44 West. Pass the North Canaan Congregational Church on the left. It is set back from the road. This is where the man who owned the Mars family was a minister. Follow Route 44 West to Route 7 for 2.7 miles. Turn Left at the light onto Route 7 South. Follow Route 7 South for a little over 17 miles to Route 45. Route 7 follows the serpentine course of the Housatonic River whose Indian name means "Place beyond the Mountains." This stretch of road has been designated as a scenic road. Pass Housatonic State Forest and be on the lookout for the historic red covered bridge in West Cornwall—it will be on the left. It is one of two covered bridges still open to automobile traffic in Connecticut. Also pass the Housatonic State Park, popular for its riverside campsites and its two mile stretch of river dedicated to fly fishing. Turn Left onto Route 45 South in Warren, with its classic Federal style Congregational Church circa 1820 that dominates the village green. While on Route 45 pass Lake Waramaug on the right. Lake Waramaug is the second largest natural lake in the state. There is a state park with lakeside camping and Hopkins Vineyard, a French hybrid vineyard. In New Milford take Route 202 West. This is a commercial area. Follow Route 202 West to Route 7. Route 7 South will merge into I-84. Take I-84 West into Danbury. Take Exit 2A-2B/Route 6 & Route 202, Mill Plain Road/Old Ridgebury Road. Take Exit 2B/Route 6 & Route 202 which is a left exit. At the end of the ramp turn Right at the light. Turn Right at the very next light onto Route 6 & Route 202 East. Travel one half mile and turn Left onto Aunt Hack Road. Make an immediate Left onto Old Mill Plain Road (there is no sign). Drive approximately one half mile turning Right onto Joe's Hill Road. Continue up the hill about one half mile to #46 Joe's Hill Road on your left. There is a sign here for "Marianna Farms". Marian Anderson's home is to the left down the private drive and her studio is all the way at the end of the private drive on the left.

Site 20

Hopkins Street Center

34 Hopkins Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
203 756-5648 (Zion Baptist Church)

Site Description: The Hopkins Street Center served as a community center for the African American community for over 50 years. Today it is used primarily for cultural events in conjunction with its owner, Zion Baptist Church. Waterbury's Mattatuck Museum has a permanent exhibit "Brass Roots," on the history of immigration and ethnicity in Waterbury, including information about the city's African American community. The Museum is currently involved in a joint project with the NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta on the oral history of Waterbury's African American community.

Directions to Waterbury

It will take approximately twenty-five minutes to reach to Waterbury. Backtrack and take I-84 East. Take Exit 22 Downtown Waterbury. Take a Left off the exit onto Main Street. Go through downtown, passing the Green on the left. Proceed up the hill and turn Left at the first light onto Cooke Street. Go through one light and travel up a hill. Almost at the top of the hill turn Right onto Hopkins Street. The first cross street is Pearl Street. The Hopkins Street Center is on the left.

Other points of interest

Railroad Museum of New England. A 10-mile ride on restored historic railroad from brass mills, through a state forest, along the Naugatuck River and up onto the face of a dam. May-October, weekends and holidays 9:30am-5:30pm. 203 757-4676.

Site 21

John C. & Harriet Norton Graves



West Cemetery
Route 177 (North Washington Street)
Plainville, CT 06062
860 747-6577 (Plainville Historic Center)

Site Description: John C. and Harriet Norton were passionate abolitionists whose home was a well-documented stop on the Underground Railroad. Their son Charles H. Norton became a successful industrial inventor.

Directions to Plainville

Turn Right onto Pearl Street. Follow Pearl to Hawkins, turn Right onto Hawkins and then Left back onto Cooke Street. Follow Cooke Street back to North Main Street. Turn Right onto North Main. Return to downtown, past the Green. Main Street becomes Bank Street. Stay on Bank Street to I-84 East. Turn Left and follow signs for I-84 East. Take I-84 East to Exit 33, Route 72 West. Take Exit 1, Route 177 (North Washington Street). Turn Left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. Follow Route 177 for .3 miles to West Cemetery. Take a Left into the second driveway of the cemetery. The marble gravestone of John C. and Harriet Norton is located on the crest of the rise in the middle of the cemetery about half-way down between the first and second driveways. NORTON is marked clearly on the stone.

Site 22

Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church

110 Whiting Street
 Plainville, CT 06062
 860 747-1808

Site Description: Many African Americans in the area worked in the transportation industry centering around the railroad depots. The cornerstone of Redeemer's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was laid and the church was dedicated in 1904. The church's importance is as a principal institution in the lives of African Americans in Plainville. Members have distinguished themselves in all areas of life including education, politics and business.

Directions to Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church

From West Cemetery turn Left onto Route 177 (North Washington Street). Continue to the first traffic light and turn Left onto Route 372 (West Main Street). Proceed to the first traffic light in the center of Plainville. Turn Right onto Whiting Street. Continue through the next traffic light at the intersection of Broad Street. Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church is on the Left. Street parking available.

This site is not described in the companion audio tape tour, but it is a site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

Other points of interest

The John C. and Harriet Norton House. Now a parking lot, the site of the Norton house will have a plaque on view designating the former Underground Railroad site's location. The house was torn down in 1966. Charles Norton's recently restored Georgian Colonial mansion can be seen nearby at 132 Redstone Hill. Call the Plainville Historic Center for directions and more information.

Tomasso Nature Park. This 11-acre park with four acres of wetland is home to painted turtles, fish and other animals and plants. Also on site are observation areas, knolls, trails and bridges. March 15-November 15, dawn-dusk. 860 747-6022.

This is the end of your tour.

Directions to I-84

Turn Left back onto Route 372/East Main Street. Go through one traffic light, crossing Route 10. Continue on Route 72. Take your first Right and follow signs to I-84.

Northwestern Connecticut Tour Information

For Information on Historical Sites:

Farmington

Farmington Historical Society
768 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
860 678-1645

Torrington

Torrington Historical Society
192 Main Street
Torrington, CT 06790
860 482-8260

Norfolk

Norfolk Historical Museum
P. O. Box 288
Norfolk, CT 06058
860 542-5231

North Canaan

Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society
P. O. Box 206
Falls Village, CT 06031
860 824-0707

Danbury

Danbury Scott-Fanton Museum & Historical Society
43 Main Street
Danbury, CT 06810
203 743-5200

Waterbury

Mattatuck Museum
144 West Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
203 753-0381

Plainville

Plainville Historic Center
29 Pierce Street
Plainville, CT 06062
860 747-6577

For Tourist Information:

Greater Hartford Tourism District

234 Murphy Road
Hartford, CT 06114
860 244-8181
800 793-4480

Farmington

Farmington Valley Visitors Association

P.O. Box 1015
Simsbury, CT 06070
800 493-5266

Farmington

Litchfield Hills Travel Council

P.O. Box 968
Litchfield, CT 06759
860 567-4506

Norfolk, North Canaan, Torrington

Housatonic Valley Tourism District

30 Main Street
P.O. Box 406
Danbury, CT 06810

203 743-0546

800 841-4488

Danbury

Waterbury Region & Visitors Bureau

21 Church Street
Waterbury, CT 06702
203 597-9527

Waterbury

Central Connecticut Tourism District

1 Grove Street, Suite 310
New Britain, CT 06053
860 225-3901

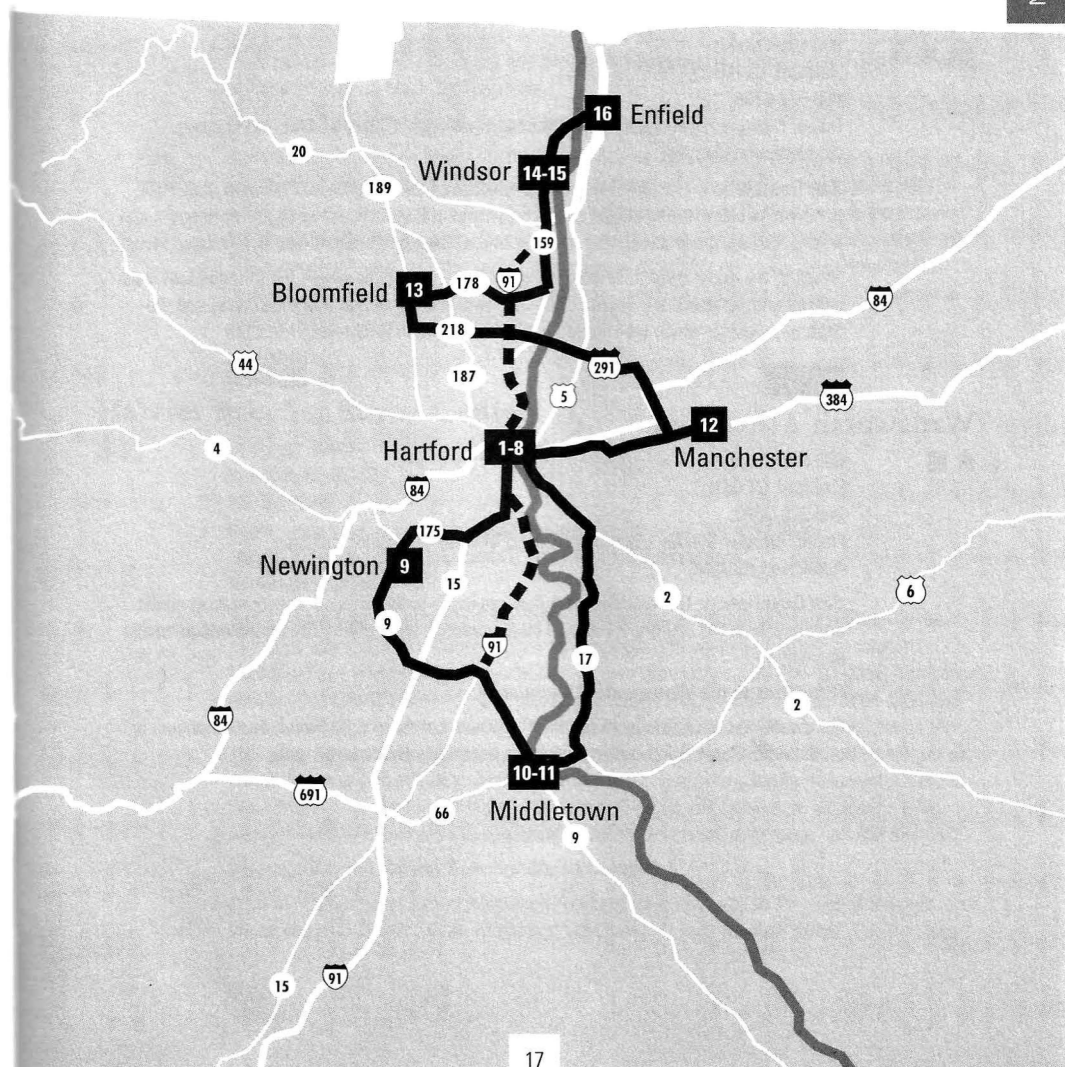
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North Central Connecticut

Hartford, Newington, Middletown, Manchester, Bloomfield, Windsor and Enfield

This tour can take from four hours to all day or can be divided up into two days. This tour has 16 Freedom Trail sites including four Underground Railroad sites and one site associated with the Amistad story. If you have a particular interest in Underground Railroad sites, follow the directions to each of these sites. Because of the large number of sites and long distances, alternate directions are available in this booklet for those who decide not to visit every Underground Railroad site.

This tour begins at the Old State House in Hartford, Connecticut.



Orientation Center

Visitors interested in the Connecticut Freedom Trail heritage tour in this area of the state begin their journey in Hartford at the historic Old State House. The Old State House will have a copy of the Freedom Trail orientation video available for screening. (Plans are to complete the video in early 1998). Please ask for the screening location at the information desk where you can also find information about the greater Hartford area. In addition, the video and audio tour tape series with companion booklet can be purchased in the museum gift shop.

Directions to the Orientation Center: Old State House

From North or South: Take I-91 Exit 31. Follow signs to Old State House. From East or West: Take I-84 Exit 52. Follow signs to the Old State House. Some street parking is available, particularly on weekends. There are several garages located in the vicinity.

Site 1

Old State House



800 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103
860 522-6766

Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-4pm; Saturday 11am-4pm; Closed Sunday and holidays.
No admission charged.

Site Description: The Old State House, which was the State Capitol building until 1878, is now a museum. It has played a significant role in Connecticut's struggle for freedom and justice, including events relating to John Brown, Prudence Crandall and the Amistad story.

Travel to the upper level to see the House of Representatives where the Crandall Law was passed and repealed; the Senate Chambers where the Amistad trial took place; and the Statue of Justice which was draped in black when John Brown was executed.

Site 2

Wadsworth Atheneum



600 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103
860 278-2670

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 11am-5pm; Closed Monday and Major Holidays.
Admission charged.

Site Description: The Wadsworth Atheneum is the oldest continuously operating public art museum in the country. It has two major galleries highlighting African American history and culture.

Directions to the Wadsworth Atheneum

Drive south on Main Street. At the third light turn Left onto Gold Street. The Atheneum is on the right. Some street parking available, especially on the weekends.

Site 3

Soldiers and Sailors Monument (Memorial Arch)



Bushnell Park
Hartford, CT 06103
203 232-6710

Hours: Thursday 12pm-1pm. Call ahead to schedule group tours.

Site Description: The monument was dedicated in 1886 to honor Hartford's Civil War soldiers. The plaque honoring the African Americans in the conflict was added in 1986. The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch is located in historic Bushnell Park. The park was developed in 1854. The 37 acres includes an arboretum of over 700 trees, a small art gallery and a turn-of-the-century carousel which is still in use and a 1914 Stein & Goldstein hand-carved merry-go-round with 48 prancing horses. Mid April through Mid May & September weekends 11am-5pm; Mid May through August -Tuesday through Sunday 11am-5pm. Call 860 246-7739 for more information. Call the Bushnell Park Foundation for more information on Bushnell Park 860 232-6710. For more information on the State Capitol Building call 860 240-0100 and for tours call 860 240-0222. There are two banners on display in the State Capitol that were used by Connecticut's all-black 29th regiment.

Directions to the Soldiers & Sailors Monument

Continue south on Main Street. At the Butler-McCook Homestead (1782) which is on the left, turn Right at the light onto Capitol Avenue. This historic homestead is open to the public on a limited basis—call for hours 860 297-2199. As you continue on Capitol Avenue the Bushnell (Memorial Hall) is on the right. Turn Right at the light onto Trinity. (The Bushnell presents over 300 events each year, including a Broadway series.) Continue on Trinity. The State Capitol building is on the left and Bushnell Park is on the right. The Soldiers & Sailors Monument is straight ahead. Park on the street before the arch.

Site 4

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center



71 Forest Street
Hartford, CT 06105
860 525-9317

Hours: Open year round, tours available. Tuesday-Saturday 9:30am-4:30pm;
Sunday 12pm-4pm; June 1-Columbus Day, Mondays 9:30am-4pm.

Admission charged.

Site Description: The house on the corner of Farmington Avenue and Forest Street is the Katharine Day House. Its research library focuses on 19th-century literature and social history with an emphasis on race relations and women's issues. Call 860 522-9258. The house next door on Forest Street was the residence of Harriet Beecher Stowe from 1864-1896 and is available for tours. Beecher's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (1852) had an enormous impact on the anti-slavery movement in America. The carriage house behind the Beecher home operates as a visitors center and gift shop. Mark Twain lived in a neighboring house for seventeen of the years that Harriet lived in her house. Mark Twain's house is an elaborate Victorian (1874) mansion with rare interiors by Louis Comfort Tiffany and is open for tours, call 860 493-6411.

Directions to the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center

From the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, proceed on Trinity, stay to the right of the arch. This brings you onto Jewell Street. At the first light turn Left onto Trumbull Street. This will take

you into the heart of downtown Hartford. At the second light turn Left onto Asylum Avenue. The Hartford Civic Center is on the right as you turn the corner. The Civic Center hosts many family entertainment shows, consumer shows and concerts through-out the year. Pass Union Station (the railroad station) on the right, go under tracks and stay left. Farmington Avenue will bear to the left. Follow Farmington Avenue just over one half mile, pass the Aetna Insurance Headquarters and the Archdiocese of Hartford to Forest Street. Turn Left onto Forest Street. The first two houses on the right are part of the Stowe Center. Parking is available on the street or in the small parking lot just past the past two houses on the right.

Site 5

Frank T. Simpson House

27 Keney Terrace
Hartford, CT 06112

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. Frank T. Simpson and his wife, Marie, lived in this house, built in 1913, from 1952 until his death in 1974. In 1944 he became the first employee of the Connecticut Inter-Racial Commission, one of the first state civil rights organizations in the United States.

Directions to the Frank T. Simpson House

Continue on Forest (one way). Take your first Left onto Hawthorn and immediate Left onto South Marshall. This brings you back to Farmington Avenue. Turn Left at the light onto Farmington Avenue. As you pass by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Mark Twain's house is on the left. Turn Right at the second light onto Woodland Street. Pass the Hospital of St. Francis, continuing on Woodland. Turn Right onto Albany Avenue; there is a gas station on the right. Go through one light and turn Left onto Edgewood. Cross Greenfield. At the stop sign turn Right onto Keney Terrace. The entrance to Keney Park is to the left. The second house on Keney Terrace on the right is the Frank T. Simpson House.

Site 6

Faith Congregational Church

2030 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120
860 547-0820
Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Site Description: Faith Congregational Church has a long history of members who have fought against injustices. The church opened Hartford's first school for black children. Reverend James Pennington was the Church's most famous pastor. The building at 2030 Main Street was purchased and then renovated with the dedication taking place in 1954.

Directions to the Faith Congregational Church

Continue on Keney Terrace, it will become Capen Street. At the T-intersection turn Right onto Main Street. A half block down Main Street on the left is Faith Congregational Church.

Site 7

Union Baptist Church

1921 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06120
860 247-0648
Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Site Description: Officially established in 1889, Union Baptist Church moved to its present location in 1925. Members of Union Baptist Church have made significant contributions to the civil rights movement. The Reverend John Jackson, who began his ministry at the church in 1922, worked tirelessly to develop employment opportunities for African Americans.

Directions to the Union Baptist Church

Continue on Main Street. Another half block on the right is Union Baptist Church. Parking lot available.

Site 8

North Cemetery



1821 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06105
860 722-6517 (Hartford Parks Department)
Sunrise to Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: There are stones marking the burials of six or more men who served in Connecticut's all black 29th Regiment during the Civil War.

Directions to North Cemetery

North Cemetery is located next to Union Baptist Church. Take a Right out of the church parking lot onto Main Street and then Right into the cemetery entrance next to a building. Follow this paved driveway to the back of the cemetery and follow the curve to the right and park. Between the two unpaved driveways that spur off the main drive to the rear of the cemetery are the gravesites of a number of African Americans who served in the Civil War.

Other points of interest

Elizabeth Park Rose Gardens. First municipal rose garden in the country. Greenhouses, nature walks, perennials and rock gardens. Pond House offers snack bar, lounge and auditorium. 860 722-6514.

Hartford Ancient Burying Ground. Final resting place of Revolutionary War soldiers and 17th-century settlers, including Thomas Hooker, the founder of Hartford. Tours approximately second week of July to third week of August 11am-2pm and by appointment. 860 525-6610.

Museum of Connecticut History. Connecticut's 1662 Royal Charter, Colt collection of firearms, changing exhibits, portraits of Connecticut's governors. Permanent "Connecticut Collections" exhibit. Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm. 860 566-3056.

Trail Alert:

If you are interested in seeing an additional Underground Railroad site follow Directions to Newington. It will take approximately one hour to visit this site and then drive to Middletown. If you prefer to go directly to Middletown skip ahead to Directions from Hartford to Middletown.

Site 9

Brace/Stephen House



1349 Main Street
Newington, CT

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. It is known to have been on the Underground Railroad. The Newington Historical Society is currently restoring the headstone of Lucy Mullins, an African American servant in the Brace household. Information on the Brace family is also available at the historical society.

Directions to Newington

Continue south on Main Street taking a Right out of the cemetery. Take a Left at Main Street & Route 44/Albany Avenue. You will see signs for I-84 East, turn Left onto Morgan Street. Stay in the right lane and follow signs for I-91 South/Columbus Boulevard. Take I-91 South to Exit 28/Route 5 & 15. Stay on Route 5 & 15 for almost four miles to Route 175 West. Curve to left on ramp and then turn Right at stop sign. This is Route 175 West /Cedar Street. Go to the third light and turn Left onto Route 176/Main Street. Travel .3 miles through two lights and #1349, Brace/Stephen House, is on your right. There is a place to pull off the road in front of the house.

Other points of interest

Enoch Kelsey House (1799). *Rare, handpainted rural scenes on the living room walls, basement to attic paneling and a working loom. Thursday & Saturday, 1pm-4pm, May-October or by appointment. 860 666-7118.*

Kellogg-Eddy House (1808). *Typical New England, Georgian-style farmhouse which serves as the town museum and the Newington Historical Society. Artifacts from the Revolutionary War and research materials. Thursday & Saturday, 1pm-4pm, April-December or by appointment. 860 666-7118.*

Directions from Hartford to Middletown

Continue south on Main Street taking a Right out of the cemetery. Take a Left at Main Street & Route 44/Albany Avenue. Follow signs for I-84 East, turn Left onto Morgan Street. Stay in the right lane and follow signs for I-91 South/Columbus Boulevard. Take I-91 South to Exit 22 Route 9 South. Follow Route 9 South into Middletown. Travel through Cromwell, which hosts the PGA's Canon Greater Hartford Open at the Tournament Players Club at River Highlands each summer. In Middletown take Exit 15, Route 66 North/Middlefield. Cross over railroad tracks and stay straight on Washington Street. Drive through the center of Middletown, crossing Main Street. Driving up hill, just over the crest at a light, turn Left onto Vine Street. The Washington Street Cemetery/West Burying Ground will be on your left. Continue on Vine until the end of the cemetery, park on the street.

Site 10

West Burying Ground



Washington Street Cemetery
Washington & Vine Streets
Middletown, CT 06457
860 344-3401 (Mayor's office/ask for Old Burial Ground Association)
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: Graves at the far end of the cemetery include those of African American Fanny Beman, mother of civil rights activist Amos Beman, and several Civil War veterans, including James Powers. African American Civil War units included the 29th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, 30th & 31st U.S. Infantry Volunteers and the 55th Massachusetts Volunteers. Photographs of several African American Civil War soldiers can be seen at the Middlesex County Historical Society.

Directions from Newington to Middletown

Backtrack on Main Street to center of town. Turn Left at light onto Cedar Street/Route 175 West. Travel approximately two miles to junction of Route 9. Pass entrance for Route 9 North, go under Route 9 and turn Left at light onto Route 9 South. Route 9 travels through New Britain, home of the New Britain Rock Cats. The Rock Cats are the AA minor league farm team for the Minnesota Twins. You also pass through Cromwell, which hosts the PGA's Canon Greater Hartford Open at the Tournament Players Club at River Highlands each summer. In Middletown take Exit 15 Route 66 North /Middlefield. Cross over railroad tracks and stay straight on Washington Street. Drive through the center of Middletown, crossing Main Street. Driving up a hill, just over the crest at a light, turn Left onto Vine Street. The Washington Street Cemetery/West Burying Ground is on the left. Continue on Vine until the end of the cemetery, park on the street. You can view several of the gravesites by crossing the street and walking through the gate openings. If the gravesites are inaccessible, keys for the Main Entrance gate on Mount Vernon may be picked up at the Fire House at 533 Main Street.

Site 11

Benjamin Douglas House



11 South Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This site is known to have been on the Underground Railroad. Across from the house is Middletown's South Green. The Civil War monument there lists the African American soldier James Powers. A sculpture is nearby of Henry Clay Work, who wrote anti-slavery songs.

Directions to Benjamin Douglas House

Continue on Vine Street to the light to view the Underground Railroad site in Middletown. Turn Left at light (there is no street sign here) onto Church Street. Drive through the Wesleyan University campus. Stay in the right lane going down the hill. Go through one light (Broad Street), bear right, then an immediate left at next light onto Pleasant Street. The Benjamin Douglas House is on the right, just before you bear left onto Pleasant Street. The South Green will be on your left. Park on street across from South Green.

Trail Alert:

If you are interested in seeing two additional Underground Railroad sites follow Directions to Manchester and then Directions to Bloomfield. It will take approximately one hour to visit the site in Manchester and then another half an hour to drive to the site in Bloomfield. If you prefer to go directly to Windsor, skip ahead and follow Directions from Middletown to Windsor.

Directions from Middletown to Windsor

Continue on Pleasant Street to first light, turn Left onto Main Street. Crescent Street is to the right and Main is left. Continue on Main Street through downtown Middletown. Turn Right onto Washington Street. Follow signs to Route 9 North. Take Route 9 North to I-91 North/Hartford. Follow I-91 North to Exit 37/Route 305/Bloomfield Avenue/Windsor Center. Turn Right at end of ramp onto Route 305 East/Bloomfield Avenue. Go through two stop signs and then follow signs for Route 75/159—turn Right onto Route 159. At next light turn Left onto Route 159 North. Go under railroad trestle and cross a bridge. The Palisado Cemetery will be on the left across the street from the Windsor Historical Society. Pull into the main drive, continue to the back of the cemetery and turn left; go up about 20 feet and park.

Site 12

Hart Porter Homestead & Outbuilding



465 Porter Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This site is known to have been on the Underground Railroad.

Directions to Manchester

Continue on Pleasant Street to first light, turn Left onto Main Street. Continue on Main Street through downtown Middletown. Heading out of downtown stay left and follow signs for Route 66 East and Route 17 North. Proceed on bridge over the Connecticut River into Portland. Follow signs for 17A North. Travel three miles, passing the Connecticut River to the left and the Portland Flea Market (summers); to the junction of Route 17. Turn Left at the stop sign onto Route 17 North. Travel on Route 17 for approximately seven miles to Route 2 West. Pass several seasonal roadside farm stands; many with fresh produce, flowers and fresh honey, even an authentic cider mill. In South Glastonbury is the historic Welles Shipman Ward House (c. 1755). Hours are limited, please call 860 633-6890. The Connecticut Audubon Center is located in Glastonbury at 1361 Main Street. There are many exhibits on native flora, fauna, and the Connecticut River ecosystem. The center is adjacent to the 48-acre Earle Park and trail system. For more information about the Connecticut Audubon Center please call 860 633-8402. Just past the Audubon Center the road becomes a divided highway. Stay left and follow Route 2 West to Exit 2E I-84 East/Boston. Stay right onto I-84 East. Follow I-84 East to I-384 East. As you travel along I-384 you will notice a walking trail to the right, this is part of the Oak Grove Nature Center in Manchester, located off Exit 3. Follow I-384 to Exit 4/Highland Street/Wyllys Street. At the bottom of the ramp turn Left onto Spring Street. At the light, cross Highland Street. After you cross Highland Street, Spring Street becomes Wyllys Street. At the first stop sign continue straight onto Porter Street. #465 on the right is the Hart Porter Homestead & Outbuilding.

Site 13

Francis Gillette House



545 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002
860 726-3844 (CIGNA Archives–8am–5pm)

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This site is known to have been on the Underground Railroad. Built in 1834 the Gillette House was purchased in the early 1950's by CIGNA Insurance Company for the land. The house was moved in 1991 from 511 Bloomfield Avenue to its present site and is currently used as a group home for blind children. In 1954 the home's outbuildings were destroyed which are thought by local historians to be the most likely place to hide escaping slaves. The local historical society, Wintonbury Historical Society, has information on the Gillette family and the Underground Railroad.

Directions from Manchester to Bloomfield

Turn around on Butternut Street. Backtrack on Porter to Wyllys. Follow Wyllys back to light. Turn Right onto Highland at the Highland Park Market. Turn Left onto I-384 West. Follow I-384 West to I-84 East/Boston/Windsor. Follow I-84 to Exit 61/I-291 West. Follow I-291 to Exit 1/Route 218 West/Bloomfield. Turn Left at the light at the bottom of the ramp onto Route 218 West. Route 218 is Cottage Grove Road. Pass the Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery on the left. Cross Blue Hills Avenue. Travel approximately 3 miles, passing a shopping center and Bloom Hills Farm. Just past Bloom Hills Farm turn Left onto Route 189/Bloomfield Avenue. #545, Francis Gillette House, is located just .3 miles from the light on the right. It is set back from the road. Pull in drive for closer look.

Site 14

Nancy Toney's Grave



Palisado Cemetery
Palisado Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: Former slave Nancy Toney stayed on with her owners after Connecticut passed its full emancipation law in 1848. Nancy was buried here in 1857. The Windsor Historical Society has archival material on both Nancy Toney and Joseph Rainey. The Society also operates two historic homes nearby.

Directions from Bloomfield to Windsor

Backtrack on Route 189/Bloomfield Avenue to the light. Cross over Route 281/Cottage Grove Road. Follow to Route 178 East. Turn Right onto Route 178/East Park Avenue. Pass the entrance to I-91 to Route 159. Turn Left onto Route 159. Follow Route 159 into Windsor. Go under railroad trestle and cross a bridge. The Palisado Cemetery will be on the left across the street from the Windsor Historical Society. Pull in the main driveway, continue to the back of cemetery and turn left; go up about 20 feet and park. The grave is at the rear of the cemetery, located on the left side of the road in an area with few markers.

Site 15

Joseph Rainey House

299 Palisado Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. Former U.S. Congressman Joseph Rainey bought his summer home in 1874 and owned it until his death in 1887. Rainey is best known for being the first African American elected to the U. S. House of Representatives, serving for South Carolina. He was elected to five terms in office.

Directions to Joseph Rainey House

Turn Left out of the cemetery onto Palisado Avenue (Route 159). Travel one half mile to Old Kennedy Road on the left. Turn Left onto Old Kennedy Road. The Rainey house is on the corner of Palisado & Old Kennedy on the right.

Site 16

Paul Robeson House

1221 Enfield Street
Enfield, CT 06082

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. Paul Robeson lived in this house from 1940 to 1953. He was an internationally known actor and singer, as well as a passionate civil rights activist. The Enfield Historical Society has additional information available on Paul Robeson.

Directions to Enfield

Turn Left off Old Kennedy Road onto Palisado Avenue (Route 159). Travel 3.8 miles to the junction of I-91. Pass the Oliver Ellsworth Homestead (1780). Ellsworth was a famous Revolutionary patriot, jurist and statesman, and one of the framers of the U.S. Constitution. For more information call 860 688-8717. Turn Left at the stop light and then Right onto I-91 North. Cross the Connecticut River and take Exit 46/Route 5/King Street. At the end of the ramp turn Right onto Route 5 North and drive 2.5 miles. The divided highway ends as you enter the Historic District of Enfield. Pass the Martha Parson House and the Congregational Church. #1221, the Paul Robeson House, is the large Greek revival house with four large columns set back on the right hand side of the road with a circular driveway.

This is the end of your tour.

Directions to I-91

Continue on Route 5 North, turn right onto Route 190 to the junction of I-91 North or South.

North Central Connecticut Tour Information

For Information on Historical Sites:

Hartford

Connecticut Historical Society
1 Elizabeth Street
Hartford, CT 06105
860 236-5621

Hartford Public Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06106
860 543-8606

Connecticut Historical Commission
59 South Prospect Street
Hartford, CT 06106
860 566-3116

Connecticut State Library
231 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
860 566-4177

Newington

Newington Historical Society & Trust
679 Willard Avenue
Newington, CT 06111
860 666-7118

Middletown

Middlesex County Historical Society
151 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457
860 346-0746

Manchester

The Old Manchester Museum
126 Cedar Street
Manchester, CT 06040
860 647-9983

Bloomfield

Wintonbury Historical Society
P.O. Box 7454
Bloomfield, CT 06002
860 243-1531

Windsor

Windsor Historical Society
96 Palisado Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095
860 688-3813

Enfield

Enfield Historical Society
1294 Enfield Street
Enfield, CT 06082
860 749-7993

For Tourist Information:

Greater Hartford Tourism District
234 Murphy Road
Hartford, CT 06114
860 244-8181
800 793-4480
Hartford, Manchester, Newington

Connecticut River Valley & Shoreline Visitors Council
393 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457
860 347-0028
800 486-3346
Middletown

Connecticut's North Central Tourism Bureau
111 Hazard Avenue
Enfield, CT 06082
860 763-2578
800 248-8283
Bloomfield, Enfield, Windsor

Mystic, Groton, New London, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, East Haddam, Colchester, Norwich, Griswold, Canterbury and Putnam

This tour begins at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut.



Orientation Center

Visitors interested in the Connecticut Freedom Trail heritage tour in this area of the state begin their journey at Mystic Seaport. Visit the second floor of the Mystic Seaport Museum Store, video section, (standing room only) to view the Freedom Trail orientation video or the shorter "trailer" video. (Plans call for the videos to be completed in early 1998.) The museum store is located across from Mystic Seaport's main entrance. In addition, the video and audio tour tape series with companion booklet can be purchased in the museum store.

If you plan to pay the admission fee to enter the grounds of Mystic Seaport and view the first site on the trail, the Charles W. Morgan whaling ship, you can view the orientation video in a screening area of the shipyard's gallery space in a more comfortable setting than the museum store. If you decide not to pay for admission to the grounds of Mystic Seaport, you can view the entire Freedom Trail orientation video at the Prudence Crandall House in Canterbury.

Directions to the Orientation Center: Mystic Seaport

Traveling on I-95 N/S take Exit 90 Mystic. Turn Right off the ramp traveling north. Turn Left off the ramp traveling south onto Route 27. There is a Tourist Information Center located at the Olde Mystick Village. Mystic Seaport is approximately one half mile from the exit. Free parking is on the left.

Please note: Mystic Seaport can easily take a full day to explore. If you decide to pay to enter the grounds, your ticket gives you free admission the next day. Ask for validation.

Site 1

Charles W. Morgan Whaling Ship



Mystic Seaport
75 Greenmanville Avenue
Mystic, CT 06355
860 572-5331

Hours: Generally 9am-5pm—changes seasonally.
Admission charged.

Site Description: The 19th-century whaling ship, the Charles W. Morgan, represents the significant role of African Americans in the nation's maritime industries. Mystic Seaport's extensive exhibits and collections include a representation of a 19th-century maritime village. There are a number of opportunities to learn more about African Americans in the maritime trade through the Seaport's interpreters and changing exhibits.

Other points of interest

Mystic Marinelife Aquarium. Over 3,500 sea-life specimens in 40 exhibits. Seal Island is a 2.5 acre outdoor exhibit with four species of seals and sea lions. Dolphin and whale demonstrations daily in Marine Theater. Gift shop and book store. 860 572-5955.

Carousel Museum of New England. Exhibits represent the finest pieces of antique carousel art in existence; also miniature carousels and antique carving shop. Gift shop. 860 536-7862.

Site 2

Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park



Monument Street & Park Street

Groton, CT 06340

860 449-6877

Hours: Monument House Museum & Groton Monument, Monday-Sunday 10am-5pm
Memorial Day to Labor Day. Saturday-Sunday 10am-5pm Labor Day to Columbus Day.
Tours Sunday 1pm, 2pm & 3pm. Fort Griswold Battlefield 8am-Sunset/Year-Round.
No admission charged.

Site Description: Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park is a 17-acre park overlooking the Thames River. It is one of the few Revolutionary War battle sites in Connecticut. The 135-foot monument, which can be toured, was completed in 1830 and honors the men who fought and died in the 1781 battle including two African Americans, Jordan Freeman and Lambert Latham. A plaque inside the fort shows Jordon Freeman in combat during the battle.

The Monument House offers displays of artifacts relating to the battle and a large model detailing the British attack on Fort Griswold. Encampments occur here during the summer months. The 12 x 20 foot mural of the Battle of Groton Heights may be viewed in the lobby of the Municipal Building in Groton. Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm. Call 860 446-4102 for more information. Also on the site at 240 Monument Street is the Bill Memorial Library which houses an extensive collection of materials relating to the battle, including two fictionalized books based on the Jordan Freeman family.

Directions to Groton

Turn Right out of the Mystic Seaport parking lot onto Greenmanville Avenue. Turn Right onto I-95 South. Follow I-95 to Exit 87/Route 349 to Route 1/Clarence B. Sharp Highway. This is a left exit. As you come off the exit, stay to the left. Take the second exit, following signs for Fort Griswold. Turn Right at the light onto Meridian Street. The Groton Municipal Building located at 295 Meridian Street is on the left. Follow Meridian Street around a curve and past a park on your left. At the next light turn Left onto Mitchell Street. Take the second Right onto Park Avenue. As you reach the top of the hill, Fort Griswold Battlefield will be on the left and the Groton Battle Monument and Monument House Museum will be on the right.

Other points of interest

Avery House. Historic home used by soldiers wounded during the Groton Battle. Memorial Day to Labor Day 1pm-5pm Saturday, Sunday & Holidays. 860 445-1729.

Site 3

Custom House



150 Bank Street
New London, CT 06320
860 447-2501

Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 2pm-4pm or by appointment.
Admission charged.

Site Description: The Amistad Africans were processed in this Custom House when their ship was seized and brought to New London. The Custom House is the oldest operating custom house in America. The Custom House Museum & New London Maritime Society has an extensive collection of maritime artifacts and offers lectures and special events throughout the year. Note the plaque on the front of the building.

Directions to New London

Continue on Park Avenue, following curve, street becomes Monument Street. After the stop sign, cross School Street. On the right there is a large stone church, the First Church of Christ, on the corner of Monument and Meridian. This church had 64 men in its congregation at the time of the Battle of Groton Heights; 63 were killed. At the next stop sign, turn Left onto Broad Street. At the bottom of Broad, on the left, there is a white house on the corner of Broad & Thames. This was the home of Anna Warner Baily, one of the first women into Fort Griswold after the battle and a heroine of the War of 1812. She was visited at this house by Presidents James Madison, Martin Van Buren and Andrew Jackson. Turn Right at this light onto Thames Street. Continue on Thames Street. As the road curves to the right, it becomes Bridge Street. At the next light turn Left, following signs for I-95 South. As you enter I-95 stay right and follow signs for Downtown New London/Route 32/Norwich. You will be crossing the Thames River. Take Exit 84 S-N-E. As you exit stay to your left and take Exit 84S/Downtown New London. Stay in the center lane as you exit. This is Eugene O'Neill Drive. This brings you into downtown New London. There is a seasonal Tourist Information Center on the corner of Golden Street and Eugene O'Neill Drive. Two blocks after the Information Center turn Left at the light onto Tilley Street. Stay left at the triangle and turn Left at the light onto Bank Street. Cross Pearl Street and the U.S. Custom House is on the right at #150. Parking is available on the street.

Site 4

Hempstead Historic District



New London, CT
860 447-5203 (New London City Planning Dept. 8:30am-4:30pm)

Site Description: Located in the center of New London, the Hempstead Historic District includes houses that were purchased by free African Americans in the 1840's. Organizations important to the community developed, including the Shiloh Baptist Church on Garvin Street which is a Left turn off Hempstead Street. Streets bordering this district are: Jay Street, Truman Street, Mountain Avenue, Hope Street and Franklin Street.

Directions to the Hempstead Historic District

Continue on Bank Street, staying to the left. As you approach the light, the Nathan Hale School House will be directly in front of you. At the light turn Left onto State Street. Follow State Street until the New London County Courthouse is directly ahead. It has a large 1784 written over the door. At this light turn Right onto Huntington Street, then make an immediate Left onto Broad Street. Proceed up the hill on Broad Street, at the light turn Left onto Hempstead. As you continue down Hempstead you enter the Hempstead Historic District.

Site 5

Joshua Hempsted House



11 Hempstead Street
New London, CT 06320
860 443-7949

Hours: Thursday-Saturday 12pm-4pm Mid-May to Mid-October and by appointment.
Tours available. Admission charged.

Site Description: This is one of only two Underground Railroad sites open to the public on the Connecticut Freedom Trail. The 17th-century Joshua Hempsted House is one of two historic homes in the Hempstead District. The Hempsted family was deeply involved in the anti-slavery movement and opened their home as a way-station on the Underground Railroad through New London. The house is owned by the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society and contains family archives, photographs and abolitionist papers.

Directions to the Joshua Hempsted House

If you visited the Shiloh Baptist Church, backtrack on Garvin to Hempstead Street. Turn Left onto Hempstead. If you did not visit Shiloh Baptist Church, continue on Hempstead Street. The Joshua Hempsted House is located on the left, before the next intersection.

Other points of interest

Lyman Allyn Art Museum. Contemporary American art, American impressionist paintings, old master drawings, fine and decorative arts, drawings, dolls, dollhouses, toys, changing exhibits. 860 443-2545. Admission charged.

Trail Alert:

If you are interested in seeing an additional Underground Railroad site follow Directions to Old Lyme. If you prefer to skip ahead, follow Directions to Old Saybrook.

Site 6

Steven Peck House



32 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, CT

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. This site is known to have been on the Underground Railroad. Built between 1700-1712, this house was moved in 1816 to its present location from the current site of the Florence Griswold Museum. On the third floor there is a concealed door to a chimney side secret room which is believed to have hidden escaping slaves.

This site is not described in the companion audio tape tour, but it is an Underground Railroad site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

Directions to Old Lyme

Backtrack on Hempstead to the light on Broad Street. Turn Left at the light onto Broad Street/Route 85. At the next light turn Right onto Williams Street; the United Methodist Church is on the left. Follow Williams Street, crossing Granite, through two lights. You will see signs for the Lyman Allyn Museum and cross a bridge and then turn Left onto Briggs. At the second light turn Right onto I-95 South/New Haven. Travel approximately 13 miles. Take I-95 South to Exit 70/Old Lyme. At the bottom of the ramp at the light, turn Left. Go under I-95, pass the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts on the right and travel just over one half mile. As the road curves to the right, #32, the Steven Peck House, is on the right, on the corner of Beckwith Lane and Lyme Street with a historic marker reading Beckwith-Noyes House.

Other points of interest

Florence Griswold Museum (1817). Home of one of America's most famous art colonies. Wall and door panels painted by impressionist artists. Six-acre site includes perennial gardens and studio of William Chadwick (May–October). Changing exhibits, New England furnishings, decorative arts and museum shop. Admission charged. 860 434-5542.

Directions to Old Saybrook

Backtrack on Hempstead to the light on Broad Street. Turn Left at the light onto Broad Street/Route 85. At the next light turn Right onto Williams Street, the United Methodist Church is on the left. Follow Williams Street, crossing Granite, through two lights. You will see signs for the Lyman Allyn Museum and cross a bridge and then turn Left onto Briggs. At the second light turn Right onto I-95 South/New Haven. Travel approximately 15 miles. Take I-95 South to Exit 68/Route 1 South/Old Saybrook. As you exit, go under the railroad trestle, stay to the right. The road merges with Route 1 South. At the light turn Left onto Route 154 South/Route 1 West. At the second light turn Left onto Route 154/North Main Street. Travel almost one mile through downtown Old Saybrook. The Old Saybrook Historical Society and a large church with four columns are on the left. Pass Pennywise Lane on the right and take an immediate Right into the parking lot of the James Gallery & Soda Fountain.

Site 7

James Pharmacy



2 Pennywise Lane
Old Saybrook, CT 06475
860 395-1509

Hours: Weekdays 3pm-9pm; Weekends 12pm-9pm; July & August 12pm-10pm daily.
No admission charged.

Site Description: Open to the public. The building now operates as an art gallery showing New England and French artists. The restored 1896 soda fountain serves light lunches and dessert. The James Pharmacy building was built in 1790 as a general store, then it later became a pharmacy. African American Anna James owned and operated the pharmacy for fifty years.

Directions to James Pharmacy

Make a U-turn on Lyme Street and backtrack to I-95 South. Immediately after passing under I-95, turn Left at the light and follow signs for I-95 South. Turn Left at the second light at the junction of Route 156. Make an immediate Right onto I-95 South / 1 South/New Haven. Cross bridge over the Connecticut River and take Exit 68/Route 1 South/Old Saybrook. As you exit, go under the railroad trestle, stay to the right. The road merges with Route 1 South. At the light turn Left onto Route 154 South/Route 1 West. At the second light turn Left onto Route 154/North Main Street. Travel almost one mile through downtown Old Saybrook, the Old Saybrook Historical Society and a large church with four columns are on the left. Pass Pennywise Lane on the right and take an immediate Right into the parking lot of the James Gallery & Soda Fountain.

Other points of interest

Fort Saybrook Monument Park. 18-acre park with storyboards depicting the history of the Saybrook Colony. Panoramic views of the mouth of the Connecticut River, boardwalk and bird watching also available. 860 395-3123. No admission charged.

Venture Smith's Grave



First Church Cemetery
499 Town Street (Route 151)
East Haddam, CT 06423
860 873-9084 (First Church of Christ, Congregational)
Sunrise to Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: Born in Africa and sold in Connecticut as a slave, Venture Smith eventually earned enough money to buy his freedom and that of his wife and children. Venture Smith's autobiography can be found in the book "Five Black Lives". The East Haddam Historical Society's collection includes Venture Smith's toolbox, as well as other items relating to the Smith story.

Directions to East Haddam

Backtrack on Main Street, through downtown Old Saybrook. At the light turn Right onto Route 1 East/154 East. At the second light go straight, following Route 154 North. Travel two miles and turn Left onto the entrance of Route 9 North. Travel almost nine miles to Exit 7/Route 82/East Haddam/Colchester. Travel just under two and a half miles to the stop sign at the end of the connector. This is the junction of Route 154 & 82. Turn Left onto Route 82 East. Then turn Right at the light, following Route 82 East. Cross the Connecticut River and pass the Goodspeed Opera House on the right. Follow Route 82 East to Route 151. Turn Left onto Route 151. Travel approximately one mile. The First Church Cemetery will be on the left, just before the First Church of Christ, Congregational. Drive just past the cemetery and turn Left into the driveway just before the church and the outer stone wall. Drive along the inside of the stone wall to the shed on the right and park. On the left, just behind the Spencer headstone, you will see a row of four rectangular headstones. This is the Smith family plot. The gravestones from right to left are: Venture Smith, his wife Marget, his daughter Eliza A. Smith Roy and his son Solomon.

Other points of interest

Essex Steam Train & Riverboat. Ride in coaches pulled by an authentic steam locomotive. Then board a riverboat and cruise along the Connecticut River. Located off Exit 3. 860 767-0103.

Gillette Castle State Park. A hilltop fieldstone mansion overlooks Connecticut River. Built in 1919 as the private home of actor William Gillette (son of Freedom Trail's Francis Gillette on the North Central Tour) famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes. 860 526-2336.

Goodspeed Opera House. The Opera House performs nationally acclaimed musicals in this historic Victorian theater on the Connecticut River. 860 873-8668.

Site 9

Colchester Town Green



Old District School House for Colored Children
Colchester, CT 06415

Site Description: The school house established in 1803 directly behind the Colchester Federated Church closed in 1948 and is no longer standing. Established specifically to provide educational opportunities for African American children. The school is depicted in a sketch of Colchester's Green in John Warner Barber's Connecticut Historical Collections (1835). Bacon Academy still stands two doors down from the church. This was the district school that only white students attended until it opened its doors to African American students in the mid-1800's.

Directions to Colchester

Turn Left out of the cemetery onto Route 151. Travel almost two miles, through the town of Moodus to the junction of Route 149. Turn Right onto Route 149 North. Travel just over four miles, passing Pickerell Lake on the left and into Colchester. At the light turn Right onto Route 16 East. Travel almost five miles to the junction of Route 85. At the top of the hill turn Right at the light onto Route 85 South. Immediately on the right is the Colchester Federated Church. Pull into the lot in front of the church.

Site 10

Vernett Lee House



118 Washington Street
Norwich, CT 06360

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. It is known to have been on the Underground Railroad.

Directions to Norwich

Continue on Route 85 South following Route 2 signs. Travel just under one mile and follow Route 2 East/354 South signs. The entrance ramp for Route 2 East/Norwich will be one half mile on the left. Follow Route 2 East for 13 miles. As you enter Norwich follow Route 2/Route 32 East signs and the expressway ends. Turn Right at the light at the end of the expressway onto Washington Street. Travel one half mile and stay to the right at the Green. Cross Chelsea Parade Square. There will be a school on the left. Just past the school on the right is #118, the Vernet Lee House.

Site 11

Jail Hill Section



Fountain and Cedar Streets
Norwich, CT 06360

Site Description:

In 1833 a new county jail was built in Norwich which made the area less appealing to wealthier families. Because the Jail Hill section offered lower property values and close proximity to employment opportunities, a number of African American families built housing in the neighborhood.

Directions to the Jail Hill section of Norwich

Continue on Washington Street .1 mile. As you come around a left curve, turn Left onto School Street. The central core of the Jail Hill section is bordered by School Street, John Street, Fountain Street, Cedar Street and Happy Street. Continue up steep hill on School Street to the Jail Hill section of Norwich. The first house on the right, #59 School Street, was the home of escaped slave James L. Smith, who we heard about earlier on the audio tape of this tour. After Fountain Street, stay left on School Street (Court Street goes straight). Then turn Left onto Cedar Street. The empty lot on the left is where the New London County Jail stood until 1960 when it was torn down. Continue up Cedar Street. The first two houses, #30 and #34, on the left past the old jail site, were owned by members of the Harris family. Sarah Harris was Prudence Crandall's first black student. We will find out more about her at the Prudence Crandall House site. Turn around and look at the great view they had of the harbor. Continue on Cedar, then turn Left onto Happy Street. Turn Left onto Fountain and then Left back onto School. This time stay on School Street as you pass Cedar. Turn Right onto Schoolhouse Lane. The Beulah Land Church of God in Christ will be at the bottom of this STEEP hill directly in front of you. This church held Sunday school classes for black children in the 1800's.

Other points of interest

Chelsea Harbor Park. Resort waterfront with restaurant (seasonal), shopping, public boat launch, marina, miniature golf, special events. 860 886-6363.

Norwich Navigators. 6,000 seat stadium, home of the New York Yankees AA professional baseball team. April-September. 800 64-GATOR.

Site 12

Glasgo (Mill Village)



Intersection of Routes 165 & 201
Griswold, CT

Site Description: Glasgo, named for Isaac Glasko of mixed Native and African American heritage, was once the site of a large textile mill. The plant caught fire and was destroyed in 1968. After passing the foundation remains of the mill, turn Left onto River Street. Isaac Glasko's house still stands (remodeled) at the far end of this street. The cemetery where Isaac and his wife are buried is beyond the mill remains in a small inaccessible cemetery.

Directions to Glasgo

Turn Left onto Church Street. Stay right and make a hairpin Right turn onto Broadway. Stay on Broadway and move into the left lane. Make a Left at the light onto Main Street. Pass the Otis Library on the right and then the Norwich Post Office on the left. Follow signs for Route 2/165. Cross the Shetucket River. Then turn Left onto Route 165 East at the light. Travel approximately ten miles to Route 201. As you drive along Route 165 you will pass seasonal farm stands with local produce. Just over five miles go through a light and continue following signs for Route 165 East and Glasgo. At the intersection of Route 165 and Route 201 North turn Left and enter Glasgo.

Prudence Crandall House



Routes 14 & 169
Canterbury, CT 06331
860 546-9916

Hours: Wednesday-Sunday 10am-4:30pm; Closed December 15-January 31.
Admission charged.

Site Description: If you did not have an opportunity to view the Freedom Trail orientation video, it is available for screening at this location. The museum is the former home of Connecticut's State Heroine who opened the first school for black women in the North East. The Georgian-style home was originally purchased by Prudence Crandall in 1831 to function as a private academy for local young men and women. The exterior of the house is identical to the way it looked when Crandall lived there and still sits on the same 3/4 acre. The house served as both a school and a home for out of town students as well as for Prudence. The house, kept in private hands until the state purchased it in 1969, was opened as a museum in 1984. Changing exhibits display a wide variety of artifacts relating to Prudence Crandall. The Prudence Crandall Museum Library in the house has an extensive research collection.

Directions to Canterbury

Turn Left off River Street onto Route 201 North. Drive almost two miles along a very scenic road with numerous stone walls. At the junction of Route 138 turn Left at the stop sign onto Route 138 West. Travel just over seven miles on Route 138 West, passing an old air strip and Hopeville Pond State Park. Continue through Jewett City and at the Junction of Route 12 turn Left at the light. Continuing on Route 138 West/Route 12 South. Cross the Pachaug River and travel through Lisbon. At the light turn Left onto Route 138 West. Pass through Newent. At the stop sign turn Right onto Route 169 North/North Burnham Highway. This is the state's longest scenic highway and was recently designated as a National Scenic Byway by the U. S. Department of Transportation. Travel just over seven and a half miles to the Junction of Route 14 in Canterbury. Turn Left at the stop sign onto Route 14 West. The Prudence Crandall House is immediately on the left.

Other points of interest

***Wright's Mill Farm.** A 250-acre farm and recreation complex, with hiking trails, brooks, ponds and antique mill sites. Also available are horse carriage and wagon rides and pumpkin hunt hayrides. Year-Round daily 9am-5pm. 860 774-1455.*

Directions to Putnam

Turn Right out of the parking lot onto Route 14 East. At the stop sign turn Left onto Route 169 North. Pass the birthplace of Moses Cleaveland and the Brooklyn Fairgrounds. In Brooklyn turn Left at the stop sign, go straight at the light and stay on Route 169. (This is at the junction of Route 6.) The Town Hall in Brooklyn, on the left, was the county court house where Prudence Crandall was tried. Less than a half a mile from the light is the Friendship Valley B&B on your right where Prudence Crandall stayed during her trial. Directions to Putnam continue after Other points of interest.

Other points of interest

***Creamery Brook Bison.** A 40-minute wagon ride through a working dairy farm to where the buffalo roam; sales room, gift shop. July-September, Saturday & Sunday. 19 Purvis Road, Brooklyn. 860 779-0837. Admission charged.*

***New England Center for Contemporary Art.** Four-story pre-Revolutionary barn converted to museum of 20th-century modern art, contemporary Chinese art. Changing exhibits, gift shop. April-November, Wednesday-Sunday 1pm-5pm. Route 169 Brooklyn. 860 774-8899. No admission charged.*

Site 14

Thomas Taylor's Grave



Grove Street Cemetery
247 Grove Street
Putnam, CT 06260
860 963-0099
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: An African American sailor, Taylor was the last survivor of the U.S.S. Monitor which fought during the Civil War. When he died in 1932 he was 84 years old. In 1960 a local man, who had known Taylor for years, worked with veterans' organizations to place a military headstone on Taylor's unmarked grave.

Directions to Putnam continued

Continue on Route 169 North, passing many farms and orchards. At the junction of Route 169 & Route 101, go straight, staying on Route 169 North. Route 44 East merges with Route 169 a half mile later. Follow Route 169 North/Route 44 East through the center of Pomfret and past the campus for the Pomfret School. Christ Church in town has five Tiffany windows. At the junction of Route 97, turn Right at the stop sign. This is Route 44 East. Route 169 North goes straight and Route 97 South goes left. Travel almost four miles into Putnam on Route 44. Enter Putnam's antique district. Continue on Route 44, going under the railroad trestle. Just after the railroad trestle turn Right at the light onto Route 12 South/South Main Street. As you curve to the left the road becomes Grove Street. Follow Grove Street one half mile. The Grove Street Cemetery is on the right at Killingly Avenue. Turn Right into the cemetery and make an immediate Left on the paved drive. Then make the first Right onto "Grove Avenue," a dirt drive. Drive almost to end of road and park. On the right there are seventeen Civil War veterans buried. A series of military white headstones mark the graves. Thomas Taylor's gravestone is in the second row facing away from the road.

This is the end of your tour.

Directions to I-395

Turn Right out of the cemetery onto Grove Street. In less than one block see signs for I-395 North/South.

Eastern Connecticut Information

For Information on Historical Sites:

Mystic

G.W. Blunt White Library
Mystic Seaport
75 Greenmanville Avenue
Mystic, CT 06355
860 572-5367

Mystic River Historical Society
P.O. Box 245
Mystic, CT 06355
860 536-4779

Groton

Bill Memorial Library
240 Monument Street
Groton, CT 06340
860 445-0392

New London

New London County Historical Society
11 Blinman Street
New London, CT 06320
860 443-1209

New London Antiquarian & Landmarks
Society-Regional Office
11 Hempstead Street
New London, CT 06320
860 443-8949

Old Lyme

Old Lyme Historical Society
Florence Griswold Museum
96 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, CT 06371
860 434-5542

Old Saybrook

Old Saybrook Historical Society
P. O. Box 4
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

East Haddam

East Haddam Historical Society
P.O. Box 27
East Haddam, CT 06423
860 873-8144

Colchester

Colchester Historical Society
18 Cemetery Road
Colchester, CT 06415
860 267-0698

Norwich

Otis Library
261 Main Street
Norwich, CT 06360
860 889-2365

Griswold

Griswold Historical Society
167 East Main Street
Jewett City, CT 06351
860 376-4577

Canterbury

Prudence Crandall Museum
Routes 14 & 169
P.O. Box 58
Canterbury, CT 06331
860 546-9916

Canterbury Historical Society
P.O. Box 2
Canterbury, CT 06331
860 546-9147

Putnam

Aspinock Historical Society
P. O. Box 465
Putnam, CT 06260
860 928-6128

For Tourist Information:

Southeastern Connecticut Tourism District

470 Bank Street
P.O. Box 89
New London, CT 06320
860 444-2206
800 TO-ENJOY

*Colchester, Griswold, Groton,
New London, Mystic*

Connecticut River Valley & Shoreline Visitors Council

393 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457
860 347-0028
800 486-3346
East Haddam, Old Saybrook

Northeast Connecticut

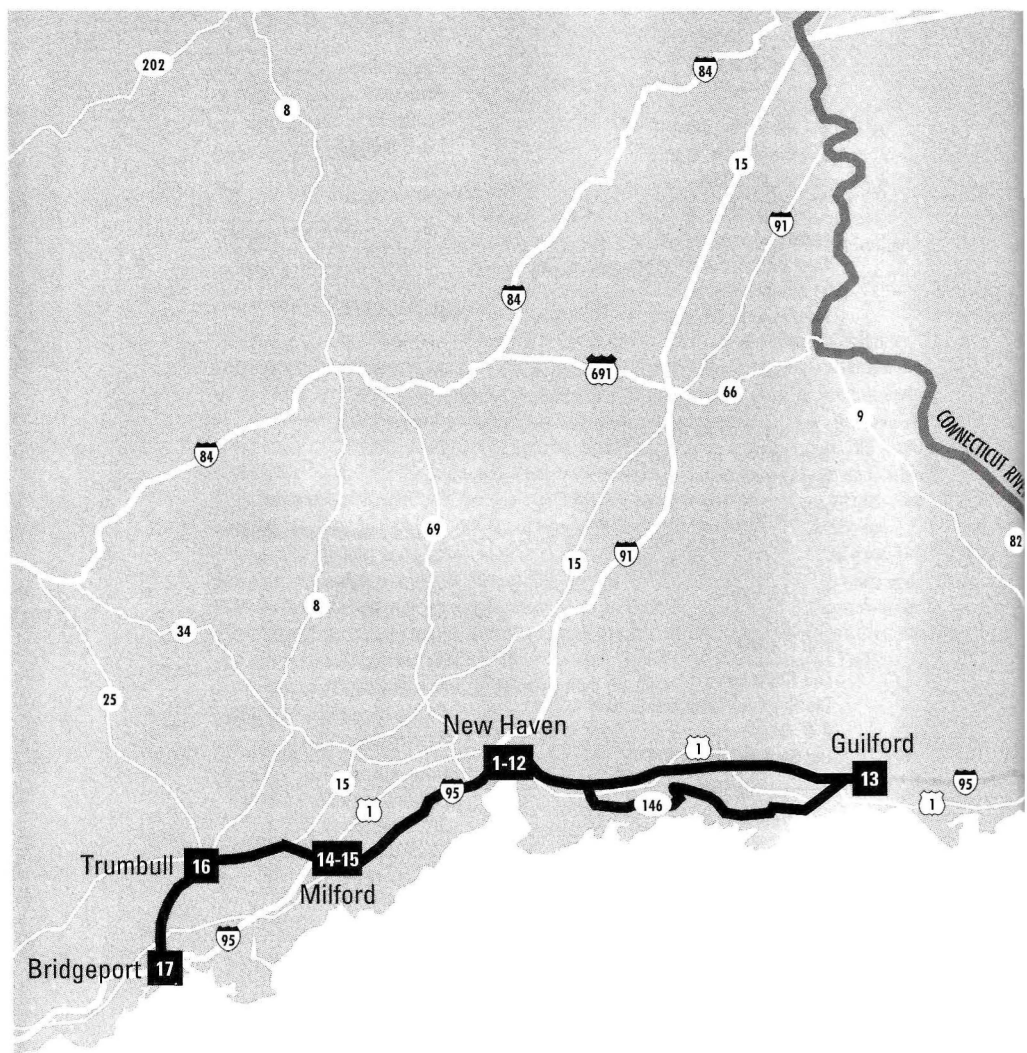
Visitors District
P.O. Box 598
Putnam, CT 06260
860 928-1228
Canterbury, Putnam

Southwestern Connecticut Tour

New Haven, Guilford, Milford, Trumbull and Bridgeport

This tour can take from six hours to a full day depending on your interests along the Freedom Trail. This tour has 17 Freedom Trail sites including one Underground Railroad site and six sites associated with the Amistad story.

This tour begins at the Yale University Visitor Information Center in New Haven, Connecticut.



Orientation Center

Visitors interested in the Connecticut Freedom Trail heritage tour in this area of the state begin their journey in New Haven at the Yale University Visitor Information Center.

Yale University Visitor Information Center

149 Elm Street

New Haven, CT 06520

203 432-2300

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4:45pm; Saturday & Sunday 10am-4pm.

Site Description: The Visitor Center will have a copy of the Freedom Trail orientation video available to the public for screening. (Plans are to complete the video in early 1998) In addition, the video and audio tour tape series with companion booklet can be purchased here. There are also public restrooms and general information available about greater New Haven.

The first four sites on this tour are around the New Haven Green and are easy to walk to weather permitting.

New Haven became America's first planned city in 1638 when it was laid out in nine squares. The Green was the central square and was designated as the marketplace, public square and burying ground. For many years cows and pigs trimmed the meadow. Originally all the public buildings were on the Green: the meeting house, the school and the State House. Today, only three churches remain.

Directions to the Orientation Center: Yale University Visitor Information Center

From I-95 North or South take Exit 47/Downtown New Haven/Route 34. Take Exit 1 off Route 34. This is also a Downtown New Haven exit. Follow exit ramp to light. Turn Right onto Church Street. At the third light turn Left onto Chapel Street. At the second light turn Right onto College Street which is currently a two-way street (but if this changes drive down another block to York Street and take a right and continue with these directions. At the first light turn Right onto Elm Street. The Freedom Trail orientation center for the southwestern section of the trail is located at the Yale University Visitor Information Center at 149 Elm Street on the left. Park in metered spaces around the Green or if needed, in one of the area parking garages. The closest one is under the New Haven Savings Bank, on the corner of Church and Elm. Or you can try the parking garage on College Street next to the Shubert Theatre.

Site 1

Amistad Memorial



165 Church Street

New Haven, CT 06510

203 387-0370 The Amistad Committee

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (City Hall).

Site Description: The Amistad Memorial pays tribute to Joseph Cinque and the other Africans who escaped slavery in 1839 by seizing the cargo ship the Amistad. The Africans were imprisoned in the New Haven Jail which was located on this site. The Africans eventually won their freedom and returned to Africa in 1841. To view the top panel of the sculpture which pays to tribute to those who died on the Middle Passage, enter City Hall's main entrance. Go to the third floor using the elevators straight down on your left. Turn Left out of the elevator and go down the corridor and through the office door. These are private offices and may not always be accessible. Turn Left at the door and walk straight ahead to the narrow window. It has one of the few views of the top of the Amistad memorial. The sculpture was designed by Ed Hamilton and dedicated in 1992.

Directions to the Amistad Memorial

Turn Left out of the Visitor Center, walk down Elm Street and cross Temple Street. The next corner is Church Street. Cross Church and turn right crossing Elm Street. Continue on Church Street. The Amistad Memorial is down about one half block in a small courtyard in front of City Hall on the left.

Site 2

Center Church



250 Temple Street

New Haven, CT 06510

203 787-0121

Office hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. (Located at 311 Temple Street)

Shown by appointment only.

Site Description: Founded in 1639, Center Church had a congregation that was integral to developing support for the Amistad captives. The church is built over the Green's Colonial-era burying ground. Tours of this crypt are available by appointment.

Directions to Center Church

Return to the front of City Hall. Cross Church Street to the historic New Haven Green. Walk across the center sidewalk through the Green. Center Church is the church in the center of the row of three churches on Temple Street.

Site 3

United Church on the Green



270 Temple Street

New Haven, CT 06510

203 787-4195

Office hours: Monday–Friday 9:30am–4:30 pm. (Located at 323 Temple Street)

Tours Sundays 12pm–1pm.

Site Description: This congregation broke off from Center Church in 1742. The present Federal style structure was completed in 1815. The church contains the first Hillebrand Tracker organ in the United States. During the Amistad affair many members of the congregation were vigorous supporters of the Amistad captives including their lawyer, Roger Sherman Baldwin and Cinque portrait artist, Nathaniel Jocelyn.

This site is not described in the companion audio tape tour, but it is a site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

Directions to United Church on the Green

Facing Center Church, turn right. United Church on the Green is right next door on the corner of Temple and Elm Streets.

Site 4

Yale University Divinity School Battell Chapel



Elm & College Streets

New Haven, CT 06510

203 432-1128

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Site Description: Built in 1876, Battell Chapel represents the many contributions of Yale University's students and faculty to the Amistad Africans. When you enter Battell Chapel through Old Campus you will see a display board in the entryway which contains Amistad correspondence revealing Yale University's role in the Amistad story.

Directions to Battell Chapel

Walk on the diagonal sidewalk to the left of the United Church on the Green back to the center sidewalk through the upper Green. The upper Green was once New Haven's burying ground. When it became overcrowded, Grove Street Cemetery was founded. It has been said that the task to move all of the bodies to the new cemetery was so enormous that only the headstones were moved. The story goes that there are some 3,000 bodies still buried here. Cross College Street and turn Right. Turn Left shortly after, entering the Old Campus of Yale University through a deep archway (Phelp's Gate). Turn Right as you enter the courtyard and follow the stone walk to the end of the path to Battell Chapel. Enter Battell Chapel through the double glass doors on your left.

Site 5

New Haven Colony Historical Society



114 Whitney Avenue

New Haven, CT 06511

203 562-4183

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday & Sunday 2pm-5pm.

Admission charged.

Site Description: Colonial-revival style building that houses many items relating to the Amistad story, including a portrait of Joseph Cinque by Nathaniel Jocelyn and a watercolor of the Amistad schooner. There is an Amistad exhibit with 60 items on display in the changing exhibition room.

Directions to the New Haven Colony Historical Society

Return to your car unless you have an interest in a longer walk to the next two sites. Church Street is one way. Head North on Church Street. At Grove Street, Church becomes Whitney Avenue. Continue on Whitney Avenue. Pass Audubon Street to the right. Audubon Street is home to the Arts Council of Greater New Haven and a number of arts organizations, including Creative Arts Workshop, the Neighborhood Music School and ARTSPACE Gallery. Cross Trumbull Street, pass a small triangular island on the left. The New Haven Colony Historical Society is on the left. There is a small parking lot in the back of the building. Turn Left into the driveway just past the building and park.

Site 6

Grove Street Cemetery



227 Grove Street
New Haven, CT 06511
203 787-1443
Hours: Monday-Sunday 8am-3:45pm.

Site Description: Established in 1796 to replace the burying ground on the Green, the Grove Street Cemetery became America's first cemetery with family plots. There are a number of people related to the Freedom Trail buried here, including Yehudi Ashmun (immediately to the left of the Gate House), Roger Sherman Baldwin, Josiah Willard Gibbs, Reverend Leonard Bacon and Nathaniel Jocelyn.

Directions to Grove Street Cemetery

Turn Right out of the driveway onto Whitney Avenue. At the second light turn Right onto Grove Street. Approximately two and a half blocks on the right is the cemetery. Park inside the gates of the cemetery or use metered parking on the street. Cemetery maps are available in the Gate House office 9am-noon. There is also a map posted on the Gate House.

Site 7

Prince Hall Masonic Temple

106 Goffe Street
New Haven, CT 06510
203 776-9027
Shown by appointment only.

Site Description: Built in 1864 as a school for African American children, the building was purchased in 1929 by the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons and is now home to the local black Mason chapter, New Haven's Widow's Son Lodge #1.

Directions to the Prince Hall Masonic Temple

Continue on Grove Street which becomes Tower Parkway and pass Yale University's Payne Whitney Gym. Move into the right lane before the next light. At the light make a soft Right onto Goffe Street. One block on the left at the corner of Goffe & Sperry is the Masonic Temple.

Site 8

Dixwell Avenue United Church of Christ

217 Dixwell Avenue
New Haven, CT 06510
203 787-5839
Office hours: Monday-Friday 10am-3pm.

Site Description: Founded in 1820, Dixwell Avenue United Church of Christ was built on this site in 1968. Highly regarded ministers who led this church include African American leaders, Simeon Jocelyn, James Pennington and Amos Beman.

Directions to Dixwell Avenue United Church of Christ

At Goffe Street, Sperry Street (to the left) becomes Webster Street. Turn Right onto Webster. Travel one block to Dixwell Avenue. Turn Left onto Dixwell. Dixwell Avenue United Church of Christ is the contemporary building ahead on the right. Parking available in a lot just after the church. To enter the church, use the entrance closest to the parking lot.

Site 9

Hannah Gray Home

235 Dixwell Avenue
New Haven, CT 06510

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. The present Hannah Gray Home at 235 Dixwell Avenue was established in 1911. When anti-slavery supporter Hannah Gray died in 1861 she donated her home at 158 Dixwell (no longer standing) as a refuge for indigent colored females. The current site operates under the founder's goals as a home for aged women and is owned by Varick A.M.E. Zion Church.

Directions to the Hannah Gray Home

The Hannah Gray Home is located right next door to the Dixwell Avenue United Church of Christ.

Site 10

Varick A.M.E. Zion Church

242 Dixwell Avenue
New Haven, CT 06520
203 624-6245
Office hours: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm.

Site Description: Organized in 1818, Varick African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church built its home on this site in 1908. The church hosted Booker T. Washington's last speech before his death in 1915.

Directions to Varick A.M.E. Zion Church

Varick A.M.E. Zion Church is located across the street from the Hannah Gray Home.

Site 11

Trowbridge Square Historical District



Portsea, Carlisle, Cedar & Salem Streets
New Haven, CT
203 562-5919
(New Haven Preservation Trust: Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9am-2pm)

Site Description: Abolitionist Simeon Jocelyn developed Trowbridge Square in the 1830's to provide affordable housing for a racially mixed neighborhood.

Directions to Trowbridge Square

Turn Left out of the parking lot onto Dixwell Avenue or turn around, heading back downtown on Dixwell Avenue. Continue on Dixwell to Broadway. Today, the Dixwell neighborhood is one of New Haven's most developed and most densely populated neighborhoods. However, in the early years of the nineteenth century, only a small number of buildings stood near the current junction of Whalley Avenue, Goffe Street and Broadway. Farmland dominated this neighborhood throughout much of the 1800's. The three streets, Dixwell, Goffe and Whalley, were named for the three judges who condemned Charles I to death. Follow the rotary around the Broadway area parking lot on the left. At York Street, Broadway becomes Elm Street. Follow Elm Street through the Yale University residential campus. Turn Right at the second light onto College Street. College Street runs through New Haven's entertainment district, home of the

famous Shubert Theatre. The Shubert is the birthplace for some of America's greatest musicals. "Oklahoma!" "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music" all debuted here before going on to Broadway. Follow College Street for five blocks passing over the Route 34 connector. Drive through the Yale Medical School. College merges into Congress Avenue. Turn Left at the second light onto Howard Avenue. Cross Columbus Avenue and take second Left onto Carlisle Avenue. The park on the left is the center square of the nine squares here that were modeled after the original nine squares that formed New Haven. Turn Left onto Cedar and the Left onto Portsea. These are the streets that border the neighborhood's center green. Continue on Portsea back to Howard Avenue.

Site 12

Long Wharf



Long Wharf Drive

New Haven, CT

203 777-8550 (Greater New Haven Convention & Visitors Bureau)

Site Description: Plans call for Long Wharf to be the home port of the floating educational ship modeled after the Amistad ship. This traveling vessel will offer programs and exhibitions on African American history and will tell the Amistad story.

Directions to Long Wharf

Turn Left onto Howard Avenue. (The Howard Avenue bridge may be under construction, follow detour signs back around to Howard Avenue.) Go five blocks to 5th Street (Sargent Drive) and turn Left. At the New Haven Register make a Right at the light onto Long Wharf Drive. Drive along New Haven Harbor. Just before Long Wharf on the right is the Greater New Haven's Visitor Information Center, Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm. Public restrooms. Seasonal.

Other points of interest

Schooner, Inc. Learn about the ecology, culture and history of Long Island Sound aboard the flagship, *Quinnipiack*, a 91-foot gaff-rigged wooden schooner. Half-day, all-day and sunset sails. April-November. 203 865-1737.

Peabody Museum of Natural History. Exhibits of Neolithic, Pacific, Mesoamerican and ancient Egyptian cultures, Native Americans of Connecticut, dinosaur fossils, mammals, primates, insects, meteorites, wildlife dioramas, minerals and native birds. 203 432-5050.

Black Rock Fort & Fort Nathan Hale. Forts from Revolutionary War (Black Rock) and Civil War (Nathan Hale) command spectacular views of New Haven Harbor. 203 934-8790

Liberty Belle Cruise. A classic, 2-level, 200-passenger vessel, offers day & evening cruises, some with live bands and dancing and themed cruises. Food service, snacks and full service bar. April-October. 800 745-BOAT.

Site 13

Sachem Country House



111 Goose Lane
Guilford, CT 06437
203 453-5261

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 5pm-9pm Sunday 11am-7pm Closed Monday.
Open at noon Tuesday-Saturday if you want to have a look inside.

Site Description: This site is currently operated as a restaurant. It is known to have been on the Underground Railroad. It is one of only two Underground Railroad sites open to the public. Several additions have been built on and the house has been substantially remodeled inside.

Directions to Guilford

From Long Wharf (Liberty Belle parking lot), turn Left out of the driveway. Turn Right onto I-95 North. You will stay on I-95 for approximately 15 minutes to Exit 59/Goose Lane. Turn Left at the bottom of the ramp. The large sprawling home almost immediately on the right is the Sachem Country House. Turn right into the driveway, just before the house.

Other points of interest

Henry Whitfield State Museum. Connecticut's oldest house (1639) and New England's oldest stone building, built as a minister's home and stronghold. 17th- to 19th-century furnishings, herb garden, museum shop. 860 566-3005.

Thimble Island Cruises. There are several vessels that offer 45-minute cruises of the Thimble Islands in Branford, most with live narration and story-telling of this area rich in history and legend. Connecticut Sea Ventures 203 397-3921. Sea Mist Thimble Island Cruise 203 488-8905. Volsunga IV 203 481-3345.

Option: If you want a more leisurely, scenic route along Connecticut's coastline, follow Scenic Directions to Milford. If you want a quicker, more direct route skip ahead to I-95 Directions to Milford.

Scenic Directions to Milford

From the Sachem Country House take a Left out of the parking lot and proceed across Route 1 to Route 146 West through Branford to Route 1. Route 146 is a 12.2 mile tour through the shoreline towns of Guilford and Branford. Pass the Green in Guilford to the right. At the stop sign turn Left and then immediately Right. Continue to follow signs for Route 146 through marsh, wildlife areas and past the Thimble Islands in Branford. In Branford, turn Left following signs for Route 146, behind the town Green. Route 146 will merge with Route 1/North Main Street at the next stop sign. Follow Route 1 South, the original federal highway that spans from Maine to Key West, to I-95 South. Follow I-95 South to Exit 39A/Milford. When you exit the ramp, immediately move into the left lane, you will be on Route 1. At the first light go straight onto Cherry Street. Follow Directions to Milford Cemetery.

I-95 Directions to Milford

Turn Right out of the Sachem Country House parking lot and turn Left onto I-95 South/New Haven. Follow I-95 to Exit 39A/Route 1/Milford. When you exit the ramp immediately move into the left lane, you will be on Route 1. At the first light go straight onto Cherry Street. Follow Directions to Milford Cemetery.

Site 14

Milford Cemetery



Prospect Street
Milford, CT 06460
203 874-8998 (Milford Cemetery Association)
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: The monument in Milford Cemetery honors the prisoners of war (American Revolutionary War soldiers infected with small pox) who were left in Milford by the British. The large white stone at the base of the monument lists the names of Milford soldiers who served in the American Revolutionary War, including six African Americans.

Directions to Milford Cemetery

Travel almost one mile passing Milford Plaza on your left. At the sixth light make a sharp Left onto Prospect Street. (Plymouth Place is on the right.) One tenth of a mile on the left is the entrance to the Milford Cemetery, marked with two large square columns. Drive into the cemetery and down the long driveway. Take the first narrow drive to the Right. Drive to the end of this driveway and park. There is a tall brownstone tower monument on the right edge of the cemetery.

Site 15

First Baptist Church



28 North Street
Milford, CT 06460
203 878-0228

Site Description: The memorial in front of the church honors the six African Americans from Milford who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Directions to First Baptist Church

Leave the cemetery through same gate you entered. Turn Right onto Prospect. At the first intersection Prospect becomes Plymouth Place. The waterfall to the left empties into the Duck Pond in Milford. The Duck Pond is a picturesque spot—great for a picnic. There are many antique shops in downtown as well as many fine restaurants. Travel one block. Just as the road is merging with North Street there is a small triangle. The First Baptist Church is on the left. Turn Left into the circular driveway. The small stone memorial is just to the right of the church entrance.

Other points of interest

Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center. A true "sanctuary" open to the public for passive nature recreation, featuring lecture series, family programs and birding. The Center is located on land that curves into the Housatonic River, separating Long Island Sound from the 840-acre Charles E. Wheeler Salt Marsh. One of the best birding sites in the state. 203 878-7440.

Site 16

Nero Hawley's Grave



Riverside Cemetery
Daniel's Farm Road
Trumbull, CT 06611
203 452-5035 (Trumbull Town Clerk's office)
Sunrise-Sunset/Year-Round.

Site Description: Nero Hawley was one of many slaves in Connecticut who joined the Continental Army during the American Revolution and were freed at the end of the war. He was one of 35 men who bought this cemetery. His grave is marked with a small white replacement stone with bricks laid in front of it. In the early 1970's these bricks were unearthed in the claypits where Nero's brick making business was located. They were laid at his grave in 1975 through the efforts of E. Merrill Beach, who wrote a book on Nero Hawley's life titled "From Valley Forge to Freedom". Nero's biography, bricks made by Nero and a sketch of his home can be seen nearby at the Trumbull Historical Society.

Directions to Trumbull

Turn Left out of parking lot at First Baptist Church onto North Street. Proceed on North Street to the light, staying left at the fork. Turn Left onto Route 1 West. Travel one half mile to the entrance of Milford Parkway. (Sign reads Merritt Parkway/NY City/Hartford.) Follow Milford Parkway to Route 15/Merritt Parkway South. Travel just over nine miles on Route 15 South to Exit 50. The Merritt Parkway is a designated National Scenic Highway. Take Exit 50/Route 127 Trumbull/White Plains Road. Turn Right at the bottom of the ramp onto Route 127. Drive almost one and a half miles to Daniel's Farm Road. This is the fourth light from the ramp. Turn Right onto Daniel's Farm Road. Go over bridge and immediately turn Left onto Old Mill Road, a narrow access road where there is a sign for Riverside Cemetery. As you turn onto Old Mill Road look to your right at the Daniel Hawley house on the hill. This is where Nero Hawley lived for several years after becoming the property of Daniel Hawley. Drive to the end of the road and park. Walk up the small grassy incline into Riverside Cemetery. Walk almost to the back of the cemetery. Nero Hawley's gravestone is in the center row.

Site 17

Walters A.M.E. Zion Church

423 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604
203 333-8250

Site Description: This site is not open to the public. Established in 1882, Walters African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was rebuilt in 1951 after a fire destroyed the original structure. The church is a reminder of the area's earlier African American community known as "Little Liberia."

Directions to Bridgeport

Return to your car. Backtrack out of Old Mill Road to Daniel's Farm Road and turn Right. Turn Left at the first light onto Route 127 South. Travel .2 miles to the entrance of Route 25. Turn Right onto Route 25 South. Travel just over five and a half miles to Exit 1/Prospect Avenue/Myrtle Avenue. Turn Left at the bottom of the ramp onto Prospect Avenue. Go to the second light and turn Right onto Lafayette Boulevard. Cross Seton Place and go under the railroad trestle. Immediately after the railroad trestle turn Left—this street is not marked. Go to the first light and turn Right—this street is not marked. Walters A.M.E. Zion Church is on the right at the next corner on Gregory Street.

Other points of interest

The Barnum Museum. Built in 1893, the museum contains collections relating to the career of PT Barnum (1810-91). Exhibits include hand-carved miniature 5-ring circus, clown props, mementos; changing exhibitions. 203 331-9881.

Beardsley Zoological Gardens. 36 acres of exhibits, ranging from North American mammals like timber wolves, pronghorn antelope and bison to exotic rain forest animals in the New World Tropics Building. Picnic area, snack bar, gift shop, seasonal carousel. Call 203 576-8082.

This is the end of your tour.

Directions to I-95

Turn Right onto Gregory. At first stop sign turn Right onto Lafayette Boulevard—no marker. Go under railroad trestle. At the next light you will see signs for I-95 North & South.

Southwestern Connecticut Tour Information

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New Haven, CT 06510
203 562-4183

New Haven Preservation Trust
254 College Street, Suite 412
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Guilford Keeping Society
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Guilford, CT 06437
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Milford, CT 06460
203 874-2664

Trumbull
Trumbull Historical Society
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Trumbull, CT 06611
203 377-6620

Bridgeport
Bridgeport Public Library
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Bridgeport, CT 06604
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