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Things We Love about  
**Ridgefield**



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# 1 Public Schools

Ridgefield School District is a top rated, public school district. It has a student-teacher ratio of 13 to 1. It features a Blue Ribbon education with diverse opportunities for students. The student body has great school spirit and community involvement. There are also opportunities for students to take part in many award winning activities and sporting events.



# 2 Ridgefield Playhouse

A community theater that hosts a variety of entertainment ranging from plays, musical performances, films, and other events. The theater seats up to 500, it includes a hand-painted mural with familiar scenes of historical Ridgefield. This theater has hosted a plethora of well-known performers such as Clint Black, The Doobie Brothers, Gregg Allman, Diana Krall and more.

# 3 Martin Park Beach

Martin Park offers a sandy beach as well as swimming and boating activities in the Great Pond, a natural spring fed pond. You can rent kayaks, paddleboards, and paddleboats . There are also tables, restrooms, changing rooms, and showers for all visitors.



# 4 Dining

Ridgefield has a great selection of restaurants in town. Be sure to check out these crowd favorites: Wooster Hollow Cafe, Tablao, Baileys Backyard, TerraSole and Bernard's.



# 5 Public Library

The Library's mission is to anticipate and meet the evolving needs of the community. They are an essential partner and the place where people go to discover, question, learn and connect. Visit the library and take advantage of the impressive collection of books, listen to guest speakers, take classes, and get involved in events.

# 6 Shopping

Ridgefield features unique boutiques on Main Street, and various shops located on Danbury Road. Some great shopping options include Touch of Sedona, Deborah Ann's Sweet Shoppe, BellaHome Gifts and Consign Envy.

# 7 Ballard Park

The five acre park was donated to the town from the estate of Elizabeth Ballard in 1964 and has been the site of countless events including concerts, parties, town events, and quiet reflection. Stately trees, formal gardens, ornamental shrubs and flowers reflect the beauty of changing New England seasons and provide a safe, central place for recreation.

# 8 Recreation Center

Ridgefield Recreation operates and maintains over 600 acres of parks, trails, fields and facilities. The Rec Center is a destination for families and residents of all ages. The center features its own Spray Bay, a 2,800 square foot, zero-entry water playground. It also features a swimming pool with a slide, an exercise room, a gym and rooms for parties and events.



# 9 Seth Low Pierrepont

Called Pierrepont State Park, is a 305 acre public park that offers a wealth of outdoor recreational activities such as fishing, hiking, mountain biking, boating, etc. With 5 blazed trails, you can have spectacular views and even see Long Island Sound by the top of Barlow Mountain.



# 10 Garden of Ideas

The Garden of Ideas has 12 acres of cultivated and wild gardens; marshland and woodland. It is a nonprofit with a mission to maintain and improve restorative, and educational gardening. At the garden you can also purchase vegetables and ornamental plants.



## 11 Bennett's Pond State Park

A state park and public recreation area that is home to 56 acres. Managed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, there are miles of hiking trails as well as the enjoyment of fishing, boating, mountain biking, canoeing and seasonal bow hunting.

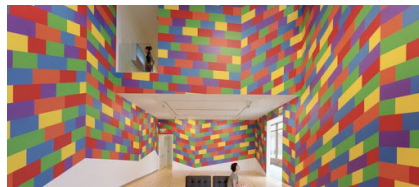


## 12 The Weir Farm

Commemorating the life and work of American impressionist painter J. Alden Weir, the Weir Farm Historic Site maintains a variety of ongoing artist-in-residence programs where artists stay and learn at the center. This site is found on 60 acres of land with two restored studios, hiking trails and tours of the ground.

## 13 Aldrich Art Museum

Is one of the first contemporary art museums in the country, based in an 18th century former church and general store known as "Old Hundred", this museum features works by national and international emerging and mid career artists. Also, offers several education programs for all ages.



## 14 Ridgefield Theater Barn

A charming converted dairy barn hosts the Ridgefield Workshop for the Performing Arts, Inc. Presenting a variety of shows ranging from comedy to drama to musicals the barn theater offers a comfortable setting, and a reception gallery. You are also allowed to bring your own food and beverages for intermission!

## 15 Prospect Theater

A nonprofit movie theater dedicated to offering jobs to adults with disabilities through the operation of a first-run movie theater.



## 16 Keeler Tavern Museum

Built in the 18th century, this property served as a summer home to architect Cass Gilbert. The Keeler Tavern now offers educational and cultural programs about historic Ridgefield, the Keeler Tavern Museum and History Center has been the social hub of Ridgefield for 300 years.

## 17 Bark Park Dog Park

Supported by the Ridgefield Operation for Animal Rescue, Bark Park is a fully-fenced dog playing area, water fountains, benches and built in toys. There are separate areas for small and big dogs.



## 18 SPIRIT Skate Parker

Built in 1998, this became the result of an effort to provide a safe and fun place for local skaters to congregate and engage in active, outdoor recreation. Inclusive and noncompetitive, the skate park encourages creativity and friendship as well as breeding confidence and enthusiasm.

## 19 Nod Hill Brewery

Nod Hill is a locally owned and operated father-son Brewery, that offers signature beers, food trucks, and live music all year round!



## 20 Henny Penny Farm

This farm proudly raises award winning Romney Sheep. Henny Penny Farm also has a store that sells a curated range of humanely raised meats, eggs, produce, etc. It offers lectures and hands-on workshops on all topics related to agriculture and sustainable farming.



## 21 Holiday Tree Lighting

The annual holiday tree lighting ceremony takes place the Friday after Thanksgiving, beginning at 6 pm, in front of Town Hall. It features a short ceremony which includes carolers and other local officials that set the stage for the illumination of the 17,000 lights that sparkle in Downtown Ridgefield during the holiday season.



## 22 Downtown Holiday Stroll

One weekend in December Ridgefield transforms its Main Street into a winter wonderland complete with horse-drawn carriages, musical performances, strolling carolers and toy soldiers, ice-sculpting, local store promotions, and more!

## 23 VFD Annual Carnival

In the beginning of Summer, Ridgefield Volunteer Fire Department hosts an annual carnival featuring rides, games and food galore. The carnival is held at the East Ridge Middle School, 10 East Ridge Road. In addition to rides, games and food, there is also free fireworks show.

## 24 Fourth of July Fireworks

Every 4th of July, residents make their way to Ridgefield High School, to gather and watch the spectacular fireworks display. Fireworks explode just after dark and the show can be seen easily throughout the town.

## 25 Memorial Day Parade

The Ridgefield Memorial Day Parade is an annual event that honors the men and women who have dedicated their lives to our country. The parade starts off at Jesse Lee Church, and proceeds down Main St. to Ballard Park. This annual event features a plethora of civic organizations, marching bands, and veteran's groups, even its own flyover. Each year, thousands from all over Fairfield County line up on both sides of Main Street, paying tribute to our veterans near and far, as we celebrate this great country.

## 26 SUMMERFEST

This event kick starts the Summer in Ridgefield it includes live music and other entertainment in Ballard Park, a farmers market near the gazebo and pop-up art gallery featuring the artists-in-residence of the Ridgefield Pride Arts Center inside St. Stephen's North Hall.

## 27 Independent Film Festival

The Ridgefield Independent Film Festival celebrates independent films from around the world that entertain, and inspire moviegoers through compelling visual storytelling. RIFF brings innovative films and filmmakers to Ridgefield for an annual four-day festival that includes screenings, panel discussions, and special events.



## 28 Ridgefield Half Marathon

The Pamby Ridgefield Half Marathon is a beautiful race featuring classic fall New England scenery. The race is beginner-friendly, and contains some of prettiest roads in Fairfield County! The race starts on East Ridge Road, just above the The Boys and Girls Club of Ridgefield.



## 29 Turkey Day Trot

The Annual Thanksgiving Day 5K Turkey Trot and Fun Run draws nearly 3,500 runners and spectators to Ridgefield. The 5K and Kids Fun Run begin at the Boys & Girls Club, located at 41 Governor Street. All are welcome, from inexperienced joggers to marathon runners.



## 30 Saltana Cave Salt Spa

This spa has been designed for visitors to feel an immediate sense of relief and relaxation. In Saltana Cave, you are immediately surrounded by tons of Himalayan salt rocks, just as if you were in a salt mine. The treatment offers a unique form of alternative therapy that provides you with relief from many ailments.

