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Things  
We Love about  
**Stratford**



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# 1 Long Island Sound

Stratford's location along the Long Island Sound offers residents and visitors alike two public bathing beaches, five marinas, several fishing piers and two public boat-launching facilities. The two public beaches are Short Beach and Long Beach; they both offer many amenities such as picnic areas and playgrounds!

## 2 Transportation

Within an hour's drive of New York City, Stratford is the easternmost town in Fairfield County-Connecticut's Gold Coast. Major highways such as I-95, Route 8/25 and the Merritt Parkway bisect Stratford, and provide convenient access to the entire Northeast corridor. Sikorsky Memorial Airport is the hub of corporate activity and provides commuter service to other cities in the northeast. A Metro North train station with connections to Amtrak and NYC further round out an excellent array of transportation choices.

## 3 Stratford Point & Lighthouse

Stratford Point is a historic lighthouse located at the mouth of the Housatonic River. Built in 1822, the tower sits on a four-acre tract of land at the southeastern tip of Stratford Point and is currently used to house the Coast Guard, to serve as an active aid in navigation and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## 4 The Lordship Seawall

The Lordship Seawall runs along Beach Drive in Stratford and offers beautiful ocean views. It is a great spot for watching the sunset or taking an afternoon stroll.

## 5 Public Library

The mission of the Stratford Library is to empower and enrich the diverse community by providing access to innovative services, information, and ideas. Visit the libraries and take advantage of the impressive collection of books, listen to guest speakers, take classes, and get involved in their events.

## 6 Dining

Stratford has a great selection of restaurants in town, and many specialize in seafood! Be sure to check out these crowd favorites: Station House, Riverview Bistro, Outriggers, Biagio's Osteria, and Salerno's. Once a year the town holds a popular Restaurant Week

where participating restaurants offer discount menus for lunch and dinner.



## 7 Academy Hill

Academy Hill is in Stratford's Historic District across the street from Judson House Museum. There is an open field where colonial re-enactments are held occasionally and several large monuments. This area is free and open to the public. During the winter, the side hill is a popular sledding place.

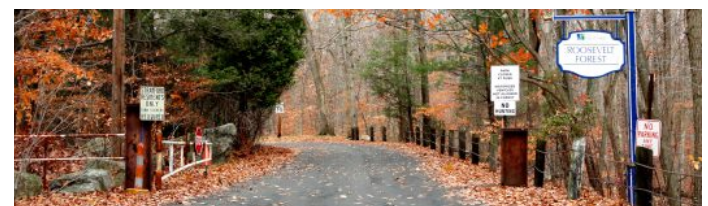


## 8 Capt. David Judson House

The Captain David Judson House is a historic house in the Academy Hill Historic District that dates back to 1750. The Captain David Judson House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is open to the public as a historic house museum and research library by the Stratford Historical Society.

## 9 Roosevelt Forest

Roosevelt Forest is a 401-acre park and town-owned forest with children's playgrounds, picnic areas, a tranquil pond, hiking trails, benches, and wildlife viewing. Several events are held here throughout the year such as the Enchanted Forest Ultra Trail Run.



## 10 Longbrook Park

A 34-acre park on a reclaimed swamp with natural areas, a creek, man-made waterfalls, hiking trails and pristine sports fields.





## 11 Boothe Memorial Park

The park is home to the Boothe Museum which is built on the foundations of a house dating back to 1663, along with other attractions such as award-winning rose gardens, a genealogy library, outdoor concerts and Shakespearean plays are hosted in the spring and summer months.



## 12 National Helicopter Museum

The National Helicopter Museum is dedicated to showcasing the history of the helicopter and aviation industry in Stratford and the surrounding region. The museum is housed in a historic building at the Stratford station and features an extensive collection of images and objects related to the rich history of the aviation and helicopter industry.

## 17 Summer Concerts

Several wonderful concerts are offered by the Recreation Department each summer season at Paradise Green. Concerts begin at 7 PM. Bring your lawn chair, something to eat, and your favorite beverage to enjoy an evening on the Green.

## 13 CT Air and Space Center

The Connecticut Air & Space Center is a non-profit Air Museum that displays vintage aircraft, memorabilia, and artifacts that pertain to Connecticut, both inside and out.



## 18 Farmer's Market

Come join the fun every Monday from 2-6 PM at Paradise Green in Stratford. The Farmer's Market will feature Connecticut-grown fruits and vegetables, locally made baked-goods, meats, eggs, cheese, ice cream, and more!



## 14 Perry House

The Perry House is a historic home that was built in 1690 by Benjamin Beach and stands as the symbol of Colonial heritage. Stratford's oldest structure is home to its Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Center and special events and programs.



## 19 Main Street Festival

The festival features 100 local vendors, food trucks, and artists along Main Street. The event also provides an opportunity for Stratford's diverse organizations to educate the public about their functions and support fundraising efforts. Various bands and entertainers perform on the West Broad Street Green.



## 15 Peck's Mill Pond

Peck's Mill Pond hosts a series of paved trails for cyclists in the summer and cross-country skiers in the winter. These trails are lined with red maples that create an attractive backdrop for autumn walks. The pond features abundant fish populations that attract anglers in the spring and summer.

## 20 Blues on the Beach

Blues on the Beach is Stratford's premier outdoor summer music festival. The event takes place on a Saturday in July from 12 PM until 9 PM at Short Beach. It is a great day full of music, sun, and sandy beach.



## 16 Bond's Dock & Fishing Pier

Bond's Dock offers public fishing, boat launching, a scenic overlook and picnic area.





## 21 Holiday Lighting Festival

The Town of Stratford's Annual Holiday Lighting Festival takes place at Town Hall in the beginning of December. Highlights of the Festival include performances by school choirs and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus via fire truck. In addition, attendees can look forward to photos with Santa, children's crafts, hot chocolate and donuts.



## 22 Stratford Fireworks

Stratford puts on a spectacular fireworks display, each year, at Short Beach. The past years' fireworks display have occurred on July 3rd and fireworks explode just after dark, and can be seen of the cost of the Long Island Sound.

## 23 Latin Music Festival

The Latin Music Festival is an annual event that occurs in September, takes place at Paradise Green and is staged by The Stratford Hispanic Heritage Committee. This great event kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with music, food and dancing! There is also ethnic cuisine served from countries such as Peru, Mexico, Puerto Rico and more.

## 27 Fright Haven Haunted House

Fright Haven is CT's largest, scariest and greatest indoor haunted house. This 20,000 SF venue is open throughout October. It is the only professional indoor haunted attraction between central CT and NY. Visitors are blown away by the sets, props, decor, lighting, special effects, illusions and the scare-actors. Fright Haven has also hosted fund-raisers for numerous schools and organizations.



## 28 Stratford Antique Center

Stratford Antique Center is a multi-dealer shop conveniently located off I-95. The big blue building has 16,500 square feet of antiques & collectibles from 200 dealers. Come visit Fairfield Counties oldest multi-dealer group antique shop!

## 24 Great Pumpkin Festival

The Great Pumpkin Festival is an annual family event held each year at Boothe Memorial Park. The festival features an adjudicated pumpkin carving contest. Events include a children's costume parade. DJ music, games, crafts, face painting, refreshments, pie baking contest, scarecrow judging contest, moonbounces, and horse-drawn hayrides.



## 29 Turkey Day Trot

The Stratford Turkey Day Trot has become one of the largest of its kind in the area. From its humble start 17 years ago with under 100 people the event has grown each year to now over 1,000 people. The proceeds of the event are donated to many non profit groups and charities from within the Stratford Community.



## 25 Two Roads Brewing Co.

Two Roads Brewing Company is a locally owned and operated brewery in Stratford. The brewery offers guided brewery tours of the facility, beer tasting in the modern tasting room, and casual cuisine from several food trucks that park outside the brewery on various days.



## 30 Ultra Trail Run

Located at Stratford's Roosevelt Forest, Ultra run takes place in April and lasts 6 hours. All runners, joggers, hikers and walkers are invited to participate in this very friendly event. A charitable portion of this race will go to the Roosevelt Forest Trail Commission, the Stratford EMS.



## 26 Golf Courses

Stratford is home to 1 public and 2 private golf courses, Short Beach Golf Course, Mill River Country Club, Oronoque Country Club. All three courses are great venues to enjoy an unforgettable playing experience.

