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1 Seaside Park

Along Fairfield's 5 miles of Long Island Sound Coastline are 5 beautifully preserved, and pristine beaches. Spend a day at some of our towns most popular - Jennings, Sasco or Penfield Beach. Penfield Beach is a 3.5 acre property that is a favorite for many Fairfielders and is a great place to swim and sun along the Long Island Sound. Penfield Beach which features Penfield Pavilion, offers a long stretch of sandy beach picnic tables, and charcoal grills- perfect for a day at the shore!



2 Beardsley Zoo

The education of Fairfield's children is a top priority in town and is evidenced by its top-notch public schools. Fairfield has eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, and two high schools. In addition there's an early childhood learning center, an alternative high school and some of the best private schools in the State.

3 Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater

The Hartford HealthCare Amphitheater, winner of the prestigious VenuesNow All Star Award for Renovation and winner of Best of Connecticut Music Venue, is located on the bank of the Long Island Sound. It is the live music entertainment destination for the entire region, seating 5,700+.

4 St. Marys By The Sea

Fairfield offers many hiking trails such as the Lake Mohegan Cascades. This beautiful recreation area offers many trails surrounding the lake and waterfalls. Perfect for an afternoon walk or picnic. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

5 Port Jefferson Ferry

Lake Mohegan and its surrounding open space compromise a total of 170.4 acres off Morehouse Highway. Lake Mohegan is made up of many hiking trails. Open to swimmers in the summer and supervised by lifeguards, come enjoy the beach, or sprinkler playground.

6 Mengers Market

Sherman Green Gazebo, in the center of town, has a great line-up of free concerts for children and adults in the summer perfect for the whole family.



7 Fairfield Restaurants

Fairfield has a diverse and ever-expanding offering of restaurants from casual to haute cuisine and has become a mecca for food lovers! Once a year the town holds a popular Restaurant Week where participating restaurants offer discount menus for lunch and dinner. Be sure to try some of our favorites: Artisan @ the Delamar, Super Duper Weenie, Colony Grill Pizza, Archie Moore's, and many more!

8 Fairfield Shops

Shop till you drop! Fairfield is known for its local boutiques and stores throughout town. You can find chain stores such as The Loft, Gap, Old Navy, Marshall's, as well as small boutiques such as Swim N' Surf, Apricot Lane, Snappy Gator, and many more!



9 Fairfield Libraries

Fairfield has three libraries: The Main Library in downtown Fairfield, the Branch Library on Fairfield Woods Road, and the Pequot Library. Fairfield's libraries are community and cultural centers for our town.



10 Pequot Summer Book Sale

One of the Largest Book Sales in New England. Over 100,000 books, CDs, DVDs, and records, are for sale- plus unique specials. All of the items sold are gently-used and donated to Pequot Library. Book Sale Admission is free and open to the public. Proceeds directly fund Pequot Library's annual programs and events.



11 Penfield Reef Lighthouse

The Lighthouse constructed in 1874 was one of the last off shore masonry lighthouses built. Since then it has been warning boats off the Penfield Reef, one of the most treacherous areas of western Long Island Sound.



12 Fairfield Theatre Company

Located in the heart of downtown Fairfield, Fairfield Theatre company features everything from chamber music to jazz to rock music in an intimate 225 seat venue.

13 Fairfield University

Fairfield University is a private institution that was founded in 1942. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 4,032. The university's athletics are classified in Division 1. Many locals enjoy attending University events and games as well as the University bookstore in the heart of the downtown.



14 Quick Center for the Arts

The Quick Center for the Arts is the major center of theater at Fairfield University. The theater hosts numerous concerts, recitals and plays. Tickets are affordable and all are welcome to attend!

15 Fairfield University Museum

Is a free art museum located on the renovated lower level of Bellarmine Hall on the campus of Fairfield University. It is open to the public Monday- Saturday.

16 Sacred Heart University

SHU in Fairfield, CT, is a renowned University offering full- & part-time associate and bachelor's undergraduate degrees, and graduate master's and doctoral programs. Home to the Jack Welch School of Business.

17 The Fairfield Museum

The Fairfield Museum and History Center opened to the public in 2007. Seven years in the making, this educational and cultural facility stimulates thought and conversation amongst the community.

18 Burr Homestead

John Hancock chose this beautiful 15-room mansion for his wedding. Whether for a summer wedding, intimate reception, or a business retreat, immerse your guests at the historical renowned Burr Mansion.



19 Sportsplex

Is a campus of unique athletic and recreational facilities. Through Sportsplex you can take classes in Dance, Exercise & Health, Gymnastics, Martial Arts, Skating, Soccer, Yoga, Rock Climbing, Sports, and more! Sportsplex is also famous for hosting fun-filled children's birthday parties.

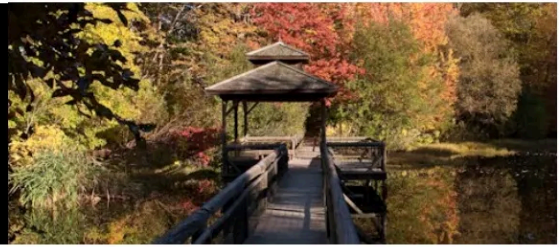
20 Colony Grille Hot Oil 5K

Colony Grill's Hot Oil 5K is an annual tradition that occurs each year on Veteran's day weekend. Over 2,000 locals and supporters take part in this event. There is a \$35 entry fee to participate in the race -all the proceeds go to first responders.



21 Connecticut Audubon Society

The Birdcraft Museum & Sanctuary is the oldest private songbird sanctuary in the United States. Connecticut Audubon Society's scientists, educators, citizens, and volunteers work to preserve birds and their environments in Connecticut.



22 Burning of Fairfield Tour

Enjoy a walking tour that takes you through the July 7, 1779 burning of Fairfield by the British recounted from the Fairfield Museum and History Center. The tour brings to life this exciting piece of Fairfield's history.

23 Memorial Day Parade

Every year, since 1936, thousands of residents line the streets downtown to honor our veterans. Children and adults march down Old Post Road accompanied by classic cars, school bands and floats from various organizations.



24 Ludlowe/Warde High School Thanksgiving Football Game

Since the re-establishment of Fairfield Ludlowe High School, the town's two secondary schools duke it out each Thanksgiving on the football field in this annual tradition.

25 Fourth of July Fireworks

Every 4th of July, residents make their way to town beaches to gather, grill, and watch the fireworks over the Sound. Fireworks explode just after dark from a barge off of Long Island Sound. The show can be seen easily from either Penfield or Jennings Beaches.



26 Beach Movie Nights

Enjoy an evening under the stars with the stars of the Silver Screen. Pack a beach chair, blanket and snacks and you're ready for a great movie night.

27 Fairfield Marinas

There are two public marinas in Town: South Benson Marina and Ye Yacht Yard. The South Benson Marina has a boat launch ramp, bathroom facilities, picnic tables, a bait shack and a fishing pier. Historic Ye Yacht Yard, located on picturesque Southport Harbor, provides boat launch services to residents and access to moorings in Southport Harbor. Kayak racks are also available at Ye Yacht Yard.

28 Donnelly Brick Walk

Pedestrians can enjoy a quiet stroll or conversation as they ambulate this quaint passageway connecting Sanford Street and Unquowa Road. It was built in memory of Kim and Tim Donnelly.

29 Fairfield Farmers Market



Over two dozen local farms and food producers sell their food every Sunday on the Sherman Green in the center of Fairfield. The farmers market consists of a diverse array of fresh and seasonal vegetables, fruit, meat, milk, eggs, bread and fish.

30 Fairfield Community

The town of Fairfield works hard in giving back to their beloved community. Organizations such as Operation Hope and Fairfield Food Bank inspire the town everyday with their charitable acts. Be sure to check Fairfield Public Library's Website to find out ways you can give back to the community!



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