



Things We Love about Norwalk



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1 Long Island Sound

Norwalk, CT is located on the northern shore of the Long Island Sound. Its shoreline provides access to some of Connecticut's best boating, public beaches, lighthouses, protected islands and marinas. and only 45 minutes from New York City.



2 Commuting

Norwalk's location is ideal for commuters both on land and sea. Norwalk is one of the best and shortest commuter towns in CT and is located about an hour from New York City. Norwalk offers two train stations: East Norwalk and South Norwalk. There are also 3 airports and 6 Amtrak train stations within 30 miles of the Norwalk city center. Easy access to Interstate 95 adds to the commuting ease.

3 Norwalk Dining

Norwalk's culinary scene continues to thrive with a dynamic selection of restaurants to try. Be sure to check out these crowd favorite Norwalk Restaurants! [Sedona Taphouse](#), [Colony Pizza](#), Valencia Luncheria, BanC House, BJ Ryans, Match, Osteria Romana, Pontos Taverna, and The Spread.

4 Public Libraries

Norwalk has several public libraries for you, including the Norwalk Public Library, the South Norwalk Branch Library, and the East Norwalk Association Library. They offer activities and events for everyone. Visit the libraries to check out great reads, take classes, and listen to guest speakers.



5 Sheffield Island Lighthouse

The Norwalk Seaport Association has owned, restored and maintained Sheffield Island Lighthouse since 1986. Sheffield Island with its historic 145-year-old lighthouse, beaches and wildlife refuge offers abundant summer fun for visitors. Visitors can board the Seaport Association's 45-foot catamaran for a cruise to the island then tour the lighthouse, observe wildlife in their natural habitat, hunt for shells along the beach, and dine on a picnic lunch.

6 Public Schools

A great school system that consists of 12 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, two high schools, and 1 alternative high school. Its vision is to be one of the most successful city school systems and they are implementing innovative changes to accomplish just that!

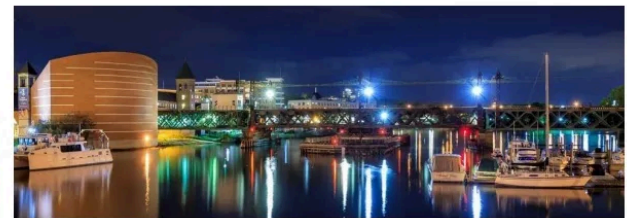


7 The Maritime Aquarium

The Maritime Aquarium is an amazing aquarium located in South Norwalk. The aquarium features seals, otters, sharks, jellyfish, turtles, and hundreds of other animals. The aquarium also features an IMAX Theater. In addition to its exhibits, the Maritime Aquarium offers educational programs, year-round cruises on its 64-foot research vessel, special events and camps.

8 SoNo

South Norwalk (known also as SoNo) is a neighborhood in Norwalk, Connecticut. Classic waterfront meets urban hip in an eclectic hub that is SoNo's dining, shopping and entertainment center. A great place to live, visit and work, SoNo offers an amazing collection of restaurants, bars, bakeries, shops, galleries and attractions.



9 Wall Street Theater

The Wall Street Theater is an integral part of the greater re-development of the Wall Street area. It provides theater enthusiasts with live shows, interactive entertainment, digital productions, art space, and a community arena in which to play.

10 Norwalk River Valley

This beautiful park is situated next to Norwalk Harbor and is 35 acres of outdoor fun! The park includes a Marina and bike paths, fields, basketball courts, a boating center and an outdoor ice skating rink.



11 Norwalk Oyster Festival

Held on the first weekend after Labor Day in Veterans Park, near the Long Island Sound, Norwalk's annual Summer festival has an attendance that exceeds 90,000. The festival features various forms of food, vendors, carnival rides, and entertainment.



12 Stepping Stones Museum

Stepping Stones Museum for Children ignites a child's love of learning through play. Open your world to our hands-on exhibits and exciting programs. With our five main galleries and over 100 hands-on activities, children become wide-eyed with wonder. As they see, hear, touch, feel and do, their ever-growing minds venture to amazing new places.



13 Gallaher Mansion and Cranbury Park

This 220 acre park is a great place to spend the day. Situated on the former estate of Edward Gallaher the park offers a Frisbee golf course, hiking trails, gardens, playgrounds, dog walking and the White Barn Theater. You can also tour the Gallaher mansion, a 20 room Tudor style manor house.



14 SoNo Art Festival

In August, the annual Arts Festival comes to Norwalk, with live bands, free Norwalk museum admission, and a children's craft table staffed by volunteering artists. The festival is in the center of town and is a fun way to spend an afternoon.



15 Veterans Memorial Park

Situated on 35 acres of stunning land. The park includes a marina and boat launch site, a playground, baseball diamonds, basketball courts, soccer, hockey, and football fields and trails for jogging and bike riding. The park also includes a boardwalk overlooking the scenic Norwalk harbor.

16 Farmers Markets

Searching for farm fresh produce and artisan goods will never be a problem in Norwalk. Hosting 6 farmers market each week in various locations around the city. Always a great way to connect to the community and get fresh produce and goods!

17 Fourth Of July Fireworks

Calf Pasture Beach knows how to put on a spectacular fireworks show on the Fourth of July. If you buy tickets early, you can watch the fireworks from the beach, where you'll have the perfect view of the fireworks launched from boats on the water.

18 Annual NICE Festival

Norwalk International Cultural Exchange presents a multi-cultural summer music, food, and dance festival with multiple cultural performances, crafts and interactive family activities. This day-long event is filled with an abundance of cultural performances and vendors!



19 Shakespeare on the Sound

Now in its 24th year, the works of Shakespeare come to life in an open air setting in the always breathtaking Pinkley Park at Shakespeare on the Sound. The show runs for two weeks at the end of June with a kids version performed before each show.

20 Music Theater of CT

The premier provider of musical theater performance and training. Founded in 1987, MTC produces an annual series of Equity productions featuring NY professionals (MTC MainStage), numerous annual student productions and much more.



21 Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum

America's first chateau: This 62-room Victorian mansion with its stenciled walls, inlaid woodwork and spectacular skylit rotunda is a National Historic Landmark. Visit their website for information about guided tours, and events.



22 Annual Boat Show

The Norwalk Boat Show has been cruising into the Norwalk Harbor every September for the past 43 years! This show offers water lovers an all access pass to discover why life is better on a boat. It features more than 300 boats to explore and tons of demos of boating equipment and accessories.

23 Mill Hill Historic Park

Mill Hill Historic Park is located in East Norwalk and is comprised of three historic buildings dating back to 1740. The meeting house, also known as "Norwalk Town House", is now the home of Norwalk Historical Society who maintains the property. The museum features antiques, exhibits on local history, and a gift shop with items from local artist.

24 Switch Tower Museum

Want to know what it's like to be a train conductor? Then step inside the SoNo Switch Tower Museum. This museum tells the story of the railroad switch towers and has exhibits on railroads in a restored switch tower from 1896.



25 Norwalk Community College

The second largest community college in the state, this center of learning offers degrees and continuing education courses for all ages!

26 Stew Leonard's

What began as a small dairy store founded in 1969 with seven employees, Stew Leonard's has grown to become not only the World's Largest Dairy Store, but one of the most renowned grocery stores offering an unique experience from costumed characters, animatronics and a petting zoo. Headquartered in Norwalk, Stew's has stores in Danbury and Newington, CT, Yonkers, Farmingdale and East Meadow, NY.



27 Summer Concerts

Free outdoor concerts at Calf Pasture Beach. Hear all genres of music, from disco dance hall to down home blues. Fridays includes cartoon movies and other family friendly films starting at 7 p.m.



28 SoNo Field House

A 52,000 square foot indoor sports & special events facility located in the heart of Fairfield County. They offer youth and adult league play, youth camps for the following sports; soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, baseball/softball, football, and much more!

29 Oak Hills Golf Course

The 18-hole golf course at Oak Hills Park in Norwalk, Connecticut features 6,407 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71. The assorted layout offers a blend of naturally designed holes and presents a variety of challenging shots for golfers of all skill levels.



30 Community Gardens

Fodor Farm Garden is Norwalk's first city-run community garden. The garden, at the site of Fodor Farm, is one of the last working farms in southern Norwalk, and was created through a joint effort by Norwalk's Recreation and Parks Department, Health Department and Historical Commission.



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