

# Welcome to Mystic! 28 ROAD TRIP WONDERS

Your guide to the best local, off-beat, and culturally inspiring places Mystic has to offer.

## Attractions

**Charles W. Morgan Ship / 0.7 miles**  
 75 Greenmanville Ave, Mystic, CT  
 (860) 572-0711

The Charles W. Morgan is the last of an American whaling fleet that numbered more than 2,700 vessels. Built and launched in 1841, the Morgan is now America's oldest commercial ship still afloat - only the USS Constitution is older. [www.mysticseaport.org/visit/explore/morgan](http://www.mysticseaport.org/visit/explore/morgan)

**Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center / 1.6 miles**

109 Pequotsepos Rd, Mystic, CT  
 (860) 536-1216  
 The Nature Center provides many rewarding recreational and educational opportunities. [www.dpnc.org](http://www.dpnc.org)

**The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center / 7.85 miles**

110 Pequot Trl, Mashantucket, CT  
 (800) 411-9671  
 The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center is the world's largest Native American Museum dedicated to the history and culture of the Pequots. [www.pequotmuseum.org](http://www.pequotmuseum.org)

**The Dinosaur Place / 16.2 miles**

1650 Hartford-New London Tpke, Montville, CT  
 (860) 443-4367  
 A family oriented activity center featuring activities with fossils, lifesize dinosaurs, gems, rocks and minerals. [www.thedinosaurplace.com](http://www.thedinosaurplace.com)

**Connecticut River Museum / 28.32 miles**

67 Main St, Essex, CT  
 (860) 767-8269  
 The three-story museum plays an important role in collecting and protecting manuscripts, books, art and artifacts of regional significance. [www.ctrivermuseum.org](http://www.ctrivermuseum.org)

## Entertainment & Nightlife

**Mystic Aquarium / 0.64 miles**  
 55 Coogan Blvd, Stonington, CT  
 (860) 572-5955

The mission of Sea Research Foundation, Inc., which includes Mystic Aquarium, Institute for Exploration and Immersion Learning, is to inspire people to care for and protect our ocean planet through education, research and exploration. Sea Research is an active member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA). In addition, the aquarium's professional staff is affiliated with several industry organizations. [www.mysticaquarium.org](http://www.mysticaquarium.org)

**FiberArts Studio Inc. / 5.8 miles**

Velvet Mill Studio, 63 Meadow Ave, Stonington, CT  
 (860) 536-3089  
 A non-profit open studio making weaving accessible and affordable for everyone to experience. <http://www.fiberartsstudio.org/>

**Holiday Bowl / 6.6 miles**

27 Kings Hwy, Groton, CT  
 (860) 445-6500  
 Fun brings out something unique in all of us!

**Gallery At The Wauregan / 19.03 miles**

200 Main St, Norwich, CT  
 Art gallery. [www.facebook.com/pages/Gallery-at-the-Wauregan/223551224338501](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gallery-at-the-Wauregan/223551224338501)

**Norwich Bowling And Entertainment Center / 22.14 miles**

188 W Town St, Norwich, CT  
 Bowling & entertainment center.

## Food & Drink

**Munson's Chocolates / 0.2 miles**  
 27 Coogan Blvd, Stonington, CT  
 (860) 536-4351

Connecticut's largest retail chocolate manufacturer. [www.munsonschocolates.com](http://www.munsonschocolates.com)

**Bleu Squid / 0.23 miles**

27 Coogan Blvd, Stonington, CT  
 (860) 536-6343  
 Bakery and cheese shop also featuring famous grilled cheese sandwiches. [www.dessertsmysticct.com](http://www.dessertsmysticct.com)

**Catch This! / 0.25 miles**

27 Coogan Blvd, Stonington, CT  
 (860) 536-1019  
 Featuring fried seafood, burgers, tacos, lobster rolls and more! [www.catchthistc.com](http://www.catchthistc.com)

**Johnny's Peking Tokyo of Mystic / 0.3 miles**

178 E Pasquisset Trl, Charlestown, RI  
 (860) 572-9991  
 Japanese and Asian fusion cuisine! [www.johnnysushibar.com](http://www.johnnysushibar.com)

**Mystic Drawbridge Ice Cream / 1.53 miles**

2-4 W Main St, Mystic, CT  
 (860) 572-7978  
 The Best homemade ice cream, made in the same store that has given Mystic its history of excellence for over 100 years. [www.mysticdrawbridgeicecream.com](http://www.mysticdrawbridgeicecream.com)

**B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill / 1.98 miles**

129 N Stonington Rd, Old Mystic, CT  
 (860) 536-3354  
 Come see the only steam powered cider mill in the United States. [www.bfclydescidermill.com](http://www.bfclydescidermill.com)

**Kitchen Little / 3.19 miles**

36 Quarry Rd, Mystic, CT  
 (860) 536-2122  
 Offers an endless menu of New England favorites. [www.kitchencollette.org](http://www.kitchencollette.org)

## Outdoors & Recreation

**Bluff Point State Park / 6.54 miles**  
 Depot Rd, Groton, CT

Peninsula offers over 800 acres of hiking & biking, plus fishing & wildlife on Long Island Sound.

**Wilcox Park / 7.61 miles**

71 High St, Westerly, RI  
 Park and arboretum that is open to the public at all times, without fee.

**Fort Trumbull State Park / 10.97 miles**

90 Walbach St, New London, CT  
 (860) 444-7591  
 Get an interactive history lesson at the visitor's center, or just walk the Fort and ramparts for a view of the Thames River. A visit to Fort Trumbull has something for everyone. [www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.ap?a=2716&q=325200](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.ap?a=2716&q=325200)

**McCooks Beach & Park / 16.44 miles**

McCook Place, Niantic, CT  
 Overlooking Niantic Bay, McCook Point Park was acquired by the Town of East Lyme in 1953 for the "benefit and enjoyment of the Town and its citizens."

**Orient Beach State Park / 30.42 miles**

Route 25, Orient Point, NY  
 (631) 323-2440  
 Maritime forest, bay beachfront and a saltwater marsh plus kayaking, windsurfing, fishing & swimming. [www.nysparks.com/parks/106](http://www.nysparks.com/parks/106)

**Gillette Castle State Park / 34.82 miles**

67 River Rd E, Haddam, CT  
 (860) 526-2336  
 It looks like a medieval fortress, but a step inside reveals the built-in couches, table trackway, and woodcarvings that all point to the creative genius that was William Gillette. [www.ctrivervalley.com/4-Connecticut-CT-in-of/Major-attractions-in-CT/gillette\\_castle\\_state\\_park/index.html](http://www.ctrivervalley.com/4-Connecticut-CT-in-of/Major-attractions-in-CT/gillette_castle_state_park/index.html)

## Points of Interest

**Mystic Bascule Bridge / 1.51 miles**  
 Main St, US 1, Mystic, CT

The Mystic River Bascule Bridge spans the Mystic River. It carries vehicle and foot traffic directly into the tourist district of town.

**Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park / 7.59 miles**

57 Fort St, Groton, CT  
 Revolutionary War landmark famed for Benedict Arnold's massacre, with museum tours & picnic areas.

**Submarine Force Museum / 8.8 miles**

1 Crystal Lake Rd, Groton, CT  
 (860) 694-3174  
 The Submarine Force Museum, maintains the world's finest collection of submarine artifacts. [www.ussnautilus.org](http://www.ussnautilus.org)

**Avery Point Lighthouse / 10.46 miles**

1084 Shennecossett Rd, Groton, CT  
 (860) 445-5417  
 The Avery Point Lighthouse was built to be a memorial tower and a symbolic representation of the Coast Guard's lighthouse keeping responsibilities. It was the last lighthouse constructed in the State of Connecticut. [www.averypointlight.com](http://www.averypointlight.com)

**University of Rhode Island / 28.18 miles**

45 Upper College Rd, Kingston, RI  
 (401) 874-1000  
 University of Rhode Island was named the most beautiful coastal campus on the east coast. [www.uri.edu](http://www.uri.edu)