

# Official Wethersfield Visitor Guide



# DIRECTIONS TO PLACES IN WETHERSFIELD

## OLD WETHERSFIELD

- From points south travel I-91 to exit 26 (Old Wethersfield). Turn left at the end of the exit, left at stop sign, follow Marsh Street .5 miles to the village center. See signs for museums and other attractions.
- From points north travel I-91 South to exit 26 (Old Wethersfield). Turn right at exit; follow Marsh Street .5 miles to the village center. See signs for museums and other attractions.
- From the Berlin Turnpike (Route 15) take exit for Route 175 E. Travel east for approximately 2.5 miles. At the intersection of Routes 99 and 175-E follow signs to old Wethersfield.

## SILAS DEANE HWY. (ROUTE 99)

- From points north travel I-91 south to Route 15 (exit 28) and then to Route 99 (Exit 85) which will be your first exit.
- From points south travel I-91 North to Route 99 (exit 24)

## WETHERSFIELD POLICE STATION

250 Silas Deane Highway (Route 99) located between Jordan Lane and Nott Street.

## WETHERSFIELD TOWN HALL/LIBRARY

505 Silas Deane Highway (Route 99) at the intersection of the Silas Deane Highway and Church Street.

## WETHERSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

From the Silas Deane Highway\_(Route 99) travel West on either Jordan Lane or Nott Street for approximately .5 miles.

- From Jordan Lane turn left onto Folly Brook Boulevard. Travel .4 miles turning left onto Greenfield Street. Follow signs to the Community Center.
- From Nott Street turn right onto Folly Brook Boulevard. Travel .1 miles turning right onto Greenfield Street. Follow signs to Community Center.

## THE GRISWOLDVILLE CHAPEL

From the Silas Deane Highway (Route 99) turn onto Route 3 South. At the next traffic light turn right onto Prospect Street (Route 287) and travel for .6 miles. Turn left at the intersection of Prospect Street and Griswold Street and travel for .4 miles. The chapel is on your left.

From the Berlin Turnpike (Route 15) take exit for Route 287 East and travel east for 1.9 miles to the intersection of Prospect Street and Griswold Road. Turn right onto Griswold Road and travel for .4 miles. The chapel is on your left.

### **THE SOLOMON WELLS HOUSE**

From the Silas Deane Highway (Route 99) turn east onto Nott Street. The house is located at the intersections of Nott Street, Hartford Avenue, and State Street.

# ATTRACTIONS

## MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES IN OLD WETHERSFIELD

### ANCIENT BURYING GROUND

250 Main Street behind First Church of Christ  
Open to the public until twilight

### BUTTOLPH-WILLIAMS HOUSE

249 Main Street  
Open May-October, daily (Closed Tuesday) from 10-4pm, the last tour leaves at 3:30. See the Webb-Deane-Stevens museum for admission to the house.

Built for Benjamin Belden between 1710 and 1720 this house provided the setting for Elizabeth G. Speare's award winning novel, THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND. The restored kitchen contains an extensive collect of period cooking equipment. See the web-site of the Connecticut Landmarks <http://www.ctlandmarks.org/>

### WEBB-DEANE-STEVENS MUSEUM

211 Main Street  
Closed January-March. Open weekends in April and November. Open every day except Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Last tour at 3:30 p.m. (1/2 hour Highlight Tours only). Closed Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. Special tours by appointment.

December Holiday Tours- Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Last tour at 3:30 p.m. (1/2 hour Highlight Tours only).

The museum comprises three beautifully preserved 18<sup>th</sup> century houses in the center of Connecticut's largest historic district. A visit to the museum illuminates the rich history of the Connecticut River Valley from the American Industrial Revolution to the Colonial Revival period. In addition, the 1752 Webb House and the 1770 Silas Deane House are National Historic Landmarks. Silas Deane secured military aid for the Revolutionary cause from France and in 1781 Gen. Washington and Count Rochambeau met in the Webb House. This meeting eventually led to the battle of Yorktown. See their web-site for further information. <http://www.webb-deane-stevens.org> or call (860) 529-0612

### WETHERSFIELD MUSEUM AT THE KEENEY MEMORIAL CULTURAL CENTER

200 Main Street  
Open year-round Monday - Saturday, 10-4, Sunday 1-4.

A visitor's first stop in Wethersfield, the Museum offers a Visitor's Center, permanent exhibition of Wethersfield History, LEGENDARY PEOPLE, ORDINARY LIVES, two changing exhibit galleries and a museum shop all with-in the newly renovated 1893 school. See their web-site <http://www.wethhist.org/>  
Or call (860) 529-7161 or (860) 529-7656.

## GROUP TOURS

Group tours are arranged in advance. Contact the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum or the Wethersfield Historical Society for information and scheduling. Contact information can be found above.

## PUBLIC GARDENS

### THE WEBB HOUSE COLONIAL REVIVAL GARDEN

211 Main Street

Designed by Amy Cogswell in 1921 and maintained by the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum and volunteers-the Garden Angels. Access to the garden is to the rear of the Webb House. Open during regular Museum hours.

### THE FRED W. WESTON ROSE GARDEN

505 Silas Deane Highway

Designed by W. Thayer Chase in 1979 and maintained by the Men's Garden Club since 1983. Mr. Chase was also the landscape architect for the Merritt Parkway which is on the National Register of Historic Places. You may view over 200 specimen-quality rose bushes here. Use Town Hall/Library parking lot accessed from Church Street.

### "STREETSCAPES"

Numerous gardens are maintained throughout Wethersfield by volunteers of the Wethersfield Beautification Trust and local garden club.

## AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES

### SEASONAL FARM MARKETS

#### ANDERSON FARM

165 Broad Street  
(860) 529-2662

#### BOB'S FRUIT STAND

1825 Berlin Turnpike  
(860) 529-2152

#### KYCIA FARM

303 Highland Street  
(860) 229-1521

## PLANT AND SEED RETAIL STORES

### COMSTOCK FERRE AND COMPANY

263 Main St

Hours are Monday-Saturday 9-5pm Sunday 10-5. Hours may vary seasonally.

Comstock Ferre is the oldest continuously operating seed company in the United States, established in 1820 by James Lockwood Belden as the Wethersfield Seed Company. Comstock supplies home gardener, commercial growers, and resellers from an extensive catalog. See their web-site <http://www.comstockferre.com/index.htm>  
Or call (860) 571-6590

### MCCUE GARDENS

47 Hartford Avenue

Open Monday-Saturday 9-4pm from May through October.

McCue Gardens was established in the heart of Old Wethersfield behind the family homestead in 1967. A McCue garden propagates and grows wildflowers, perennials and rock garden plants. They sell to wholesalers and retail customers. You may call at (860) 529-5976

### THE CHARLES C. HART SEED COMPANY

304 Main Street

Open Monday-Friday 7-5 and Saturday 8-12

The Charles C. Hart Company was founded in 1892 by Charles C. Hart who had been connected with the Johnson & Robbins Company for fourteen years. He started a small consignment package seed business using the back kitchen of his home as a packing room, warehouse, and office. At that time there were five other seed companies in Wethersfield. Today, the company is owned and operated by members of the third, fourth, and fifth generations of the Hart family. The Hart's oversee the production and distribution of packet seeds, bulk vegetable and flower seed, lawn seed, fertilizers and other landscape products to independent dealers, farmers, golf courses, and landscape professionals throughout the Northeastern United States. See their [web-site www.hartseed.com](http://www.hartseed.com)

## LODGING

### BEST WESTERN (THE CAMELOT INN)

1330 Silas Deane Highway (Route 99)  
(860) 563-2111

### CHESTER BULKLEY HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST

184 Main Street  
(860) 563-4236

### SILAS W. ROBBINS HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST

185 Broad ST.  
(860) 571-8733

### TERRA MOTEL

1809 Berlin Turnpike (Route 15)  
(860) 529-6804

## OUT OF TOWN ATTRACTIONS

### BUTLER-MCCOOK HOMESTEAD

396 Main Street  
Hartford, CT  
860-522-1806

Hours: January-April, Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 1-4pm;  
May-December, Wednesday - Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday 1-4pm

Directions: From I-91 North or South: Exit 29A, Capitol Area Exit. Take second exit, Prospect Street. At end of exit ramp at light turn left onto Prospect St. Go straight through one additional light. The Butler-McCook House parking lot is located on the right behind a black iron gate.

### CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One Elizabeth Street  
Hartford, CT  
860-236-5621

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 12:00-5:00 and Saturday 9:00-5:00. We will be closed on Sunday and Monday.  
Closed Mondays, New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Directions: I91 North to I84 West. Take exit (46 Sisson Avenue). Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Sisson Avenue. At the second light turn left onto Farmington Avenue. GO one block and turn right onto Girard Ave. At the second intersection turn right onto Elizabeth Street. The Museum will be on your right.

### CONNECTICUT STATE CAPITOL

210 Capitol Avenue.  
Hartford, CT  
860-240-0222

Open for self guided tours Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, One hour guided tours given hourly starting at 9:15am with the last tour at 1:15pm Tours include the Legislative Office Building

### CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY/ MUSEUM OF CONNECTICUT HISTORY

231 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT  
860-757-6500

Library open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-2pm.  
Museum open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, Saturday 9am-3pm  
Both are closed Sundays and all State Holidays. For holidays observed on a Friday or Monday the library will be closed Saturday.

Directions: I91 North to exit 29A (Capitol Avenue). Follow the Whitehead Highway, go half way around the rotary and turn right onto Elm Street, Left onto Trinity Street and bear right onto Capitol Avenue. Limited parking at the Legislative Office Building parking garage to the north of the capitol.

## **DINOSAUR STATE PARK**

400 West Street  
Rocky Hill, CT  
860-529-8423

Grounds and trails open daily 9am-4:30pm (Trails close at 4pm)  
Exhibit center open Tuesday-Sunday 4:30pm,  
Closed Monday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Directions: I-91 South to exit 23. Follow signs to park.

## **HARRIET BEECHER STOWE CENTER**

77 Forest St.  
Hartford, CT

Open year round, Tuesday-Saturday 9:30-4:30PM, Memorial Day-Columbus Day also Open Monday, 9:30-4:30PM,  
Sunday Noon-4:30PM  
Closed: January 1, Easter Sunday, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, December 24-25

Directions: I-91 North to I-84 West. Travel west to exit 39. Continue into Farmington. Follow signs to the museum.

## **HILL-STEAD MUSEUM**

35 Mountain Road  
Farmington, CT  
860-677-4787

Open Tuesday-Sunday. Closed Mondays and major holidays.  
May-October: 10 am-5 pm, November-April: 11 am-4 pm  
Last tour of the day begins one hour before closing.  
Grounds open daily 7:30-5:30

The first Sunday of every month, tour the collection at your own pace from 12 pm until closing, with interpreters in every room to answer questions. At 1 pm, enjoy a gallery talk. June–October, join a guided estate walk at 2 pm.

Directions: I-91 North to I-84 West. Travel west to exit 39. Follow Route 4 West. Turn left onto Route 10 South. At first traffic light, turn left onto Mountain Road. Museum entrance is 1/4 mile up the hill on the left.

## **MARK TWAIN HOUSE**

351 Farmington Avenue  
Hartford, CT  
860-493-6411

Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday 12 - 5:30 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays January - March.

Closed January 1, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, and December 24 and 25 and 4th of July.

Open, Veterans Day and the "Monday holidays" (including Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Columbus Day)

Visitors should allow minimum of 2 hours for tour and Museum Center.

Directions: I-91 North to I-84 West. Travel to exit 46. At the traffic light, turn right onto Sisson. Continue four blocks to the end of Sisson Avenue. At the traffic light, turn right onto Farmington Avenue. Continue three blocks (approx. 2/10 mile) on Farmington and look for the sign on the right at the entrance to the museum's free parking lot. NOTE: The entrance to the parking lot is one block before The Mark Twain House.

### **NEW BRITAIN MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART**

56 Lexington Street

New Britain, CT

860-229-0257

The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 pm, Sunday: noon – 5 p.m. Closed Monday

Directions: From Route 91 South Take Exit 22N, Rt. 9.

- Follow Rt. 9 to Exit 28.
- Follow Rt. 72W to Corbin Ave, Exit 7.
- At exit light, turn right, proceed to next light, and turn right onto West Main St.
- One block after the third light, turn right after Bank of America onto Lexington St.

### **OLD STATE HOUSE**

800 Main Street

Hartford, CT

860-522-6766

Open Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday, New Year's Day and, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, July 3rd and July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Directions: Take I-91 north to exit 29A (Columbus Boulevard). Turn right onto Columbus Boulevard. Turn left onto State Street. When State Street meets Market Street, bear slightly left onto Central Row.

Parking: Old State House visitors can take advantage of our parking arrangement with the Constitution Plaza, South Garage, 860.524.5965. Please bring your parking ticket to OSH and we will validate it for a flat rate of \$5.

Directions to garage: Take Exit 32B (Trumbull St.), Left off exit onto Market St.

Left at 4th light onto Kinsley St. Entrance on right – South Garage

### **WADSWORTH ATHENEUM OF ART**

600 Main Street

Hartford, CT

Open: Monday-Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 10am-5pm, First Thursday of the Month 11am-8pm

Directions: Take I-91 North to Capitol Area Exit 29A. Take the Prospect Street exit. Turn right onto Prospect. The back of the museum is on the left, one block up. Parking may be found in several local parking garages.

## EATERIES

### BERLIN TURNPIKE

#### **Carmen Anthony Fishhouse of Wethersfield**

1770 Berlin Turnpike  
860-529-7557

Open Monday thru Friday, 11:00 AM 'til 4:00 PM for lunch & Monday thru Thursday, 5:00 PM 'til 10:00 PM, Friday and Saturday, 5:00 PM 'til 11:00 PM, Sunday, 3:00 PM 'til 9:00 PM

#### **Dunkin Donuts**

1750 Berlin Turnpike  
(860) 529-6252

Open Dailey 5am-12am

#### **Elaine's Restaurant**

1841 Berlin Turnpike  
(860) 257-4191

Open Monday-Wednesday 11am-9pm and Thursday-Saturday 11am-10:30pm  
Sunday: Brunch 10:30am-2pm and Dinner 2-9pm

#### **Hooters**

1731 Berlin Turnpike  
860-563-8083

Open Monday-Thursday 11am-12pm, Friday and Saturday 11am-12pm and Sunday 12-11

#### **KOTO Japanese Steakhouse Hibachi & Sushi Bar**

2138 Berlin Turnpike  
860-666-7888

Mon-Thu 11am-10pm, Fri 11am-11pm, Sat 12noon-11pm, Sun 12noon-10pm,

#### **Makris Diner**

1797 Berlin Turnpike  
860-257-7006

Open daily 6am-3pm

#### **Ting Ho Chinese Restaurant**

1386 Berlin Turnpike  
860-956-2415

## **OLD WETHERSFIELD (MAIN ST.)**

### **J. Michaels Tavern**

222 Main Street  
860-257-0700

Open Monday-Saturday 11am-close (kitchen closes @ 10), Sunday Brunch served 11am-2pm

### **Main Street Creamery**

521 Main Street  
860-529-0859

Open daily, 11am-10pm

### **Mainly Tea**

221 Main ST  
860-529-4196

Hours: Retail Shop-Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12pm-4pm, Friday and Saturday 11-4  
Take-out service -Tuesday-Saturday 12-4, Afternoon Tea Buffet- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12-3 (no reservation required)  
Full Service Afternoon Tea Friday and Saturday 11:45, last reservation at 3pm

### **Chocolate Narcissus Café**

7 Railroad Place (by the tracks on Church St.)  
860-436-9311

Open Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm, Friday - Saturday 8am - 6pm, Sunday, 9am – 4pm  
\* hours subject to change. Please call

### **Old Town Café**

187 Main Street  
860-529-4196

Open Monday-Thursday 10am-1am; Friday and Saturday 10am-2am; and Sunday 11am-12pm

### **The Red Onion**

185 Main St.  
860-372-4880

Open Monday-Thursday 11:00am-9:00pm; Friday-Saturday 11:00am-10pm; Sunday Noon-6:00pm  
Take out orders available

### **Spicy Green Bean Deli**

285 Main Street  
563-3100

Open Monday-Friday 7:30am-3pm

### **Village Pizza**

233 Main Street  
860-563-1513

Open daily 10am-10pm

### **SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY**

**Baglez** (See Subway Sandwich Shop)

### **Burger King**

872 Silas Deane  
860-721-1366

Open daily 6am-11am, Drive thru open until midnight

### **Carmela's Pasta Shop**

338 Silas Deane Highway  
860- 529-9533

Open Monday-Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5  
(July and August closed @ 5pm )

Sit down lunch Monday-Friday 11-3,  
Take-out lunch on Saturday

### **Chimirri's Italian Pastry Shop**

1075 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-2527

Open Monday-Saturday 7am-6pm, Sunday 7am-2pm

### **D'Angelo Sandwich Shop**

1345 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-2918

Open Monday-Wednesday 10am-9pm, Thursday-Friday 11am-11pm, Saturday 11am-10pm, Sunday 11am-9pm

### **Denny's Restaurant**

860-529-4225

Open 24hrs. Daily.

### **Dunkin Donuts**

225 Silas Deane Highway  
860-257-8042

416 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-9485

1030 Silas Deane Highway  
860-257-8042

Open Dailey 5am-12am

**Far East Buffet**

188 Silas Deane Hwy  
Wethersfield, CT 06109  
(860) 563-1888

**Friendly Restaurants**

1045 Silas Deane Highway  
860-563-4821

Open Monday-Thursday 7am-10pm, Friday-Saturday 7am-11pm, Sunday 7am-10pm

**Giovanni's Brick Oven Pizza**

1279 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-7126

Open Monday-Thursday 11am-10pm, Friday 11am-11pm, Saturday 11am-10pm  
Sunday noon-8pm

**Hometown Buffet**

1267 Silas Deane Highway  
860-721-6441

Monday-Thursday 11am-8:30pm, Friday 1am-9pm, Saturday 8am-9pm, Sunday 8am-8:30pm

**Humphrey's**

Opening Soon

**Mangia**

620 Silas Deane Highway  
860-563-7079

Open Tuesday-Thursday 11am-9pm, Friday-Saturday 11am-10pm, Sunday 11am-9pm, Closed Monday

**Max Bibo's**

691 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-1209

Open Monday-Friday 7am-4pm, Saturday 8-4 Closed Sunday

**Mr. China**

614 Silas Deane Highway  
860-257-9133

Monday-Thursday 11am-10:30pm, Friday-Saturday 11am-11:30pm, Sunday 11am-10pm

**Pals Pub**

Opening Soon

**Pizza Time**

152 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-0078

Open daily 11am-1am

**Puket Cafe Thai Cuisine**

1030 Silas Deane Highway  
(860) 529-6590

Open Monday-Thursday 11:30am-9pm, Friday and Saturday 11:30am-9pm, Sunday 11:30am-9pm

**Quiznos**

1086 Silas Deane Highway  
860-257-1593

Open Monday-Saturday 10am-10pm, Sunday 11am-9pm

**Red Lobster**

1324 Silas Deane Highway  
860-257-1115

**Sake**

1105 Silas Deane Highway  
860-721-1618

Open Monday-Thursday 11:30am-10pm, Friday and Saturday 11am-11pm Sunday 11:30am-10pm

**Spporo**

1295 Silas Deane Highway  
860-721-8477

Open Monday-Thursday 11:30am-10pm, Friday-Saturday 11:30am-11pm, Sunday 1pm-10pm

**Starbucks**

1090 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-5228

Open Monday-Friday 5am-10pm, Saturday 5:30am-10:30pm, Sunday 6am-9pm

**Subway**

804 Silas Deane Highway  
203-257-7800

Open daily 6am-10pm

**Tim Horton**

486 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-6577

Open Monday-Saturday 4am-11pm, Sunday 4am-10pm

**Vito's**

673 Silas Deane Highway  
860-563-3333

Open Monday-Thursday 11:30am-10pm, Friday-Saturday 1:30am-11pm Sunday 12pm-9pm

**Wang's Kitchen**

251 Silas Deane Highway  
860-257-3602

Open Monday-Thursday 10:30am-10:30pm, Friday-Saturday 10:30am-11:30pm, Sunday 11:30am-10:30pm

**Wethersfield Diner**

718 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-9690

Open Monday-Friday 6am-9pm, Saturday 7am-9pm, Sunday 7am-3pm,

**Wethersfield Pizza**

955 Silas Deane Highway  
860-529-2112

Open Monday-Saturday 11am-8pm, Closed Sunday

**Wing Crazy**

740 Silas Deane Highway  
860-257-3144

Open Monday-Saturday 11am-9pm, Closed Sunday (Except during football season)