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OCTOBER 10-13 &
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in the Quinebaug and
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Welcome

... to the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor, "The Last Green Valley" in the East Coast's urban sprawl. Despite centuries of economic and cultural change, the region has retained its lush pastures and woodlands, clean waterways, small cities, and even smaller towns and villages.






We love this valley - its fields, orchards and stone walls, its old mills, lakes and rivers. And we don't mind sharing our treasure with our neighbors, especially now, when the magic happens - when the green of summer turns suddenly to gold. The fields ripple with it. The hillsides blaze with it. And for a brief moment, our valley is utterly, breathtakingly golden.

Don't miss the moment. Visit one of the 35 National Heritage Corridor towns in northeastern Connecticut and south central Massachusetts and celebrate Walking Weekends, sponsored by The Savings Institute. Choose from 95 different, free, guided hikes and strolls through history and nature. Stretch your legs and your mind. Come now - before the magic passes.

Join us

For more information on "The Last Green Valley" or for a membership form, write to us at Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., 107 Providence St., Putnam, CT 06260; call toll-free: 1 (866) 363-7226 or visit our website: www.thelastgreenvalley.org.

Reminders

-  Dress sensibly in sturdy shoes and layered clothing;
-  Bring insect repellent, sunscreen water, snacks;
-  Note age-appropriateness of walk;
-  Bring pets ONLY on those walks marked , and ONLY if they are vaccinated and on leashes.

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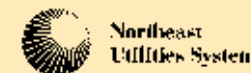


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For their generosity and that of our members, walk leaders, organizers and friends, we at QSHC, Inc. say:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The following Information Centers (on the map) will be open between 10 AM and 4 PM on Walking Weekends for directions and information on area attractions and events:

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(866) 363-7226

107 Providence St. (Belding Mill, Rte. 171)
Putnam, CT

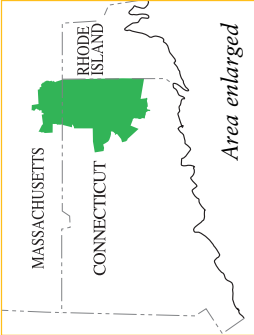
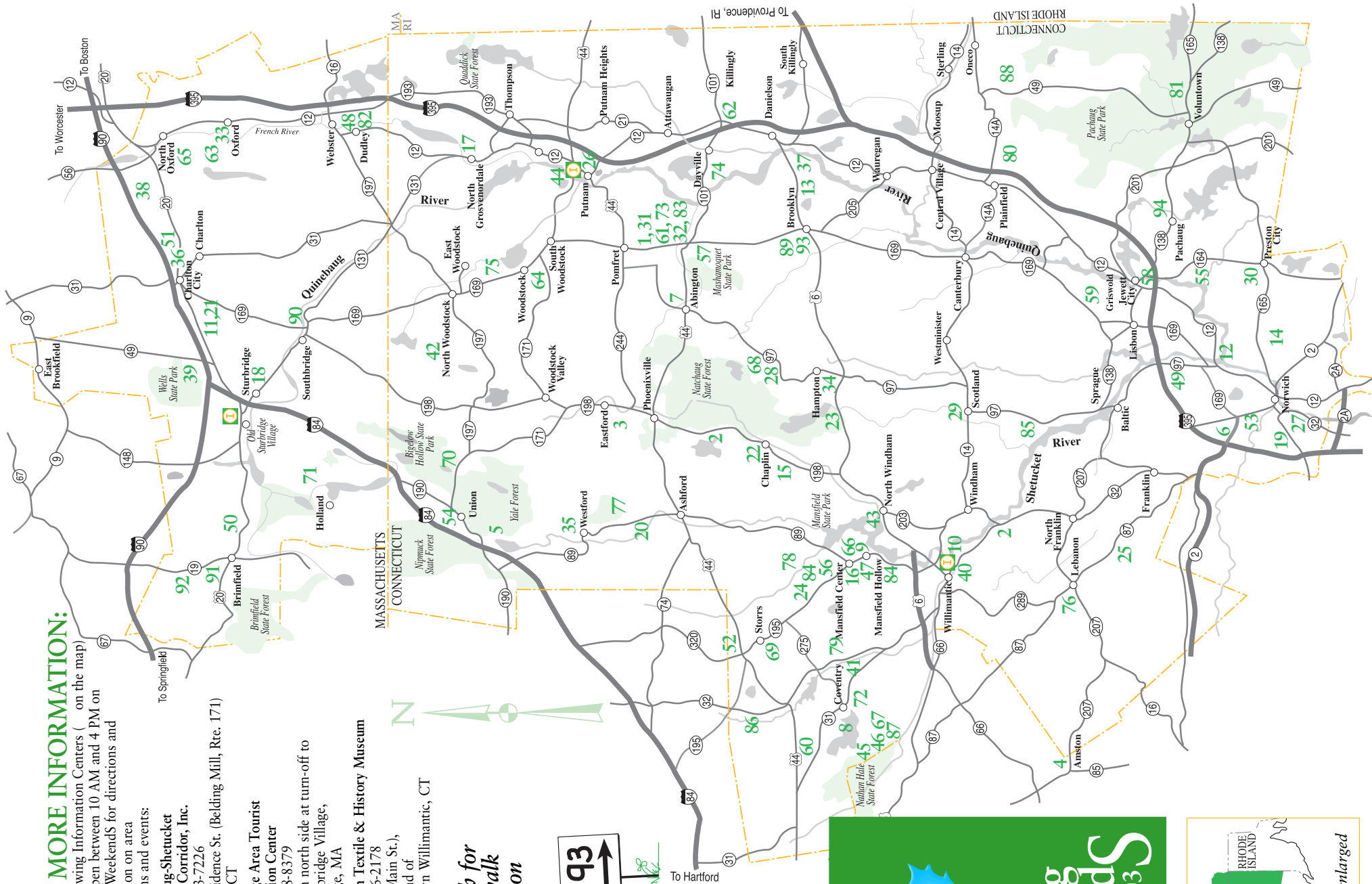
Sturbridge Area Tourist Information Center
(800) 628-8379

Rt. 20 on north side at turn-off to
Old Sturbridge Village,
Sturbridge, MA

Windham Textile & History Museum
(860) 456-2178

Rt. 66 (Main St.),
at east end of
downtown Willimantic, CT

*Watch for
our walk
location
signs!*



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KEY

Ⓡ = restrooms nearby (outhouses to full bathrooms);

♿ = wheelchair accessible; Ⓢ = suitable for strollers;

Ⓢ = especially designed for children Grades K-4.

🐕 = Dogs (non-aggressive, vaccinated and leashed)

welcome only on these walks. # - walk number appears in text, on map, and at walk location.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

TBA Goodwin School Annual 3rd Grade Family Hike - Pomfret, CT

Goodwin School in Storrs invites other 3rd graders accompanied by an adult family member to join in this guided nature walk through Mashamoquet State Park. Pre-registration is necessary. Contact Steve Dean at (860) 429-4630 for further information. Ⓢ

4:00PM Ask the Naturalist - Pomfret, CT (Also in Hampton at 9 AM, Fri. 17)

Finally, get the answers to your questions: What is it? Where is it? Should I touch it? On this 2-hr. easy walk, children and adults can ask an expert about all the things that grow or move or just sit there. CT Audubon Soc. From Rte. 101, travel 1 mi. north on Rte. 169 (Pomfret St.) to CT Audubon Nature Ctr. Ⓡ #1

7:00PM Harvest Moon Sojourn - Chaplin, CT (Rain Date: Oct. 11)

Enjoy a walk through woodlands and meadow, an astronomy talk and a planetarium program. A great 2 hrs. for adults and children over 12; bring a red filtered flashlight or headlamp. Joshua's Trust. Meet at Hubbard Sanctuary on Rte. 198, 2.2 mi. north of jct. with Rte. 6 (or take Rte. 44 to Rte. 198.) Park at Town Office. #2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00AM Stillness of the River Trail - Eastford, CT (Also at 10 AM and noon today and at 8,10 and noon, Oct. 18)

Adults and children can take an easy, 1-hr. walk with retired teacher George Askew along a nature trail developed and maintained by students as part of their classroom experiences. The trail along the Still River goes through woodland and past a former mill site. Eastford Elem. School. From jct. with Rte. 44 in Eastford, take Rte. 198 north 2 mi. to stop sign at 5-way intersection in Eastford. At Bowen's Garage (Ford), take left on Westford Rd. 1/4 mi. to school on right. Park in lot. Ⓡ 🐕 #3

9:00AM From Rails to Trails - Lebanon, CT

Follow the Airline Trail and observe the stages of work in progress on this slow, 3-hr. walk. Lebanon Rails to Trails Comm. Meet at Airline Trail crossing at Rte. 207 in Amston (Hebron) near the Lebanon town line. 🐕 #4

9:00AM Blue Blazes in Yale Forest - Eastford, CT

This a challenging 4-hr. hike for adults with lots of climbs in Yale Forest, requires hiking boots, water, a snack and lunch. East-of-the-River, CT Chapter, AMC. Meet on left side of parking lot of Travelers Restaurant/truck stop, Exit 71 (Ruby Rd.) off I-84. Group will then drive to trailhead, so be prompt. #5

9:00AM Rocks, Ghosts and Posts - Norwich, CT (Also at 9 AM, Mon., Oct. 13)

Climb the trail to Meetinghouse Rocks, then visit the Post-Gager Burying Ground to learn about early Norwich and a local ghost named Jock on this 1-hr. moderate walk to some of the city's special places. City of Norwich. From I-395 south, take Exit 82; turn left onto West Town St. (from north, turn right) for 0.7 mi. to stop sign across from Norwichtown Green. Meet at First Congregational Church. #6

9:00AM From Forest to Flooring - Pomfret, CT (Also at 10 and 11 AM today)

Take an easy 1-hr. tour of a modern sawmill and lumber manufacturing facility and learn how trees become flooring, post and beam framing, and landscaping mulch. Hull Forest Products. From jct. with Rte. 44 in Abington, follow Rte. 97 north 1.2 mi. #7

9:30AM Nature's Way - Coventry, CT

Naturalist Chuck Conkling leads this slow, 3/4-mi., 1-hr. walk for adults and children over 5 on trails along the river and through the woods of Creaser Park. Learn to identify trees and various habitats and hear about current park projects. Town of Coventry. From jct. with Rte. 44 at Brookside Plaza, take Rte. 31 south. Take first right to stop sign, then turn left. Entrance is on right; park in lot by Bldg. 4. Ⓡ 🐕 #8

9:30AM 50 Foot to the Hollow - Mansfield, CT (Rain date: Oct. 13)

After carpooling to the trailhead, hikers will set off along the Nipmuc Trail to discover woodlands, mill ruins, an esker, and great foliage views on this 4 1/2-hr. trek for adults and older children. Bring water and a lunch. AMC & Friends of Mansfield Hollow. From I-84, take Rte. 195 south through Storrs; go left at first stoplight south of jct. with Rte. 89 onto Basset Bridge Rd. for 1 mi. to Mansfield Hollow State Park. Ⓡ #9

9:30AM A River Threads Through It - Windham, CT

Discover the Willimantic River and the industrial mill site of the former Willimantic Thread/American Thread Co. as you pass the mill buildings and homes of workers and managers on this 1 1/2-hr. stroll featuring views painted by 19th century impressionist J. Alden Weir. Windham Textile & History Museum. Rte. 66 (Main St., Willimantic), 2 blocks east of the Frog Bridge; park at the museum or across the street at Heritage State Park. Ⓡ ♿ #10

10:00AM Alien Invasion at Capen Hill - Charlton, MA (Also at 10 AM, Sat., Oct. 18)

Naturalist Jerry Suprenant leads a 2-mi., 1 1/2-hr. walk that examines the past, present and future of invasive plant species that are taking over our fields and trails. Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary. Take Rte. 20 west from jct. with Rte. 169. Turn left onto Capen Rd. and follow to Visitor's Center at end. Ⓡ #11

10:00AM And They Swam, And They Swam . . . - Norwich, CT

Pass a working hydroelectric station to the 1882 Greeneville Dam and 1996 fishlift on this slow 1-hr. walk with the senior watch engineer. Norwich Public Utilities. From I-395, take Exit 81 to Rte. 2 east to Rte. 12 north. Go through traffic light at Rte. 2 turn-off; turn right at next light to 8th St., then left into first drive on left. Park behind brick bldg. #12

10:00AM "C" is for Critter - Brooklyn, CT

Take a 1-hr. easy walk based on four educational themes: birds, pond, rotten logs and trees. Each station features fun facts and activities for the whole family. Brooklyn Conservation Commis. From Rte. 169, take Rte. 6 east to the blinking yellow light. Turn right onto Prince Hill Rd. to Gorman Rd. Go straight on Gorman 1/5 mi. Park behind Brooklyn Elem. School on right. Ⓢ #13

10:00AM Colonial Time Travel - Preston, CT

Learn about the Long Society Meetinghouse, then stroll through the graveyard that surrounds it on a 1 1/2-hr. excursion to the past. The colonial tombstones tell a great deal about the people who carved them and those whom they commemorate. Preston Historical Soc. From Rte. 165 in Preston, 1 mi. from the Norwich town line, turn onto Long Society Rd.; meetinghouse is 1/4 mi. ahead. #14

10:00AM From Forest to Flooring - Pomfret, CT (See 9 AM today)

10:00AM Legend of Diana's Pool - Chaplin, CT (Cancelled if rain is heavy.)

Explore this beautiful spot and hear about the legend, the history of Chaplin, the remains of a dam that once powered machinery used to make wood and paper products, and the Natchaug River, a challenge for kayakers. Adults and children will enjoy this 1/2-mi., 1 hr. walk, but need proper footwear, since the rocks can be slippery. Friends of Mansfield Hollow, Inc. Park at Chaplin Firehouse on Rte. 198, just north of Rte. 6 jct. Meet at Diana's Pool Rd., 100 yds. north of firehouse. #15

10:00AM Treasures on the Trails - Mansfield, CT

Get an introduction to the popular activity called "letterboxing," then follow the clues on this easy 2-hr. walk to find what treasures await. Joshua's Trust. Take Rte. 195 (Storrs Rd.) to Rte. 89 to Bradley-Buchanan Woods in Mansfield Ctr. Ⓡ #16

10:00AM Mill Village Memories - Thompson, CT

Visit a mill village as it was in the early 1940s and '50s and see how families then worked and played on this easy 2 hr. stroll. Learn how the water, the railroad and the workers produced some of the finest cotton cloth in the U. S. Thompson Historical Soc. Meet at Lions Bandstand directly off Riverside Dr. (Rte. 12) across from Town Hall. ☉ #17

10:00AM Stillness of the River Trail - Eastford, CT (See 8 AM today)

10:00AM Strolling Sturbridge Common - Sturbridge, MA

See the Common and the structures around it, both inside and out, including Town Hall, the Joshua Hyde Library, Center School, the Old Burying Ground, and the bandstand, on this 1 1/2 hr. stroll. Sturbridge Historical Soc. From Rte. 20, take Rte. 131 east 1/2 mi. to Town Hall parking lot. 🅔 🅕 #18

11:00AM From Forest to Flooring - Pomfret, CT (See 9 AM today)

11:00AM West Side Stories - Norwich, CT (Also at 11 AM, Mon., Oct. 13)

Take a 1-hr. stroll around a little-known Victorian neighborhood on the city's West Side with Municipal Historian Dale Plummer and view some beautiful examples of Italianate, Greek Revival, Queen Anne and Gothic Revival architecture. City of Norwich. From I-395 south, take Exit 80; turn left (from I-395 north, turn right) onto Rte. 82 and follow it for 2 mi. through 11 lights. Go left onto Fairmount St. just past First Baptist Church. Park on Fairmount and meet at the church. #19

Noon Stillness of the River Trail - Eastford, CT (See 8 AM today)

1:00PM Spirits & the Smuggler's Tree - Ashford, CT

Adults and children over 5 can take this 1-hr walk on a mowed woods trail around a private pond to the site of Smuggler's Tree, a legendary spot for procuring spirits in the 1800s. Optional open house and distillery tours 10 AM-4 PM. Westford Distillers. From Rte. 44 jct., go north on Rte. 89 for 2 mi. Turn left on Westford Hill Rd. for 2 mi. to Congregational Church. Bear left onto Chatey Rd. 1 mi. to first house on right. Park at field entrance. 🅔 #20

1:00PM Barns, Bears and Bomb Shelters at Capen Hill- Charlton, MA (Also at 1 PM, Oct. 18)

Start your tour in the Visitor's Ctr., once the Wells' home, then meet the Sanctuary's animal residents and learn about the site's connections with Grizzly Adams and the Cold War. Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary. Take Rte. 20 west from jct. with Rte. 169. Turn left on Capen Rd. and follow to Visitor's Center at end. 🅔 #21

1:00PM The Hidden Natchaug - Chaplin, CT (Also at 1 PM, Oct. 18)

Adults and children over 4 can walk the tranquil banks of lovely Stonehouse Brook on this 2-mi., 2-hr. stroll, entering a forgotten forest and pastoral landscape, then linger along a primeval stretch of the river to learn basic naturalist and orienteering skills. (Wear boots!) Naubesatuck Watershed Council. From Rte. 6 in Chaplin, take Rte. 198 north, then first left onto Bedlam Rd., just after Natchaug River Bridge; park near Bedlam Cemetery. #22

1:00PM Creating a Backyard Wildlife Garden - Hampton, CT (Also at 1 PM, Oct. 18)

Visit our butterfly and wildlife gardens, then plan the blueprints for your own back yard on this easy 2-hr. walk. Goodwin Nature Ctr. From Rte. 6 in Hampton, go 3 mi. east of Rte. 198 or 1 1/2 mi. west of Rte. 97. Park in marked areas. 🅔 #23

1:00PM From Coney Rock You Can See Forever - Mansfield, CT

This 2-hr. moderate, sometimes steep, walk passes through the Coney Rock Preserve amid stands of mixed hardwood and hemlocks, some recently logged areas, past a granite cliff with a spectacular vista. Mansfield Parks Advisory Comm./Joshua's Trust. From jct. with Rte. 89, take Rte. 195 north for 0.2 mi.; turn right at blinker onto Chaffeeville Rd. for 1.7 mi. At Boussa Rd., turn into large gravel lot on right. #24

2:00PM Moos and More - Franklin, CT (Also at 2 PM on Oct. 12, 18, and 19)

Visit the cows during milking and walk through the barn, then hike through fields and woods for a beautiful view of the autumn hillsides and, weather permitting, the corn harvest, on this 1 1/2-hr. family walk. Cushman Farms. On Rte. 87 (Lebanon Rd.), farm is 3 mi. south of jct. with Rte. 207 and 3 mi. north of jct. with Rte. 32. 🅔 #25

2:00PM The Civil War: A Local Perspective - Putnam, CT (Also at 2 PM, Oct. 18 and 19)

Take a stroll and learn about the Putnam residents who served, including naval hero Tommy Taylor, last survivor of the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac. Aspinock Historical Soc. Take Exit 96 off I-395; follow Rte. 12 (Grove St.) to Ring St. Park on street near monument. 🅕 ☉ #26

2:00PM Thamesville - Norwich, CT (Also at 2 PM on Oct. 13)

Enjoy the beautiful homes in the Craftsman and other 20th-century styles on this 1-hr. easy walk. Once a streetcar suburb of Norwich, Thamesville was also the site of a shipyard, ironworks and woolen mill. City of Norwich. From I-395 south, take Exit 80; turn left at end of ramp (from north, turn right). Follow Rte. 82 for 1 mi.; turn right on Dunham to end, then left at light onto W. Thames for 1/4 mi. Turn left onto Brown Rd. and park. #27



2:00PM Teale's Trail Wood - Hampton, CT (Also at 4 PM, Oct. 12)

Adults and children over 10 can see Trail Wood through the eyes and words of naturalist Edwin Way Teale on this 2 hr., 2-mi. hike. CT Audubon Soc. From Rte. 44 in Hampton, go south on Rte. 97 for 5 mi. Turn right on Kenyon Rd. for 1/2 mi., then left into Trail Wood. Park in lot. 🅔 #28

2:00PM Beating the Bounds - Scotland, CT

Investigate the evolution of the 18th-century farm-scape, the original laneways, reconstructed bridge and wild areas at the birthplace of Gov. Samuel Huntington. Gov. Samuel Huntington Trust. From Canterbury, take Rte. 14 just past Rte. 97 jct. in center of Scotland. 🅔 #29

2:00PM Nature's Splendor - Preston, CT

Take a walk of discovery along well-established trails around small ponds and through former pastures, mowed hay fields and woods on this easy 2-hr. ramble. Avalonia Land Conservancy. From Rte. 2, go north on Rte. 164. A few hundred feet after crossing Rte. 165 and passing fire dept., turn left on Krug Rd. Park 1/2 mi. ahead in left field. 🅔 #30

7:00PM A Sense of the Night - Pomfret, CT

Discover Bafflin Sanctuary under cover of darkness through the sounds and scents of forests and meadows in autumn on this 2-hr. hilly walk for adults and older children. (Wear waterproof boots.) From Rte. 101, travel 1 mi. north on Rte. 169 (Pomfret St.) to CT Audubon Nature Ctr. 🅔 #31

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00AM Birds of Morning - Pomfret, CT

Travel the quiet roads, meadows, hills and woodlands of Bafflin Sanctuary with a CAS land manager in search of a wide variety of birds on this moderate 2-hr. walk. From Rte. 101, travel 1 mi. north on Rte. 169 (Pomfret St.); take first right onto Day Rd. Park beside 1895 barn. ☉ #32

9:00AM Triphammer Brook Trail - Oxford, MA

Join a ranger on a 3-hr. walk from Clara Barton's grave, past vernal pools, beaver dams, wetlands, and a historic mill dam. U. S. Army Corps. From I-395, take Exit 4 B to Oxford Ctr.; turn right (north) at the light, onto Main St. for 2 mi. to North Cemetery. Park on left. #33

9:30AM Rad's Forest Fun - Hampton, CT

Take an educational and entertaining 2-hr. walk through the Rad Ostby Memorial Forest, part of the Wolf Den Land Trust, with a variety of experts on forest management, archaeology and diverse flora. Then sing some traditional American folk songs accompanied (weather permitting) by budding instrumentalists. Bring your instrument, but no pianos, please! ECFLA/Wolf Den Land Trust. From Rte. 6 in Hampton, take Old Rte. 6 east 1/2 mi. to Rad's Forest sign on north side of the road. #34

10:00AM Exploring the Quinebaug Highlands - Ashford, CT

Project Director Bill Toomey leads this 4-mi., 2-hr. adult hike through the one of the largest remaining blocks of contiguous forest in Southern New England. Learn about protecting the forests and experience a great view! The Nature Conservancy. From Rte. 44 in Ashford, take Rte. 89 north. In Westford, go right onto Boston Hollow Rd. for several miles. Park at Blue Trail signs along the road. #35

10:00AM Strolling Northside Village - Charlton, MA (Also at 1 PM today)

Enjoy this architectural, historical and horticultural tour through Charlton's scenic Northside Historic District. Stroll through Fay Mountain Farm up to the militia lot and pass the Rider Tavern on this easy 1-mi., 3/4-hr. family walk. Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust. Follow Rte. 169 N to end; merge right onto Rte. 20 east; turn left on Northside Rd., left on Stafford St., then immediately right on Cemetery Rd. (Or: Take Mass. Pike to Rte. 20 onto Northside Rd.; then follow previous directions.) Park on right. #36

10:00AM Where the Buffalo Roam - Brooklyn, CT (Also at 10 AM, Oct. 13 and 19)

Children and adults should wear sturdy, casual shoes to enjoy this slow, hilly 1/2-mi., 1-hr. walk through fields and along a dirt road to see the bison and handling facility. Creamery Brook Bison. Take Rte. 6 in Brooklyn to Allen Hill Rd.; go 2 mi., then turn right on Creamery Brook Rd. for 1/2 mi.; turn left on Purvis Rd. to farm. ☉ #37

10:00AM Midstate Trail Sampler - Charlton, MA
Adults and children over 8 can see the "cow tunnel" and cross a wall using a stile on this 2 1/2-mi., 1 1/2-mi. moderate walk over country roads and cart paths. Go west 3 mi. on Rte. 20 from jct. with Rte. 56. Take left on Worcester Rd., then left to trail crossing (marked with yellow triangles). #38

10:00AM View From Carpenters Rocks - Sturbridge, MA

Walk along a woodland trail and observe the flora and fauna on the way to Carpenters Rocks with a panoramic view of Walker Pond and beyond. Opacum Land Trust. From I-84 and Mass. Pike, go east on Rte. 20 for 1 1/2 mi., then left on Rte. 49. Follow signs to Wells State Park. ☉ #39

11:00AM The Railroad Era - Willimantic, CT (Also at 2 PM today)

Demonstrations and equipment displays along with a walk near the river and the old New Haven Rail yard will highlight this easy 1-hr. stroll. Optional tour of the museum follows. CT Eastern Railroad Museum. Head south very briefly on Rte. 32 (Bridge St.) at the Chamber of Commerce in Willimantic and cross R. R. tracks; park at museum on right. ☉ #40

11:00AM A New Village Gem - Coventry, CT

Take an easy, 1-hr. tour of Coutou Park and learn about this new and developing part of Coventry Village. This property is an inspiration for those interested in preserving land. (Wear boots!) Town of Coventry. Park at the ruins of Shoddy Mill across from Bidwell Tavern on Rte. 31 near jct. of Rtes. 31 and 275. #41

11:00AM Historical Woodland Walk - Woodstock, CT

Enjoy woods, wildlife, and an unusual tale of the ruins of an early community on this slow 2 1/2-hr. walk for adults and children over 10 with parents. Optional tour of Solair, one of America's oldest nudist camps, follows. Bring lunch, water; full clothing required. Solair Recreation League. From Rte. 197 jct., take Rte. 169 north 0.1 mi.; turn left onto English Neighborhood Rd. for 3.5 mi. to end at stop sign. Go straight on dirt road and down hill to camp entrance. ☉ #42

Noon The "Dam" Walk - Windham, CT

(If pouring, walk is postponed until noon, Oct. 13)
Learn about the history of Mansfield Hollow Dam and Windham Airport on this easy 1-hr. walk along the causeway. Suitable for all ages, but caution is required because the causeway is bordered by steep drop-offs. Friends of Mansfield Hollow. Meet and park at the commuter lot off Rte. 6, just south of Rte. 203. ☉ #43

Noon Changing Times on Main St. - Putnam, CT

Revisit the 1955 Flood that ravaged Main St., then go forward in time to the thriving commercial and antique district of today. Finish this easy 1-hr. walk with a look at the Gertrude Warner Museum, set in a boxcar, like the author's famous Boxcar Children series. Aspinock Historical Soc. From I-395, take Exit 97 west onto Rte. 44 to Kennedy Dr. along river in downtown Putnam. Park in Riverfront Commons lot. ☉ #44

Noon Privy to Strong, Porter, Wright & Hale - Coventry, CT

Take a casual 1-hr. walk around the Strong Porter Farm, once thought to be the childhood home of Nathan Hale's mother, Elizabeth Strong, then see the site of the home of Asher Wright, Hale's friend, a recently reclaimed barn foundation, a restored privy, and the neighboring Dexter Farm. Optional tours of Strong Porter Museum. Coventry Historical Soc. Follow signs from Rtes. 44, 31 or 6 to Nathan Hale Homestead, then continue west to 2382 South St. Park at Strong-Porter museum. ☉ #45

1:00PM Stone by Stone - Coventry, CT

Join UConn professor and author Robert M. Thorson as he examines the stone walls at the Hale Homestead for unique clues to each one's past and highlights key issues from his best-selling book, *Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History of New England's Stone Walls*. A book-signing, pie sale and optional house tour follow. Antiquarian & Landmarks Soc. Follow signs from Rtes. 44, 31 or 6 to Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St.; park on site. ☉ #46

1:00PM Romp in the Swamp - Mansfield, CT

Wear waterproof shoes to examine aquatic life in Schoolhouse Brook and Bicentennial Pond with the Education Director of the Lutz Children's Museum. This 2-hr. easy walk is great for children age 3 and older. Town of Mansfield. From Rte. 195, turn onto Clover Mill Rd. to Schoolhouse Brook parking area. ☉ #47

1:00PM A Trip Around the Hill - Dudley, MA

Learn the history of the Dudley Hill Common and the buildings around it, including some excellent examples of Federal and Greek Revival architecture. Finish this easy 2-hr. walk with a look inside the historic Black Tavern. Dudley Historical Comm. From Rte. 197 in Dudley, follow signs to Nichols College to Town Common on Center Rd. Park behind church and adjacent Currier Ctr. ☉ #48

1:00PM Taftville and Ponemah Mills - Norwich, CT (Rain date: Oct. 13)

Author Rene Dugas, Sr. looks at life in the largely French-Canadian mill village of Taftville and the working conditions, history and unique construction of Ponemah Mills on this 2-hr. photo presentation and stroll. Norwich Tourism Office. From I-395, take Exit 83 (Occum); turn right off ramp and go 1.2 mi. to Knights of Columbus Hall. Park in K of C lot on South B St. ☉ #49

1:00PM The Lost Village - Brimfield, MA

A retired NPS historian and a park ranger trace the footsteps of noted postcard photographer F. E. Brown who captured the early 1900s heyday of East Brimfield. Former residents "Bo" Wheaton and Rusty Lussier will share memories of growing up in this typical mill village in the 1950s before its removal for flood control on this 1-mi., 1 1/2-hr. walk. U. S. Army Corps. Park at Friendship Baptist Church off Rte. 20 in Brimfield, just west of the County Line store/gas station on the Sturbridge town line. ☉ #50



2:00PM Graves, Governors and Generals - Norwich, CT
Visit the graves of Civil War notables in this city, including a U. S. Vice-President, who played such an important role in the conflict in this easy 2-hr. walk through Yantic Cemetery. Guns of Norwich. Meet on Lafayette St. adjacent to Backus Hospital in Yantic section of Norwich; park at cemetery. ♿ ☎ #53

2:00PM Scenic and Sustainable Forest - Union, CT
Take in the scenic vistas and see sustainable forest management as you tour the scenic 460-acre Hull-Myers Pond Forest, the gem of the land holdings of George H. Myers, the man behind the 8,000-acre Yale-Myers Forest on this 2.5-hr. hilly walk. Hull Forest Products. Meet at Union Common on Rte. 190, 1/4 mi. west of Rte. 171 jct. #54

2:00PM Grandparents Ramble- Preston, CT
Choose one of 3 separate walks for youngsters and oldsters at Zion Hill Farm: Pond Walk (20 min.), Field Walk (30 min.), or River Walk (1 hr.) and enjoy the special music that's planned. Riverbend Associates. Take Exit 85 off I-395 to Rte. 164 south; turn right onto George Palmer Rd., which becomes Old Jewett City Rd. Stay straight onto River Rd. to farm. © #55

2:00PM Moos and More - Franklin, CT
(See 2 PM, Oct. 11)

2:00PM The Railroad Era - Willimantic, CT
(See 11 AM today)

3:45PM Historic Mansfield Center - Mansfield, CT
Join Mansion House Re-enactors for a stroll through Mansfield Center of the 1870s. This 1 3/4-hr. walk is based on the historical society's book of the same title and will feature architectural and historical descriptions. Don't be surprised by a visit from President Ulysses S. Grant! Mansfield Historical Soc. Park in lot of First Church of Christ, Congregational, at jct. of Rtes. 89 and 195, Mansfield Ctr. More information on Mansion House Weekend at www.fitchhouse.com. 🐾 #56

4:00PM Teal's Trail Wood - Hampton, CT
(See 2 PM, Oct. 11)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00AM Rocks, Ghosts and Posts - Norwich, CT
(See 9 AM, Oct. 11)

9:00AM Wolf Den: Fact Vs. Fiction - Pomfret, CT
(Also at 1 PM today.)

Take a 3-hr. hike to the den of the reputed last wolf in Connecticut and learn the truth about the large mammals. For ages 12+. DEP Goodwin Conservation Ctr. and Masamoquet Brook State Pk. Meet at Wolf Den Campground off intersection of Rtes. 44 and 101. Park in lot. Ⓡ #57

10:00AM The Vampires of Griswold - Griswold, CT
Examine the New England folk belief in vampires as well as cemetery history and archaeology with Dr. Nick Bellantoni, CT State Archaeologist and Mary Deveau, former Town Historian. CT State Museum of Natural History and Griswold Historical Soc. Take Exit 85 off I-395. Go north on Rte. 164, then left on Rte. 138. Cross Rte. 12 at traffic light. Go over tracks and right onto Anthony St. Park at Jewett City Cemetery. ♿ ☎ #58

10:00AM Lisbon Heritage - Lisbon, CT
(Reservations advised; call 860-887-0776)
See the Bishop House Museum (c.1810), America's first railroad passenger carrier tunnel, the century-old Anshei Israel synagogue, and the oldest free-standing fieldstone bridge on this 2 1/2 hr. tour for adults and accompanied children over 10. Lisbon Historical Soc. From jct. with Rte. 169, follow Rte. 138 northeast 0.2 mi. Take first right after firehouse into Senior Ctr. parking lot. R #59

10:00AM Bottles and Barns - Coventry, CT
After a short talk on early glass bottles, take a 1-hr. stroll and learn about a pre-glacial river route and other landscape features from Ralph Lewis, retired state geologist. Museum of CT Glass. From intersection with Rte. 31, follow Rte. 44 1 mi. east to North River Rd. Park at museum on right. Ⓡ 🐾 #60

10:00AM Making Feathered Friends - Pomfret, CT
Learn how to use binoculars and how to look and listen successfully as you discover the birds living in the Bafflin Sanctuary on this easy 1 1/2 hr. walk for all those age 4 and older. From Rte. 101, travel 1 mi. north on Rte. 169 (Pomfret St.) to CT Audubon Nature Ctr. Ⓡ ☎ #61

10:00AM Where the Buffalo Roam - Brooklyn, CT
(See 10 AM, Oct. 12)

11:00AM Why's the Cat Hollow? - Killingly, CT
Learn the history of Cat Hollow and the mills that were once there, as well as the unique plants and animals in our new town park on this 1 1/4-hr. family walk. Killingly Conservation Commiss./Historic Dist. Commiss./ Board of Recreation. Take Exit 93 off I-395 to 101 east, then south on Rte. 12. Go about 1 mi. to flashing light; take Dog Hill Rd. east 600 ft. to park entrance. ♿ ☎ #62

11:00AM West Side Stories - Norwich, CT
(See 11 AM, Oct. 11)

11:00AM Old Hodges Village and Howarth Mill - Oxford, MA

Hear about New England mills and various energy sources on this easy 1-hr. walk. Discover the history of Howarth Mill and its workers, products, decline and ruin. U. S. Army Corps. From I-395, take Exit 4 B (Oxford) through first set of lights. After 1/2 mi. turn right at sign for dam. Park near offices at top of levee. Ⓡ ♿ 🐾 #63

1:00PM Wild Edibles of Worcester County - Charlton, MA

Bring a pen and notepad to record what you learn on this always-popular 3-hr. foraging trip with Russ Cohen. Find many wild mushrooms and plants that are more flavorful and nutritious than their cultivated counterparts and have fun doing it with this latter-day Euell Gibbons. Town of Charlton/ Fay Mountain Farm Comm. Follow Rte. 20 to Rte. 31 and go north a short distance to Stafford St., turn right for 2 mi. to Cemetery Rd. intersection. Park at Fay Mountain Farm. #51

1:00PM Strolling Northside Village - Charlton, MA
(See 10 AM today)

1:30PM What George Washington Didn't See - Storrs, CT

Walk along the Old Middle Turnpike, where George Washington traveled on his pre-presidential tour, with Prof. Rudy Favretti, author of Mansfield Four Corners. This slow 2-hr. walk will focus on the houses, mills and landscape that came after the 1789 visit. Mansfield 300th Comm. Meet at the end of Old Turnpike Rd. at Rte. 44 jct.; limited roadside parking. ☎ 🐾 #52

Noon **Eye Spy With My Little Eye - Woodstock, CT**
On this easy 1 1/2-hr. walk, children of all ages can discover the history, architecture and landscape of Woodstock Hill. Parents must accompany children on this fun-for-all scavenger hunt. SPNEA. Meet at Roseland Cottage on Rte. 169 across from the Woodstock Green. Ⓡ Ⓢ Ⓣ ☺ #64

1:00PM **Clara Barton Woodland Walk - Oxford, MA**
(Also at 2:30 PM today.)

Learn about the founder of the American Red Cross on a 45-min. guided nature walk that concludes at the Bartons' late 18th-century barn. Children's activities will be offered afterwards at the optional visit to the museum. Clara Barton Birth. Museum. From Rtes. 290/395, take Exit 5; follow signs to Rte. 12 north. Turn left on Clara Barton Rd. 3/4 mi. to parking area signs. Ⓡ #65

1:00PM **Glacial Landforms - Mansfield, CT**
The impact of the last Ice Age is revealed through glaciers at 3 nearby sites on this 3-hr. excursion with Environmental Earth Science Prof. Sherman Clebnick. Joshua's Trust. Meet at Mansfield Library, Rte. 89, 1/4 mi. north of Rte. 195 in Mansfield Ctr. Driving/carpooling between sites is necessary. #66

1:00PM **Wolf Den: Fact Vs. Fiction - Pomfret, CT**
(See 9 AM today.)

2:00PM **Fruits of the Forest - Coventry, CT**
Follow Prof. Glenn Dreyer, Director of the CT College Arboretum, on this easy, 1-hr. walk to examine forest ecology, wildlife habitats and tree identification. Stay for optional tour of Homestead and homemade pie. Antiquarian & Landmarks Soc. Follow signs from Rtes. 44, 31 or 6 to Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St.; park on site. Ⓡ #67

2:00PM **Thamesville - Norwich, CT**
(See 2 PM, Oct. 11)

2:30PM **Clara Barton Woodland Walk - Oxford, MA**
(Also at 1 PM today)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00AM **Ask the Naturalist - Hampton, CT**
(Also in Pomfret at 4 PM, Oct. 10)
Finally, get the answers to your questions: What is it? Where is it? Should I touch it? On this 2-hr. easy walk children and adults can ask an expert about the things that grow or move or just sit there. CT Audubon Soc. From Rte. 44 in Abington (Pomfret), go south 5 mi. on Rte. 97; turn right on Kenyon Rd., 1/2 mi. on left. Ⓡ #68

10:00AM **Caution: Archaeologist at Work! - Storrs, CT**
Learn how a real archaeologist, Dr. Nick Bellantoni, "sees" things inside and out on this 2-hr. moderate walk up a steep hill. CT State Museum of Natural History. Take Rte. 195 to Horsebarn Hill Rd. on UConn campus; turn into "Animal Sciences

Complex" driveway across from horse arena, to Bldg. 5 on right. Park in designated area. Ⓡ #69

1:00PM **A Highlands Adventure - Union, CT**
Explore the Quinebaug Highlands with Project Director Bill Toomey on this 2-hr. hike that includes parts of Lost Pond Preserve and Yale Forest. Learn what is being done to protect the forests of Southern New England. The Nature Conservancy. From I-84, take Exit 73 onto Rte. 190 through Union, past Bigelow Hollow State Park. Turn right on Rte. 171; go past Ringe Rd. and park on right. #70

1:30PM **Tantiusques: Sturbridge Graphite Mine - Sturbridge, MA**

Explore the remains of a mine and an archaeological dig at the site of miners' dwellings on this 1 1/2-hr. hike over rough ground with OSV research historian and archaeologist Ed Hood. The Native American-African American Robert Crowd family lived on this site, which is now part of the Tantiusques Reservation, in the mid-19th century. Trustees of Reservations/Old Sturbridge Village. Take Old Rte. 15 (Mashpaug Rd.) in Sturbridge, to Leadmine Rd. Go 1 mi. to intersection with Goodrich St. Park on the road. #71

2:00PM **Hidden Village Treasures - Coventry, CT**
On this moderate 2 1/2-hr. walk Mark Lavitt shows off Coventry Village as an outstanding example of the "Rhode Island System" New England mill village where architectural, industrial and cultural resources abound. (Use caution on street crossings!) Village Improvement Soc. Meet at Welles Agency parking lot at jct. of Rtes. 31 and 275. Ⓡ 🐾 (except for root cellar) #72

4:00PM **Signs of Animals - Pomfret, CT**
Hike through the 667-acre Bafflin Sanctuary on a slow, 2-hr. walk with naturalist Fran Baranski and identify evidence of the land's true residents. CT Audubon Soc. From Rte. 101, travel 1 mi. north on Rte. 169 (Pomfret St.) to CT Audubon Nature Ctr. Ⓡ #73

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00AM **Stillness of the River Trail - Eastford, CT**
(See 8 AM, Oct. 11)

9:00AM **Curiosities of Cady-Copp - Putnam, CT**
Explore the architectural and archaeological curiosities of the remarkably untouched Cady-Copp Cottage and farmstead (c. 1745) on this easy 1-hr. walk. Take Exit 96 off I-395 to Rte. 12 east. Turn right on Rte. 21 about 1/2 mi.; park at Putnam Heights Meetinghouse. #74

9:00AM **Woodstock's Walls - Woodstock, CT**
Learn how the stone walls of Woodstock were made as you follow resident David Boivin on this easy but hilly 1 1/2-hr. walk. Woodstock Historical Soc. From Rte. 171 in West Woodstock, turn north onto Bradford Corner Rd.; meet at Church of the Good Shepherd. Ⓢ 🐾 #75



9:00AM **Strolling Through the Past - Lebanon, CT**
Join historian Bruce Clouette on this new, easy 1-hr. tour of the impressively varied architecture along the south part of Lebanon Green to the Gov. Trumbull House where the DAR will give a free tour. Lebanon Historical Soc. Museum & Visitors Ctr./CT Soc. Daughters of the American Revolution. Lebanon Town Hall, at Rtes. 87 and 207. Ⓡ Ⓢ #76

9:30AM **Exploring Iron Mine Valley - Ashford, CT**
Follow the trail along a wooded hillside that borders the Mt. Hope River on this moderate 1 1/2 hr. walk. Joshua's Trust. Follow Rte. 89 north from jct. with Rte. 44. Turn sharply right onto Sand Hill Rd. 1/2 mi. north of Ashford Elem. School. Park near Joshua's Trust sign along Sand Hill Rd. 🐾 #77

10:00AM **Nipmuc Trail: Cliffs and Grist - Mansfield, CT**
Follow a trail by the Fenton River through woods and fields, past cliffs and ledges to reach the historic Gurleyville Grist Mill. The 3 1/2 hr. walk, which begins PROMPTLY, is best for adults and children over 8. Nipmuc Indian Assn. of CT, Inc. From jct. of Rtes. 195 and 89, travel north 4 1/2 mi. and turn right onto Chaffeeville Rd. Park at trailhead. #78

10:00AM **Dunhamtown Woof 'n' Walk - Mansfield, CT**
Take a 2-hr. hike over moderate terrain through Dunhamtown Forest, while learning park etiquette and first aid for your canine companion with a professional trainer. Lucky Dog Day Camp. From Rte. 32 in Mansfield, go east 1.5 mi. on Mansfield City Rd.; turn left on White Oak Rd.; park in lot after condos. 🐾 #79

10:00AM **The Colors of Fall - Plainfield, CT**
This slow, easy 1 1/2-hr. walk is especially designed for children 12 and under to explore the forest and listen to stories that inspire the imagination. Plainfield Recreation/Family Resource Ctr./Conservation Comm. Take Exit 87 off I-395 south; turn left (from I-395 north, turn right) onto Lathrop Rd. Pass dog track. At stop sign, turn left onto Kate Downing Rd. for 1 mi., then right onto Colbridge. Park at Forest Management Area. ☺ #80

10:00AM **Stillness of the River Trail - Eastford, CT**
(See 8 AM, Oct. 11)

10:00AM **Alien Invasion at Capen Hill - Charlton, MA**
(See 10 AM, Oct. 11)

11:00AM **Who's in Your Backyard? - Voluntown, CT**
Visit those who came before us and learn to understand the artwork, symbolism and carving styles on this relaxed 2 hr. walk through two local cemeteries with noted expert Ruth Shapleigh Brown. Photographs and other items will be displayed; general questions about old burial grounds are welcome. CT Gravestone Network. Take Rte. 138 / 165 through Voluntown through jct. with Rte.49; Robbins Cemetery is just east of this intersection on the left side. #81

Noon **Stillness of the River Trail - Eastford, CT**
(See 8 AM, Oct. 11)

1:00PM **Etched in Stone and Memory - Dudley, MA**
Learn about the history of Dudley and its early families through the stones that mark their graves in the Corbin and Village Cemeteries on this 1 1/2-hr. slow walk. Dudley Grange. From Rte. 197 in Dudley, follow signs past Nichols College on Center Rd. to the Grange Hall on the Town Common. Park at the Grange. ® ♿ ☺ 🐾 #82

1:00PM **Creating a Backyard Wildlife Garden - Hampton, CT**
(Also at 1 PM, Oct. 11)

1:00PM **Tree Quest - Pomfret, CT**
Those 5 and older (wearing waterproof shoes) can use all their senses to identify the trees at Bafflin Sanctuary on this 1-hr. scavenger hunt. CT Audubon Ctr. at Pomfret. Go north on Rte. 169 from jct. with Rte. 44 to first right (Day Rd.) Park next to large red 1895 barn. ® #83

1:00PM **The Hidden Natchaug - Chaplin, CT**
(See 1 PM, Oct. 11)

1:00PM **Barns, Bears and Bombshelters at Capen Hill - Charlton, MA**
(See 1 PM, Oct. 11)

2:00PM **Beeches, Beavers and Bubbling Brooks - Mansfield, CT**
Walk through a beechwood forest along Saw Mill Brook and skirt the edge of a large, active beaver pond on this moderate, hilly 2-hr. hike. Parks Adv./Joshua's Trust. From Mansfield Ctr., take Rte. 195 south; turn right onto Puddin Ln. for 0.6 mi. Follow signs to # 129 and park opposite. 🐾 #84

2:00PM **The Civil War: A Local Perspective - Putnam, CT**
(See 2 PM, Oct. 11)

2:00PM **Moos and More - Franklin, CT**
(See 2 PM, Oct. 11)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00AM **Where the Buffalo Roam - Brooklyn, CT**
(See 10 AM, Oct. 12)

11:00AM **River Valley Ramble - Scotland, CT**
Experience the valley's natural beauty as you follow a fisherman's path along the Shetucket River on this 1-hr. moderate walk, then return to the 17th century Waldo Homestead for an optional 1/2-hr. tour. Scotland Historical Soc. Meet at Waldo House on Waldo Rd., 1/2 mi. west of Rte. 97 near Sprague town line. ® #85

11:00AM **Willimantic River Greenway - Mansfield, CT**

Explore some of the resources of the developing greenway along the Willimantic River. Visit a floodplain forest, sample water quality, and more in this 2 1/2-hr. hands-on family learning experience. Mansfield Parks Advisory Comm., Coventry Rec. Dept., Willimantic River Alliance. From the intersection with Rte. 195 in Mansfield, follow Rte. 32 south 0.8 mi.; turn right on Merrow Rd. for 0.1 mi. across R.R. tracks; Merrow Meadow entrance is on left before bridge. #86

1:00PM **Reading the Landscape - Coventry, CT**
Glenn Cornish leads this easy, 1-hr. tour of the Nathan Hale Homestead grounds to show how the landscape reveals changes in the lives of those who have lived and worked there. Antiquarian & Landmarks Soc. Follow signs from Rtes. 44, 31 or 6 to Nathan Hale Homestead, 2299 South St.; park on site. ® #87

1:00PM **Pharisee Rock History Hike - Sterling, CT**
Enjoy nature all around (but wear waterproof footwear) as you walk along a well-worn path, traverse flowing water, and climb a hill for an awesome view! Continue on a path used by Native Americans past a "trapping" ravine before returning for refreshments on this 2 1/2 hr. adult hike. Town of Sterling. Go south on Rte. 49 in Sterling; meet at Grange Hall on Rte. 49. ® #88

1:00PM **50 Years of Forest Stewardship - Brooklyn, CT**
(Also at 3 PM today)

This leisurely 1 1/2-hr. walk shows how the Eastern CT Soil & Water Conservation Dist. has actively managed an 80-acre forest for wildlife habitat, timber production, and soil and water conservation for half a century. Adults and children 10+ can see a commercial white pine timber harvest in progress and discuss the current stewardship plan. UConn Coop. Exten./Natural Resource Conserv. Dist./Eastern CT Soil & Water Conserv. Dist. From Rte. 6 at Brooklyn Town Hall, take Wolf Den Rd. less than 1 mi. to Brooklyn Extension Ctr. on left. ® #89

1:00PM **Historic "Centre" Village - Southbridge, MA**
Learn about downtown Southbridge's architectural heritage, where 30 buildings are listed on the National Historic Register, on this easy 4-hr. stroll that includes a stop at the 1820's Art

Center for refreshments and a display of historic maps and photos. Meet/park at train depot, 1 block north of Main St. (Rte 131) between Central and Hamilton Sts. ® #90

1:30PM **Patriots for all Ages - Brimfield, MA**
Take a leisurely, 1 1/2 hr. stroll through the town's picturesque center, including the Common and cemetery, and learn about the historic structures, the architecture of Elias Carter, and Brimfield's contributions to the nation's defense. Brimfield Historical Commis. Park at Hitchcock Academy lot at jct. of Rtes. 20 and 19 in center of Brimfield. ♿ ☺ #91

2:00PM **The Forest and the Trees - Brimfield, MA**
Tour 300-acre Hull-Steerage Rock Forest, a favorite camping location on the Bay Path for King Philip, son of Massasoit, and learn about forest management. Take great photos of wildlife and scenic vistas on this 1 1/2- mi., 2-hr. walk. Hull Forest Products. Take Rte. 19 north from Rte. 20 in Brimfield. Go left on Dunhamtown- Brimfield Rd. 2 mi., then left on Harnois Rd. just past the power line. After 100 yds., go right, through the gate, 1 mi. to the parking area. 🐾 #92

2:00PM **Sustainable Landscapes - Brooklyn, CT**
(Also at 4 PM today)
Learn about "sustainable landscaping," then take a 1/2-hr. tour of the gardens and grounds of the Extension Ctr. with a Master Gardener to see examples of sustainable plants and shrubs. Windham County Master Gardener Prog./UConn Water Quality Team. From Rte. 6 at Brooklyn Town Hall, take Wolf Den Rd. less than 1 mi. to Brooklyn Extension Ctr. on left. ® #93

2:00PM **Griswold: In the Beginning - Griswold, CT**
Join author, naturalist and columnist Erwin Goldstein, science teacher Joreen Mattras and Rev. Lou Harper, Pastor of the First Congregational Church, in discovering the town's fascinating beginnings and development as well as CT's hiking trails. Griswold Historical Soc. Take Exit 85 off I-395; go 2 1/2 mi. to church, across from firehouse, in Pachaug village ctr. Park in church lot and behind fire station. ® ♿ ☺ 🐾 #94

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