What To Do This Winter

Don't let the cold weather keep you from getting out and about! Take a look at these fun places to go to make the most of your winter in New England. For a complete look at winter time activities in Connecticut, visit the [Connecticut Office of Tourism](https://www.ctvisit.com/articles/follow-lights-holiday-cheer#sthash.tScZl...). Also check out the [Top Things to Do in CT](http://www.ctvisit.com/articles/follow-lights-holiday-cheer#sthash.tScZl...).

### Explore the Outdoors

**Yale's Ingalls Rink** [3]
Open for public skating, but you need to bring your own skates (no rentals available).

**Branford Land Trust** [4]
Explore nearly 775 acres of rugged rock outcroppings, tall oaks, beeches, groves of mountain laurel, wetlands and magnificent bluffs.

**Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust** [5]
Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust promotes the understanding and appreciation of nature and supports the conservation, preservation and management of natural resources.

**Skiing and Snowboarding** [6]
Explore the winter sports in Connecticut, including downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding and tubing. Time to hit the slopes!

**Take a Hike** [7]
CT Department of Environmental Protection Hiking Maps.

**Let There Be Lights** [1]

Celebrate the season at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven where you can drive through “Fantasy of Lights,” an enchanting land of spectacular sparkling light display of more than 100,000 lights and 60 attractions that include animated and LED light displays. See more at: [http://www.ctvisit.com/articles/follow-lights-holiday-cheer#sthash.tScZl...](http://www.ctvisit.com/articles/follow-lights-holiday-cheer#sthash.tScZl...). [8]

### Visit a Museum
Connecticut Children’s Museum [9]
A place where children can experience the magic and wisdom of learning at their own pace by interacting with exhibits that are full of whimsy and wisdom, in spaces built to their size and specifications.

Connecticut Landmarks [10]
A state-wide network of twelve significant historic properties that span four centuries of New England history.

Fairfield Museum and History Center [11]
13,000 square-foot museum presenting exhibition galleries, library and reading room, family education center and 80-seat theater.

Harriet Beecher Stowe Center [12]
The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center preserves and interprets Stowe's Hartford home and the Center's historic collections, promotes vibrant discussion of her life and work, and inspires commitment to social justice and positive change.

Leffingwell House Museum [13]
One of the finest restored examples of New England Colonial architecture and home of revolutionary patriot, merchant, and industrialist Christopher Leffingwell.

Lutz Children's Museum [14]
A multi-faceted museum for children to explore culture, history, and the natural sciences through internal and external exhibits, programs, and experiences.

Mark Twain House & Museum [15]
The mission of The Mark Twain House & Museum is to foster an appreciation of the legacy of Mark Twain as one of our nation's defining cultural figures, and to demonstrate the continuing relevance of his work, life and times.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center [16]
Extensive interactive exhibits depict 18,000 years of Native and natural history, while two libraries, including one for children, offer a diverse selection of materials on the histories and cultures of all Native peoples of the United States and Canada.

New England Air Museum [17]
The Museum is situated in three large display buildings consisting of more than 75,000 square feet of exhibit space. In fair weather, the outside storage yard is available for touring as well.

New Haven Museum [18]
Three hundred and sixty-two years of history come to life at the New Haven Museum. From the colony’s founding as a puritan village through its growth into a major industrial center and now a thriving metropolitan area, New Haven’s history is brought to life for our visitors, inspiring a rich appreciation of the City’s past, present, and future.

Submarine Force Museum [19]
Home of the Historic USS Nautilus submarine.

The Children’s Museum [20]
A museum dedicated to science inspiration and learning amongst children aged twelve and under.

Yale Center for British Art [21]
The Yale Center for British Art is a public art museum and research institute for the study of British art and culture.

Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History [22]
Learn about dinosaurs, earth's history, life and culture and much, much more!

Yale University Art Gallery [23]
The mission of the Yale University Art Gallery is to encourage appreciation and understanding of art and its role in society through direct engagement with original works of art.
Have Fun With Family

**CitySeed Weekly Farmers’ Markets** [24]
Outdoor markets in different parts of New Haven, even through the winter.

**Connecticut State Capitol Tours** [25]
Learn the history of the Capitol, a National Historic Landmark.

**Catch a Hockey Game** [26]

**Mystic Aquarium** [27]
Learn to care for and protect our ocean planet through education, research and exploration.

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