

## Welcome to Weston, Connecticut

County: Fairfield Population: 10,187 Square Miles: 20.7 Government: Selectman Distance to Major Cities: Boston: 163 miles Hartford: 53 miles New York City: 45 miles



In 2011 Connecticut Magazine named Weston as the number one town in Connecticut among towns with populations of 10,000 -15,000. The rating considers education, crime, economy, cost and leisure.

Weston is a residential community in southwestern Connecticut (about 45 miles from New York City) with a population of approximately 10,150 residents. Residents enjoy two acre zoning, a lack of commercial development, a focus on open space, and an outstanding educational system.

Amenities: Weston's unique rural, yet sophisticated, environment boasts an absence of busy commercial boulevards. "The Center" as the locals fondly call it, is the go-to place to shop and meet. There one can find the local food market, a bank, pharmacy with gift store, real estate office, post office, liquor store, hardware store, and gas and service station. The Lunch Box, offers ice cream treats, great coffee and homemade pizza, along with other diner fare.

Culture: Weston has an active arts scene. The Weston Commission for the Arts organizes music, art, drama and other valuable cultural events. Weston Library offers a variety of programs, book clubs, and workshops for residents of all ages. An active Senior Activities Center runs a wide choice of programs, which include yoga and fitness, knitting/crafts, and much more.

Recreation: Parks and Recreation provides a wide range of activities and camps for residents. In addition, the indoor pool at Weston Middle School is open to the public year round. Bisceglie-Scribner Park, a 53 acre recreation area, contains Little League fields, picnic facilities, a swimming pond and the Kiwanis Fitness Trail. Aspetuck Country Club, Weston Field Club, Weston Gun Club and Weston Racquet Club provide residents with ample opportunities to enjoy tennis, golf and private club membership.

Open Space: Almost one quarter of the Town is permanently devoted to open space. Whether the northern Nature Conservancy-Lucious Pond Ordway- Devil's Den containing 1765 acres, or Katherine Ordway Preserve containing 60 acres on the east side of Weston, or 645 acres of Aspetuck Land Trust sprinkled around the Town, every neighborhood can claim some piece of recreational land nearby.

Country Fairs: Emanuel Church and Norfield Church are famous for their fairs. The Grange Fair at harvest time is another popular event, along with Weston Elementary and Weston Intermediate School's PTO's Memorial Day Fair which is a draw for the entire region. Each year the Fair follows an old fashioned Memorial Day Parade, which is hosted by the Weston Volunteer Fire Department. After the parade, free hot dogs and soda can be had by all.

Community Involvement: Weston has a long history and reputation for community volunteerism. The citizens devote countless hours to serving on town boards and commissions. The Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Squad ranks highly in their commitment by providing extraordinary service to town citizens when in need. The Weston Historical Society, the Kiwanis Club, the Weston Women's League, the Weston Garden Club, and the League of Women Voters are just a few of the organizations that regularly dedicate themselves to improving the town. Weston is a warm and inviting place for those who enjoy being a part of their community.





Norfield Post Office 1883



David L. Coley House (1715 - 1802) River Road

In the 17th century, Weston's first English settlers were mostly farmers living in the town of Fairfield, Connecticut, the boundaries of which extended to Weston until the late 18th century. The Norfield Parish was created in the area now occupied by the towns of Weston and Easton. In 1787, the area was formally incorporated as the Town of Weston. In 1845, the Town of Easton was split off from Weston.

A meteor exploded above the town December 14, 1807.[5] Six pieces, totaling 28 pounds (13 kg), were recovered and examined by scientists, who issued a report. This was the first time that people realized the nature of meteors.

Despite rocky soil, farmers in town grew apples, onions, and potatoes. Grist, cider, lumber, and fulling mills were built. The town had nine manufacturers by 1850, but two decades later only the Bradley Edge Tool Company still thrived. That factory burned down in 1911. Unlike other nearby towns, Weston never had a railroad built through it, which stifled the development of non-agricultural businesses.

Between the Civil War and the Great Depression, the town's population dropped from approximately 1,000 to a low of 670, by 1930. Artists, writers, and actors from New York became attracted to the community in the 30's and began settling in it. Construction of the Merritt Parkway, which arrived to the south of Weston in 1938, resulted in further population growth.



Weston Historical Society



Old Norfield Town Hall