



30 Things We Love about **Bridgeport**



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1 St. Mary's-By-The-Sea

St. Mary's-by-the-Sea provides picturesque views of Long Island Sound and Black Rock Harbor. It is a mecca for many outdoor enthusiasts and its beach, grassy areas, and picnic tables allow visitors to relax while enjoying a cool sea breeze.



2 Pleasure Beach

Pleasure Beach was originally an amusement park founded in 1892 which later closed in the mid 1900's. Pleasure Beach is now a conservation area and open to the public. The peninsula is accessible seven days a week via free water taxi located at the fishing pier on Seaview Ave. The beach includes a pavilion and relaxation area with several bathrooms, showers, picnic tables, and a limited concession stand.

3 Seaside Park

This park consists of 3 miles of coastline and 325 acres of lawn and fields. Many concerts and events are held here.



4 Dining

Bridgeport has a great selection of restaurants in town. Be sure to check out these crowd favorites: Trattoria 'A Vucchella, Hub and Spoke, Merritt Canteen, Boca Oyster Bar, Ralph-n-Rich's, BRYAC, Joseph's Steakhouse and Miss Thelmas Soulfood.

5 Bridgeport Train/ Bus Station

Bridgeport, CT is a commuters dream it is on the Metro-North commuter line to NYC and also serves as a stop on Amtrak's regional train lines. A ferry to Long Island Bridgeport/Port Jefferson Ferry and local bus service around town. It's location is in the middle of a confluence of highways—Interstate 95, Merritt Parkway, Route 8 & Route 25, and Route 1 connect the City to many other regions.

6 Historic Black Rock

Black Rock is that rarest of gems anywhere, but particularly in Fairfield County: an affordable area on the water. It is also walkable and liveable. Residents and visitors alike enjoy a mix of hip restaurants and drinking establishments on the neighborhood's main drag of Fairfield Avenue as well as access to waterside attractions.



7 Beardsley Zoo

Being Connecticut's only zoo for more than 90 years, the Beardsley Zoo is committed to preserving endangered animals and works to actively develop strategies to protect species and preserve their environments.



8 The Adventure Park

Located behind the Discovery Museum, this park stretches across five acres of wooded area where you can enjoy an array of zip lines, bridges, aerial trails and more!



9 Discovery Museum

Discovery Museum is an educational facility that is both entertaining and educational, promoting a lot of hands-on interaction for both kids and adults! This hands-on science museum serves as both a tourist destination and an educational resource for area schools. The Discovery Museum provides dynamic, hands-on STEM experiences designed to inspire young learners.

10 Wonderland of Ice

Bridgeport's Wonderland of Ice allows you to enjoy winter all year round! This facility is a city-owned NHL size rink and curling facility. Take advantage of all they have to offer- you can skate, play hockey, curling, and take ice-skating lessons.



11 Webster Bank Arena

For all sports-lovers, this entertainment complex is home to the AHL Sound Tigers hockey team, along with the NCAA basketball teams for Fairfield University. Besides sports, entertainment acts are held here year round!



12 Klein Memorial Auditorium

The Klein Memorial Auditorium is a 1400-seat proscenium theater. It is a concert venue, local dance recitals, graduations, and union meetings occur regularly at the Klein, and the theater has been the home of the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra for the past 60 years. Other companies currently in residence include the New England Ballet.

13 Housatonic Museum of Art

The Housatonic Museum of Art is a museum at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The museum's collection is displayed throughout the college campus and in the Burt Chernow Galleries, which also hosts visiting exhibitions.



14 Bijou Theater

One of the last historic movie theaters left in Bridgeport, the Bijou Theatre was opened in 1909. The Bijou Theatre re-opened in 2011. It now operates as a multi-functional venue with 202 seats. The main focus is to showcase independent films and cultural art performances, with additional attractions of live music, comedy and theatrical productions.

15 Ferry to Port Jefferson, LI

Drive, walk or ride your bicycle aboard one of the three ferries that travel from Bridgeport to Port Jefferson. Sit back, relax and enjoy the view. Experience today the simplicity and comfort of travel. Listen to the sounds of the waves as you enjoy a meal from our Snack Bar, or if you choose have a cocktail in the Steamboat Lounge, as the Ferry cruises across the Sound.

16 Fayerweather Island Light

Also known as Black Rock Harbor Light, this lighthouse sits on the south end of Fayerweather Island and marks the entrance to Black Rock Harbor.



17 Captains Cove Seaport

Captain's Cove has been CT's outdoor summer fun destination since the 1980s. Captains Cove Seaport offers outdoor summer fun for the whole family. Enjoy fishing charters, boating, casual dining, drinks, and music.



18 Fairchild Wheeler Golf

Fairchild Wheelers offers 2, 18-hole golf courses. It is home of the First Tee of Metropolitan New York and Nike Junior Summer Golf Camps. The Golf Shop is fully stocked and the wide open driving range allows you to hit short irons up to your driver.



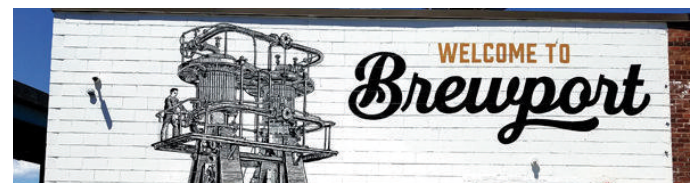
19 Asylum Distillery



Asylum Distillery is the first independent distillery in Fairfield County and Bridgeport since Prohibition. They make unique and bold flavored spirits such as Gin, Vodka and Whiskey. All spirits contain locally sourced ingredients including locally grown, non-GMO grains. You can book a tour online at least 24 hours in advance!

20 Brewport Brewing Company

Craft beer pairs with creative thin-crust pizza at this chic Bridgeport brewery and taproom offering a rotating selection of house made drafts alongside other labels, as well as wine and cocktails. The modern, roomy space features white subway tiles, a steel-topped bar and industrial lighting.



21 Bass Pro Shop

A chain known for its large, wilderness-themed stores and wide array of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, this store also offers bowling, archery range, ATVing, and boat service.



22 Museum of P.T. Barnum

The Barnum Museum is a museum located at 820 Main Street. It has an extensive collection related to P. T. Barnum and the history of Bridgeport, all of this and it is also housed in a historic building on the National Register of Historic Places.

23 Barnum Festival

Dating back to 1948, the festival originated to help support local businesses and honor P.T Barnum- a renowned showman and Bridgeport leader. The festival culminates in a weekend-long Barnum Palooza that hosts parades, concerts, fireworks, & family-friendly festivities.



24 Steelpointe Harbor

An urban mixed-use development designed to embody the most desirable characteristics of a harbor-side neighborhood. A new public realm consisting of a network of streets, open spaces, water views and harbor side strolling. Entertainment venues such as hotels, and movie theaters together with a mix of residential, restaurant, and retail uses creates a diverse, livable, pedestrian-friendly environment.

25 Colleges and Universities

The University of Bridgeport is a private, independent, university located in Bridgeport, CT. This university is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Besides, University of Bridgeport there is also Housatonic Community College and St. Vincent College in Bridgeport. These schools offer various degrees and continuing education courses for all ages!



26 St. Patrick's Celebration

An Annual event in Bridgeport, this parade offers endless spirit, history, and celebration. The marchers travel through downtown Bridgeport, beginning at Harbor Yard. The St. Patrick's Day Parade has been a tradition in downtown Bridgeport since 1983. The town elects a Grand Marshal' each year and also hosts a " Grand Marshall Ball" before the parade to raise money both for the parade and for a scholarship program.

27 Bridgeport Arts Festival

Another annual Bridgeport event, the Arts Festival on McLevy Green, features dozens of local artists, artisans, crafters, and community groups. There are also a variety of performances, an after party concert, and educational demonstrations throughout the day.



28 Farmers Market

The Bridgeport Farmers' Market Collaborative was established in 2014 and consists of eight independently-operated markets in Bridgeport, CT. Each market shares a common mission to increase access to healthy, local fruits and vegetables for all, regardless of income. BFMC meets on a monthly basis to undertake joint programming, fundraising, and marketing in support of member markets.

29 McLevy Green Concerts

A free, weekly outdoor summer concert series that happens every Thursday on the McLevy Green from 5:30-9 PM in Downtown Bridgeport. Running from late June to late August. Bring your lawn chairs and leashed pets!

30 Harbor Yard Amphitheater

Bridgeport Amphitheater, which replaced the Bridgeport Bluefish, offers guests the chance hold large gatherings and see great performing artists. The venue itself sits 5,700 people with 10 bartenders in each dugout. Buy a ticket and join the fun!



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