

Deer Lake Scout Reservation, 101 Paper Mill Rd, Killingworth, CT

Program Opportunities at Deer Lake

The following programs may be booked with Mark Clifton, the Deer Lake ranger. Call 203-421-4040 to check availability, fees, and to make a reservation. Staff will be provided. Camping reservations should be made separately using the online reservation system at [ctyankee.org](http://www.ctyankee.org); Camping; Reserve a Facility Online (<http://www.ctyankee.org/webpay/stermcamping/new>)

- Climbing – Rocks/Ice
- COPE
- Boating – Canoes/Rowboats

Swimming can be scheduled by calling Patty or Mark Clifton in advance of your stay at camp. Lifeguards will be hired at one or more units' expense. If multiple units request swimming for a single day, your unit's swimming time will be scheduled by Patty and the cost for the lifeguards shared.

The following self guided activities are also available at Deer Lake.

- Fishing – additional fee required (for cost, contact Mark Clifton)
- Orienteering Courses – request materials from Mark
- Nature Hikes

Places of Interest in the Local Area

If your unit or group is looking for a day trip while staying at Deer Lake, the following list may help you plan your stay. This is designed to be a quick resource list only. The Council does not have any prior arrangement with any of these facilities, so you will want to verify availability, details, and make your own reservations, etc.

Submarine Force Library & Museum

Home of the Historic Ship Nautilus, the world's first nuclear submarine.

1 Crystal Lake Road, Groton, CT 06340

860-448-0893

www.submarinemuseum.org; www.ussnautilus.org

40 miles – 50 minutes

Mystic Seaport

Living history museum consisting of a village, ships and 17 acres of exhibits depicting coastal life in New England in the 19th century.

75 Greenmanville Ave, Mystic, CT 06355

860-572-0711

www.mysticseaport.org

40 miles – 1 hour

Mystic Aquarium

One of the nation's leading aquariums and home of famed ocean explorer Dr. Robert Ballard and his Institute for Exploration.

55 Coogan Blvd, Mystic, CT 06355

860-572-5955

www.mysticaquarium.org

40 miles – 1 hour

United States Coast Guard Academy

Founded in 1876, it is the smallest of the five federal service military academies. The US Coast Guard Academy Museum is also located here.

31 Mohegan Ave Pkwy, New London, CT 06320

<http://www.uscga.edu>

35 miles – 45 minutes

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum

Expansive museum of Native American history with life-sized dioramas and a 16th century village.

110 Pequot Trail, Mashantucket, CT 06338

860-396-6800

www.pequotmuseum

45 miles – 1 hour

Gillette Castle State Park

Gillette Castle, built by actor William Gillette, noted for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, overlooks the Connecticut River.

67 River Rd, East Haddam, CT 06423

860-526-2336

www.ct.gov/deep/gillettecastle

20 miles – 45 min

Essex Steam Train and Riverboat

The only steam train and riverboat connection in the country. At the historic 1892 Essex Station, board vintage rail cars pulled by an authentic steam locomotive. The combination of train and ferry may be used to access and hike the grounds of Gillette Castle State Park.

1 Railroad Ave, Essex, CT 06426

860-767-0103

www.essexsteamtrain.com

15 miles – 25 minutes

Connecticut River Museum

The Connecticut River Museum is a U.S. educational and cultural institution based at Steamboat Dock in Essex, Connecticut that focuses on the marine environment and maritime heritage of the Connecticut River Valley. Features permanent and changing exhibitions on the maritime, economic and cultural history of the Connecticut River valley from Canada to Long Island.

67 Main Street, Essex, CT 06426

860-767-8269

www.ctrivermuseum.org

20 miles – 30 minutes

Chester Ferry/CT River

The Chester Ferry began operations in 1769 and is one of the oldest continuously running ferries on the Connecticut River.

Rt 148

Hadlyme on the East side of the river

Chester on the West side of the river

<http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1390&q=499780>

For Additional Information Contact:

Connecticut Department of Transportation

State Maritime Office

Office of Port Operations - State Pier

New London, CT 06320

860-443-3856

to Chester: 20 miles – 40 minutes

To Hadlyme: 22 miles – 45 minutes

The Shore Line Trolley Museum

The Shore Line Trolley Museum, located in East Haven, Connecticut, is the oldest operating trolley museum in the United States. Features one hundred vintage trolleys, a three-mile ride aboard an antique trolley car, and guided tours.

17 River Street, East Haven, CT 06512

203-467-6927

www.shorelinetrolley.org

20 miles – 30 minutes

Chatfield Hollow State Park

Chatfield Hollow State Park is a Connecticut state park located in the town of Killingworth. The park offers hiking trails, a swimming beach, trout fishing, mountain biking, rock climbing, and picnicking areas.

381 CT-80, Killingworth, CT 06419

860-663-2030

www.ct.gov/deep/chatfieldhollow

5 miles – 12 minutes

Hammonasset Beach State Park

Hammonasset Beach State Park is Connecticut's largest shoreline park, with over two miles of beach on Long Island Sound.

1288 Boston Post Rd, Madison, CT 06443

203-245-2785

www.ct.gov/deep/hammonasset

7 miles – 15 minutes