Barn Types





New England



Bank This type is characterized by the location of its main floor at a higher level, either through building on a hillside or by raising the building on a foundation and ramping up. There are two advantages to this arrangement. Originally it provided a place under the barn for the collection and storage of precious manure generated over the winter by livestock on the main floor. Later, with the addition of windows for better light and ventilation, animals were housed in the lowest level, leaving more hay capacity above.

Gambrel

The introduction of gambrel roofs — and their later counterparts, the "gothic roof" and "round roof" — to barns allowed for greater volumes of hay storage in the loft spaces. Most gambrel barns are New England type, though some English barns have gambrel roofs.

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Polygonal/Round These are characterized by a plan other than the traditional rectangle. While one of the earliest polygonal barns is associated with our first president (and dated 1796), neither polygonal or round barns ever captured the imagination of ers, even though they were repeatedly touted as being

PURPOSE



Tobacco Shed This type of barn, or shed as they are called in the Connecticut River Valley, is one of the most distinctive of the single-crop barns. It is characterized often by great length and by vented sides to regulate air flow and allow harvested



Onion In response to the specialization of local farmers in growing onions, a barn type appeared in Fairfield County and the Windsor area. While English onion sheds use a system of louvers to encourage even drying (not unlike our tobacco barns) the examples of onion barns so far located in Connecticut have not used this feature. Instead, they are called onion barns simply because they were used to store the crop.



The term is used as early as the 18th The term is used as early as the 18th century (along with "cow house"). Modern dairy barns are characterized by their interior arrangements of stanchions and gutters to facilitate milking and the removal of manure. The iconic dairy barn is a large gambrel-roofed structure dedicated to the milking cows. Ever more stringent sanitary regulations resulted in specialized technologies such as manure trolleys, silos, and milk rooms or creameries.

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Potato & Mushroom Barns Potato houses or storage barns come in many different shapes and sizes all linked by the common goal of keeping harvested potatoes at a constant temperature and in the dark. The most traditional of these are banked into a hillside. The mushroom barn similarly needs to provide a controlled, dark environment and is likely to be built of masonry.



Poultry House/ Chicken Coop



💼 Corn Crib In the middle of the 19th century, growing "Indian" corn became popular. Storing the corn on the cob in well-ventilated corn cribs allowed the kernels to dry without spoiling. The

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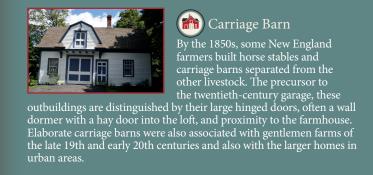
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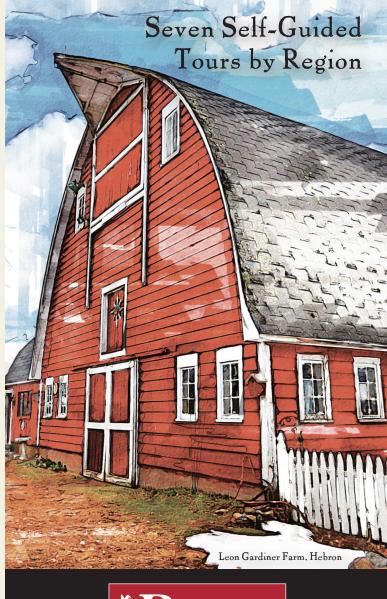
Gentleman's Barn

The 19th century saw the introduction of the Gentleman's barn. These barns were frequently designed by famous architects and were part of estates that combined the luxury of a country retreat with the grit of a working farm. The farm supplied dairy products for the estate and often for the owner's city home. These farms often demonstrated the latest inventions and techniques for scientific farming.

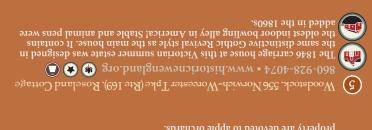








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The historic Hillcrest Farm preserves two post-and-beam barns while housing a cider mill in a new metal structure. About 100 acres of the property are devoted to apple orchards. ц Ш 860–974–1150 • www.buellsorchard.com 🗿 🌒 🔇 🖨 Eastford, 107 Crystal Pond Rd, Buell's Orchard

The campus is home to five breeds of dairy cattle, thoroughbred hors pigs, sheep and 150 varieties of chickens. Explore the barns on a self guided tour and view the daily afternoon milking. Conn Animal Barns 🚯 🕣 (3) Mansfield - Storre, 3636 Horsebarn Hill Rd,

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960-742-6917 • www.ctlandmarks.org ه Among the best-preserved historic farm landscapes in Connecticut, this property features two English barns and the 1776 family home of colonial patriot Nathan Hale. D Coventry, 2299 South St, Nathan Hale Homestead

The Quiet Corner: Northeast Connecticut

The cross-gable carriage barn on this site was built c.1899 by descendants of Ezra Southworth, who erected the elegant 1840 stone house. Vehicles, including a mule-drawn school bus, are on display. The property also includes a bleach house, once used for bleaching ivory. . (5) Deep River, 245 Main St, Deep River Historical Society

The Thomas Lee House is one of the oldest wood frame houses in CT in its primitive state. Built c. 1660 it was added to in 1700 and 1765 and became the property of the East Lyme Historical Society in 1914. Also on the grounds is the Little Boston School House. It was built in 1805 across the road, functioned as a school until 1922 and was moved to its current the road. (h) 💎

Bast Lyme, 228 West Main St. East Lyme Historical Society; Thomas Lee House

Preservation Connecticut's *Historic Barns of Connecticut* project comprises a database of over 8,400 barns, including photographs, at www.connecticutbarns.org — providing the information for the Connecticut Barns Trail. Hundreds of community volunteers helped to identify barns in their towns.

We hope that hundreds more will enjoy tours around the state to see a small sampling of this treasure trove of Connecticut's agricultural past. Support for the barns research came from the State

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	Colchester, 544 Amston Rd, Zagray Farm Museum Www.zagrayfarmmuseum.org 🕕 🍣 A museum of 19th and 20th century farm machinery operated by the Quincbaug Valley Engineers Assocation, there are several original buildings including the Zagray homestead, dairy barn, machine shop, foundry, saw mill and sheds.
W	Franklin, 138 Blue Hill Rd, Blue Slope Country Museum 860-642-6413 • www.blueslope.com 🗓 🖭 🤹 Home to a large herd of Hosteins, this working dairy farm set on 535 acres has been in the same family since 1940. Visitors may purchase farm-fresh meats and other products. There is also a country museum.
9	Ledyard. 153 Vinegar Hill Rd, Nathan Lester House and Farm Tool Museum 360-464-2040 A A Pare by the Town of Ledyard includes a 1793 This historic property owned by the Town of Ledyard includes a 1793 farmhouse and a picturesque grouping of connected barns probably dat- farmhouse and a picturesque grouping of connected barns probably dat- ing from the 1800s.
*	Groton, North Stonington Rd, B.F. Clyde's Cider Mill Bstablished in 1881 and reportedly the oldest steam-powered cider mill in the country, B.F. Clyde's operates out of a Victorian-era barn with a decoratively shingled cupola and cross gables typical of the period.
	Fam Market () Bam Market () 360-536-9248 www.denisonHomestead.org The centerpiece of the Denison Homestead is the Pequotsepos Man- or which was built in 1717 and passed through 11 generations of the Denison family and was restored by historian J. Frederick Kelly in Denison family and was restored by historian J. Frederick Kelly in Denison family and was restored by historian J. Frederick Kelly in Contury. The property includes 140 acres of the original land grant of century. The property includes 140 acres of the original land grant of 1564 and preserves remnants of stone walls and granite quarries.

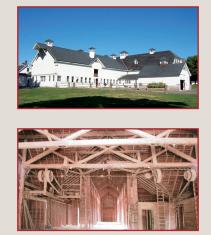
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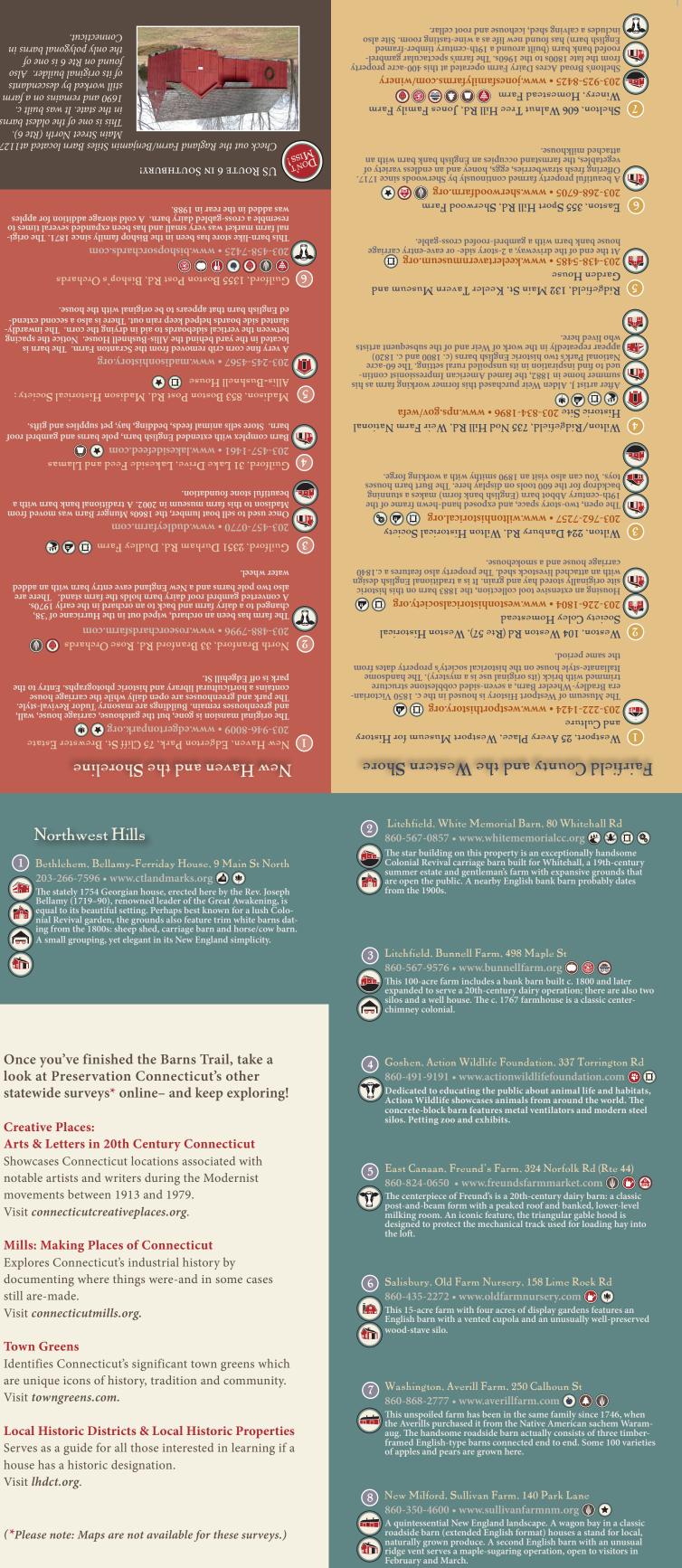
LEGEND: AMENITIES ALONG THE TRAIL



HILLTOP FARM IN SUFFIELD



If you're in the area, drive by the large white barn at Hilltop *Farm located at 1608* Mapleton Avenue (Rte. 159). Built for George Hendee (founder of Indian Motorcycle Co.), this barn was completed in 1914. At the time, *it boasted modern* and sanitary features, many of which operated automatically. Today, it is a Suffield landmark, so be sure to check it out!





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barn. Store sells animal feeds, bedding, hay, pet supplies and gifts.

Dree used to sell boat lumber, the 1860s Munger Barn was moved froi fadison to this farm museum in 2002. A traditional bank barn with a

The original mansion is gone, but the gatehouse, carriage house, wall, and greenhouses remain. Buildings are masonry Tudor Revival-style. The park and greenhouses are open daily while the carriage house contains a horticultural library and historic photographs. Entry to the park is off Edgehill St.

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Two large barns on the property, one a cross-gabled gambrel-roofed dairy barn with three ventilators. The farm was owned by seven gen-erations of the Holcomb family before being willed to the Univer-sity of Connecticut in 1976. The town of Granby took ownership in 1990 and runs it as an agricultural/environmental education facility. This barn-like store has been in the Bishop family since 1571. The origi-nal farm market was very small and has been expanded several times to resemble a cross-gabled dairy barn. A cold storage addition for apples was added in the rear in 1988.



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Get Started Here!

he seven tours in this map feature sites of significance and also highlight amenities that will enhance your experience along the way. (Please refer to the Amenities Legend to the left.) In addition, please visit the connecticutbarns.org website (described below) which provides more information, including pictures, as well as listings of barns that may not be open to the public but can be viewed while en route. Have fun!

ConnecticutBarns.org

The website with 8000 barns! Choose one of our 169 towns and browse the barns on a map or list — explore beyond the Barns Trail.

For instance, in Sterling, stop for ice cream at the Brown Cow Café on Ekonk Hill!



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