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## parks for kids



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- **The first telephone book was published by The New Haven District Telephone company in February 1878. It contained only fifty names.**
- **The Scoville Memorial Library is the United States' oldest public library.**
- **New Haven had the first lollipop-making machine. The candy is named for a popular racehorse.**
- **Connecticut is home to the first hamburger, Polaroid camera, helicopter, and color television.**
- **In colonial New Haven, cut pumpkins were used as guides for haircuts. These New Englanders were nicknamed "pumpkin-heads."**



### 1. Weir Farm National Historic Site

Become a Junior Ranger! Hike to Weir Pond, explore the secret garden or pretend to be a local artist and create your own masterpiece!.

### 2. Housatonic Meadows State Park

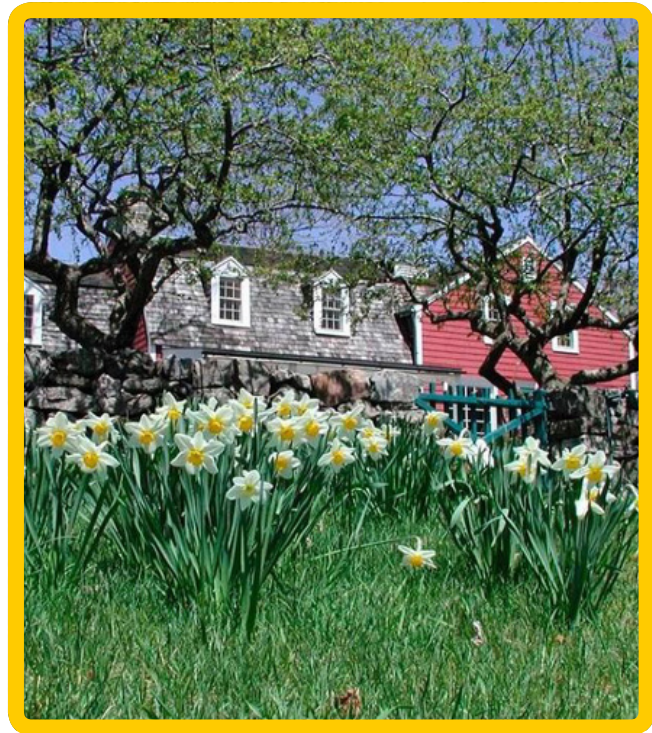
Go fly fishing in the Housatonic River, canoe downriver and brave the moderately challenging rapids! Hike the Pine Knob Loop Trail and reach Pine Knob Summit, even stay the night!

### 3. Talcott Mountain State Park

Hike the Tower Trail for great views, visit the Heublein Tower for a picnic spot or try your luck at bird watching.

### 4. Dinosaur State Park

See close to 600 dinosaur tracks left from 200 million years ago! Learn about the geological history of the world. Hike a nature trail through swamps, woodlands and meadows.



### 5. Sleeping Giant

Cross country ski in the wintertime. Climb the Tower Path up the Giant's arm toward the tower built on his left hip. Be sure to have a picnic here!

### 6. Hammonasset Beach State Park

Go for a bike ride, swim in the ocean, have a picnic! Go fishing or hike around to see the local wildlife. Check out the Meigs Point Nature Center before you go!

### 7. Gillette Castle State Park

Explore historic Gillette Castle and learn about its geology! Hike outside, camp by the river, or have a nice picnic.

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