Welcome to Coventry

Birthplace of Nathan Hale

Historic Coventry is the gateway to Northeast Connecticut’s Quiet Corner. Spread over 37 square miles of woods and old farmlands, our town of 12,500 offers historic sites, farms, antique and specialty shops, public beaches, delicious restaurants, cozy bed-and-breakfast inns, a state boat launch, and an acclaimed farmers’ market.

Coventry, incorporated in 1712, boasts a wealth of history that is rooted in the heroic life and death of Connecticut’s state hero, Nathan Hale. His patriotism during the American Revolution is celebrated at several events held throughout the year at Hale Homestead, the birthplace of Nathan Hale. The Hale Homestead, built in 1776, is now an operating museum educating visitors from near and far about the famous Hale family. At the Homestead, visitors can enjoy walking tours, a corn maze during the Fall, and Nathan Hale’s birthday celebration. The Nathan Hale Ancient Fifes & Drums share the music of this historical period at regional events throughout the year, including Nathan Hale Encampment Weekend.

Coventry’s history extends beyond Hale himself. The Coventry Historical Society owns an historical site, which preserves the authentic beauty and encouraging local visitors to get a glimpse of history. A short walk from the Hale Homestead is the Strong-Porter House, an early 18th century farmhouse home to Hale’s maternal ancestors. Across town are the Museum of Connecticut Glass, which is located in a National Historic District, and the one-room brick schoolhouse on Merrow Road.

In its aim to cherish history, Coventry honors its heroes. The Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial located on the Veteran’s Memorial Green on Lake Street, honors the 612 Connecticut military personnel who gave their life during the conflict.

History goes hand-in-hand with agriculture in Coventry. The plethora of farms and local businesses highlight Coventry’s agricultural heritage. From the locally-produced wines at Cassidy Hill Vineyard to the organic herbs at Topmost Herb Farm, Coventry covers it all. Each Sunday, Coventry hosts the Coventry Farmers’ Market at Hale Homestead. Here, more than 2,000 weekly visitors enjoy live entertainment, demonstrations and shop the stalls for fresh produce and meats, as well as rustic breads, pastries, preserves and finely crafted products from artisans.

Coventry is a town that celebrates the past, present, and future. The array of antique shops, two auction galleries, art galleries, gift shops, personal care salons, exercise facility, and adored restaurants and cafes, make this evident. The best place to see this in action is South Coventry Village. The Village, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is recognized for its well-preserved homes and 19th century mills. The architecturally diverse buildings and numerous restaurants and shops showcase the Village’s everlasting charm. A self-guided walking tour with historical interpretive signs provide insight in the Village’s rich history.

This town is ideal for all ages. Patriots Park and Lake Wangumbaug are family favorites. Patriot’s Park on Lake Street is an excellent area for retreats and family events, with a guarded beach for swimming, playground, picnic area, Community Center and band shell for summer concerts. Lake Wangumbaug is a popular destination for fishing, boating, and water sports. Visitors and residents can soak up the sunshine outdoors at Coventry’s two 18-hole golf courses or the several walking trails throughout town.

For more information on Coventry and its surrounding region, stop by the Visitors Center, 1195 Main Street in the Village on weekends from 10:00-2:00pm.

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