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Connecticut villages

Find history and tradition in quiet settings

If you like to start thinking ahead about vacations, why not think about the possibility of a motor trip through the rolling hills and peaceful countryside and villages of Connecticut.

A state rich in history and tradition, Connecticut boasts number of familiar attractions and some not so well-known.

Consider three villages in the northeastern part of the state near the Massachusetts and Rhode Island borders — Woodstock, Pomfret and Brookline.

They lie along a 12-mile stretch of road and all three still boast architectural monuments from the days when the first settlers arrived.

The 1771 Malbone Episcopal Church in Brookline, for example, is an astonishingly well-preserved survivor from the Colonial period.

INSPIRATION wasn't lacking when Louis Comfort Tiffany designed stained glass windows for another Episcopal church in Brookline. The windows of Trinity Church glow like amethysts and opals in the morning light, the result of a secret method of glassmaking that Tiffany originated and one, unfortunately, which died with him.

The famed designer's family lived in the area for over two centuries and, before establishing the prestigious Tiffany's jewelry store in New York, was a prominent mill owner.

Textile mills played an important role in the life of the village during the middle and late 19th century. With millhands flocking to Brookline, housing had to be found for new arrivals. The mills themselves provided apartment-like enclaves for their workers. A recently restored example of one of these is Quebec Square in East Brookline. The comfortable one-and-a-half-story brick and marble building attests to the fine craftsmanship of the Yankee stonemasons and proves that all 19th century workers did not live in squalor.

JUST OUTSIDE Brookline, Henry Riesenman has established his New England Center for Contemporary Art. Riesenman is dedicated to encouraging young artists and several are in residence there year around.

A few miles north along Route 169 is the village of Pomfret. The spirit of the Revolutionary War here Israel Putnam seems especially alive. In the tiny town, General Putnam established a reputation for derring-do even before he uttered the line, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes" at the Battle of Bunker Hill.



Roseland, a Gothic revival summer cottage in the village of Woodstock, was the scene of lavish parties at

which presidents and literary figures were entertained in the late 1880s.

The general farmed his land near Pomfret before the outbreak of the War of Independence. Finding his sheep being killed by a marauding wolf, Israel tracked the animal to its lair, crawled into the narrow cave, shot the creature and pulled his carcass out by the ears.

Visitors can still visit the scene at Putnam's Wolf Den, in Wolf Den State Park.

There was a time when Pomfret could claim many New York, Philadelphia and Boston society figures among its summer residents. The village with its cool country air and bucolic charm, became a fashionable resort during the late 1880s. Massive summer homes with names like Glen Elsinore, Hamlet Lodge and Ingleside still line the back roads.

A SINGULAR summer house open to the public can be found in the village of Woodstock. "Roseland," a Gothic Revival fantasy that sheltered such guests as Presidents Grant, Hayes, Harrison and McKinley, stands on the western edge of the Woodstock village green. Built in 1846 by Henry C. Bowen, a native, the salmon-pink and magenta board-and-batten house looks like a flamboyant cousin of the sedate Federalist mansions that also face the green.

Bowen, an ardent patriot, celebrated the Fourth of July at Roseland with parties that drew national attention. Fireworks and resplendent punch were enjoyed by such notables as Oliver Wendell Holmes and Harriet Beecher Stowe.

President Grant, it is said, bowed in the alley before the outbreak of the War of Independence. Finding his sheep being killed by a marauding wolf, Israel tracked the animal to its lair, crawled into the narrow cave, shot the creature and pulled his carcass out by the ears.

Several hops, skips and jumps away near Norwalk, off the Long Island Sound near the New York border, is another historic place well worth a visit.

IT'S A PLACE where even the flamboyant Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette might feel at home — a silvery-grey French Renaissance palace that stands a few blocks from the center of Norwalk.

With soaring turrets, sweeping staircases and ornately decorated rooms it is, in fact, America's first chateau, otherwise known as the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion.

Built in a glided age when everything seemed possible, the 50-room mansion was radiant.

In the 1860s there were few Americans wealthier than LeGrand Lockwood. He amassed his fortune from the railroads that spread across the country in the Civil War era. Lockwood was also a highly successful financier on Wall Street.

In 1864, Lockwood decided to erect a country house in the village where he had been born and he pulled out all the mid-Victorian stops.

In building the mansion, he set the style for such better-known 19th century titans as the

The board and batten house built in 1846, left, faces the Woodstock Village green in Woodstock. The house at right in Norwalk was constructed at a cost of \$2 million by LeGrand Lockwood, an early capitalist. In 1873, the New York Sun called it "perhaps, the most perfect and most elegant mansion in America."

Vanderbilts and Astors, whose cottages rose on the dunes of Newport, Rhode Island, 25 years later.

LOCKWOOD HIRED a small army to build the mansion — American and European architects, painters and decorators, stonecutters and woodcarvers brought from Italy and housed on the property. Stonecutters received \$1 a day, woodcarvers, 50 cents.

The most extravagant materials were used — inlaid woods and marbles decorated almost every surface; frescoes cupled on walls and ceilings; nymphs, satyrs and gnomes cavorted on novel posts and mantle pieces.

When completed in 1868 at a cost of nearly \$2,000,000, the mansion also boasted such modern amenities as a hot air furnace, hot and cold running water and 14 full baths.

A children's theater was tucked away under the eaves while in the basement a wine cellar and two bowling alleys nestled under vaulted ceilings.

To keep the mansion in operation, Lockwood had 20 house servants, 40 gardeners and assorted coachmen, grooms and stableboys.

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Incredibly, less than 90 years later, this paragon of Victorian taste narrowly escaped being razed. After the death of the last owner, the town of Norwalk purchased the property. For years the first-floor high-ceilinged rooms, the floors inlaid with standwood, the walls stencilled with gold leaf, were used to house the city's snowflakes. Eventually the town fathers decided to level the building.



The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion in Norwalk, Conn., is America's first chateau. Its soaring turrets, ornamented cupolas and lavish rooms capture the craftsmanship and exuberance of a bygone era.

After his death in 1872, his widow advertised the mansion for sale and it was eventually sold to a Charles Mathews whose family retained ownership until 1938.

One of the recently completed restorations is the sunny conservatory off the parlor. Delicate light filters through panes of glass etched with pale blue fleurs-de-lis and masses of bright blossoms seem to mirror the cerulean, rose and gold frescoed ceiling of the adjoining room. Two floors of the structure are open to the public and last year more than 10,000 visitors toured the spacious rooms.

For information

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Sumatra has wealth of wonders

National Geographic Society

Tigers, elephants, leopards, rhinos, and orangutans live in the vast rain forest of Sumatra. So does the world's largest flower — the 36-inch-wide rafflesia — which can be detected by its scent more than 75 feet away. It smells like a dead rat.

Sumatra has the largest oil and gas fields in Southeast Asia and is a barely tapped storehouse of gold, copper, tin, bauxite, coal, quartz, molybdenum and other minerals.

It produces 23 percent of the world's rubber, 10 percent of its tin, and vast quantities of coffee, tea, pepper, palm oil and sisal.

THE WESTERNMOST of Indonesia's 3,000 habitable islands, Sumatra is about the size of California. Its improbable natural phenomena include 29 volcanoes, 13 of them active, as well as a 1,000-mile-long tidal swamp and mountain range.

When the volcanic Isle of Krakatoa blew itself to bits in 1883, the explosion was 18 times more violent than the May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens. The resulting tsunami, or sea wave, killed 36,000 people in Sumatra and Java.

Since 1927 a smoldering black cone has emerged where Krakatoa once stood in the Sunda Strait at Sumatra's southern tip. Sumatrans call it Anak Krak-

katua, "son of Krakatoa."

Besides volcanic ash, more than 100 inches of rain falls on Sumatra yearly. Harvey Arden, who travelled the island from its southern tip near Java to its northernmost point, Banda Aceh, reports: "In the rainy season . . . the skies flush down such torrents that the roads dissolve. Mudholes ingest vehicles up to the headlights."

In north central Sumatra, Arden stopped at Lake Toba, carved out by an ancient volcano. In the center of Toba lies Samosir, an island within an island and home to the Toba Batak. Bataks live in ancestral houses — sometimes eight families to a dwelling — under thatched roofs topped with decorated saddle-shaped peaks.

Formerly cannibals, they are peaceful, industrious and lovers of music. Christianized by German Lutherans in the 1860s, Bataks are a minority in an 80 percent Moslem population.

To Moslems, however, "the Christian Bataks are still notorious," the author reports. "Though they've given up eating human flesh, they still eat pigs and dogs."

THE MOST zealously Moslem part of Indonesia lies further north in Aceh. The few Westerners who visit Aceh are cautioned to respect local customs.

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