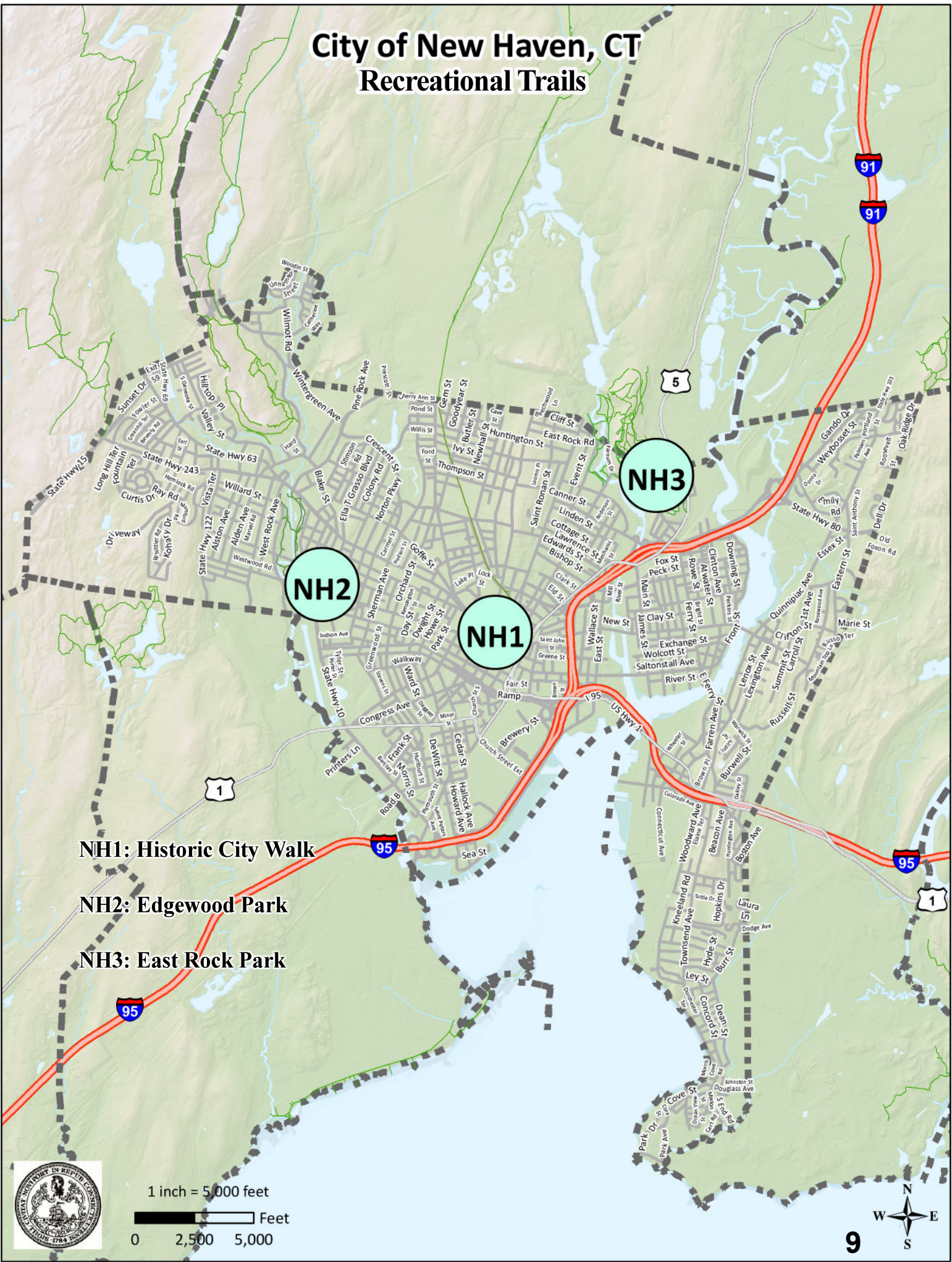


# City of New Haven, CT Recreational Trails



# Historic City Walk

1. City Hall (1861) and Amistad Memorial (1992). High Victorian Gothic building by Henry Austin which has been incorporated into a larger government building designed by Herbert S. Newman. On the site of the old jail (in front of City Hall) stands the three-sided Amistad Memorial sculpted by Ed Hamilton. The sculpture chronicles the Amistad trial from 1839-1842.
2. U.S. District Court House (1913). Designed by James Gamble Rogers.
3. Exchange Building (1832). New Haven's first multi-story commercial building built by William Jehiel Forbes.
4. Bennett Memorial Fountain (1907). Designed by John Ferguson Weir, this functional monument provided water to both people and horses before the advent of the automobile.
5. WWI Memorial (1929). This flagpole designed by Douglas Orr features carved silhouettes and the names of New Haven soldiers killed in action.
6. State Superior Court (1909). Allen and Williams architects designed this Greco-Roman court house.
7. Public Library (1911). Cass Gilbert designed this brick and marble building.
8. Yale Visitor Center (1767). The oldest private residence in New Haven was built by John Pierpont, grandson of a Yale founder.
9. United Church (1815). Built by David Hoadley, this English-style church united former congregants of the Center Church.
10. Center Church (1815) and New Haven Crypt (1640-1812). The church, designed by Asher Benjamin and built by Ithiel Town, is the site of the original meeting house. It sits atop the old burial ground and features a basement crypt. 20,000+ New Haveners are buried here.
11. Trinity Church (1914). Built by Ithiel Town. America's first Gothic Revival Church.
12. Phelps Gate (1895). Yale's "front door" that provides entrance to the Old Campus.
13. Connecticut Hall (1750). The oldest building in New Haven is modeled after Harvard's Massachusetts Hall. A statue of Revolutionary war hero Nathan Hale is in front.
14. Dwight Chapel (1842). Designed by Henry Austin as the original Yale library.
15. Skull and Bones (1856). Oldest of Yale's "secret societies."
16. Yale Center for British Art (1974). Louis Kahn's final work.
17. Women's Table (1993). Designed by Maya Lin to honor female Yale graduates.
18. Sterling Library (1930). Yale's main library designed by James Gamble Rogers.
19. Beinecke Rare Book Library (1963). Designed by Gordon Bunshaft of Skimore, Owens, and Merrill, this translucent marble library boasts a rare Gutenberg Bible.
20. Book and Snake (1901). Designed by R.H. Robinson, this was the first Yale "secret society" to accept women and minorities.
21. Grove Street Cemetery (1795). Egyptian Revival Entrance by Henry Austin. Resting place of Eli Whitney, Noah Webster, Walter Camp, and Roger Sherman.
22. Woolsey Hall (1901). Designed by Carrere & Hastings, it is home to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.
23. Scroll and Key (1869). Exotic Moorish temple by Richard Morris Hunt that houses a Yale "secret society."
24. Farmington Canal Greenway (1835). Former canal and railway converted into a recreational trail.
25. New Haven Museum and Historical Society (1930). This museum by J. Frederick Kelley houses many New Haven treasures.

## Trail Description:

### Easy Walk

The Historic Walking Tour centers around the 18-acre Green, historically the center of nine squares of the original New Haven boundary. The Green continues to be a tranquil heart of the City and a location for many cultural events.

Total trails distance is approx. 0.93 miles

## Directions and Parking:

Depending on your anticipated length of stay in New Haven, on-street metered parking through the City is available for 1 to 2 hour intervals during the day until 8 pm. Ample parking is available at many private or public structures at specified rates per hour. Parking structures are located on Temple Street south of Chapel Street and behind City Hall.

## Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Dogs are permitted on New Haven's city streets on leash. Please bag and pick up all animal waste.



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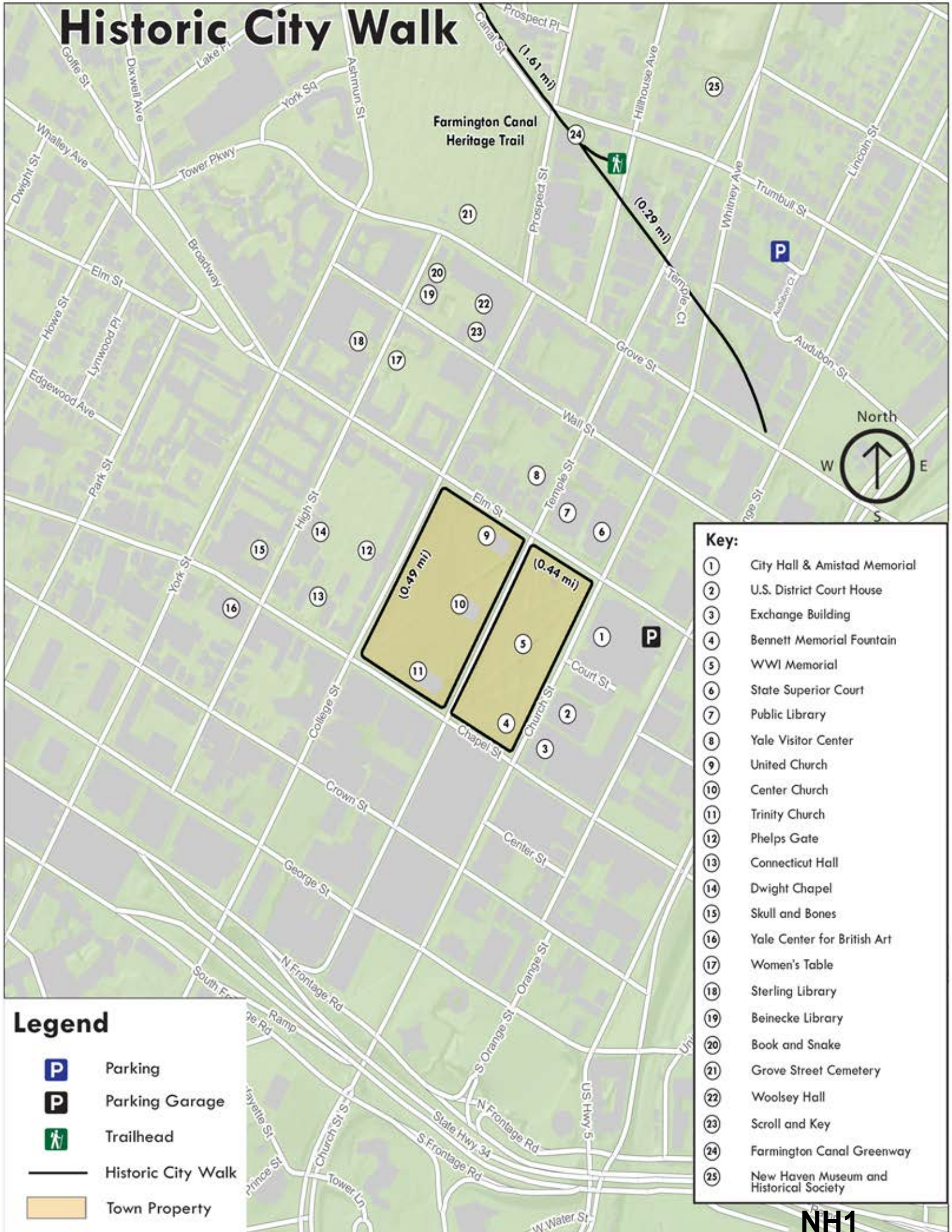


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# Historic City Walk



## Legend

-  Parking
-  Parking Garage
-  Trailhead
-  Historic City Walk
-  Town Property

## Key:

- ① City Hall & Amistad Memorial
- ② U.S. District Court House
- ③ Exchange Building
- ④ Bennett Memorial Fountain
- ⑤ WWI Memorial
- ⑥ State Superior Court
- ⑦ Public Library
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- ㉔ Farmington Canal Greenway
- ㉕ New Haven Museum and Historical Society

# Edgewood Park

In 1889, the City of New Haven “adopted” sixty acres of property which they turned over to the new Park Commission for development. Nicholas W. Hubinger, James Mason, and Donald Mitchell made additional donations of land for the park. Mitchell, an author and agriculturist whose pen name was “Ik Marvel” lived above Forest Road on his Farm, “Edgewood,” the namesake of the park.

In 1910, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. designed the layout of the present park. It included an extensive rose garden, a “grandmother’s garden,” a lily pond, an archery field, groves and glens, trails, carriage drives and a bridle path over three miles long. A spring of cold pure water at the corner of Stanley Street and Ella T. Grasso Boulevard was used by the local residents in the summertime; it was later made into a drinking fountain. A century later, Edgewood Park’s 120+ acres provide recreation and tranquility to thousands every year

There are two war memorials near Edgewood Park. The Holocaust Memorial Monument is located at the corner of Whalley and West Park Avenues. This site is used annually by the Jewish community for Holocaust memorial.

The Spanish American War Veterans Memorial is just south of the Ranger Station. You can find the bronze statue of a soldier. The metal for this tribute to those who fought in this war was cast from the U.S.S. Maine, which was sunk in Havana Harbor on February 15th, 1898.

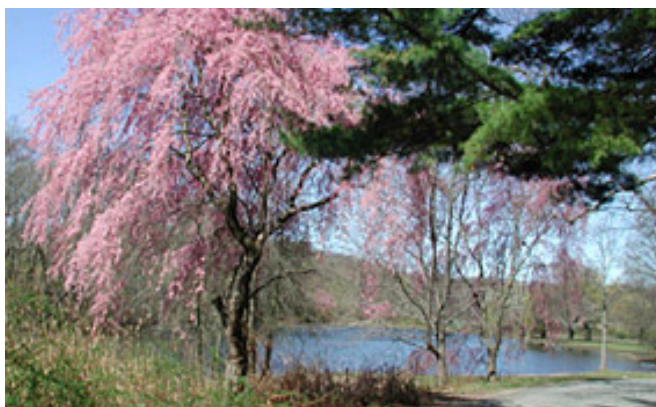


Photo by the City of New Haven



Photo by Friends of Edgewood Park

## Directions and Parking:

From Wilbur Cross Pkwy (15): Take exit 59 and head south on Whalley Avenue until it meets Route 63 (Whalley Ave). Turn left on Route 63 and continue for 1.2 miles. There will be an entrance on the right with a parking lot near the skate park. There is an additional parking lot near the tennis courts. Simply take a right at West Rock Avenue and turn left into the parking lot.

## Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

Edgewood park is a year-round park. Trails are for hiking only. Canoeing and fishing are allowed in the Lower West River, fishing is also permitted in Duck Pond with a license. Unless in the dog run, dogs must be leashed. Please pick up all pet waste.

- Total Trails Length:** Approx. 3.3 miles
- Blue Trail:** 0.44 miles. Easy Hike
- White Trail:** 1.96 miles. Easy Hike Hike
- Unblazed Trails:** 0.75 miles. Easy Hike

## Trail Description:

### Easy Hike

Edgewood Park offers countless ways to enjoy nature and the outdoors: from walking, jogging, bird-watching or cross-country skiing to tennis, relaxing by a pond or skateboarding at Coogan Pavilion, Edgewood has something for every age group and lifestyle.

Total trails distance is approx. 3.3 miles



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# East Rock Park

East Rock was formed 200 million years ago as the continents were in the process of moving away from each other. Molten rock from deep in the earth surged through stress cracks formed in the sandstone bedrock of the New Haven area. The molten rock cooled to form dolerite, also known as basalt or traprock. Dolerite is much more resistant to erosion than the surrounding sandstone. As glacial action and the forces of weather eroded away the softer sandstone, East Rock (and other traprock ridges such as West Rock) became more prominent.

The summit of East Rock Park now rises more than 350 feet above the floor of the Mill River Valley at its base. The summit of East Rock is accessible by foot, bicycle, or car and provides views of New Haven, the Harbor and Long Island Sound.

East Rock Park offers over 10 miles of hiking trails. The Giant Steps Trail provides a spectacular 285-foot climb to the Summit. It is designated with red triangle trail markers and starts at the English Drive gate along the north side of Rice Field.

East Rock Park includes many special features including the Trowbridge Environmental Center and the Pardee Rose Garden. The Trowbridge Environmental Center is a nature center which is open to the general public and features displays and information about the local flora and fauna. The Pardee Rose Garden and Greenhouse is a favorite location for wedding photos that features extensive rose gardens and other flowering plants from early spring until mid fall. The garden has a unique raised tiered structure that resembles the top of a wedding cake. The park is open all year round.



Photo by Emmeline Alaconis, SCRCOG

## Trail Description:

### Easy Walk to Moderate Hike

East Rock park offers something for everyone. In addition to a picnic area and scenic overlooks, there are trails of various difficulties for hikers to try. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument near the summit honors New Haven men who gave their lives in four wars.

Total trails distance is approx. 11.97 miles

## Directions and Parking:

From I-91: Take Willow Street Exit (Exit 6) to end of ramp. Turn right onto Willow Street. At second light turn right on Mitchell Drive. Follow to first traffic light. The Park will be on your right with street parking near the entrance.

From Wilbur Cross Pkwy (15): Take Whitney Avenue Exit (Exit 61) towards New Haven. Pass the reservoir on your left and continue one mile to the flashing light at Cold Spring Street. Turn left onto Cold Spring Street. The Park will be on your left. Parking areas are also located at the top of the East Rock Peak and near North Meadow.

## Permitted/Prohibited Activities:

East Rock park is a year-round park. Trails are for hiking only. Swimming in the Mill River is prohibited. Rock climbing is prohibited. Dogs are permitted on leash. Please bag and pick up all animal waste.



Photo by CT Weekender

**Total Trails Length:** Approx. 11.97 miles

**Red (Giant Steps Trail):** 2.13 miles. Moderate Hike

**Yellow Trail:** 1.26 miles. Moderate Hike

**Orange Trail:** 0.88 miles. Easy Hike

**Blue Trail:** 0.65 miles. Easy to Moderate Hike

**White Trail:** 1.77 miles. Easy Hike to Moderate Hike

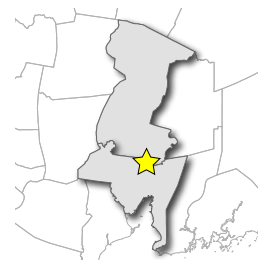
**Grey (Fire Access Roads):** 2.75 miles. Easy Hike to Moderate Hike

**Unblazed Trails:** 2.07 miles. Easy Hike to Moderate Hike

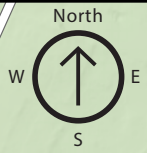


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# East Rock Park



**Legend**

Parking	Soldiers & Sailors Monument
Trailhead	Locked gate
Scenic viewpoint	Town Property
Restrooms	State Property
Bridge	Wetlands
Unblazed Trails	
Red (Giant Steps Trail)	
Yellow	
Orange	
Blue	
White	
Grey (Fire Access Roads)	

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