

THINGS TO DO IN MYSTIC, SITE OF NDAA 2012 SUMMER CONFERENCE



Mystic Aquarium and Institute for Exploration
55 Coogan Blvd.
Mystic, CT 06355
860 572 5955

Mystic Aquarium's sea lion shows, beluga whales, and wide range of hands-on fun make it special. But the new Nautilus theater, where

visitors can join the deep-sea explorations of Dr. Robert Ballard as they happen, is truly one-of-a-kind.

Mystic Seaport
75 Greenmanville Avenue
Mystic, CT 06355
860-572-0711

The nation's leading maritime museum. Explore American maritime history first-hand as you climb aboard historic tall ships, stroll through a re-created 19th-century coastal village or watch a working preservation shipyard in action.

Olde Mistick Village
27 Coogan Boulevard
Mystic, CT 06355
860 536 4941

Step back into the 1700s. Experience early American charm and beauty. Linger in more than 60 quaint shoppes in a colonial New England style setting, which feature many unique items found only at Olde Mistick Village.

Florence Griswold Museum
96 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, CT 06371
860 434 5542

The Florence Griswold Museum is the ultimate art, nature, and history-lover's destination. World-class collections, changing exhibitions, family activities, and the famed Griswold House, where a generation of artists lived and worked—all in one remarkable place!



Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center
110 Pequot Trail
Mashantucket, CT 06338
800 411 9671

Journey back 18,000 years to discover the native and natural history of southeastern Connecticut. Award-winning museum includes interactive exhibits, dioramas, historic artifacts, movies, observation tower, restaurant, gift shop. Open year round.



Historic Ship Nautilus & Submarine Force Museum
1 Crystal Lake Road
Groton, CT 06340
860 694 3558

Home of the Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered vessel and the first ship to go to the North Pole, The Submarine Force Museum traces the development of the "Silent Service" from the 1700s to more recent Ohio and Virginia class submarines.

Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
1 Railroad Avenue
Essex, CT 06426
860 767 0103

Got a train fan in the family? With two coal-fired locomotives and a collection of lovingly restored railroad cars, Essex Steam Train's meandering journey through the scenic towns of Deep River and Chester is truly magical. From the exciting "All Aboard" to the engineer checking the locomotive before the run, you'll experience an authentic journey back to the days of steam.

But, trains are just part of Essex Steam Train & Riverboat's appeal. Passengers who purchase tickets for the connecting riverboat enjoy a relaxing and informative sightseeing excursion immersed in the natural beauty of Connecticut River. Sit back, breathe in the fresh air, and learn about the history and natural wonder of the Connecticut River Valley—designated one of "the last great places on earth" by The Nature Conservancy.

The Dinosaur Place
1650 Hartford New London Tpk
Oakdale, CT 06370
860 443 4367

Explore over 1.5 miles of trails in a 60-acre dinosaur-themed park, filled with 30 life-size dinos. Wander a "MAZE" asaurus - New England's largest self-standing maze; play at Splashpad—a zero-depth aquatic park w/dino-themed water cannons and much more.

The Spa at Norwich Inn
607 West Thames Street
Norwich, CT 06360
860 425 3500

The Spa at Norwich Inn is located on an expansive 42-acre property in the woodlands of eastern Connecticut. We are an intimate overnight retreat and home to an elegant full-service spa, fitness center and a gourmet restaurant.

Foxwoods Resort Casino and MGM at Foxwoods
350 Trolley Line Blvd
Mashantucket, CT 06338
860 312 3000

Foxwoods Resort Casino owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation has nearly five million square feet of exhilarating and award winning entertainment, gaming, dining and shopping experiences under one roof.



Mohegan Sun
1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard
Uncasville, CT 06382
860 862 8000

One of New England's top destinations, Mohegan Sun is a regular stop for big name entertainers, has some of the area's best dining and shopping...and, of course, gaming. Afterwards, you can rest up at a world-class hotel and spa.