

# AREA PROFILE: RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Tucked into the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains and a short 1-hour drive North from New York City, Ridgefield, Connecticut is the kind of town that feels like it belongs in a postcard. With its tree-lined streets, historic homes, and vibrant arts scene, Ridgefield offers a unique blend of small-town charm and cultural richness that continues to draw visitors and residents alike.

Often ranked among the best places to live in New England, this picturesque town offers a lifestyle that many people actively seek but rarely find. One of the biggest draws to Ridgefield is its highly regarded public school system. Families move here specifically for the quality of education, dedicated teachers, and strong extracurricular programs. Safe neighborhoods, well-maintained parks, and community-centered events make it an ideal environment for families, professionals, and retirees alike.

Ridgefield residents are deeply engaged in their town. Seasonal events like farmers markets, summer concerts, and holiday celebrations foster a genuine sense of belonging. Whether you're new to the area or a longtime resident, it's easy to feel connected and involved. With locally owned shops, cafés, and restaurants, the downtown area offers a walkable, welcoming atmosphere that encourages community. With a vibrant cultural identity, built-in access to arts and entertainment adds a level of sophistication that's rare for a town of its size. The town's commitment to preserving open space ensures that its natural beauty remains a defining feature.

Ridgefield is a town where you can slow down without feeling disconnected, and where everyday life feels just a little more meaningful. For those looking to trade city noise for New England charm—without giving up convenience—Ridgefield stands out as an exceptional place to call home.



# CONVENIENT COMMUTES



## IMMEDIATE / LOCAL AREA (WITHIN ~ 20 MINUTES)

- Danbury, CT | 8 Miles, 10-15 Minutes
- Redding, CT | 8 Miles, 20 Minutes
- Wilton, CT | 8 Miles, 15 Minutes



## LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY (NYC COMMUTER BELT)

- Stamford, Connecticut | 23 miles, 30-35 min
- Norwalk, Connecticut | 18-22 miles, 15-30 min (via Stamford route)
- Greenwich, Connecticut | 28 miles, 30-35 min
- Fairfield, Connecticut | 24 miles, 25 min
- This region connects Ridgefield to the NYC metro economy and rail lines.



## NEW YORK METRO AREA

- New York City | 50-60 miles, ~1 hr 15 min
- White Plains, New York | 25-30 miles, 35-45 min
- Westchester County, New York – directly adjacent
- (~15-30 min depending on town)
- Ridgefield is effectively a NYC suburb without being in New York State.



## COASTAL CONNECTICUT CITIES

- Bridgeport, Connecticut | 25 miles, 30-40 min
- New Haven, Connecticut | 40 miles, 50-60 min
- Coastal cities = major transit hubs (Metro-North, Amtrak, I-95 corridor)



## CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

- Waterbury, Connecticut | 35-40 miles, 45-50 min
- Hartford, Connecticut | 66 miles, 1 hr 10 min
- Hartford is the state capital and insurance/business center.



## TRAIN TRAVEL IN AREA

- Branchville Station | 3-5 miles from Downtown Ridgefield, 5-10 minutes (Metro-North)
- Redding Station | 10-15 minutes (same Danbury Branch Metro-North)
- Wilton Station | 15-20 minutes (Danbury Branch with more parking options)
- South Norwalk Station | 25-30 minutes (Major hub on New Haven Line)
- Stamford Transportation Center | 30-35 minutes (Express trains to NYC)



## MAJOR AIRPORT TRAVEL IN AREA

- Westchester County Airport | 20-30 miles, 35-40 min
- Tweed New Haven Airport | 45 miles, 1 hour 10 minutes
- LaGuardia Airport | 50 miles, 1 hour 15 minutes
- John F. Kennedy International Airport | 60 miles, 1 hour 20 minutes
- Bradley International Airport | 80 miles, 1 hour 45 minutes

# DESIRABLE AMENITIES

- Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum
- Weir Farm National Historical Site
- Ridgefield Playhouse
- Prospector Theater
- Ridgefield Golf Course
- Lounsbury House
- Camerata d'Amici
- RPAC Art Center & Academy
- Western Connecticut Youth Orchestra
- D. Colabella Fine Art Gallery
- Ridgefield Library
- Ridgefield Theater Barn
- CHIRP
- Ridgefield Guild of Artists
- RPAC Gallery
- Ridgefield Independent Film Festival
- Ridgefield Chorale
- Ridgefield Conservatory of Dance
- Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra
- Michael Chekhov Theatre Festival
- Pine Mountain Reserve
- Ballard Park
- Earth Root Farm
- Norwalk River Valley Trail / Ridgefield Ramble
- Martin Park Beach
- Brewster Farm & Jones Trail
- Graham Dickinson SPIRIT State Park
- Horseshoe Farm
- Seth Low Pierrepont State Park
- Bennett's Pond State Park
- Veronica's Garden
- Ridgefield Rail Trail
- Woodcock Nature Center
- Henny Penny Farm
- One Hump Farm
- Hemlock Hills
- The Hickories Farm
- Bark Park Dog Park
- Ridgefield Recreation Center
- Branchville Railroad Tenement
- The Scott House
- Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center
- Ridgefield Center Historic District
- Peter Parley Schoolhouse



# DAILY LIVING

## COFFEE SHOPS

- Corner Cafe Of Ridgefield
- Tazza Cafe Ridgefield
- Tusk & Cup Fine Coffee
- Queen B Coffee Company
- Heads Up Cafe



## GROCERY STORES

- Stop & Shop
- Ridgefield Organics & Specialty Market
- Stew Leonard's
- Whole Foods Market - Danbury
- Caraluzzi's Georgetown Market



## GAS STATIONS

- Ridgefield Fuel Associates
- Cops Hill Shell
- Mobil
- Valero
- Mobil
- Sunoco

## PHARMACY

- CVS
- Walgreens
- Health Mart
- Bissell Pharmacy



## FITNESS CENTERS

- Orange Theory Fitness
- Plank Ridgefield I Fitness Studio
- Results Fitness Ridgefield
- Club 24 Concept Gyms
- Ridgefield Parks & Recreation
- Highlife
- Steel Fitness
- Train 2 Xcel
- KickFit CT
- Pure Barre





# AREA RESTAURANTS

- Terrasole Ristorante
- Luc's Cafe
- The Hideaway Kitchen & Bar
- Tazza Cafe Ridgefield
- Bailey's Backyard
- Tequila Escape Ridgefield
- Barn Door Restaurant
- R House Ridgefield
- Posa Ristorante & Vineria
- 850 Wood Fired Pizza Restaurant
- The Mariner Tavern
- Gallo Ristorante
- Hoodoo Brown BBQ
- Tablao Wine Bar & Restaurant
- The Lantern
- Brasserie Saint Germain
- Nod Hill Brewery
- Brick House Wood Fired Pizza Company
- Craft Kitchen + Bar
- Wooster Hollow Cafe
- Southwest Cafe
- The Redding Roadhouse
- Black Cat Grille
- Milestone
- 121 Restaurant & Bar
- Acapulco Mexican Restaurant
- Botanika Cafe Ridgefield
- Bareburger
- Dolce Restaurant & Wine Bar
- The Horse & Hound
- One Twenty Three
- Terra
- Prime Burger
- Cactus Rose Restaurant & Tequila Bar
- Market Place Kitchen & Bar
- Lombardi's Trattoria
- Marly's
- The Cheesecake Factory

Discover many more exceptional dining experiences in neighboring towns of Danbury, Redding, New Canaan, and across the NY line.