

AREA PROFILE: ASHFORD, CONNECTICUT

Ashford, a part of Windham County, is located in the northeast, or Quiet Corner, of Connecticut. Formerly New Scituate, Ashford was settled in 1710 and incorporated as a town in October of 1714. The Old Connecticut Path, an early Native American thoroughfare, crossed what is now the Ashford Common. Later, the Boston and Hartford Turnpike provided a direct route through Ashford from Boston to Connecticut. The town enjoys easy access from I-84 with its own exit (72) Notable sites in this largely residential community include the June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation and the late-Paul Newman's The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

Ashford offers a slower pace, deep-rooted history, and a natural beauty that feels refreshingly untouched. Rolling hills, dense forests, and winding backroads make it a haven for anyone looking to escape the noise of city life. In the fall, the foliage transforms the town into a patchwork of fiery reds, oranges, and yellows. Even a simple drive becomes an experience. Outdoor enthusiasts will find plenty to do year-round. Hiking trails, small lakes, and hidden picnic spots are scattered throughout the area. Whether you're out for a quiet walk or a full day of exploring, Ashford's landscape delivers a sense of calm that's hard to replicate.

The old town green and surrounding areas give off a distinctly New England charm—simple, understated, and deeply connected to tradition. A few restaurants and shops offer locals a place to gather and chat with neighbors or just relax with a cup of coffee. Residents in Ashford also benefit from easy access to larger cities like Hartford, Springfield, and Boston for more shopping and entertainment options.

All in all, living in Ashford is an enjoyable experience that offers residents a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of the city while still providing them with plenty of opportunities for exploration. Its appeal lies in its simplicity: open land, historic roots, and a strong sense of community. In a world that often feels rushed and overcomplicated, Ashford offers something increasingly rare—a chance to slow down and just exist for a while.



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BOSTON

1 HOUR, 40 MINUTES

NEW YORK CITY

2 HOURS, 30 MINUTES

HARTFORD, CT

45 MINUTES

SPRINGFIELD, MA

50 MINUTES

PROVIDENCE, RI

55 MINUTES

BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

45 MINUTES

UConn STORRS

12 MINUTES



CONVENIENT COMMUTES

EASTFORD | 6 MINUTES

WILLINGTON | 12 MINUTES

MANSFIELD/STORRS | 15 MINUTES

WILLIMANTIC | 15 MINUTES

UNION | 16 MINUTES

WOODSTOCK | 18 MINUTES

CHAPLIN | 20 MINUTES

TOLLAND | 21 MINUTES

COVENTRY | 21 MINUTES

PUTNAM | 21 MINUTES

STAFFORD SPRINGS | 22 MINUTES

VERNON | 28 MINUTES

THOMPSON | 29 MINUTES

ELLINGTON | 33 MINUTES

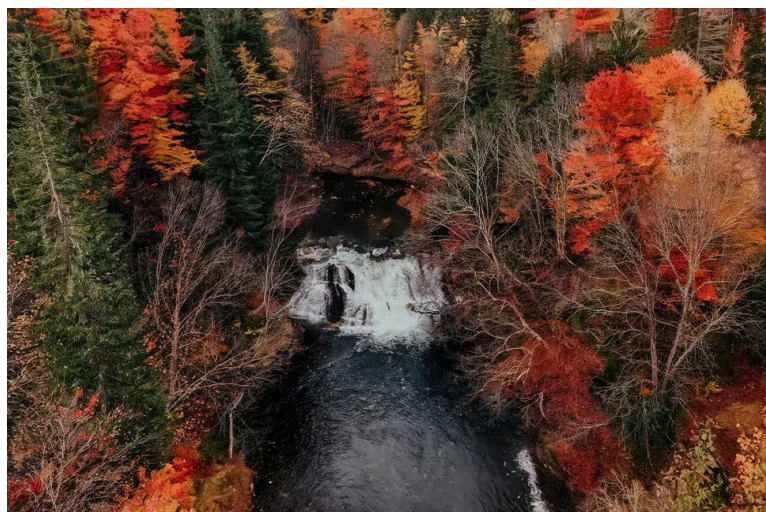
SOUTH WINDSOR | 35 MINUTES

SOUTHBRIDGE, MA | 25 MINUTES

DUDLEY, MA | 29 MINUTES

DESIRABLE AMENITIES

- Ashford Memorial Park
- Pompey Hollow Park
- Babcock Library
- Earl W. Smith Senior Center
- Nipmuck State Forest
- Natchaug State Forest
- Bigelow Hollow State Park
- Mashamoquet Brook State Park
- Mansfield Hollow State Park
- Joshua's Trust and Preserves
- Yale-Myers Forest
- Nipmuck Trail
- Air Line State Park Trail
- Hop River State Park Trail
- Halls Pond Carry-In Boat Launch
- Eagleville Pond Carry-In Boat Launch
- Vineyard Valley Golf Club and Driving Range
- Windham Golf Course
- Ashford Farmers' Market
- Crookes Orchard
- Buell's Orchard
- River's Edge Sugar House
- Westford Hill Distillers
- Watercure Farm Distillery
- Sharpe Hill Vineyard
- Taylor Brooke Winery
- Taylor Brooke Brewery
- Black Pond Brews
- Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts
- William Benton Museum of Art
- von der Mehden Recital Hall
- Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry
- Windham Textile and History Museum
- Church Farm Center for Arts and Sciences
- Nathan Hale Homestead Museum
- Adventure Park at Storrs
- Mansfield Drive-In Theater
- Toscano Family Ice Forum
- Harry A. Gampel Pavilion
- Windham Airport



DAILY LIVING

COFFEE SHOPS

- Wooden Spoon Family Restaurant
- Dunkin'
- Toast Four Corners
- Dog Lane Cafe
- Starbucks

GROCERY STORES

- Big Y
- Price Chopper
- Coventry Public Market
- Stop & Shop
- Walmart Supercenter

GAS STATIONS

- XtraMart
- Cumberland Farms

HEALTH FACILITIES

- Antero Urgent Care
- UConn Health Urgent Care
- Windham Hospital

PHARMACIES

- CVS
- Walgreens

VETERINARY HOSPITALS

- East Brook Animal Hospital
- Eastford Veterinary Hospital
- Fenton River Veterinary Hospital
- The Mobile Animal Clinic of Eastern CT
- River Road Veterinary Center
- Willington Veterinary Center

FITNESS CENTERS

- Mansfield Community Center
- East Brook Fitness
- Lunging Tiger Karate
- Planet Fitness
- Breath of Being Yoga





AREA RESTAURANTS

- Asian Bistro
- Bidwell Tavern
- Black Dog Bar & Grill
- Chuck's Steak House & Margarita Grill
- Coyote Flaco
- The Crowe's Nest
- Dog Lane Cafe
- Fenton River Grill
- Flat Pennies Kitchen
- Golden Greek Restaurant & Pub
- Grill 37
- Heirloom Food Company
- Hilltop Restaurant Bar & Banquet
- Hops 44
- Lakeview Restaurant
- The Mansion at Bald Hill
- Monet's Table
- Oyama Japanese & Thai
- Papa T's
- Red Rock Cafe
- Spring Hill Tavern
- Stix 'n' Stones Kitchen & Market
- Toast Four Corners
- The Traveler Restaurant
- Trophy Room
- Vanilla Bean Cafe
- Willimantic Brewing Company
- Wooden Spoon Family Restaurant
- Camille's Wood Fired Pizza
- Dimitri's Pizza Restaurant
- Midway Restaurant & Pizza
- Wellington Pizza
- Wellington Pizza Too
- Aero Diner
- Blondie's Country Diner
- Zip's Diner
- Ashford Dairy Bar
- Frog Rock Summer Shack
- UConn Dairy Bar

