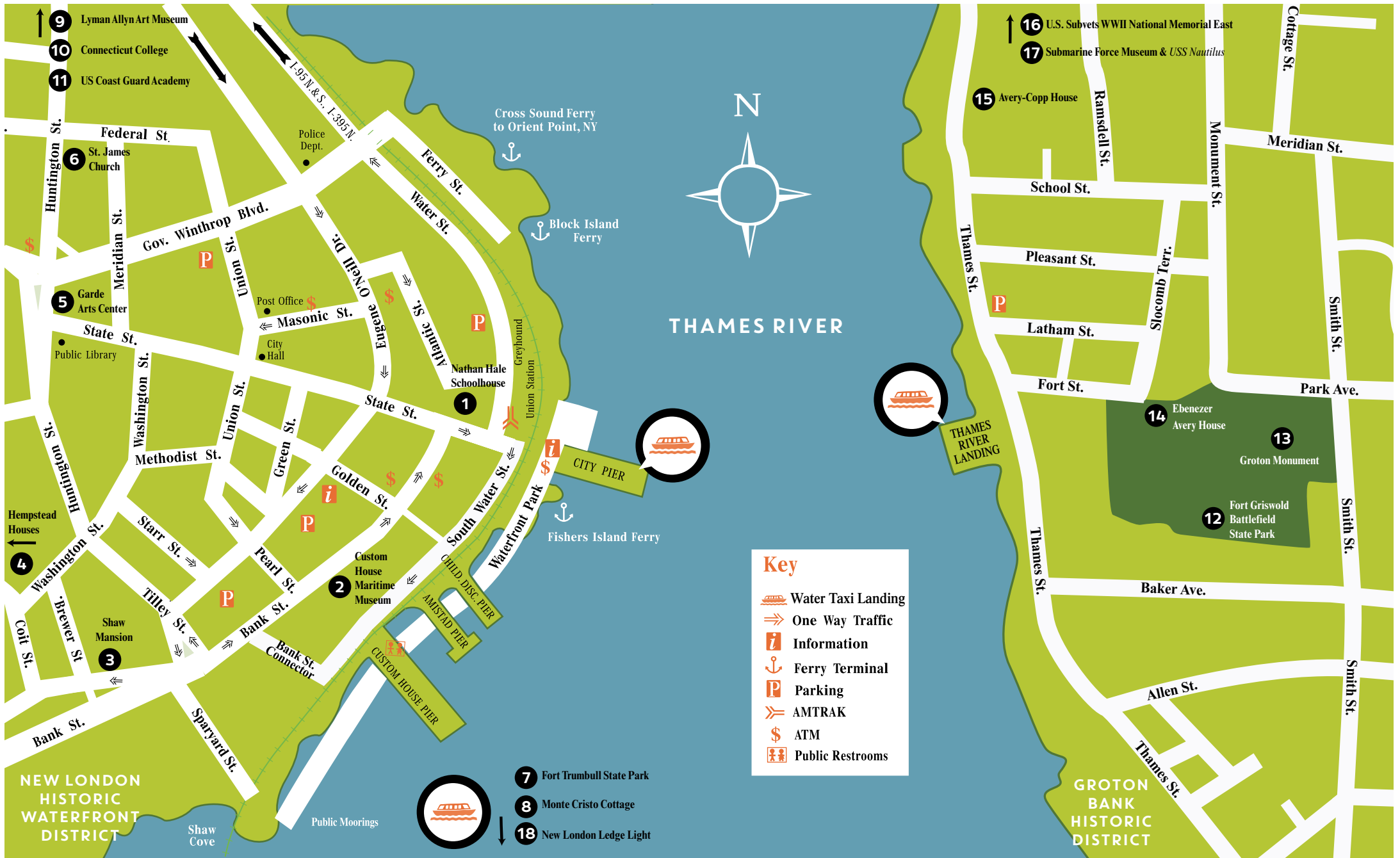


# Thames River Heritage Park & Water Taxi

## MAP & GUIDE



## 2017 WATER TAXI FARES

ADULTS		CHILDREN 4-12 & ACTIVE MILITARY*	
Round Trip	\$10	Round Trip	\$5
Ride All Day	\$15	Ride All Day	\$10
Ride All Weekend	\$20	Ride All Weekend	\$15
Ride All Holiday Weekend	\$25	Ride All Holiday Weekend	\$20
CHILDREN 3 & UNDER FREE			

### SEASON PASS

All days, unlimited rides \$50 **A GREAT DEAL!**

*\*Active Military ID required*

Passengers may disembark & re-board at each stop. The Water Taxi runs rain or shine. Bicycles accommodated if space permits. Rates subject to change without notice.

## WATER TAXI SCHEDULE

Starting and ending at Fort Trumbull, the water taxi makes three stops in a continuous hop on - hop off loop from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday - Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend through mid-September.

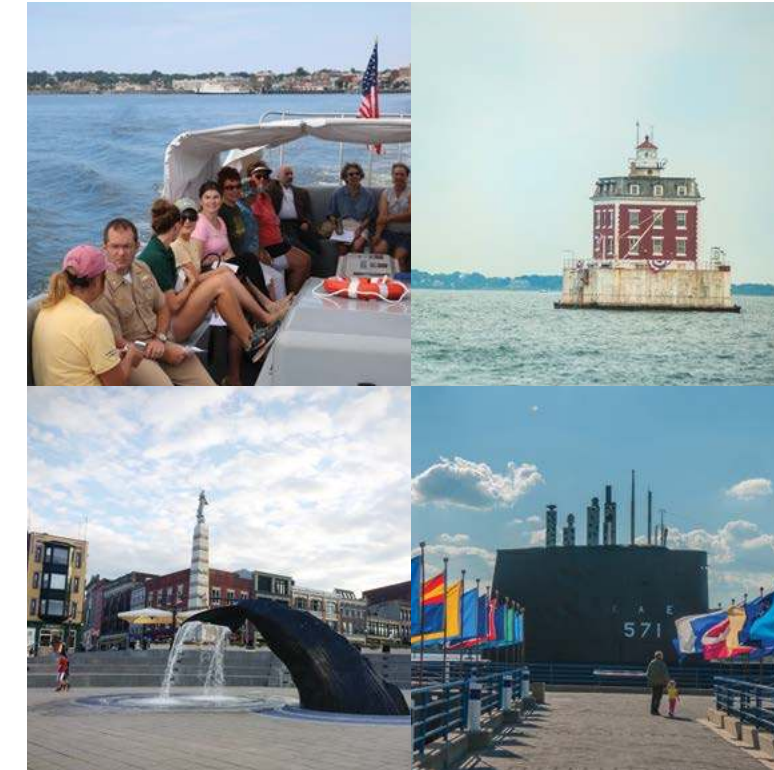
For weather updates, schedules, tickets, season passes and boarding rules go to our boat operator at [trwtllc.com](http://trwtllc.com).

**FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK IN NEW LONDON:** on the hour

**CITY PIER IN NEW LONDON:** 20 minutes after the hour

**FORT STREET IN GROTON:** 40 minutes after the hour

The Water Taxi is available for private charter. Check our events calendar for scheduled River Tours.



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WATERFRONT PARK



GROTON MONUMENT

# HISTORY ALIVE.

The sites listed here are within walking distance or a short drive from a water taxi landing.

*Site hours and admission fees vary.*

## NEW LONDON SITES

**7 FORT TRUMBULL**, a massive granite fort built in Egyptian Revival style completed in 1852. Its ramparts offer spectacular views of the harbor. It features a world-class visitor center depicting over 225 years of military history.

**NEW LONDON'S HISTORIC WATERFRONT DISTRICT** is bursting with delicious dining experiences. Over 30 eateries populate this 26-block National Register Historic District. Nathan Hale, Benedict Arnold, and Eugene O'Neill walked these streets. America's greatest architects left their mark on the buildings. From the collection of Tiffany windows at **6 ST. JAMES CHURCH** to the restored movie palace, the **5 GARDE ARTS CENTER**, to the shops, galleries, and plentiful entertainment, there is much to see and do. You can also enjoy a variety of boat, walking, and Segway tours.

Within walking distance of the water taxi landing are the **4 HEMPSTED HOUSES**, two structures that survived the 1781 burning of New London and where nine generations of Hempsteds lived. American patriot Nathan Hale taught at the **1 NATHAN HALE SCHOOLHOUSE**, where visitors can read some of the moving letters Connecticut's

state hero wrote to friends and family during his short life. The oldest continuously operating U.S. custom house can be visited at the **2 CUSTOM HOUSE MARITIME MUSEUM**, designed by the architect of the Washington Monument.



Nearby, the **3 SHAW MANSION** was a naval headquarters during the revolution, and boasts a priceless collection of documents and artifacts. A little further afield, the **9 LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM**, legacy of a whaling fortune, graces the hill overlooking the city. It is known as a mini Metropolitan Museum of Art for the breadth of its collection.

Sharing the hill is the top-rated liberal arts institution **10 CONNECTICUT COLLEGE** and the equally prestigious **11 U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY**.

America's only Nobel Prize winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill, lived an itinerant life but spent considerable time in his youth at the **8 MONTE CRISTO COTTAGE**, the setting for one of his best-known plays, *Long Day's Journey into Night*.

ABOVE: FORT TRUMBULL



VIEW FROM FORT GRISWOLD

## GROTON SITES

**12 FORT GRISWOLD** occupies a vantage point 125 feet above the river. The fort was completed in 1781, whereupon it became a bloody battlefield as British troops under the infamous Benedict Arnold attacked. Eighty-five of the 165 local defenders lost their lives on that September 6<sup>th</sup>, a loss commemorated annually to this day. The **13 GROTON MONUMENT** was the first obelisk completed in the US. The battlefield, the Monument House Museum and the monument itself are all part of the State Park and open to the public.

Home to some of the region's most legendary sea captains, the Groton Bank National Register Historic District boasts the **15 AVERY-COPP HOUSE**, a Victorianized colonial home furnished with what the original inhabitants used daily. Enjoy tours by costumed guides.

The **14 EBENEZER AVERY HOUSE** sheltered the wounded after the tragic Revolutionary War battle that took place at the nearby fort and remains a testament to the family that heroically took a stand here.

Like a wedding cake rising out of the Sound, **18 LEDGE LIGHT**, built in the Second Empire/Colonial Revival style in 1909, offers an interpretative center, gift shop and a journey through the lighthouse's remarkable history.

The **16 SUBVETS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL EAST** on the riverbank with a spectacular view of the Gold Star Memorial Bridge is dedicated to the 3,617 submariners who lost their lives during WWII and displays the sail of the *USS Flasher*.

At the **17 SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM & LIBRARY**, step aboard the **USS NAUTILUS**, the world's first nuclear submarine known for its explorations under the polar ice. Her keel was laid by President Harry S. Truman at the Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton in 1952. The Museum has the nation's finest exhibits and collections of America's submarine heritage.

# ONE RIVER. A THOUSAND STORIES.

**HOP ABOARD** the Thames River Heritage Park Water Taxi where you'll visit a collection of national and historic sites along the Groton and New London shores of the Thames River that tell the stories that shaped our nation.



Be transported to the spot where in 1781 traitor Benedict Arnold's men stormed **FORT GRISWOLD**, a massacre commemorated with the nation's first obelisk, built before Bunker Hill. Cross the River to the **U.S. CUSTOM HOUSE** where you'll learn about the 1839 mutiny of African captives aboard the schooner *La Amistad*, a story immortalized in a Steven Spielberg movie. Or visit the 1678 **HEMPSTED HOUSE** to see where a widowed father of nine children managed to find

time to chronicle daily life in a diary that is now used as a primary source on Colonial America. There are so many stories to tell you'll want to visit again and again.

- VISIT ALL THE SITES OR CHOOSE A FEW FAVORITES.
- START AT ANY SITE OR TAXI LANDING.
- TOUR AT YOUR LEISURE.
- STOP FOR LUNCH, SHOPPING, OR VISIT OUR GALLERIES.

The Thames River Heritage Park is the first heritage park in Connecticut. Unlike a conventional park with fixed boundaries, the heritage park draws together historical and contemporary sites, communities and institutions on both sides of the river where visitors experience the region's many attractions.