

2020 WATER TAXI FARES

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Tickets and Season Passes may be purchased on the water taxi or at ThamesRiverHeritagePark.org. Cash and credit cards are accepted on the boat.

ADULTS
Round Trip \$10

CHILDREN 4-12 & ACTIVE MILITARY*
Round Trip \$5

CHILDREN 3 & UNDER FREE

ALL RIDES AFTER 6 PM ARE \$5

SEASON PASSES AVAILABLE
Adult \$50 Child \$30
All Rides, All Season

Passengers may disembark & re-board at each stop. Water Taxi runs rain or shine. Bicycles and well-behaved dogs welcome *only* if space under Covid-19 protocols allows. Rates subject to change without notice.
**Active Military ID required.*

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The Thames River Heritage Park Foundation is a 501(c) 3.

WATER TAXI HOURS:

Friday, Saturday, Sundays & holidays:
11:40 am - 6:20 pm

The water taxi makes three stops each hour in a continuous hop on-hop off loop beginning and ending at Fort Trumbull.

BOARD FROM ANY LANDING:

FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK
in New London: on the hour
CITY PIER
in New London: 20 minutes after the hour
THAMES RIVER LANDING
in Groton: 40 minutes after the hour

The water taxi operation follows the state of CT Covid-19 social protocols. For a detailed and comprehensive listing go to thamesriverheritagepark.org/covid-19

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

Passengers:

- will be seated at 6 ft. social distances.
- will be required to wear masks while on board. Boarding will not be permitted without one.
- will be asked to use the hand sanitizer station provided before boarding.
- Safe boarding and disembarking instructions will be provided by the crew.
- The boat will be completely emptied once an hour for sanitizing, including guests that are continuing on to the next stop.

Our boats are available for charter. Go to **Things To Do** on our site.



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Thames River Heritage Park

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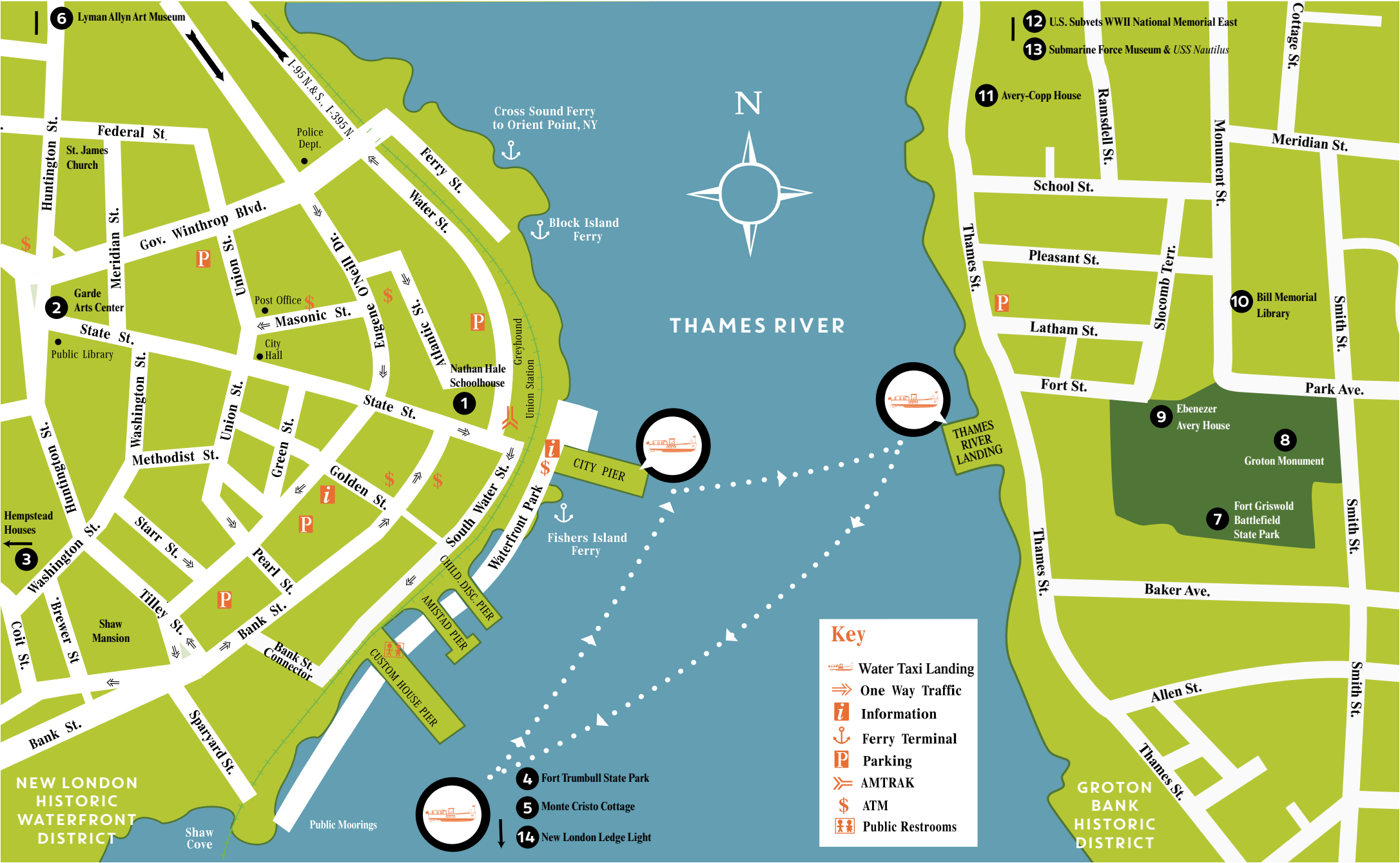


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14 FASCINATING AND HISTORIC PLACES TO VISIT ON TWO SIDES OF THE RIVER. SEE INSIDE >

MORE THAN A RIDE, IT'S AN EXPERIENCE.



HOP ABOARD

the Thames River Heritage Park Water Taxi and ride back in history. Ride to the site of a Revolutionary War battle on the Groton bank, where British troops massacred the young defenders in 1781, and explore this well preserved fort. Hop off the boat in New London, and walk to the restored schoolhouse where patriot Nathan Hale taught before he marched off into history. 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.

You'll ride on the river that witnessed the birth of the nuclear-powered navy, with the launch of the USS



Nautilus, now berthed here as part of a museum.

You can imagine the river when it was home to one of the nation's largest 19th century whaling ports and think about the river that helped influence our nation's only Noble Prize winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill, who spent his formative years on its shore.

And that is just the beginning. As we say,
ONE RIVER. A THOUSAND STORIES.

The sites listed here are within walking distance or a short drive from a water taxi landing. Site hours and admission fees vary.

BOAT TOURS

Enjoy our 90-minute boat tours on a navy utility boat.

WOMEN OF THE THAMES

Hear the stories of some of the women who have made significant historical and cultural contributions in the Groton-New London area.



SUBMARINES, BATTLEFIELDS, & BETRAYERS

Military Stories on the Thames
Stories of legendary heroes, infamous traitors, and extraordinary feats of tactical brilliance.



Tours leave from City Pier in New London.
\$20 adults and \$12 children 12 and under.

Visit ThamesRiverHeritagePark.org for schedule and tickets. Click on **Boat Tours**.

NEW LONDON SITES

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 and Eugene O'Neill walked these streets. America's greatest architects left their mark on the buildings. For strollers, the city offers galleries, a major outdoor mural display, along with a bronze historical frieze that depicts significant events on the river.



5 MONTE CRISTO COTTAGE
America's only Nobel Prize winning playwright, Eugene O'Neill, lived an itinerant life but spent considerable time in his youth here, the setting for one of his best-known plays, *Long Day's Journey into Night*. 1 Mile*



6 LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM
Legacy of a whaling fortune, it graces the hill overlooking the city and is known as a mini Metropolitan Museum of Art for the breadth of its collection. 1.8 Miles*

Other sites of interest in New London include the Connecticut College 200+ acre Arboretum, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Custom House Maritime Museum.



10 BILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Built in 1890 in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. The sword with which Colonel Ledyard was slain at the battle of Groton Heights is on permanent display. 0.4 Miles*



11 AVERY-COPP HOUSE
A Victorianized colonial home furnished with what the original inhabitants used daily. Enjoy tours by costumed guides. 0.3 Miles*



12 SUBVETS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL EAST
With a spectacular view of the Gold Star Memorial Bridge, the memorial is dedicated to the 3,617 submariners who lost their lives during WWII and displays the sail of the *USS Flasher*. 0.6 Miles*



13 SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM & LIBRARY & USS NAUTILUS
You can hop aboard 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. *Water Taxi Landing coming in 2021.* 2.6 Miles (by car)



14 LEDGE LIGHT
Built in the Second Empire/Colonial Revival style in 1909, it offers an interpretative center, gift shop and a journey through the lighthouse's remarkable history.

*Walking distance from closest water taxi landing.

= At or within walking distance to Water Taxi Landing



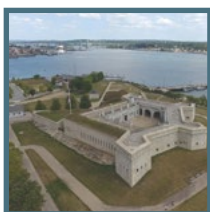
1 NATHAN HALE SCHOOLHOUSE
 The Connecticut patriot Nathan Hale taught in this one-room schoolhouse from 1774 to 1775, just before he enlisted to fight in the American Revolutionary War and volunteered to spy on the British, the only soldier to do so at the time. 0.1 Miles*



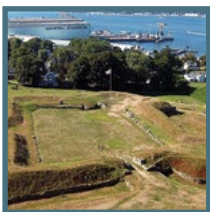
2 GARDE ARTS CENTER
 A restored 1920's movie palace with an exotic Moroccan design. Today, it hosts theatre, concerts, movies, and community events. 0.4 Miles*



3 HEMPSTED HOUSES
Two structures that survived the 1781 burning of New London and where nine generations of Hempsteds lived. 0.6 Miles*



4 FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK
 A massive granite fort built in Egyptian Revival style completed in 1852. Its ramparts offer spectacular views of the harbor. Its world-class visitor center contains a fascinating museum that depicts over 225 years of military history.



7 FORT GRISWOLD BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK
 Occupies a vantage point 125 feet above the river. In 1781, it was the site of an infamous massacre as British troops under the turncoat Benedict Arnold attacked. Eighty-five of the 165 local defenders lost their lives on that September 6th, a loss commemorated annually to this day. 0.5 Miles*



8 GROTON MONUMENT
 The first obelisk completed in the US. The battlefield, the Monument House Museum and the monument itself are all part of the State Park. 0.5 Miles*



9 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. 0.1 Miles*