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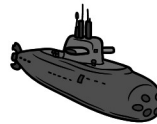
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Drive, bike, walk, or take a hop-on, hop-off harbor cruise on the **Thames River Heritage Park** water taxi and use this “scavenger hunt” to help explore sites around New London and Groton with **Thames River Heritage Park**. Follow these 5 easy steps to join the hunt:

1. Find the recommended object or spot.
2. Take a selfie.
3. Post your pics to social media.
4. Tag @ThamesRiverHeritagePark
5. Tag the site in your photo.

You can print all pages of the hunt or just the first page to help keep track of your progress! Pair the hunt with the Thames River Heritage Park Map and Guide for more location details.

Note: Sites may have limited open hours, or are grounds only, so check before you go. You can always take a picture outside!

1. Nathan Hale Schoolhouse

19 Atlantic Street, New London

@haleschoolnl

June 1st-Labor Day | Wed– Sun| 11AM-4PM

The Connecticut patriot Nathan Hale, taught in this one-room schoolhouse from 1774 to 1775. Before he was hanged by the British in New York on September 22, 1776, he famously uttered “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.” *Repeat those iconic lines while taking a picture with the plaque outside.*

2. Custom House Maritime Museum

150 Bank St, New London

@customhouse_ct

Sun & Wed- Fri 1PM-5PM | Sat 10AM-5PM

Telling the stories of New London’s waterfront, the Custom House offers lighthouse tours and boat trips, an annual chowda’fest, artifacts relating to local lighthouses, US Customs and the Amistad, along with changing exhibitions. *Find the vintage dive helmet and imagine what it would be like to wear it.*

3. Shaw Mansion

150 Bank St, New London

@nlchs

Open for Tours Thursdays 12PM- 4PM, or by appt.

Founded in 1870, the New London County Historical Society is the oldest historical organization in eastern Connecticut, as well as one of the oldest in the region. Today, the holdings of the NLCHS include the artifacts, textiles, documents, and photographs, which pertain to the history of southeastern Connecticut. *Inside the Mansion is the portrait of Temperance Shaw-- copy her pose for your photo.*

4. Hempsted Houses

11 Hempsted St, New London

@HempstedHouses

May-Oct | 2nd & 4th weekends of each month

The 1678 Joshua Hempsted House in New London is one of New England's oldest and most well documented dwellings. The Hempsted Houses engage the public in understanding the historical roots, development and current-day implications of issues related to equality and freedom, with a special focus on slavery, and empower people to make a difference. *Visit the houses and take a picture with the writing desk in the bedroom.*

5. New London Black Heritage Trail

1 Waterfront Park, New London

@explorenewlondon

Grounds only, dawn to dusk

New London's Black Heritage Trail celebrates three centuries of Black strength, resilience, and accomplishment. Some of the trail's fifteen sites explore nationally known people or incidents. *Visit the Amistad Pier Entrance as a part of your explorations to take your picture.*

6. Old Town Mill @ThamesRiverHeritagePark 8 Mill St, New London

The Old Town Mill was originally built in 1650 by John Winthrop Jr., the founder of New London and later the Governor of Connecticut. Listed on the National Historic Register, the Mill is one of the oldest industrial sites in Connecticut. *Find the Mill wheel for this photo!*

7. Ye Antientist Burial Ground

1 Bulkeley Pl, New London

@thamesriverheritagepark

Grounds only, dawn to dusk

One of the earliest graveyards in New England and the oldest colonial cemetery in New London County. *This is a very old and fragile site. Take a picture under the burial ground's sign.*

8. Garde Arts Center

325 State Street, New London

@gardeartscenter

Public hours based on performances

The Garde Theatre was built in 1926 during the golden era of the motion pictures. *Take a picture outside the building with their iconic "G" and the marquee-- then strike a pose like a star onstage!*

9. Fort Trumbull State Park

90 Walbach Street, New London

@ctstateparks

Grounds open dawn to dusk, buildings vary

Since the Colonial era, Fort Trumbull has served as the site of various military forts, schools and research facilities for the United States Army, Coast Guard and Navy. *Find a cannon and pose like you're ready to defend New London!*

10. Monte Cristo Cottage

325 Pequot Ave, New London

@oneill_center

Temporarily Closed, grounds only

The Monte Cristo Cottage was the boyhood summer home of Eugene O'Neill, America's only Nobel-Prize winning playwright. *Pretend you're a theater actor next to their main sign.*

11. Pequot Chapel

857 Montauk Ave, New London

@pequotchapelnewlondon

Jun-Sep: Sunday Services 11AM | Grounds All Year

The Pequot Chapel is a charming Victorian-era chapel built in 1870 in the Carpenter Gothic Revival style. *Make your arms into a point like the chapel roof for your photo.*

12. Lyman Allyn Art Museum

625 Williams St. New London

@lymanallynart

Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM | Sun 1PM -5PM

Find the painting Saturday Night in New London by artist Beatrice Cuming. It shows off the fun nightlife in downtown New London in the late 1930s. What songs do you think fit the scene? *Play a song in the gallery and send us a picture showing off your dance moves.*

13. Cedar Grove Cemetery

638 Broad Street, New London

@ThamesRiverHeritagePark

Mon-Fri 8AM-2PM

Cedar Grove Cemetery is a 76-acre non-sectarian, non-profit burial ground in the city of New London, Connecticut. Still an active cemetery, Cedar Grove also is the final resting place of many of the city's most significant citizens, ranging from a noted colonial-era ship captains, to top elected officials and wealthy Gilded Age industrialists. *Use a cemetery map to find the grave of Joshua Hempstead (Plot Section 20, Grave 12)*

14. Historic Groton Bank

108 Thames St., Groton

@thamesriverheritagepark

Outdoors dawn to dusk,

The Groton Bank is a historic village on the east bank of the Thames River. Today the neighborhood is comprised the homes of former whaling captains and Groton's most celebrated heroine - Mother Bailey, three churches, a library, two museums, a Revolutionary War fort and business structures dating primarily from Colonial times to a century ago. *Listen to the story of Mother Bailey via TRHP's channel on the Izi.Travel app while standing near her house.*



15. Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park

Monument Street and Park Ave, Groton

@fortgriswold

Grounds open dawn to dusk, buildings vary

Find the marker that honors Jordan Freeman, a freed slave who killed a British major during the Battle of Groton Heights. Freeman was later killed in the massacre of Patriots defending the fort. *Send us a selfie of you with the Jordan Freeman marker.*

16. Groton Monument

Monument Street and Park Ave, Groton

@fortgriswold

Grounds open dawn to dusk, buildings vary

The Groton Monument was built between 1826 and 1830, and is the oldest monument of its type in the country. Built of granite quarried locally, the Monument stands 135 feet tall with 166 steps. *Take an "optical illusion" photograph so it looks like you are touching the top of the monument!*

17. Ebenezer Avery House

57 Fort St, Groton

@thamesriverheritagepark

Mem. Day- Labor Day | Fri-Sun 12PM -4PM

The Ebenezer Avery House is the site where wounded soldiers were taken after the Battle of Groton Heights on September 6, 1781. *Take a picture with the House Plaque before you go inside!*

18. Bill Memorial Library

240 Monument St., Groton

@billmemorialgrotonct

Mon, Tues, Thu 10AM-8PM | Wed, Fri 10AM-5 PM | Sat 10 AM-3 PM

Colonel William Ledyard led colonial forces against the British during the Battle of Groton Heights on September 6, 1781. The British took the fort, and Ledyard surrendered - offering his sword to the British officer. Legend has it that the British officer then fatally stabbed Ledyard with his own sword, but this has yet to be proved. *Find Colonel Ledyard's sword inside the library. Then, check out a book about history!*

19. Avery-Copp House

54 Thames St, Groton

@averycoppmuseum

May 24-Oct 13 | Fri-Sun | 11:00AM -3:00PM

The Avery-Copp House Museum is an historic home built c. 1800 and Victorianized in the 1860s. Located on the banks of the Thames River, it was originally built by Rufus Avery and remained occupied by the Avery family for generations. Visitors who tour the three-story waterfront home will see the more formal rooms used by the family and will also see "behind the scenes" rooms used by the 19th century Irish domestics who comprised the staff, including kitchen and servants' quarters. *Find the "maid-of-all-works" room and imagine what it would be like to work in that space.*

20. SUBVETS WWII National Memorial East

37 Bridge St, Groton

@thamesriverheritagepark

Grounds only, dawn to dusk

Overlooking the shores of the Thames River in Groton, this outdoor memorial is dedicated to the 3,617 courageous submariners who lost their lives during WWII. Fifty-two engraved granite stones around the concrete walkways honor each of the US Submarines lost in World War II.

Visit the memorial and find the Wall of Honor.

21. Submarine Force Museum

1 Crystal Lake Rd, Groton

@submarineforcemuseumassoc

Wed-Mon 9AM-5PM (closed Tue)

The Submarine Force Museum is home to the Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered vessel, boasts the finest collection of submarine artifacts in the world. Visitors can peruse thousands of artifacts, documents and photographs spanning the history of submersibles. *Explore the museum and take a picture with the Nautilus!*

22. Ledge Lighthouse

Various locations

@customhouse_ct

Outdoors, boat access

At the mouth of the Thames River stands Ledge Lighthouse. This incredible structure was built in the Second Empire/Colonial Revival style in 1909 to address an increase in boat traffic. *The lighthouse is visible from many points in Groton and New London. Take your picture with the Lighthouse in the distance.*

23. Harbor Cruise on the TRHP Water Taxi

Various locations

@ThamesRiverHeritagePark

Outdoors, boat access

Thames River Heritage Park offers hop-on, hop-off harbor cruises connecting you to both sides of the Thames. Stops include City Pier and Fort Trumbull in New London and Thames River Landing in Groton. *Hop aboard and take a selfie of you cruising the Thames.*

How did you Discover the Thames



This scavenger hunt was created by Lyman Allyn Art Museum team members Sophie Kyle, Intern, and Eileen Donovan, Director of Learning & Engagement under the direction of Thames River Heritage Park 's program committee.