Tickets and Season Passes may be purchased at ThamesRiverHeritagePark.org. Cash and credit cards also accepted on the Water Taxi.

ADULTS
Round Trip $10

CHILDREN 4-12 & ACTIVE MILITARY
Round Trip $5

CHILDREN 3 & UNDER FREE

ALL RIDES AFTER 6 P.M. ARE $5

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

Passengers may disembark & re-board at each stop.
Water Taxi runs sat or sun. Bicycles accommodated, space permitting. Rates subject to change without notice.
“Active Military” is defined as:

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10 Fascinating and Historic Places to Visit on Two Sides of the River. See Inside >
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 Nobel 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.

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, greatest architects left their mark on the buildings. For strollers, the city offers galleries, green spaces, and community events.

1 NATHAN HALE SCHOOLHOUSE
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.

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

3 HEMPSTED HOUSE
Two structures that survived the 1791 burning of New London and where nine generations of Hempsteds lived.

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.

5 GROTON SITES
GROTON BANK NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT
Home to some of the region’s most legendary sea captains.

6 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 command of Benedict Arnold attacked. Eighty-five of the 165 local defenders lost their lives on that September 6th, a loss commemorated annually to this day.

7 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.

8 EBENEZER AVERY HOUSE
Sheltered the wounded after the tragic Revolutionary War battle that took place at the nearby fort and remained a testament to the family that heroically took a stand here.

9 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.

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.

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

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 Flasht.

13 SUBMARINE FORCE MUSEUM & LIBRARY
Named after the 1952 USS Nautilus. It is dedicated to the 3,617 submariners who lost their lives during WWII and displays the sail of the USS Flasht.

14 LEDGE LIGHT
Built in the Second Empire/Colonial Revival style in 1899, it offers an interpretative center, gift shop and a journey through the lighthouse’s remarkable history.

NEW THIS YEAR!
SUBMARINES, BATTLEFIELDS & BETRAYERS
BOAT TOUR
Military Stories on the Thames

For centuries our harbor has guarded the Thames River and entry to Long Island Sound, with Navy and Coast Guard installations, the ship building industries that support them, as well as two forts that have seen battles, defeats and the birthplace of the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. From the vantage point of the river you’ll understand the strategic value of this storied waterway and region.

For information and to purchase tickets go to Boat Tours on our website. Information about chartering our boats for private groups and events can also be found here.