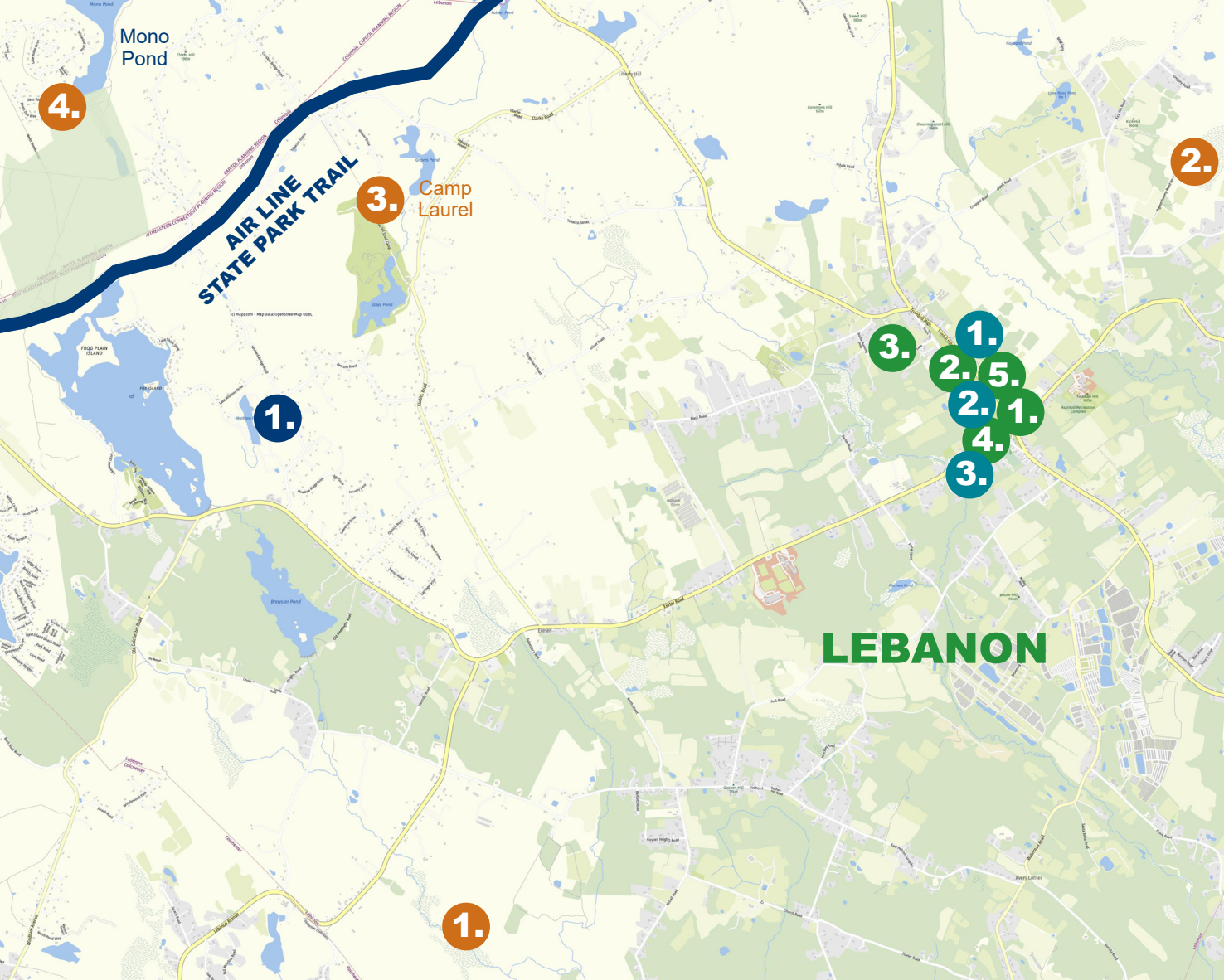




TOWN AMENITIES



1. Community Center 872 Trumbull Highway

The Lebanon Community Center, located across from the Trumbull Library and the historic Lebanon town green, is available to rent to Lebanon residents and Lebanon-based non-profit organizations. Both floors are wheelchair accessible.

2. Lebanon Farmers' Market Town Green
Our diverse group of select vendors are committed to providing you with a wide array of superior, high-quality produce and prepared foods that will tickle your palate and fill your pantry with the bounty of summer. Bring the kids and join us at our bustling market to meet your local farmers to learn how your food is grown, connect with friends and neighbors and support local businesses.

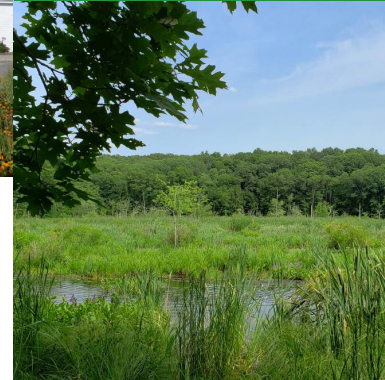


3. Lebanon Senior Center 22 Imogene Lane

4. Jonathan Trumbull Library 580 Exeter Road

5. Lebanon Historical Society Museum & Visitor Center 856 Trumbull Highway

AIR LINE STATE PARK TRAIL



LEBANON CAMPING

1. Water's Edge Campground 271 Leonard Bridge Road

Enjoy a campsite on this 10-acre, spring fed lake. All campsites are appropriately equipped and the lake is well stocked with fish.



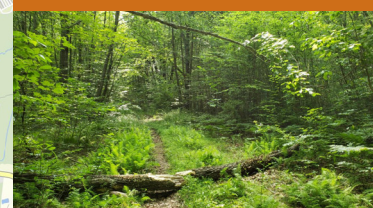
3. Camp Laurel Clubhouse Road

This former Girl Scout Camp is the largest unreserved parcel in Lebanon. Recreational opportunities include swimming, kayaking, sailing, hiking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing. The property contains 55 acres of wetlands, the headwaters of the Ten Mile River and Stiles Pond.

4. Mono Pond State Park



PARKS & TRAILS



1. Bartlett Brook Wildlife Management Area

The Bartlett Brook Wildlife Management Area is a 687-acre area with significant areas open to deer hunting and fishing. Bartlett Brook, which runs through the area, is stocked with trout by the DEEP. There are also several pheasant areas throughout the WMA. The wooded trails are also a popular, but isolated spot for horseback riders.

2. Joshua's Trust: Pigeon Swamp Preserve

This beautiful 135-acre preserve includes three miles of trails that weave through forests, pastures, and marshlands. It was donated to Joshua's Trust in 1996 by Drs. Mervyn H. Little and Olga A. G. Little. The Trust continues to maintain the lands as a wildlife habitat but it remains open to the public to enjoy.



HISTORICAL SITES



1. Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Museum 780 Trumbull Highway (Rte 87)

Jonathan Trumbull Jr. (1740-1809), son of Connecticut's Revolutionary War Governor, served as General George Washington's secretary during the American Revolution and was later governor of Connecticut from 1797-1809. His elegant home is where Washington spent the night of March 4, 1781.

**2. The War Office
149 West Town Street**
This small, red building may seem unassuming from the outside, but it played a pivotal role in America's fight against British tyranny. Located on the West Town Street side of the Lebanon Green, this was the site of hundreds important meetings between political and military leaders during the Revolutionary War.



3. Redwood

This home is considered a masterpiece by the builder Isaac Fitch. The home was constructed for David Trumbull, one of the sons of Gov. Jonathan Trumbull. David was one of the suppliers for Rochambeau's French Army and turned over the home to Duke de Lauzun to use as a headquarters for a time during the Revolution. It is now privately owned and is part of the Lebanon Green Vineyards.

TRAIL TIPS

- Horses and riders have right of way
- Bring water and a cell phone
- Let someone know where you're going and when you might return
- Clean up after your pets
- Carry out what you carry in
- If you see something, say something
- The trail is open year-round for biking, running, hiking, horseback riding, and even cross country skiing

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Lebanon

The center of town resembles many picturesque New England villages with a library, churches and town hall clustered around the green. But this town green is very different. A mile in length and with a major portion still in agricultural use, the Lebanon Green is unique because of its size, its preservation as an example of an early town settlement and its association with the great events in the American Revolution. As the home of the War Governor, the town was the focal point of Connecticut's contributions to the patriot cause, earning Lebanon its place in history as "the heartbeat of the Revolution."



AIR LINE STATE PARK TRAIL HISTORY

In the 1960s, over fifty miles of the rail bed from East Hampton to the Massachusetts border were acquired by the Connecticut State Park System to construct a recreational linear park.

This trail has a colorful past. The "Air Line" was envisioned as a direct line between New York City and Boston. It opened in 1873 and 25 miles shorter, it offered fierce competition to the shoreline rail service from New York to Boston. The mesmerizing, white-painted express train, known as the Ghost Train, made the run between Boston and New York in six hours, a record time for 1884.

The construction of the new rail line contained ambitious feats of engineering, blasting through granite hills, navigating deep valleys and rivers along the route. The Air Line Railroad's "Ghost Train" began in 1891 and was designed to attract wealthy travelers. Luxurious Pullman cars were painted white with gold trim, and the staff of the train wore formal white uniforms.



The catastrophic Great East Thompson Train Wreck on December 4, 1891 clouded the introduction of this fast new rail service. It was one of the greatest train wrecks in American history, and the only train accident to involve four trains. Still, over the next four years, successful businessmen and prominent citizens, including President Benjamin Harrison, rode the increasingly well-known Ghost Train. As it sped across eastern Connecticut, its luminescent cars were easily recognized, especially at twilight.

In the new 20th century, technology increased, railroad engines became faster, rail cars became longer, everything became heavier and after World War II, access to automobiles and interstate highways reduced the profitability of rail travel. The quaintness of the Air Line's winding grades as well as the weight restrictions of the spindly trestle bridges began to show its limitations. During its construction, the Air Line Railroad was expensive and controversial, but its operational costs would lead to its ultimate demise and abandonment. Passenger service on the Air Line ceased by 1937, and the track was completely abandoned by 1965.

Today, visitors enjoy scenic panoramas, village life, wildlife, hiking trails, and the tranquility of the rural landscape. The United States Department of the Interior recognized the southern section of the Air Line State Park Trail as a national recreation trail in 2002.

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AIR LINE STATE PARK TRAIL ALLIANCE



PARKING

Many parking areas serve the Air Line State Park Trail. Some primary locations are:

THOMPSON

- Large parking lot at 121 Riverside Dr, (Rt 12, Mechanicsville)
- Pull off for a few cars at Air Line trail crossing, 388 Sand Dam Rd
- 5 car parking lot, located at 662 East Thompson Rd, near the junction of New Rd

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- 18 Kennedy Dr, across from Canal
- 80 Kennedy Dr, directly across from the South entrance of Simonzi Park
- 98 Kennedy Dr
- 165 Kenedy Dr (DMV lot)

POMFRET

- 18 car paved parking lot at Pomfret Station, 13 Railroad Ave (off of Rt 169)
- Pomfret Town Hall, 5 Haven Road (Rt 44) paved parking adjacent to trail
- Parking available in rear of Town owned paved parking lot at Pomfret Community Center, 207 Mashamoquet Rd (Rt. 44)
- Wrights Crossing Road

HAMPTON

- Potter Rd 0.6 mile north of its intersection with Rt 6 in Goodwin State Forest

WINDHAM

- Intersection of Beaver Hill Rd and Windham Rd (Rt 203) in North Windham, at the CT Eastern Railroad Museum and in downtown Willimantic.

COLUMBIA

- Rt 87, Cook Hill Rd and Village Hill Rd

HEBRON

- Church Street, Rte 85; Grayville Road (limited); and Old Hartford Road.

EAST HAMPTON

- Depot Hill, Cobalt; Aldens Crossing (at Rt 16); Forest St (Between Hayes Rd and Childs Rd); Town Hall Rd (Off Main St.); Main Street; Watrous Street; Smith Street (at Cranberry Bog)

PORTLAND

- Parking at 82 Middle Haddam Rd

Air Line State Park Trail

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