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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE CONSTITUTION STATE

Connecticut Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Connecticut for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to Connecticut!

Grab a pencil and hop aboard: we're exploring Connecticut! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the rocky shore of Long Island Sound to the hills of the northwest. You'll meet a whale as the state animal, a submarine that made history, giant dinosaur footprints pressed into stone, and an old oak tree that, legend says, kept a big secret. Ready? Let's go!



CONNECTICUT FAST FACTS

Capital	Hartford
Largest city	Bridgeport
Nickname	The Constitution State
Statehood	January 9, 1788 (the 5th state)
Region	Northeast
State bird	American Robin
State flower	Mountain Laurel
State tree	White Oak (Charter Oak)
State Animal	Sperm Whale
State Insect	European Praying Mantis
State Shellfish	Eastern Oyster
Motto	Qui Transtulit Sustinet (Latin for "He who transplanted still sustains")

For parents and teachers: This Connecticut pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

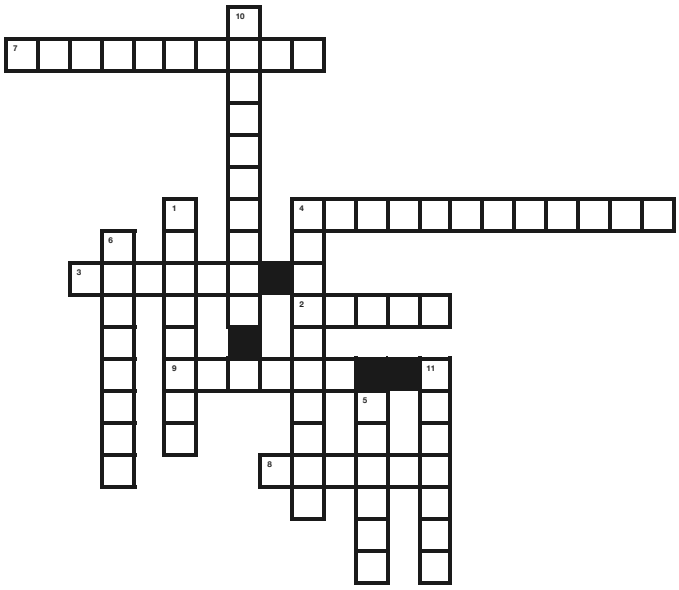
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Connecticut Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

2. American ___, the state bird with a red-orange breast

3. Mountain ___, the pink and white state flower

4. Official nickname: the ___ State

7. State animal, a huge deep-diving whale

8. State insect, a praying ___

9. State shellfish that lives in Long Island Sound

DOWN

1. The state capital, on the Connecticut River

4. Tree where, legend says, the colony's charter was hidden

5. Spice in an older state nickname

6. World's first nuclear-powered submarine, launched in 1954

10. State hero, a young patriot of the Revolutionary War

11. Noah ___, who wrote a famous American dictionary

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Connecticut Places to Explore

Cities, harbors, rivers and hills from the shore to the northwest corner

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

Z	A	I	G	Z	I	N	E	W	L	O	N	D	O	N
T	H	A	M	E	S	B	Y	J	L	T	A	H	A	T
W	A	T	E	R	B	U	R	Y	I	Q	D	Z	N	S
D	J	B	S	Z	E	H	Y	V	T	S	A	E	G	H
G	P	E	N	T	V	H	B	D	C	C	N	M	R	P
R	I	A	V	N	S	O	R	X	H	E	B	Q	E	M
O	C	R	B	E	T	U	I	Y	F	A	U	C	E	Y
T	F	M	G	W	A	S	D	E	I	M	R	L	N	S
O	E	O	A	H	M	A	G	Q	E	M	Y	E	W	T
N	G	U	W	A	F	T	E	V	L	K	R	S	I	I
A	B	N	K	V	O	O	P	R	D	B	Y	S	C	C
B	E	T	W	E	R	N	O	D	B	T	J	E	H	I
M	I	A	D	N	D	I	R	R	L	F	X	X	M	O
V	Q	I	Q	G	C	C	T	B	V	A	E	K	X	Z
B	P	N	W	B	J	O	M	N	O	R	W	A	L	K

Word List

BEARMOUNTAIN
BRIDGEPORT
LITCHFIELD
HOUSATONIC
WATERBURY
NEWLONDON
GREENWICH
NEWHAVEN
STAMFORD
NORWALK
DANBURY
MYSTIC
GROTON
THAMES
ESSEX

THE CONNECTICUT SUPER PACK

20 more Connecticut puzzles are waiting for you

Want more? The Connecticut Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: whaleships and seaports, dinosaur tracks, Mark Twain's stories, colonial towns, Native nations, fall colors and the creatures of Long Island Sound. Twenty puzzles, one small state with big stories, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Connecticut Seaport Days	Word Search
2	Connecticut Dinosaur Tracks	Word Scramble
3	Connecticut Sea Creatures	Word Fill-In
4	Connecticut Submarine Fact	Cryptogram
5	Connecticut Cities and Towns	Word Search
6	Connecticut Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
7	Connecticut Backyard Birds	Word Fill-In
8	Connecticut Word Fact	Cryptogram
9	Connecticut Autumn	Word Search
10	Connecticut Farm Stand	Word Scramble
11	Connecticut Submarine Words	Word Fill-In
12	Connecticut Story Fact	Cryptogram
13	Connecticut Colonial Life	Word Search
14	Connecticut Hiking Trail	Word Scramble
15	Connecticut Rivers and Lakes	Word Fill-In
16	Connecticut Dinosaur Fact	Cryptogram
17	Connecticut Native Nations	Word Search
18	Connecticut Story Time	Word Scramble
19	Connecticut Shoreline	Word Fill-In
20	Connecticut River Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Connecticut so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

- ✓ 20 new Connecticut puzzles, each with its own theme
- ✓ 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 scrambles and 5 fill-ins
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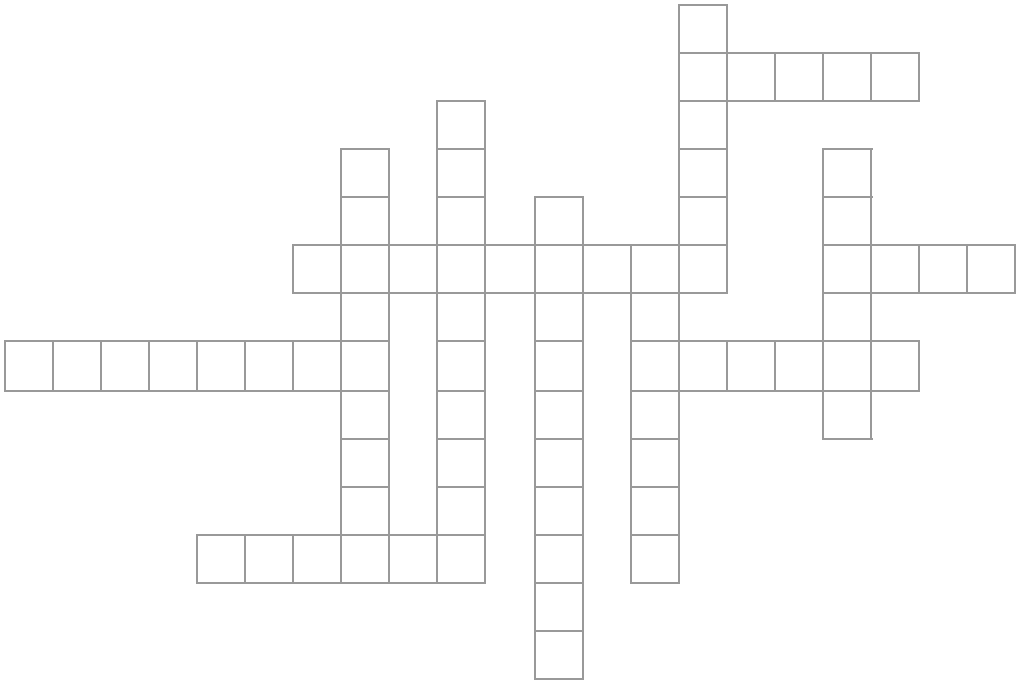
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Connecticut Animals

Creatures of the woods, rivers and shore

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

4 letters:	SHAD
5 letters:	OTTER
6 letters:	BEAVER, COYOTE, FISHER, OSPREY
7 letters:	LOBSTER
8 letters:	CHIPMUNK
9 letters:	BALDEAGLE, BLACKBEAR
10 letters:	HARBORSEAL, WILDTURKEY

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Connecticut Fun

Things to eat, see and do in the Constitution State

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: Connecticut words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	PIZAZ	_____
2.	SHTIGLHUOE	_____
3.	AASITBOL	_____
4.	EFAOIGL	_____
5.	AELPPS	_____
6.	GKIINH	_____
7.	RSAHOSEE	_____
8.	INASBUREM	_____
9.	CAROLSUE	_____
10.	AURQMAIU	_____
11.	GAIKANYK	_____
12.	NONAWSM	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Connecticut Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Connecticut became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

P V Y Y S P I M P R I J S P G B S

I L S O M O I L Z I G I S V Y

W G Y R G N E Y M Y I L ,

Z S H S Y I S S Y S M K L I E

S M K L I .

Hints:

`J` = B `O` = F `P` = C

FINISH LINE

You did it, Connecticut explorer!

You solved your way across Connecticut, the Constitution State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about Connecticut. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Hartford.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT CONNECTICUT

- Connecticut became the fifth state on January 9, 1788, one of the original thirteen.
- The nickname Constitution State honors the Fundamental Orders of 1639, which some call the first written constitution.
- Connecticut is the third-smallest state by area. Only Rhode Island and Delaware are smaller.
- The Connecticut River is the longest river in New England. Its name comes from a Native word for a long tidal river.
- The highest point in Connecticut is on the south slope of Mount Frissell, about 2,380 feet above sea level.
- The USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, was launched in Groton in 1954 and is now a museum there.
- In 1966 a bulldozer operator in Rocky Hill uncovered dinosaur tracks that are about 200 million years old.
- Mark Twain wrote The Adventures of Tom Sawyer while living in his Hartford home, where he lived from 1874 to 1891.
- Legend says colonists hid Connecticut's charter inside a white oak in 1687. That Charter Oak is on the state quarter.
- About 3.6 million people lived in Connecticut at the 2020 Census.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Connecticut lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for Connecticut.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of Connecticut cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Hartford and the Constitution State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a Connecticut word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

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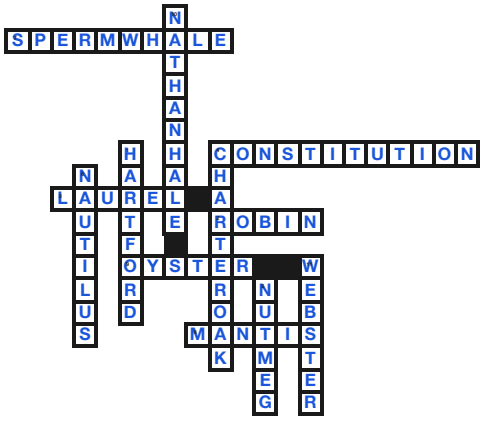
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for Connecticut facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Connecticut Crossword (Crossword)

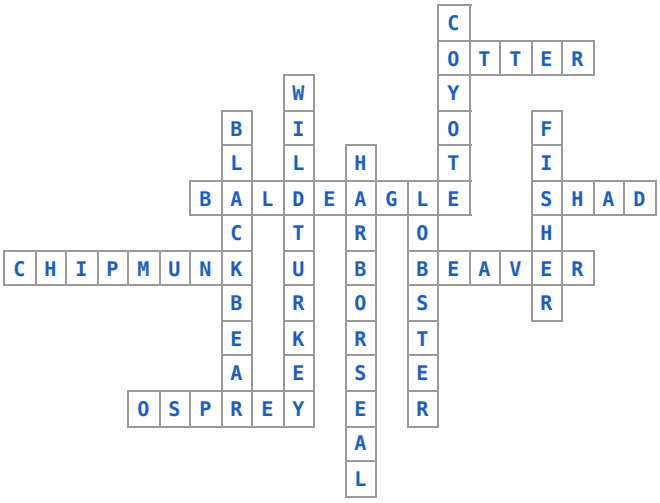


2. Connecticut Places to Explore (Word Search)

Z	A	I	G	Z	I	**N**	**E**	**W**	**L**	**O**	**N**	**D**	**O**	**N**
T	**H**	**A**	**M**	**E**	**S**	B	Y	J	**L**	T	A	H	A	T
W	**A**	**T**	**E**	**R**	**B**	**U**	**R**	**Y**	**I**	Q	**D**	Z	N	S
D	J	**B**	S	Z	E	H	Y	V	**T**	S	**A**	E	**G**	H
G	P	**E**	N	T	V	**H**	**B**	D	**C**	C	**N**	M	**R**	P
R	I	**A**	V	**N**	**S**	**O**	**R**	X	**H**	E	**B**	Q	**E**	**M**
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A	B	**N**	K	**V**	**O**	**O**	**P**	R	**D**	B	Y	**S**	**C**	**C**
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M	I	**A**	D	**N**	**D**	**I**	**R**	R	L	F	X	**X**	M	O
V	Q	**I**	Q	G	C	**C**	**T**	B	V	A	E	K	X	Z
B	P	**N**	W	B	J	O	M	**N**	**O**	**R**	**W**	**A**	**L**	**K**

Answer Key

3. Connecticut Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Connecticut Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	PIZAZ	**PIZZA**
2.	SHTIGLHUOE	**LIGHTHOUSE**
3.	AASITBOL	**SAILBOAT**
4.	EFAOIGL	**FOLIAGE**
5.	AELPPS	**APPLES**
6.	GKIINH	**HIKING**
7.	RSAHOSEE	**SEASHORE**
8.	INASBUREM	**SUBMARINE**
9.	CAROLSUE	**CAROUSEL**
10.	AURQMAIU	**AQUARIUM**
11.	GAIKANYK	**KAYAKING**
12.	NONAWSM	**SNOWMAN**

5. Connecticut Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

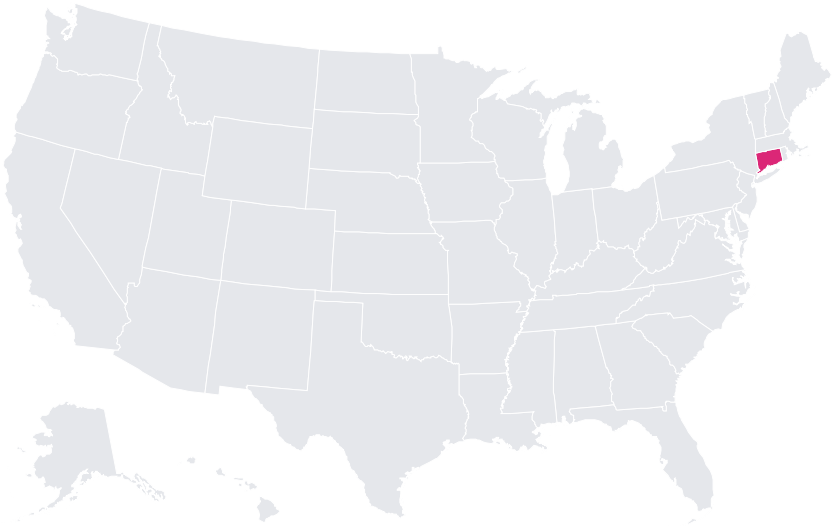
CONNECTICUT BECAME THE FIFTH STATE ON JANUARY NINTH, SEVENTEEN EIGHTY EIGHT.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 5 of 50

Connecticut was the 5th state to ratify the Constitution. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: Massachusetts.

Learning capitals too? Our 50 States: Capital, Abbreviation & Nickname flash card deck covers every capital, postal code and nickname in 150 cards for $1.29.



- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
- [ ] Arizona
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- [ ] California
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- [x] **Connecticut**
- [ ] Delaware
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