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BACK ROADS "Undiscovered Killingly"

Explore Open Spaces, Historic Sites and Parks in Killingly, Connecticut

#1 Southern Tour

River Trail Old Furnace Ross Cliffs Quandoc

20 miles - one hour driving time

History, Scenic Views, Boat Launches and Miles of Walking Trails.

Drive or Bike OR Stop and Hike

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Get Outside!

HIGHLIGHTS and DRIVING DIRECTIONS

1 Start at Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St, downtown Danielson, go south on Main Street

Right on Commerce Ave, Water Street, (Walking bridge, Mother Nature's Garden) Cross Main St on Water St, (note River Trail Parking) Right on Dyer St Cross Rt. 6, continue south Rt. 12 along the River Trail (note entrances to canoe/kayak launch and 4-mile paved walking/bicycling River Trail)

Right on Quinebaug Drive, to 2 78 Quinebaug Drive entrance to River Trail and Dog Park (Mile 2.5)

Back to Rt. 12, right on Shepard Hill Rd to 3 Wauregan Reservoir/Quinebaug Pond, 59 Shepard Hill Rd. Boat launch (before refrigerators, ice was harvested here for iceboxes)

Left on Green Hollow Road (mile 3.9) (Green Hollow Rd. was a bridle path from Worcester to Norwich in 1697) Turn right on East Franklin Street. 4 Kies Tavern/Inn 1834 on corner of Franklin St & Green Hollow Rd. (Intersection of Stagecoach routes between Worcester/Norwich and Providence/Hartford in 1810)

Cross Rt. 6 onto South Frontage Road to 5 Old Furnace State Park on right 539 South Frontage Road (mile 5.9) (Site of water-powered molten iron furnace in 1700's through early 1800's) (4 mile loop trail to 200 ft cliffs, view of RI & Killingly, return along ponds and streams, some rough trails)

Turn right on to Ross Road to
6 Ross Pond State Park entrance,
81 Ross Road. (mile 6.7) Drive down dirt road to parking area and pond, boat launch. Climb 1/2 mile trail to 200 ft. cliffs for stunning views of RI & Killingly (300 million years ago continents collided forming the geological cliffs)

Turn right on Ross Road for .3 mile Turn left on Klocek/Hubbard Hill Roads (scenic Olson Farm/ Stone Quarry)

Go right on South Frontage Road, down hill. Turn left under bridge, then right on to Horse Hill Road Up hill to South Killingly (mile 10.3)

Turn left on Cook Hill Road

7 Historic Old South Killingly Cemetery, 50 Cook Hill Road, over stone arch bridge (Mary Dixon Kies, grave, first woman granted US patent 1809, wove silk with straw for bonnets)

Right on Terwillinger Road Left on Bailey Hill Road Right on Brickhouse Rd. (mile 11.8)

8 Quandoc Conservation Area, 194 Brickhouse Rd (mile 12.6) 125 acres, kiosk, recreated wetlands, 1.25 mile yellow marked walking trail. (portion of 300 acres owned by town, to the east is landfill/transfer station)

Left on Shippee Schoolhouse Road (Rhode Island line) Left on Ledge Road (mile 14.1) (note Pizza King)

Left on Bailey Hill Road Right on Cranberry Bog Road (mile 16.2)

Pass state-owned Tetreault Pond/ Cranberry Bog

Right on Westcott Road Return to Town Hall (mile 20)