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**Get Outside!**

## **BACK ROADS "Undiscovered Killingly"**

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

### **#2 North East Tour**

Bear Hill      Five Ponds  
 North Road   Yosemite Valley  
 Chase Reservoir   Peepoad

13 miles - One hour driving time

Scenic Views - History - Boat Launches  
 Miles of Walking Trails

**Drive or Bike  
 OR  
 Stop and Hike**

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## HIGHLIGHTS and DRIVING DIRECTIONS

1) Start at Acme Mill, 963 Bailey Hill Road, East Killingly (circa 1846). Drop of 250??? feet made Whetstone Brook ideal for a reservoir/dam system. By 1828 development provided water power for the mills and the villages of Killingly, helping make Killingly the greatest cotton manufacturing town in Connecticut in 1836.

2) Drive up to Bear Hill Road - notice remnants of old trolley line (mile 1.5) Trolley to Providence circa 1900-1922 transported goods, mail and workers.

Turn Left on East Killingly Road - (Rhode Island state line)

Left on Rt. 101 - scenic ponds

Right on Pond Road - Recent wildlife sightings include bald eagle family and deer with triplets.

3) Old Killingly Pond (mile 3.8)

part of 561 acre scenic waters for potential town acquisition. Includes blue blaze trail, boat launch, centered in a large swath of protected open space in RI & CT.

Left on Quinns Hill Road (dirt road)

Up hill - (mile 4.8) turn right on North Road - scenic view

4) Palazzi Orchard, 1393 North Rd, 100 ft wide Liberty Oak tree shelters two Revolutionary war graves. Ridge is highest point in Killingly (770 ft above sea level).

Drive down hill, bear left on North Road

At bottom of hill on left was Hillshire Farm. In 1930-60's, popular for goat milk cosmetics, lotions and a honeymoon cottage.

Left on Yosemite Valley Road - scenic dirt road

Left on Chestnut Hill Road

Right on Pratt Road (dirt) (mile 8.8)

5) Chase Reservoir - 362 acres of conservation open space donated by water company early 2000; trails, pond, non-motorized boat launch, fishing, kiosk.

Left on Pratt Road - view dam & pond.

Right on Rt. 101 (mile 10.3)

6) Left on Peeptoad Rd. (10.8)– Wooden mill built in 1820's, gardens, mill pond, now private home of resident artist. National Register of Historic Places.

Left on Valley Road  
Mill ponds and dams along Valley Road are reminders of many mills that used water power from the Whetstone Brook.

7) Whetstone Mills converted to condos in 1990's.

8) Whitestone mill stone foundation ruins (mile 12.2) are visible when leaves are off trees.

Right on 101 (mile 12.5)  
Return to start (12.8)