

## Travelling to Milford 2017

### Getting Here

#### By Air

The nearest airport is Tweed New Haven Regional Airport (code **HVN**), served only by American (formerly USAirways). This is a SMALL regional airport and flights are limited (and may be more expensive!) Rental cars are available from Hertz, Avis, Budget and Enterprise, and Uber and Lyft are also available.

Airport website (also a good source of local tourist attractions, etc.): <http://www.flytweed.com/>

Next nearest is Westchester County Airport (aka White Plains, code **HPN**), which is served by American, CapeAir<sup>1</sup> Delta, United, and JetBlue<sup>2</sup>. This is a larger regional airport with connections from most cities. Rental Cars from Hertz, Avis, Budget, National, Enterprise. There is also a car service from the airport, County Trip Service. Again Lyft and/or Uber are available. Airport website: <http://airport.westchestergov.com/>

The closest *major* airport is New York's La Guardia Airport (code **LGA**). Hartford's Bradley International Airport (code **BDL**) is also a possibility. Both are served by all the major carriers (including limited service by Southwest at LaGuardia and less limited Southwest service at Bradley) and rental car agencies. Please note that while La Guardia probably will offer the best fares, rental car prices tend to be a bit steeper, so check the total cost. Another concern is that LaGuardia is undergoing major renovation, so again, check ahead.

La Guardia website: <http://www.panynj.gov/airports/laguardia.html>

Bradley website: <http://www.bradleyairport.com>

#### By Train

Milford lies along the primary New England AmTrak route, but as it is not an AmTrak stop, one needs to change trains from AmTrak to the Metro-North commuter railway (New Haven Line). From the North, change at New Haven. From the South, change at Bridgeport. Please note that Metro-North really is not very baggage-friendly (not that AmTrak is all that helpful in that regard, either!) and the Milford Metro-North station is not particularly convenient to either the Homestead or rental cars, so it is hard to recommend this mode of travel. Lyft and Uber somewhat change this for the better. Metro-North's website is <http://www.mta.info/mnr>

#### By Car

(Since even if you fly in, the last leg will still be by car!)

The Homestead is just off Interstate 95 and U.S. 1, at the corner of Gunn and Ford Streets (84 Gunn Street, Milford, CT 06460 is the formal address). From I-95, take Exit 36 (Plains Road). From the South, turn right on Plains Road (you'll see the closest hotel, the Hampton Inn, immediately across from the exit). From the North, make a left turn off the exit onto Plains Road.

An important thing to note is that traffic is a major issue on I-95, particularly on Friday nights.

The other major artery through southern Connecticut is the Merritt/Wilbur Cross Parkway (State Route 15). From 15, take the Exit for the Daniel S. Wasson Connector/Milford Parkway to U.S. 1 South.

From Plains Road, you will bear right onto West Clark Street, then turn left onto U.S. 1 North. From U.S. 1, turn onto Ford Street. The Homestead is about 1 ½ blocks off U.S. 1 on the right.

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<sup>1</sup> Only from Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

<sup>2</sup> Mostly from Florida and the Carribean.

## Places to Stay in Milford

I've included pricing information as of March, 2017.

Please check, as hotel pricing can be highly variable. Rates are regular room rates, so check for AAA, AARP special rates if you qualify, and check if you can save by advance purchase or by booking through an agent, like Expedia.com. Hotel rates have become like airline fares, and can vary from day to day. Some of these include Breakfast.

The closest hotel is:		
<b>Hampton Inn Milford</b> (a Hilton property) about a five-minute drive or fifteen minute walk to the Homestead. <a href="http://www.hilton.com">www.hilton.com</a>	129 Plains Rd Milford (800) 445-8667 (Hilton Reservations) Local: (203) 874-4400	\$114/night
Somewhat further away, but still certainly within easy driving distance are two clusters of hotels/motels. <b>North Group near I-95 Exit 40:</b> (These also are close to the Westfield Mall)		
<b>Hilton Garden Inn Milford</b> (another Hilton property) <a href="http://www.hilton.com">www.hilton.com</a>	291 Old Gate Lane, Milford (800) 445-8667 (Hilton Reservations) Local: (203) 783-9988 Shuttle available to Homestead (up to 3 miles.)	\$179/night
<b>Hyatt Place Milford</b>	190 Old Gate Lane, Milford (800) 228-3360 (Hyatt Reservations), Local: (203) 877-9800	\$153/night
<b>Holiday Inn Express Milford</b>	278 Old Gate Lane, Milford. (800) 421-5260 (Holiday Inn Reservations)	\$147/night
<b>Howard Johnson Milford</b> (Wyndham Group)	1015 Boston Post Road, Milford (877) 999-3223 (Wyndham Reservations)	\$97.00/night
<b>Super 8 Milford</b> (Wyndham Group)	1052 Boston Post Road, Milford (877) 999-3223 (Wyndham Reservations)	\$68.00/night
<b>Shoreline Motel</b>	735 Boston Post Rd, Milford Local: (203) 876-8556	Not well recommended on TripAdvisor and other review sites, but may be least expensive?
<b>South Group off I-95 Exit 35, Schoolhouse Road/BIC:</b>		
<b>SpringHill Suites Milford</b> <a href="http://www.marriott.com">www.marriott.com</a>	111 Schoolhouse Road, Milford (888) 236-2427 (Marriott Reservations) Local: (203) 877-8588	\$112 Suites (sort of) only
<b>Residence Inn by Marriott Milford</b> <a href="http://www.marriott.com">www.marriott.com</a>	62 Rowe Avenue Milford (888) 236-2427 (Marriott Reservations) Local: (203) 283-2100	\$119 – more like a (small) apartment with limited cooking facilities
<b>Red Roof Inn Milford</b>	10 Rowe Avenue, Milford (800) 733-7663 (Red Roof Reservations) Local: (203) 877-6060	From \$87.99
<b>In Downtown Milford, for those who prefer the 'Bed and Breakfast' experience:</b>		
<b>The Lily Pad</b>	44 Prospect Street, Milford Innkeepers are Anne and Steve Maher: (203) 876-9996. Housed in a classic style French Colonial home, built in 1820 <a href="http://www.bedandbreakfast.com//connecticut-milford-the-lily-pad.html">www.bedandbreakfast.com//connecticut-milford-the-lily-pad.html</a>	<b>No rooms available for the Reunion 2017 dates, but check for next year.</b> Not to be missed.