



# Fairfield Museum

AND HISTORY CENTER

## FACT SHEET

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**ADDRESS:**

370 Beach Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
203-259-1598  
[www.fairfieldhs.org](http://www.fairfieldhs.org)

**MUSEUM HOURS:**

Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm  
Thursday: 10am – 6pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 12pm – 4pm  
Research Library Closed on Monday

**GENERAL ADMISSION:**

\$5 for adults  
\$3 for students (6-22) with ID  
Free for children age 5 and under

Free for Fairfield Museum and History  
Center members.

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### HISTORY

The Fairfield Museum and History Center is an initiative of the 103 year old Fairfield Historical Society. To properly preserve and display their growing collection, the organization felt a more spacious and modern facility was needed. Seven years in the making, the Fairfield Museum and History Center will open on September 16, 2007. This new 13,000 square-foot facility contains an engaging new museum, library, reading room, education center, public meeting space overlooking the historic town green, courtyard and museum shop that will delight visitors of all ages. With three gallery spaces, the museum will display both long-term and changing exhibitions. The main gallery houses the museum's exhibition, *Landscape of Change*, which celebrates this region's rich history through engaging stories and treasured artifacts that date back to the 1700's. The exhibition was made possible in part by a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council.

### LOCATION

Set on the southern edge of Fairfield's original town green, the museum is surrounded by historic properties that create a cultural campus. Museum

neighbors include: The Sun Tavern, Victorian Cottage and Barn, Old Town Hall, Edward's Pond and the Old Academy.

### **COLLECTION**

The museum's collection includes over 30,000 items, with significant collections of: Clothing and Textiles, Fine Arts, Furniture, Clocks, Books and Manuscripts, Prints and Photographs, Archaeological Artifacts, Agricultural and Maritime Implements and Library Materials.

### **EDUCATION**

The Fairfield Museum and History Center offers teachers and students informative and interactive exhibitions and programming that support both Connecticut curriculums and university learning. Teacher open-houses and workshops are offered regularly in conjunction with new exhibitions, and the museum offers a range of materials for use in the classroom. In addition, the museum offers a wide variety of engaging workshops, lectures, walking tours, family programming and performance events.

### **WEBSITE**

The Fairfield Museum and History Center's website, [www.fairfieldhs.org](http://www.fairfieldhs.org), was completely redesigned and launched in conjunction with the museum's opening. The website introduces the museum and informs visitors of upcoming events, exhibitions and community programming.

### **LIBRARY**

Visitors to the library and reading room will find a beautiful, comfortable environment with the latest in library technology. Researchers have access to photographs, documents, drawings, periodicals, maps, books, newspapers, home preservation and renovation resources and a genealogical resource collection. Rare book and church records are available by appointment.

### **MUSEUM SHOP**

The Fairfield Museum Shop features a collection of carefully-selected fine gifts, and home décor accessories, as well as books, stationery, and children's merchandise. Unique pieces by featured artists will be featured throughout the year.

### **MEETING SPACE**

The Fairfield Museum and History Center is home to a 80-seat theater where programs, performances and community gatherings will be offered regularly. Overlooking the historic town green, this space will be available for use for private functions in 2008.

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