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Connecticut Caregiver Outing Guide

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10 practical community outings in Hartford County

A fun day out, made simple

Enjoy a welcoming outing with caregiver, friends, and up to 2 residents.

Choose an adventure, share the experience, and let ElderCrew help you get started.

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Planning note

November in Connecticut can bring colder mornings, rain, wind, shorter days, and occasional frost or snow. Dress in warm layers, check weather forecasts and venue hours, allow extra travel time for changing road conditions, and pair every weather-sensitive outing with a nearby indoor backup. Quiet-time suggestions in this guide are caregiver planning strategies unless a venue-specific sensory resource is explicitly identified.

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Ten November choices selected for realistic caregiver pacing. Weather-sensitive, high-stimulation, or limited-schedule options are identified directly.

1. Connecticut's Revolution Family Saturday | *Hartford*

November fit: Saturday, November 21; confirm program hours. This free, date-specific museum day makes state history accessible outside the usual weekday schedule.

Setting and access: Indoor. The museum is inside the Connecticut State Library. Confirm accessible entrance, security procedure, elevators, seating, and parking/drop-off.

Cost and sensory plan: Free. Family programming can raise noise and attendance. Arrive at opening or request a quieter arrival window.

Location: 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford | Phone: 860-757-6535 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

2. Hartford Artisans Weaving Center Open House and Sale | *Hartford*

November fit: November 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; November 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free event features work by artisans age 55 and older and people who are blind or visually impaired, with seated craft demonstrations and community connection.

Setting and access: Indoor. Confirm step-free studio entry, aisle width, seating, and accessible restroom before bringing a wheelchair group.

Cost and sensory plan: Free admission; purchases optional. The sale may be busiest midday. Ask about the quietest hour and whether hands-on loom activity can be adapted.

Location: 42 Woodland Street, Hartford | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

3. New Britain Museum walk-in exhibition tour | *New Britain*

November fit: Saturdays November 7, 14, and 21 at 11 a.m. A docent-led tour provides structure and seating breaks can be requested.

Setting and access: Indoor. Official information confirms ramp access, elevators to public levels, accessible parking, and wheelchairs/walkers on request.

Cost and sensory plan: Included with museum admission; confirm senior price and caregiver policy. Tours involve group conversation. Request a slower pace, portable stool, or self-guided alternative if needed.

Location: 56 Lexington Street, New Britain | Phone: 860-229-0257 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

4. Frederic Church lecture at the New Britain Museum | *New Britain*

November fit: Saturday, November 7, 2 to 3 p.m. A one-hour seated art-history program is a practical cold-weather outing for older adults.

Setting and access: Indoor. The museum is wheelchair accessible with elevators and accessible parking. Reserve accessible seating when booking.

Cost and sensory plan: Senior ticket listed at $25; member and other rates vary. A lecture is relatively predictable but may fill. Choose aisle seating and arrive before the lobby crowd.

Location: 56 Lexington Street, New Britain | Phone: 860-229-0257 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

5. Connecticut Museum free first weekend | *Hartford*

November fit: November 7 and 8; confirm 2026 program hours. A free weekend reduces cost and provides a substantial indoor history option.

Setting and access: Indoor. Confirm ramp/elevator route, wheelchairs, seating, accessible restrooms, and caregiver admission with visitor services.

Cost and sensory plan: Free during the advertised first weekend. Free days can be busy. Arrive at opening Sunday or ask staff for the quietest period and one-floor route.

Location: 1 Elizabeth Street, Hartford | Phone: 860-236-5621 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

6. Pinocchio at Playhouse on Park | *West Hartford*

November fit: November 7, 14, and 21; several 10 a.m., 1 p.m., or 4 p.m. shows. A seated performance gives a clear beginning and end and offers multiple daytime choices.

Setting and access: Indoor. Confirm wheelchair seating, companion placement, accessible restroom, drop-off, and assistive-listening options when reserving.

Cost and sensory plan: Listed at $26 to $28.50. Live instruments and family audiences may be stimulating. Ask about house volume, lighting effects, and the least-attended performance.

Location: 244 Park Road, West Hartford | Phone: 860-523-5900 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

7. New Britain Industrial Museum | *New Britain*

November fit: Target a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon only after confirming reopening. A small industrial-history collection can be covered in a short indoor visit.

Setting and access: Indoor. The official page states the museum is wheelchair accessible and has free accessible parking, but it also carries reopening language that must be verified.

Cost and sensory plan: When reopened: $8 adult, $6 senior/student, under 12 free. A small museum is often calmer; ask whether school groups or demonstrations are scheduled.

Location: 30 High Street, New Britain | Phone: 860-832-8654 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Call first because the official page still carries reopening language; confirm the museum is open at 30 High Street.

8. University of Saint Joseph Art Museum | *West Hartford*

November fit: Check November gallery hours and campus holiday closures. A university art museum supports a compact, weather-proof cultural outing.

Setting and access: Indoor. Confirm accessible visitor parking, step-free route, elevator access, seating, and restroom location with the museum.

Cost and sensory plan: Often free; confirm current admission. Choose a weekday without an opening reception or campus event; ask about class visits.

Location: 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford | Phone: 860-231-5743 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

9. Farmington Valley Arts Center galleries | *Avon*

November fit: Check November gallery and studio hours. Small galleries and artist studios allow a flexible indoor visit with no requirement to cover the full complex.

Setting and access: Indoor. Confirm which buildings and studios are step-free, the location of accessible parking, and whether an elevator is available.

Cost and sensory plan: Gallery viewing is generally free; classes and purchases cost extra. Visit during public gallery hours rather than an opening or sale for a calmer experience.

Location: 25 Arts Center Lane, Avon | Phone: 860-678-1867 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.

10. Wadsworth Atheneum focused gallery visit | *Hartford*

November fit: Open on posted November days; check Thanksgiving closure and free-day calendar. Caregivers can select one wing or exhibition for a manageable indoor route.

Setting and access: Indoor. Confirm accessible entrance, elevators, wheelchairs, seating, and companion/caregiver admission.

Cost and sensory plan: Ticketed; check senior price, free admission windows, and library passes. Go at weekday opening and avoid major programs. Ask visitor services for the calmest gallery and shortest route.

Location: 600 Main Street, Hartford | Phone: 860-278-2670 | Official or authoritative source

Call ahead: Confirm current hours, access route, restroom availability, and any reservation needs before leaving.