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# Connecticut Caregiver Outing Guide

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10 practical community outings in Windham 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.

# Windham County

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

### 1. Voice Performance Class AriaFest | *Willimantic*

**November fit:** Monday, November 2 at noon. A free daytime vocal performance class offers a seated cultural outing with a manageable schedule.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. Confirm accessible parking/drop-off, elevator route, seating, and restroom in the Fine Arts Instructional Center.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Free and open to the public. Live voices and applause may be loud; choose an aisle seat and ask about room capacity.

**Location:** Fine Arts Instructional Center, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic | Phone: 860-465-4979 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 2. Echoes of the Circle Eastern Community Mandala | *Willimantic*

**November fit:** Through December 4; reception November 5 at 4 p.m. The free gallery exhibition supports a short, reflective indoor visit.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. Confirm accessible visitor parking, step-free gallery route, seating, and restroom.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Free. Skip the opening reception for lower stimulation; use a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday noon opening.

**Location:** Fine Arts Instructional Center Art Gallery, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic | Phone: 860-465-4659 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 3. Syzygy dance production at Eastern | *Willimantic*

**November fit:** November 12-15; Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m. matinees available. A seated matinee provides a current arts outing with low ticket prices.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. Reserve wheelchair seating and companion placement; confirm accessible parking, restroom, run time, and any strobe or haze effects.

**Cost and sensory plan:** $0 to $20. Dance productions may use amplified music and theatrical lighting. Ask about effects and select aisle seating.

**Location:** Fine Arts Instructional Center, 306 High Street, Willimantic | Phone: 860-465-4979 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 4. Jazz Combo and Big Band Concert | *Willimantic*

**November fit:** Monday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. A free or low-cost university concert closes the month with a seated musical outing.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. Confirm ticket requirement, wheelchair seating, companion seats, accessible parking, restroom, and assistive listening.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Price not listed; confirm. Big band music can be loud. Request seating away from speakers and near an exit.

**Location:** Fine Arts Instructional Center Concert Hall, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic | Phone: 860-465-4979 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 5. Bradley Playhouse matinee | *Putnam*

**November fit:** Choose a November matinee from the theater calendar. Community theater offers a seated indoor outing in walkable downtown Putnam.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. Official information confirms a wheelchair lift, accessible bathrooms, assistive hearing devices, and accessible seating; contact the box office five days ahead.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Ticket prices vary by production; ask about senior rates. Select a matinee, request aisle seating, and ask about sound, lighting effects, and run time.

**Location:** 30 Front Street, Putnam | Phone: 860-928-7887 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 6. Loos Center for the Arts program | *Woodstock*

**November fit:** Select a November performance or free atrium visit from the posted calendar. The modern theater provides accessible seating and assistive-listening support for a seated outing.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. The theater and atrium are fully accessible; the gallery has a 10-stair barrier. Reserve disability parking and accessible seating in advance.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Varies by event. Ask about volume, lighting effects, crowd size, and a seat near an exit. The assisted-listening system is available.

**Location:** 150 Route 169, Woodstock | Phone: 860-963-6789 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 7. Goodwin Conservation Center | *Hampton*

**November fit:** Visitor-center access and programs vary in November; call first. Indoor nature displays offer a rural weather backup, with a brief developed-area view only if conditions permit.

**Setting and access:** Mixed. Confirm visitor-center opening, step-free entrance, restroom, seating, and the condition of any firm-surface route.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Free or low-cost; confirm program fees. Choose a weekday without a school program. Cold, mud, and leaf cover may make trails unsuitable.

**Location:** 23 Potter Road, Hampton | Phone: 860-455-9534 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 8. Connecticut Audubon Society Pomfret Center | *Pomfret*

**November fit:** Check November center hours and program calendar. Indoor nature exhibits can be paired with a window view or very short outdoor stop.

**Setting and access:** Mixed. Confirm step-free center access, restroom, seating, and whether any recommended path is firm, level, and currently open.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Center visit may be free; programs can have fees. Visit at opening on a non-program weekday. Outdoor terrain and hunting-season considerations require direct confirmation.

**Location:** 218 Day Road, Pomfret Center | Phone: 860-928-4948 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 9. Windham Textile and History Museum | *Willimantic*

**November fit:** Limited public hours; confirm November dates. Local mill and labor history offers an indoor, older-adult-friendly subject in a compact museum.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. The historic mill setting may have access limitations. Confirm entrance, elevator, restroom, seating, temperature, and parking.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Low-cost admission or donation; confirm. Request a quiet tour time and a shortened route; machinery demonstrations may be noisy.

**Location:** 411 Main Street, Willimantic | Phone: 860-456-2178 | Official or authoritative source

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

### 10. Logee's greenhouse visit | *Danielson*

**November fit:** Open year-round; confirm Thanksgiving-week hours. A warm greenhouse offers color and plant interest when November weather limits outdoor gardens.

**Setting and access:** Indoor. Aisles may be narrow or damp. Confirm wheelchair route, accessible restroom, close parking, and whether staff can suggest the widest loop.

**Cost and sensory plan:** Free to browse; purchases optional. Humidity, plant scents, wet floors, and weekend shoppers may affect comfort. Go at weekday opening.

**Location:** 141 North Street, Danielson | Phone: 860-774-8038 | Official or authoritative source

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