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2007-2008

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Upcoming Events



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JUNE – AUGUST 2007 • 7PM-9PM FREE

- June 27 Charlie Lask Tribute To Neil Diamond
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- July 11 Bennie And The Jets
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Spring

Maple Days, Sturbridge-Brookfield
March 2008

Daffodil Days, Brookfield Spring 2008

June Glidden Easter Open House
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Art Show at Monson House of Art April

Cow Chip On the Common, Brookfield
June 19th • 10am to 4pm

Strawberry Festival, New Braintree Mid June

New England Pioneer Valley Art Exhibit
Brimfield Town Hall, May 12-13, 2007

Asparagus & Flower Heritage Festival
West Brookfield Town Common May 19th

Drover's Roast, Salem Cross Inn
West Brookfield June 17th

Summer

St. Mary's Carnival, Ware
2nd Week of June, ends on Saturday

Town Tag Sale, Ware, June 23rd 9am-3pm
Benefit restoration for Ware Meeting House

Living History @ the Stone House Museum
Belchertown • July 7-8

Concerts on the Common, Belchertown
Thursdays in July and August

Concerts on the Common, Brookfield
Sunday evenings in July (6,13,20 and 27th)

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Tag Sale On The Common, Brookfield
July 10, 8am

Monson Summerfest July 4th weekend

Antique Tractor Show, Belchertown July

Old Home Days, Wales
2nd Weekend in August

Concerts on the Common, Belchertown
Thursdays mid July - mid August 7-9 free

Fall

Belchertown Fair, Belchertown
September 24-26 (handicap accessible)

Drover's Roast, Salem Cross Inn
West Brookfield September 9th Sunday

Yuletide at the Stone House Museum
Belchertown November

Handcraft & Collectibles Show
Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield
November 4th 10am-3pm

Arts Council Craft Fair, Monson
Thanksgiving Weekend

Holiday Traditions, Spencer
Thanksgiving Weekend

Winter

Christmas Stroll, Spencer
Saturday, December 2nd

Christmas Tree Lighting, Warren
Common Sunday, December 3rd

Christmas at Elm Hill, Brookfield
Saturday, December 10th

Railroad Hobby Show, West Springfield,
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Looking for More Information?

Brochure racks are located throughout Quaboag Hills Area containing literature about the region!

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 Brimfield Antique Center
 Brookfield Orchard, N. Brookfield
 Brookfield Town Hall
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 Reed's Country Store, New Braintree
 Richard Sugden Library, Spencer
 Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield
 Spencer Town Hall
 Spencer Savings Bank, Warren
 State Police Academy, New Braintree
 Steaming Tender, Palmer
 Stop & Shop, Belchertown
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Town by Town

As the communities of the Quaboag Hills gained prosperity during the 19th-century Industrial Revolution, the area's architectural beauty blossomed. Farm houses became more elaborate. Residences in the towns took on greater ornamentation. Even mills and factories reflected pride of ownership. Today, several hundred buildings and monuments in the region are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, including fine examples of Georgian, Federal, Italianate, Greek Revival, Victorian, Tudor, Queen Anne, Cottage, Stick, and Colonial Revival architecture. Although most are private residences, some buildings are open to the public. Please be respectful of private property.

Brimfield

On Route 20 in Brimfield at the town common, On the east end you'll find the Italianate **Hitchcock Free Academy** (c. 1855), which schooled Brimfielders until 1955. Head west to the **Congregational Meeting House**, an 1847 Greek Revival prominent at the center of the common. **Brimfield Town Hall** (c. 1878) is the striking, pink building designed by Eugene Clarence Gardner. Built in the unique Stick style, the building features a combination of clapboards, shingles, and mock half-timbering, plus cupola and corner tower. Other buildings of note are the **Elias Carter House** on the Common, and the Craftsman/ Tudor Revival **Brimfield Public Library** (c. 1903). Also on the common are monuments commemorating Civil War and World War I veterans. Stop and read the two markers denoting the Steerage Rock, an Indian stronghold in the 1600s.

Wales

On Route 19 in the town of Wales, where you'll see the **Samuel Austin Hitchcock House** (c. 1826) at 15 Wales Road, a fine example of transitional Federal/Greek Revival. At the **Brimfield Burial Ground** on Wales Road explore early grave markers, with carved death's head and soul effigies dating back to the 1700s. Main Street in Wales features many historic homes built by renowned New England architects Calvin Vinton and Stephen Fisk, including the **Gregoire House** (c. 1870) at 45 Main Street, a Greek revival with scroll porch, the **Crawford House**, a Victorian Italianate, and the Neo-Gothic **Wales Baptist Church**. Stop by the Wales Public Library (c. 1841) on

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Warren

On your way to the Brookfields, take a side trip down Route 67 to historic Warren. For many years Warren's economic base was agriculture and the textile industry, with many mills sited along the Quaboag River. Today, two mills and half a dozen farms remain. **Warren Pumps, Wright's Factory, and Hardwick Knitted Fabrics** are still active. Signs in the Center Village, Lower Village, #4 Village, West Warren, South Warren and also on Reed Street (formerly a section of the Boston Post Road) describe the area's history. **Warren Public Library** founded 1879 has a museum dedicated to local history. The library has a wealth of information for history buffs. Warren is also home to **Tucker's Hobbies**, one of New England's most popular model railroad shops.

West Brookfield

Is known to have one of the most beautiful town commons. It is here where the Bandstand shell will send out "sounds of summer" with their annual concert program. The Rice Fountain and Bandstand Shell is a favorite venue for photographers, bridal parties and artists as well as tourists looking for a place to have a picnic. It's the **Birthplace**

of **Lucy Stone**, a pioneer of the 19th-century Women's Movement. A commemorative marker is located on the south side of Route 9 on the way to town from the west. Plan a stop at historic **Salem Cross Inn** (c. 1705). The Inn was built and operated by eight generations of the White family until its purchase by the Salem family in 1950. During renovation, the Salems made an eerie discovery: the sign of the 'Salem Cross,' a Puritan marking to ward off witches and evil spirits, was engraved on the front door latch. Lunch and dinner is served, and the Inn is famous for its 'Drover's Roast' and 18th-century feasts cooked on the open hearth of their great fieldstone fireplace. The **West Brookfield Historic District** along Route 9 has more than 200 properties listed on the National Register, and makes a great walking tour. Don't miss the exquisite **Merriam-Gilbert Library** (c. 1880) on the village green, where you can pick up a walking tour map. **Town Hall** (c. 1859) over time has served as post office, library and general store. Across the street, Established in 1760, **Ye Olde Tavern** is the oldest continually operating Inn in the country. George Washington was a guest on October 22, 1789, and made mention of his visit in his journal. President John Adams came in 1799 and in 1804 Jerome Bonaparte and his bride Elizabeth Patterson stopped here on their honeymoon. Lafayette was a guest in 1824, as was Daniel Shays, famous leader of Shays' Rebellion. The Inn offers a fully equipped Banquet facility and accommodations up to 225 guests. The Pub is open 7 days a week where guests can enjoy a game of billiards or darts with friends.

North Brookfield

Take Route 67 north into North Brookfield. Buildings of note in the town center include the **Haston Free Library** (c. 1894), the **Union Star Building**, and the **North Brookfield News Building**. Stop and see the **1854 Grove School Bell** and explore old gravestones at the **Bell Road Cemetery**. In autumn, art enthusiasts love to take the **Back Roads Studio Tour**, open house tours through the studios of local artists.

Brookfield

Brookfield is unique in that it has three **National Historic Districts**. The **Brookfield Common** district encompasses the town's common and old marching field know as **Banister Mall**. Facing the mall is the newly restored **Brookfield Congregational Church** on Common Street and the granite **Unitarian Universalist Church** on River Street. At the southern end of the common is **Banister Memorial Hall** which houses the Pliny Merrick collection of early books that were donated to establish the town's **Merrick Public Library**. Following east on Lincoln Street is **Saint Mary's RC** parish church. This building was originally the Second Meeting House of Quaboag plantation, and was moved from Foster's Hill. Built in 1717, it has housed three denominations of faith in three different locations. Situated at the northern end of the common, in the town's **Garden Club Garden**, is the **General Henry Knox Memorial** marker. To the west is one of the most gracious homes along


West Main Street, the **Oliver Cosby Homestead**. Reputed to be designed by the famous architect Asher Benjamin, its front entrance is a fine example of Georgian architecture. Traveling west on route 9 you come to the **Brookfield Cemetery**. Recently nominated to be on the National Register, this cemetery dates back to the Puritan beginnings of the town. Actively used for almost 300 years, the cemetery is a record of our nation's history. Our Puritanical founding, the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Victorian Era and the present, all stand together, in a rolling field of history. The **Elm Hill Farm National Historic District** is to be found on East Main Street. Established in the 1780s by Amasa Blanchard, a carpenter and businessman, the 1,200 acres remained as a family farm until recently when 1,000 acres were given to the Massachusetts Audubon Society. The balance became the Blanchard Means Foundation which works in the interest of people with special needs. Elm Hill Farm was best known nationally as the home of "Elsie the Cow," since this is where she was born and raised by her owner, Dr. Oliver Means.

East Brookfield

East Brookfield was originally home to the Lashaway and Quaboag Indian Tribes, who used the Seven Mile and Quaboag rivers as routes of commerce, later becoming part of the historical Baypath and Boston Post Roads. James Ford is the first name documented in association with the original settlement, Quaboag Plantation. In 1673 a significant portion of the plantation became the town of Brookfield, which then included the villages of West Brookfield, North Brookfield, East Brookfield and Podunk. Many residents of East Brookfield contributed to the development and success of our community. Our most noted citizen was **Connie Mack** (Cornelius McGillicuddy), "The Grand Old Man of Baseball". Mr. Mack transformed major league baseball yet he was widely known for his accomplishments as the highly successful manager, and owner of the Philadelphia Athletics, (presently the Oakland As). The "Tall Tactician", as known by fans and colleagues, became the oldest and most victorious manager in the major leagues with a managing career spanning nearly 50 years.

New Braintree

The Town of New Braintree was first settled in 1709 and was officially incorporated in 1775. The town has been almost wholly agricultural throughout its history, with a reputation for fine grazing land. By the late 18th century, New Braintree was shipping its annual production of dairy products, cheese and beef to Boston and had attained a high degree of prosperity. Over 1,000 milk cows lived in New Braintree by the 19th century and the town produced over 200,000 pounds of cheese annually. The **Massachusetts State Police Academy** is located in New Braintree. Also, available now is the "**History of Hardwick**", written by Emily Bancroft, available at the Salem Cross Inn.



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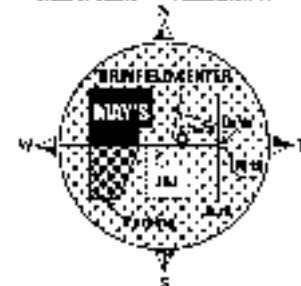
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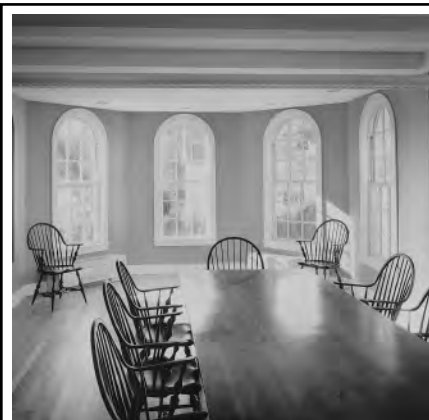
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Brimfield Antiques Show	Keep Homestead Museum	Salem Cross Inn Restaurant
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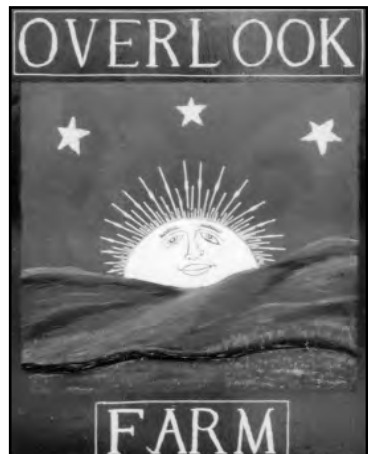
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Directions to Brimfield

From North: Travel south on 1-91 to Mass Pike Entrance. Take the Mass Pike East to Exit 8 (Palmer). Turn right after the toll booth and left at the first light onto Route 20 East. Continue east about 8 miles to the shows.

From South: Travel north on 1-91, to 291 East, to Mass Pike entrance (Exit 6). Take the Mass Pike East to Exit 8 (Palmer). Turn right after the toll booth and left at the first light onto Route 20 East. Continue east about 8 miles to the shows. Or you may consider 1-84 to Sturbridge, then Route 20 West (about 7 miles) to Brimfield.

From East and North:

Take 495 south to the Mass Pike. Take the Mass Pike west to Exit 9 (Sturbridge). Turn right after the toll booth onto Route 20 West. Continue west about 7 miles to the shows.

To avoid traffic tie-ups at Mass Pike exits 8 and 9, you may exit sooner and take Route 19 or Route 32 from southerly directions, or consider Routes 32 or 67 from the north. Consult your map.

Tour Bus Accommodations:

Tour bus parking is available at several locations within the one-mile stretch of Route 20 where the shows are located.



2007 Brimfield Antique Shows

2007 Show Dates

May 8-13 • July 10-15
September 4-9

2008 Show Dates

May 13-18 • July 8-13 • Sept 2-7

Show Information

The Brimfield shows run three times a year – May, July and Sept. and are open for a six day period, Tuesday through Sunday. Some operators open all days and others are open for a few days during this period.

Admission: Some shows charge admission, the fee is around \$5.

Parking: There is plenty of off street parking available at costs ranging from \$3.00 - \$6.00. Parking is prohibited on the roadside and tow trucks do patrol the area, so park with caution.

Food: There are plenty of food vendors located on all of the fields offering a variety of food items. There are also a few local restaurants in town where you can sit and enjoy dining. ♿

Restrooms: There are portable toilets set up on all fields.

Weather: The weather in New England is very unpredictable. The shows run rain or shine so come prepared.

Cash: The Country Bank has an ATM in Brimfield which is located on Main Street. There are also several others located about 10 miles away, in the towns of Sturbridge, Monson, Palmer and Warren. Also, several of the field operators have ATMs located on their property.

Pets: It's not a good idea to bring pets. Many operators prohibit pets on their fields and it's hazardous to keep an animals in a cars.

Laundromat: Located in downtown Warren and Ware.

Lost & Found: Contact the Brimfield Police Station (413) 245-3442 after shows.

Emergencies: call 911

Show Schedules

Operator Opens	T	W	TH	F	S	Su
Brimfield Acres NorthTues. 1 p.m./Sat. 8 a.m.	■	□	□	□	■	□
Brimfield Barn Antique Market.....7 a.m.	■	■	■	■	■	■
Central Park Antique Shows6 a.m. (413) 245-4674 (during shows) or (413) 596-9257	■	■	■	■	■	■
Collin's Apple Barn.....daybreak	■	■	■	■	■	■
Crossroads Antique Showdaybreak	■	■	■	■	■	■
Crystal Brook.....daybreak	■	■	■	■	■	□
Dealer's ChoiceTues. 11 a.m.	■	□	□	□	□	□
Faxon's Midway6 a.m. (508) 347-3929	■	■	■	■	■	■
Green Acres6 a.m.	■	■	■	■	■	■
Heart-o-the-Mart9 a.m. (413) 245-9556	□	■	■	■	■	■
J&J PromotionsFri. 6 a.m./Sat. 9 a.m. (413) 245-3436 or (978) 597-8155	□	□	□	■	■	□
Hertan ShowsWed.-noon/Th.-Sun. 6 a.m. (413) 626-0927 (during shows) or (860) 763-3760	□	■	■	■	■	■
Mahogany Ridge.....daybreak	■	■	■	■	■	■
May's Antique Market9 a.m. (413) 245-9271	□	□	■	■	■	□
New England Motel & Antique Market6 a.m. (413) 245-3348	□	■	■	■	■	■
Pynchon House Antiques.....daybreak	■	■	■	■	■	■
Quaker Acresdaybreak (413) 245-6185	■	■	■	■	■	■
Shelton Antique Shows.....daybreak (413) 245-3591	■	■	■	■	■	■
Stephen's Place.....6 a.m.	■	■	■	■	■	■
Sturtevant'sdaybreak (413) 245-7458	■	■	■	■	■	■
The Meadows Antique Shows, Inc.....6 a.m. (413) 245-9427 or (413) 245-3215	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Show Map

Legend:

- Town Hall/Police Station
- Fire Department/Ambulance
- Post Office
- Parking
- Public Telephone
- Churches
- ATM
- Shipper
- Restrooms & Handicapped Restrooms are available at all shows

Map Labels:

- 20 (Route 20)
- 19 (Route 19)
- Prospect Hill Road
- Haynes Hill Road
- Mill Lane
- Wales Road
- Common
- East Hill Road
- Brookfield Road
- Warren Road
- Pages Hill Road
- Holland Road
- To Monson and Palmer MassPike Route 90 Exit 8
- To Warren, West Brookfield and Ware Route 67
- To Brookfield Route 9
- To Sturbridge, Charlton/Charlton City, Auburn and Routes 90 & 84
- To Holland and Route 84
- To Wales

Show Locations:

- Dealer's Choice Antique Shows
- Brimfield Acres North
- Green Acres
- Crossroads
- Roads Antiques
- Collins Apple Barn
- Brimfield Barn
- Stephen's Place
- The Meadows Antique Shows
- New England Motel & Antique Market
- Quaker Acres
- May's Antique Market
- Crystal Brook
- Shelton Antique Shows
- Sturtevant's North
- Mahogany Ridge
- Sturtevant's South
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- **Arrive early** to be sure you find parking. While spaces are plentiful, they fill up fast!
- **Bring a tote**, backpack or other equipment to carry your new-found treasures. Wagons or carts are often used for hauling.
- If you plan to meet someone or visit a particular dealer, be sure to **note the booth number** and the name of the field or show. Show operators maintain lists of dealers, and only they can distribute dealer information.
- The show goes on **rain or shine**. Be prepared for a change in the weather. Dress appropriately. Don't forget comfortable shoes!
- Take time to **rest and replenish your liquids**, particularly in high heat. A drink of water is, at times, hard to find at the shows. Bring some with you.
- Brush up on your **negotiation skills**. Most dealers expect you to bargain.
- The following may come in handy; **calculator, notebook, sunscreen, sun/rain hat, fanny pack, and a plastic poncho**.
- **Looking for something in particular?** Ask a dealer who carries similar items. Chances are, they'll have great recommendations, or even have what you're looking for still packed in a box at their booth.
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In 1672, King Charles II decreed a mail system to aid communication between the colonies. A rider on horseback, saddlebags marked for each town along the route, would deliver mail once a month from New York to Boston through the Quaboag Hills.

Fees for delivering mail were assessed according to the miles it traveled, the recipient paying the tariff. Benjamin Franklin, the country's first postmaster, in 1767 devised a precise method to levy postage fees. He ordered brownstone markers placed each mile along the route between Boston and New York City so mail carriers could charge the correct postage. These mileposts gave birth to the historic "Boston Post Road," now Routes 9 and 67 in the Quaboag Hills.

Fourteen Franklin milestones, dating from 1767, can be found in the towns of Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, and Warren. Many are visible from the road. Others are on private property (please be respectful). Approximately one mile separates each.

Trout Fishing on the Quaboag

The Quaboag River is one of Massachusetts' major trout streams of the put and take (catch and release) variety. Survival of spring stocked trout is difficult due to very warm temperatures in the summer months. The Quaboag is different from most rivers in that its headwaters are very placid and slow flowing and its lower reaches are faster flowing.

The river starts in Brookfield, flowing out of Quaboag Lake, (North Pond to locals.) From Brookfield it flows through West Brookfield into Warren. All of the upper reaches of the Quaboag are well known bass waters worthy of an article in themselves. The parts of the river we will mostly concern ourselves with for trout fishing are the waters from Warren to Palmer.

The Quaboag is a dark water river with abundant insect life from caddis and Mayflies to Helgramites. Most trout I have dressed over the years have had mostly caddis larvae and sometimes small crawfish in their stomachs.

There are a couple of types of feed fish in the river. The little black nosed dace are seen very commonly in the shallows. Also, there is a large population of silver dace, which grow quite large and have fooled many an angler when the nice trout he thought he was fighting fumed out to be a dace.

While there is a small population of native brook trout, which mostly descend from the many tributaries, the Quaboag is dependent upon stocking by the state of Massachusetts. Also, the local sportsmen's clubs stock some trout most years. The state stocks all three major species into the Quaboag, with the majority being rainbow and brown trout in excess of 9".

Every year there are some very nice trout introduced into the Quaboag, which makes for a quality type of fishing. I like to catch five or six nice 14", or larger trout, rather than a dozen smaller ones. How about you?

The biggest I have ever heard of taken from the Quaboag was a monstrous 8 lbs. 12 oz. It was caught by Leon Furgal (whom recently passed) in Warren quite a few years ago.

Every spring you hear of a few large fish taken. Either they are holdovers or recently stocked brood fish.

Fly Fisherman from Warren

Quaboag Plantation and King Philip's War of 1675, Continued

Fighting continued throughout Massachusetts, but the strength of the British forces was too much for the natives. King Philip was hunted and, in the end, shot by an Indian fighting on the British side.

To see the actual site of the Quaboag Plantation battle, travel up Foster Hill Road off Route 9 in West Brookfield. Several historical markers commemorate the action. One, framed in stone, is dedicated to tavern owner John Ayres, "Killed by Indians 2nd 1675 Aug." A second marker reads, "Here stood the Fortified House—besieged in King Philip's War, August 2-4, 1675."

As you enter Brookfield on Route 67 South and Route 148 you'll find a sign detailing the history of Quaboag Plantation.

In West Brookfield view the stone monument commemorating Fort Gilbert (1688), built to protect the 2nd Settlement of Quaboag from Indian raids. Explore the Old Burying Ground on Cottage Street where the "haymakers," six farmers attacked and killed on Foster Hill, are buried.

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- 4. Get Smart About the Outdoors!** Find field guides, natural history books & maps.
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photo by Pat Peterson

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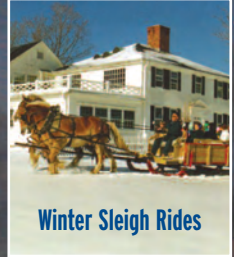
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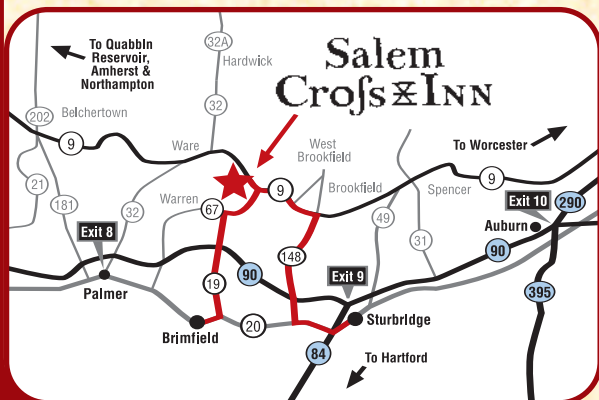
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