

## FUN SEEKER'S FALL FOILAGE TRIP OCTOBER 16, 2025.

Where we are going....

When looking for a picturesque and charming small town in Connecticut for your next fall getaway, Essex is going to fit the bill perfectly. Located along the Connecticut River, this adorable little town has charm at every corner. In fact, it's so postcard-worthy, that some Hallmark movies have been filmed here, and the *Travel Channel* called it the "most charming small town in Connecticut." We will have some free time for shopping while strolling main street lined with stores and boutiques.



Where we will be having lunch.....

Since 1776, the GRISOLD INN is one of the oldest continuously operated inns in the United States. The Griswold Inn is located in the historic seaport village of Essex, Connecticut, and was rated Number 1 out of 18 restaurants in the area by Trip Advisor. Please choose one of the following food choices: Pan Seared Salmon Filet, Sautéed Chicken Franchise, or Vegetarian Pasta



What we will be doing.....

The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat's 2 1/2-hour train and riverboat ride begins at the historic 1892 Essex Station for a 12-mile, narrated round-trip into the heart of the unspoiled Connecticut River Valley. The steam locomotive pulls vintage coaches through the quintessential New England towns of Deep River and Chester. A natural highlight is the undeveloped Selden Neck State Park, accessible only by boat. Essex Steam Train offers unique access to several coves and preserves, immersing passengers in an on-board eco-excursion. The train travels near the tidal wetlands of Pratt Cove and Chester Creek — bountiful, natural habitats for birds including Cormorants, Ducks, Swans, Greenland Geese, Blue Heron, Egrets, and Red-winged Blackbirds.



Then, at the end of our steam train journey you will be taken onto the Becky Thatcher riverboat for a 1.5 hour cruise along the calm waters of the Connecticut River! From multiple decks you can experience the marshes, wildlife, coves, inlets, and pretty spectacular rocky shoreline! Along the way, we'll see Gillette Castle, Goodspeed Opera House, and the Haddam Swing Bridge and more.

Bus departs from Home Depot parking lot - located in Smithfield Crossing (rt. 44) at 8:45am (please be there by 8:30am and will return approx. 6:00pm. \$ 145.00 per person. Deposit \$ 20.00 to hold your spot, balance due september 1st.

**Call Edyie & Buddy Rapone to reserve your space on this Fabulous Foliage Trip! 401 231-7237**