Facts & Figures

Location: On Long Island Sound, west of New Haven.
Area: 10.6 square miles.
Government: Mayor, City Council.
Public Safety: Police Department; Fire Department (Three Districts.)

Parks & Recreation

Three miles of public beach with parking.
Painter Park: playing fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic and pavilions.
Morse Park: playing fields, playground, pavilion.
Brennan Field Park: playing field, basketball courts, playground.
Shingle Hill Park: play ground, picnicking.
Third Avenue Park: playground, picnicking.
Nike Site Park: tennis courts, basketball courts, playground.
Bradley Point Park: open space.
Boat Launching Area: for city residents.
Soccer Fields, Municipal Stadium, Ice Rink
Savin Rock: For many years Savin Rock was a popular amusement and resort area. It has been replaced by apartments, town houses and commercial structures as a result of an extensive redevelopment project.

Farm Attractions

A Golden Acres Farms (est. 1952)
207 Fresh Meadow Rd., West Haven.
203-933-0108
Vegetable and flowering plants

West Haven Farmers Market
355 Main St., West Haven.
Thursdays & Saturdays, July–October.

B&B Flower Farm
668 Jones Hill Rd., West Haven.
203-937-9794
Equestrian, flowers, ice creamery, gifts

About West Haven

Welcome to West Haven, Connecticut's youngest city!

Whether you are coming here to live, work or play, West Haven has something for everyone. Discover the beauty of our shoreline, the culinary delights of our restaurants, and the charm of our downtown.
www.cityofwesthaven.com

History

Settlement of the area of New Haven known as “West Farms” began about 1648. The separate parish that was organized in 1715 included the areas now called Orange and West Haven. In 1882 they became the town of Orange. The borough of West Haven was created in 1873. Not until 1921 was the town of West Haven incorporated and in 1961 made a city.

One of the British raids during the Revolutionary War was directed against New Haven in July 1779. British ships anchored off West Haven; soldiers came ashore, destroying property and fighting their way to New Haven.