

# COOL SCOOPS!



**Ice cream** has been a hot commodity for centuries. The ice cream historians believe that the tasty treat originated around 200 B.C. in China. According to folklore, Roman emperor Nero (1st century) was the first to combine mountain ice with fruit for a dessert. Marco Polo is credited with returning from the Far East with a recipe for a frozen dessert in the late 13th century. In fact, Italians claim that the first ice cream was made in Florence during the same period of time, becoming gelato. England was not to be outdone and in the early 1600s King Charles I employed a cook who served a much-coveted frozen dairy dish. Ice cream had become an indulgence of royalty.

The desire for ice cream was imported to the new United States. George Washington was first served the concoction by Betsy Hamilton, wife of Alexander, and his ledger indicates that he purchased a “cream machine for ice” for his own use. Thomas Jefferson was the first president to serve ice cream in the White House. It was not until 1843 that Nancy Johnson of Philadelphia was issued the first patent for a crank operated ice cream maker and the frozen treat became available to everyone.

Whether it is served in a cone or under sundae toppings and whipped cream, scooped hard from the freezer or served soft in a twist, ice cream is a favorite for all ages. Enjoy cool scoops from all the great ice cream purveyors in The Last Green Valley!

Sources: <http://whatscookingamerica.net>, [www.ice-cream-recipes.com](http://www.ice-cream-recipes.com), [www.lofti.dsu.edu](http://www.lofti.dsu.edu).

*Please note that many of the businesses listed are open seasonally; some also serve food and offer shopping experiences, corn mazes or other activities. Please be sure to call ahead or check their websites to avoid any disappointments.*

## ASHFORD, CT

### Ashford Dari Bar

1 Pompey Hollow Rd., Rte. 44  
Ashford, CT 06278  
860-429-1501  
Great assortment of flavors.  
Hours: daily, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

### Concrete Factory

5 Squaw Hollow Rd., Jct. Rtes. 44  
and 74, Ashford, CT 06278  
860-429-0858  
Special seasonal flavors: peach,  
apple, holiday mint, blueberry; Ice  
Cream Concretes with toppings  
upside down!  
Hours: daily 9 a.m.–8 p.m.;  
Sun. until 6 p.m.

## BROOKLYN, CT

### Creamery Brook Bison

19 Purvis Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234  
860-779-0837  
Shakes, sundaes, cones and cups. NOT  
bison ice cream!  
Hours: Mon.–Fri., 2–6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.–  
2 p.m. during season.

### The Ice Box

17 S. Main St., Rte. 6  
Brooklyn, CT 06234  
860-774-0042  
Every kind of ice cream offerings,  
including an unusual flavor: Brewer’s  
Cow – Guinness infused!  
Hours: daily 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m. during  
season.

## CANTERBURY, CT

### Canterbury Cones

57 N. Canterbury Rd., Rte. 169  
Canterbury, CT 06331  
860-617-4440  
Offering Purple Cow Yogurt, soft serve,  
banana splits, extreme sundaes with  
candy, shakes.  
Hours: weekdays 2–8 p.m., closed Wed.;  
weekend 12–8 p.m., 9 p.m. in summer.

## CHARLTON, MA

### Ronnie’s Seafood and Ice Cream

208 City Depot Rd., Rte. 31  
Charlton, MA 01507  
508-248-5024  
Hard and soft ice cream, lowfat frozen  
yogurt, 32 flavors!  
Hours: Tues.–Sun., 11 a.m.–9 p.m.,  
closed Mon.

## Dresser Hill Clam Box and Ice Cream

290 Dresser Hill, Charlton, MA 01507  
508-248-7870  
More than 45 flavors of old fashioned ice  
cream served as cones, cups, sundaes,  
shakes and smoothies.  
Hours: daily, opening 1:30 p.m.

## GRISWOLD/JEWETT CITY, CT

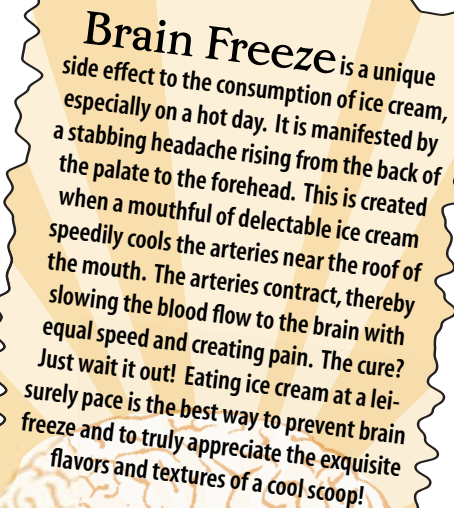
### Buttonwood Farm Ice Cream

473 Shetucket Tpk., Rtes. 165 and 201  
Griswold, CT 06351  
860-376-4081  
[www.buttonwoodfarmicecream.com](http://www.buttonwoodfarmicecream.com)  
More than 40 flavors of ice cream, frozen  
yogurt and sorbet.  
Hours: Mon.–Fri., 1–8 p.m.; weekends 12–8 p.m.

## MANSFIELD/STORRS, CT

### UConn Dairy Bar

3636 Horsebarn Hill Rd. Ext., Rte. 195  
Storrs, CT 06269  
860-486-2634  
Favorite flavor: Jonathan’s Supreme  
named for UConn husky mascot.  
Hours: daily, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.; closing times  
change with the season and school year.



**Brain Freeze** is a unique side effect to the consumption of ice cream, especially on a hot day. It is manifested by a stabbing headache rising from the back of the palate to the forehead. This is created when a mouthful of delectable ice cream speedily cools the arteries near the roof of the mouth. The arteries contract, thereby slowing the blood flow to the brain with equal speed and creating pain. The cure? Just wait it out! Eating ice cream at a leisurely pace is the best way to prevent brain freeze and to truly appreciate the exquisite flavors and textures of a cool scoop!

## OXFORD, MA

### Dairy Express

2 Sutton Ave., Oxford, MA 01540  
508-987-1151  
Hard and soft serve, frappes, shakes, splits, sundaes.  
*Hours: daily, 10 a.m.–10 p.m.*

## PLAINFIELD, CT

### Baker's Dozen/Snack Shak

2 Village Center Circle  
Moosup, CT 06377  
860-564-0334  
*Hours: Tues.–Sun., 11 a.m.–9 p.m.*

### Hank's Dairy Bar

1006 Norwich Rd., Rte. 12  
Plainfield, CT 06374  
860-564-2298  
www.hanksdairybar.com  
Established 1957, soft serve vanilla and chocolate, sundaes, shakes.  
*Hours: daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m. summer; closing 9 p.m. remainder of year.*

### RaRa's Ice Cream Parlor

69 Prospect St. at Allen St.  
Moosup, CT 06354  
860-564-3930  
www.rarasicream.com  
Ice cream cones, cakes, splits, sundaes, and shakes.  
*Hours: daily 11 a.m.–9 p.m., closed Tues.*

## POMFRET, CT

### We-Li-Kit Farm

728 Hampton Rd., Rte. 97  
Abington, CT 06230  
860-974-1095  
Great assortment of flavors including Guernsey Cookie, Road Kill and Holstein. Homemade waffle cones.  
*Hours: Sun.–Thurs., 12–7 p.m. in shoulder season; daily, 12–9 p.m. in season.*

## PUTNAM, CT

### Deary Brothers Mike's Stand

12 Intervale St. off Rte. 12  
Putnam, CT 06260  
860-928-1191  
Hard serve with 45 flavors including frozen pudding. Special "flavor of the week."  
*Hours: shoulder season, Sun.–Thurs. 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m.; Fri.–Sat., 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Summer, daily, 11 a.m.–11 p.m.*

### Nikki's Dog House

5 Canal St., Putnam, CT 06260  
860-928-0252  
Gifford's hard ice cream; favorite flavor Moosetracks. Offers seasonal flavors.  
*Hours: Sun.–Wed., 11 a.m.–3 p.m.; Thurs.–Sat., 11 a.m.–7 p.m.*

### Quiet Corner Creamery

147 Kennedy Drive (Riverside Nursery)  
Putnam, CT 06260  
860-428-1015 Gary's cell  
Favorite flavor: coffee oreo.  
New flavors all the time.  
*Hours: Apr.–May, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; June through summer 11 a.m.–9 p.m.*

## Rayliene's Corner Café

156 Providence Pike, Rte. 44  
Putnam, CT 06260  
860-928-9400  
Wide assortment of flavors. Noted for Cappuccino Crunch.  
*Hours: Mon.–Thurs., Sun., 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri.–Sat., 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m.*

## STERLING, CT

### Brown Cow Café

227 Ekonk Hill Rd., Rte. 49 Sterling (mail) Moosup, CT 06377  
860-564-0248  
www.ekonkhillturkeyfarm.com  
Homemade ice cream; favorite flavors include black currant and Blossom's Delight.  
*Hours: daily, Apr.–June, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; July–Aug. to 9 p.m.; Sept.–Oct. to 7 p.m., Nov.–Dec., to 6 p.m.; Jan.–Mar., to 5 p.m.*

## THOMPSON/N. GROSVENORDALE, CT

### Bogey's at Raceway Restaurant & Golf Club

205 East Thompson Rd.  
Thompson, CT 06277  
860-923-9591  
Serving Richardson's Ice Cream; favorite flavors Green Monster, Cake Batter and Purple Cow.  
*Hours: opening Memorial Day weekend; Mon.–Fri., 4–9 p.m.; Sat.–Sun., 11 a.m.–9 p.m.*

### Fort Hill Farms

260 Quaddick Rd., Thompson, CT 06277  
860-923-3439  
Unusual flavors like Farmland Crunch, Heifernutter Peantbutter and Laven-der ice cream.  
*Hours: daily, 12–8 p.m.*

## Snickerdoodles

915 Riverside Dr., Rte. 12  
N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255  
860-923-2904  
Ice cream service in hardware store.  
*Hours: call ahead.*

## The Summer Shack at Riverside Pizza

292 Riverside Dr., Thompson, CT 06277  
860-923-3500  
Hard and soft serve; cones, cups, and more.  
*Hours: Memorial Day through season; daily, 11 a.m.–10 p.m.*

## WINDHAM/WILLIMANTIC, CT

### Aero Diner

361 Boston Post Rd., Rte. 6  
N. Windham, CT 06256  
860-450-1959  
www.aerodiner.com  
Features Hershey hard scoops.  
*Hours: check website.*

## WOODSTOCK, CT

### Mrs. Bridges Pantry

292 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06282  
860-963-7040  
www.mrsbridgespantry.com  
Offers Gifford's ice cream.  
*Hours: daily, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., closed Tues.*

### Sweet Evalina's Stand

688 Rte. 169, Woodstock, CT 06281  
860-928-4029  
Serves Hershey's Ice Cream, cones, cups, sundaes, rootbeer floats.  
*Hours: Sun.–Thurs., 7 a.m.–8 p.m.; Fri.–Sat., 7 a.m.–9 p.m.*

