

Welcome to

Greenland

1721 ★ 2021

New Hampshire



*A Brief Guide to
our Historic Town*

TOWN INFORMATION

1. Greenland Town Offices

www.greenland-nh.com

575 Portsmouth Ave • 1980

Mail: PO Box 100, Greenland 03840

(603) 436-7111



2. Greenland Police

16 Town Square • 2002

Emergency: Call 911

Business Phone (603) 431-4624

Dispatch Phone (603) 679-2226



3. Fire Department

13 Town Square

(603) 436-1188



4. Weeks Library

www.weekslibrary.org

36 Post Road • 1897

(603) 436-8548



5. Transfer Station

Cemetery Lane

Greenland Recreation

www.greenlandrec.com

6. Caswell Park

58 Caswell Dr

7. Mike Maloney Rec Complex

143 Post Rd

8. Krasko Field

Town Square



Public Areas

9. Remembrance Park (2002)

106 Post Rd

10. Veteran's Memorial Park (1939)

& Bandstand • 104 Post Rd

11. The Parade (c.1706) &

Gazebo (c.1880) • 1 Post Rd



12. Post Office

609 Portsmouth Ave • 1981

Greenland Historical Society

greenlandnhhistory.org

Learn more about the town of Greenland's history at the Historical Society's website!



NOTABLE LOCALES

13. Breakfast Hill

511 Breakfast Hill Road

On the morning of June 26, 1696, a band of Abenaki and their captives from an attack on Portsmouth Plains were found eating their breakfast in Greenland. When confronted by the local militia, the Native Americans fled, leaving their plunder, prisoners, and giving a name to the hill.



14. Great Bay Discovery Center

www.greatbay.org

89 Depot Rd Greenland NH

Home to the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, you will find exhibits about Great Bay, walkways and trails to explore, a playground and a launch for kayaks.



Hillside Cemetery

Cemetery Lane, Greenland NH

The largest of an estimated thirty ancient burial grounds in Greenland, Hillside Cemetery was laid out in 1705, near the town's first Congregational Meetinghouse. An adjacent area known as the Prospect Hill Cemetery was established at the end of Cemetery Lane in 1895, and is currently in use.



Winnicut River

Crossing Route 33 at Bayside Rd.

The word Winnicut has been translated from Abenaki to mean "Beautiful Place" or "Where Water Pours Out". Once home to at least eleven mills that ground flour and cut lumber, the Winnicut River provides drainage for much of the town. The final dam on the river was removed after 2003, restoring it to its natural state.



CHURCHES

15. Community Congregational Church of Greenland

4 Church Ln. • c.1756

www.greenlanducc.org

While the congregation can date its origins back to 1706, the current structure overlooking the Parade was erected in 1756 after a fire burned down the original on the corner of

Cemetery Lane. It has seen many changes over the ages, and serves the community to this day.



16. Greenland Parish House

44 Post Rd. • c.1837

Originally the First Methodist Meetinghouse, it became a parish house when the Methodist congregation merged with the Congregationalists.



17. Lower Pasonage

47 Tidemill Rd • c.1706

Built to entice Reverend William Allen to come and preach in Greenland, this structure hosted parish meetings until the church was finished.



18. Bethany Church

500 Breakfast Hill Rd. • 2000

bethanychurch.com

Tracing their roots to the original Rye congregation in 1726, the church on Breakfast Hill is the largest of several facilities belonging to the Bethany Congregation.



19. Greenland United Methodist Church

25 Dearborn Rd. • 1998

Home to a congregation of Korean-American Methodists.



SCHOOLS

20. Greenland Central School

70 Post Road • 1920

gcs.sau50.org

Built on the site of the Brackett Academy, which had burned down in 1919. The original stone building housed grades 1-8. Since then, it has been expanded several times, the largest and latest addition having been completed in 2004.



21. SAU 50 Offices

48 Post Road • 1810

sau50.org

Greenland is part of School Administrative Unit 50, which includes Rye, New Castle and Newington. Their offices are located in the house next to Greenland Central School.



22. North School

376 Portsmouth Ave • 1847

Used as a primary school until 1920, this attractive brick schoolhouse is now home to the Greenland Veterans Association.



West Schools

A number of schoolhouses stood in the western side of Greenland, the earliest dating from 1764. It was sold and moved in 1853.

A second western schoolhouse was built in 1848, and was used until 1903. It burned down around 1930.

23. South School

Post Road • 1850

Used as a schoolhouse until 1903, when schools were consolidated in the center of town, this structure is now a private residence.



Early Education in Town

While home education was common, the first school was authorized to be held in the upper parsonage in 1793.

HISTORIC HOUSES

24. Weeks Brick House

1 Weeks Ave • c.1710

www.weeksbrickhouse.org

Built by Samuel Weeks, the structure is amongst the oldest brick structures in New England, having survived earthquakes and fire.

The house is presently occupied by tenants, but there are trails on the surviving 30 acres of the farmstead that lead to Great Bay.



25. Thomas Ayers Homestead

Park Ave • c.1737

Like many farms in town, the Ayers Homestead saw many uses, such as playing host to General Tom Thumb's troop of entertainers on tour in the mid 19th century.



26. Pickering Homestead

Portsmouth Ave • c.1767

Once part of the large Pickering Estate, this house hints at the early farming fortunes in Greenland.



27. William Pickering House

Post Rd • c.1805

The noted statesman Daniel Webster lived in this fine residence between 1808-1812.



28. Packer Farm

Post Rd • c.1857

This fine Greek Revival farmhouse with a slate roof hints at the prosperity that Greenland enjoyed prior to the Civil War era.



HISTORIC HOUSES

29. Bayley Tavern

Portsmouth Ave • c.1690

While the date of the house's erection is unclear, part of it may have been standing as early as 1690. It was enlarged, and used as a public house or tavern in 1765. For a time, church services were held here during the winter months as it was heated. The tavern was operated by the Bayley family from 1776 to 1840, after which the Pickering family kept the business for a few years more.



30. Clarke Tavern

Post Rd • c.1727

For a time, this was the stage coach stop and acting town post office from 1750 to 1812, when it was one of three licensed taverns in town.



31. Folsom Tavern

Portsmouth Ave • c.1750

While the original tavern was erected in the 1750's, the impressive building you see today was added to it in 1810 by George Hilton, and came to be known as the Greenland House until 1866.



32. Samuel Hatch Tavern

Portsmouth Ave • c.1750

Originally located in Stratham before the boundary line was moved, this house was operated as a tavern from 1785 to 1840.



HISTORIC HOUSES

33. Berry Homestead

Breakfast Hill Rd • c.1736

Located on Breakfast Hill Road, this house was erected by Thomas Berry, son of William Berry who was an early settler in Rye in 1632. The Eastern Railroad line once ran to the west of the house across Breakfast Hill Road.



34. Lewis Haines House

Bayside Rd • c.1760

Once part of a 100 acre farm, this handsome house boasts no less than eight fireplaces, indicating the prosperity of the area.



35. Joshua Weeks House

Bayside Rd • c.1698

Built by Captain Joshua Weeks, this house and surrounding land has been in the Weeks family for many generations.



36. Simpson Houses

Winnicut Rd • c.1770s

Bracketting Winnicut Road, this pair of farmhouses offers a contrast in conditions. The William Simpson House is easily seen from the road on the west side, and was part of a thirty acre farm. The David Simpson House is on the opposite side, largely hidden by trees, included land that once encompassed much of Vardon Lane and reached to the Winnicut River, where the owners operated a now vanished grist mill.

