

Browse the Brookfields Historic Hunt Driving Tour.

For additional orientation, there is map in the Browse the Brookfields brochure. And feel free to call the shops at the numbers listed after their name for more information. Happy Hunting!

- From Sturbridge, take Rt. 20 West to Rt. 148 North. After 3 miles, you will pass Tantasqua the Regional High School. Just after that is the “Entering Brookfield” sign. Continue another 4 miles and you will arrive at the Quaboag River, the principal means of transportation for the Nipmuc Indians who were Native Americans residents of the area.
- Continue up the hill to arrive at the Brookfield Town Common and the village historic district. Date of construction is on many of the homes and buildings. The Banister Memorial Library, a Victorian Gothic red brick building, is located at the near end of the Common. Be sure to check out the rainspout gargoyle.
- At the Unitarian stone church at the other end of the Common, turn right onto Central Street. You will pass the Congregational Church, the old Fire Station and the Town Hall. Directly afterwards is **TipTop Country Store** (map #2; 508-867-0460), a general store for the 21st century with natural foods as well as fair trade and eco-friendly books, cards and gifts.
- Continue east on Central Street until it ends at Rt. 9. Take a right onto Rt. 9 0.8 miles to reach **E.B. Flatts Restaurant** (508-867-6643), with fun and casual dining. Can you guess the hidden meaning behind the name?
- You are now in East Brookfield, birthplace of baseball legend Connie Mack and the youngest town in the Commonwealth, incorporated in 1920. All of the Brookfields, plus parts of several other towns were part of the original Quaboag Plantation, which is gearing up for a big 350th anniversary celebration in 2010. Visit www.quaboag350.com to learn more.
- From E.B. Flatts, continue east on Rt. 9 0.5 miles. Turn left onto Blaine Ave at the Mobil Gas Station. Go to the end on the road (0.2 mile) and turn left. Travel approximately 3 miles until you reach the center of North Brookfield. Take a left onto Spring Street (at the Town Library) and continue to number 44 (0.2 mile) on the right, **Noisy Beagle Antique Shoppe** (508-867-7475), a charming antique, collectibles and clock shop in an old post and beam barn that also offers clock repair service.
- Go back on Spring Street to Main Street (Rt. 67) and take a left. Go about 0.1 miles to arrive at 197 North Main St. and **Aunt Lizzie’s Whatnot Shop** (508-867-7791), an eclectic mix of antiques, collectibles, and second hand treasures.
- Cross the street and walk just a few hundred feet to **Finders Keepers** (508-867-0115), offering antiques including glassware, china, crockery, pottery, furniture, lighting, jewelry, paintings and more.
- Proceed back to the first intersection (School Street). At this intersection is the North Brookfield Townhouse (currently closed) where George M. Cohan, writer of the song Yankee Doodle Dandy, directed the play “Ah, Wilderness” in 1934.

- Take a left onto School Street and travel (0.2) miles to the fork in the road. Situated on the fork is the North Brookfield Railroad Station, a focal point in North Brookfield's Industrial and Social Life for over 50 years from its erection in 1875.
- Go right at the fork and travel 1.1 miles to Lincoln Road. Take a left onto Lincoln Road and continue to **Brookfield Orchards** (508-867-6858) for an old-fashioned country store, pick-your-own apple orchard, dumplings, crafts, antiques, playground and picnic area.

To return to Rt. 9 from Brookfield Orchards, head back on Lincoln to the stop sign. Turn right. Take your first left at Ward St. (0.3 mile), Continue on Ward St until you reach East Brookfield Road (main road). Turn left and travel 3 miles on East Brookfield Road to reach Rt. 9. Turn left to head East and right to go west, toward Brookfield and West Brookfield.

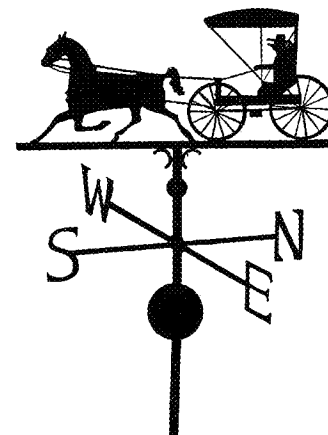
This concludes the Driving Tour of Brookfield, East Brookfield and North Brookfield. Ask at any of the member shops for a Driving Tour of West Brookfield. These tours only scratch the surface of the many places of historic and scenic interest in the Brookfields. Ask any of our members for suggestions of other side trips that you may enjoy.

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