

Destination Enfield



by Moses L. Harvey and was called Harvey Hotel. Sometime between 1893 and 1894 the hotel again changed hands, and the new owner, Frank Teeter, called it Teeter Hall. The last recorded use for the hotel was in 1922. It was noted for its many dances held on the “floating” dance floor.

Continue down to the Enfield Center Rd intersection, turn right, and walk up to the **Enfield United Methodist Church**. The congregation was first located at Bostwick Corners in 1835, but voted to move their church to the present site in 1876. The building was dedicated in 1878. Inside is a painting depicting The Good Shepherd, given by Marian Mack, who retired as art teacher at Ithaca High School in 1975. During renovations in 1960 the cornerstone was opened, and material on the church construction and fundraising was found. Return to your car.



7 Town of Enfield buildings – On the left side of the road is the Town Hall barn, a one-story, concrete cinder block building erected in 1966. The south end houses equipment and an office. The north section contains meeting and storage rooms. Across on the eastern side of the road are two low, rectangular wooden structures. The larger, built in 1930, was the former town barn, while the smaller building, first used as the Town Hall, was occupied by the “Pig’s Ear,” a men’s social club. It was purchased by the town in 1923, moved from West Enfield Center Rd, and enlarged. It still has built-in election booths inside.



(1821–1938). Further to the north is the Enfield Elementary School (under construction starting in 1957 and opened in 1959), as well as the town’s general store called Valley Korner.

9 Newman House – This house was built sometime before 1853 and in 1854 belonged to William O. and Isaac H. Newman. It is a good example of the Gothic Revival, or Carpenter Gothic style, which was very popular in central NYS in the mid-19th century. The unusual porch posts and skirting, roof decoration, and original finials make this home distinctive. Well preserved and maintained, it is a private residence today.

10 60 Colegrove Rd – This white Victorian style house features interesting turrets. Like #9 it also belonged to Isaac Newman, the father of prominent Ithaca lawyer Jared T. Newman. Recently renovated, it is now a private home. The view of the surrounding countryside from the road is one example of the many beautiful vistas in the area.

Annual Events and Festivals

May – Country Fair, Enfield Elementary School

Sept – Harvest Festival, Enfield Elementary School

Lodging L

Noble House Farm B&B, 215 Connecticut Hill Rd, Newfield, NY 14867. 607-277-4798. Handicap accessible. Dog friendly. www.noblehousefarm.com. See #3.

A Touch of Country B&B, 119 Enfield Main Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. 607-272-9435. See #7.

Antiques Shop S

Storm Country Antiques, 1687 Mecklenburg Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. 607-272-1172.

Recreational Areas ■

Hillendale Golf Course, 218 N Applegate Rd. 607-273-2363.



Robert H. Treman State Park, 105 Enfield Falls Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. 607-273-3440. See #1.

Finger Lakes Trail, Finger Lakes Land Trust, 202 E. Court St, Ithaca, NY 14850. 607-275-9487.

Pinecreek Campground, 28 Rockwell Rd, Newfield, NY 14867.

607-273-1974. www.pinecreekcampground.com

Stevenson Preserve, see #4. The entrance is on the north side of Trumbulls Corners Rd.

Cemeteries G

Budd, Gray Rd.

Christian, Enfield Main Rd.

Presbyterian, Enfield Main Rd.

Rolfe, Applegate Rd.

Historical Markers H

Applegate Tavern, Mecklenburg (Rt 79) and Applegate Rds.

First Permanent Settlers, Enfield Main and Fish Rds.

Van Dorn Tavern, Mecklenburg (Rt. 79) and Van Dorn Rds.

Wallenbeck Tavern, Fish and Buck Hill Rds.

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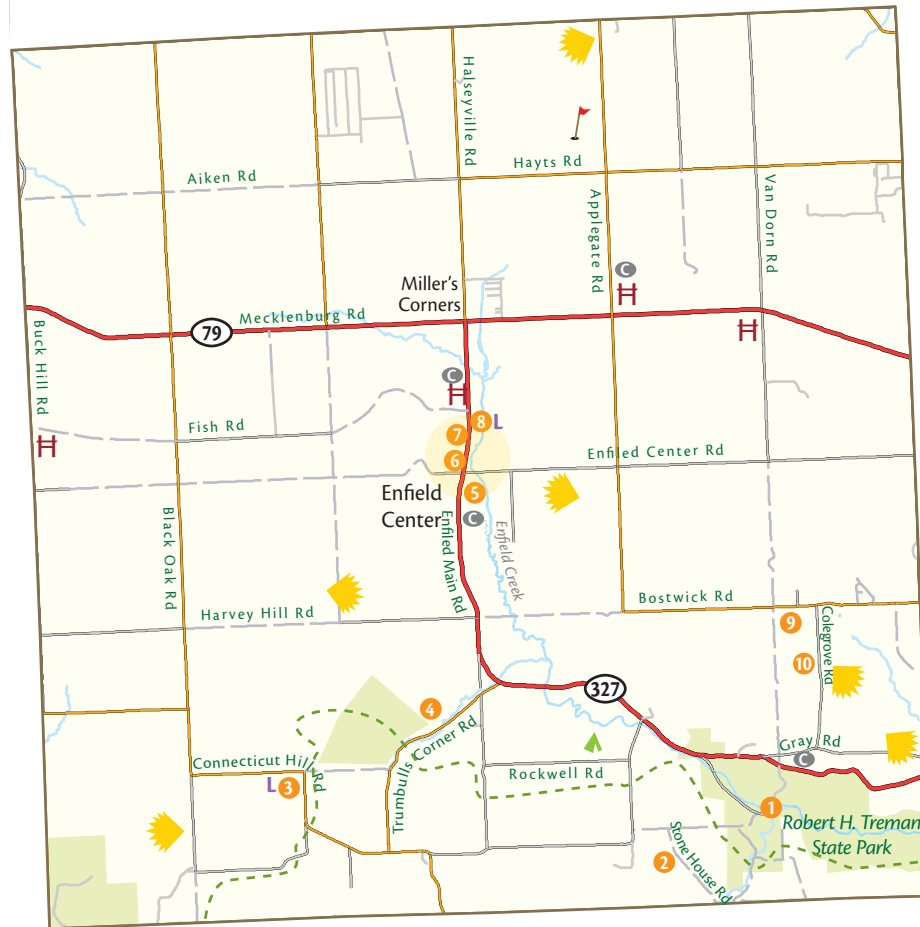
TOWN OF ENFIELD

Approximately 6 miles square and about 5 miles west of the City of Ithaca, the Town of Enfield spreads across a valley with rolling hills, ponds, streams, woodlands, residential homes and farms, and a school. It has a mean elevation of 500 to 700 feet above Cayuga Lake, which can be viewed from various locations on Harvey Hill, Enfield Center, and Connecticut Hill Roads. Five Mile Creek, also known as Enfield Creek, flows across the south of the town and forms a spectacularly beautiful gorge in the upper section of Robert H. Treman State Park. First settled in 1804, Enfield was officially registered as a town on March 16, 1821. The old Catskill Turnpike, the county's major east-west road, Rt 79, crosses Enfield as Mecklenburg Rd.

1 Robert H. Treman State Park – Located off Rt 327, the lower section of the park and its entrance are in the Town of Ithaca, while the upper part is in Enfield. From the upper entrance, winding trails of the Enfield Glen follow the gorge past 12 waterfalls, including the 115-foot Lucifer Falls, to a place where you can see 1 1/2 miles down the wooded gorge as it winds its way to the lower park. The glen was owned by Robert Henry and Laura Treman, who in 1920 gave the area to the state

with the stipulation that it be preserved as a public park free to all visitors. The park contains two historical sites: the CCC Camp, which as a New Deal program operated from 1933 to 1941, and the Old Mill, a 2 1/2-story gristmill, built in 1838–1839 by Jared Treman,

Robert's grandfather. A fine example of an early industrial structure, it contains some original milling machinery. At one time it was part of the prosperous Enfield Falls hamlet, which included a shingle factory upstream and several other mills, a tannery, a blacksmith shop, a few nearby houses, and a hotel that was built in the 1830s and for more than seventy years served as a center for active tourism. Only the mill remains today. It was reroofed and repainted in 1984. Open to visitors, it contains a small museum with exhibits on the CCC Camp and early Enfield Falls community. The Finger Lakes Trail runs through the park.



- H – Historical Markers
- – Recreational Area
- – Cemetery
- ▲ – Camping
- ⌄ – Golf Course
- L – Lodging
- ☀ – Scenic View
- – Finger Lakes Trail



2 Stone House – This private residence was built in 1822 by Charles and Keturah Woodward and is probably the oldest remaining stone building in Enfield. It is constructed from flat fieldstone gathered from the area.

3 Noble House Farm – John and Elizabeth Nobles (both Noble and Nobles spellings were used by the family) purchased



Military Lot #73 in 1809, and a year later settled on the land with their sons. The present Noble farmhouse, built in 1883 by Anson Nobles, grandson of John and Elizabeth, stands on the original foundation of the first homestead built in 1825. A B&B today, it is open year around and offers a room for meetings and special events.

4 Stevenson Preserve – The preserve, Military Lot #68 plus 83 acres of the Finger Lakes Land Trust, is a diverse “old growth” forest with some areas of original stand density. The land was donated by Elizabeth Stevenson Bennett in 1995. Several white pines are estimated to be 150 years old, with hemlocks ranging from 150 to 200 years. The Finger Lakes Trail runs through the preserve.

5 Wortman's Hall – As you approach Enfield Center on the Enfield Main Road (Rt 327), just past the Presbyterian Cemetery on your right, is a rather square, red, two-story building. A private residence today, it was the original Presbyterian Church built on the lot in

front of the cemetery in 1835–1836. Jervis Langdon, father-in-law of Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) was a trustee of the church in 1836. The church was later disbanded, and in the mid-1870s the building was purchased by John Wortman and moved to its present location. First a store and later an undertaker's business were located in the building, which has been used also as town voting place and community recreational hall. It has the only glassed cupola in the town.



6 Enfield Center – Most noteworthy buildings are north of the Enfield Center Road intersection and can be visited on foot. Be sure to take care walking on the roadside, as there are no sidewalks. Park in front of the **Community Building** on the western side. This cinder block, two-story building was the first Fire Hall in the town, built in 1948 by the newly organized fire company. It is now used by community organizations and the town government. The new Fire Hall, built in 1988, stands behind the Baptist Church.

Continuing north on the road you come to the **Grange Hall**, built in 1925–1926, and still used today for grange meetings and as a community building. The Enfield Valley Grange No. 295, organized in February 1875, was the 7th grange in Tompkins County, and as of 1995, it is the only remaining one to own and maintain a building. In the 2nd floor auditorium is a painting of Enfield Glen, done as part of an area New Deal program. Grange meets here the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. For information on membership, please call 607-272-2144.

Just beyond is the **First Baptist Church of Enfield Center**, a one-story Greek Revival style building, built in 1842. The Baptist congregation was organized in 1817 and met in private homes and at the Woodard School until the construction of this church. Originally located on the eastern side of the road, the building was moved in 1881, perhaps to avoid periodic flooding from the creek. The top parts of the steeple probably date from this time. The Baptist congregation built a new church in 2004, but still maintains this old building. To visit the interior, call 607-277-6301.

Walk back past the Community Building and down the road to the green, two-story house called the **Teeter Hotel**, originally a hotel/tavern operated in the 1850s by Elizabeth and Aaron VanMarter. The hotel not only served as an overnight rest stop for travelers but also was rented by the town as a place to conduct town business and hold elections. About 1875 the place was acquired