

East Haddam Rides Together

It's Cool to Carpool!

Did you know?

The United States consumes approximately 400 million gallons of gasoline every day.

- There are more than 200 million cars on the road.
- The average car gets a little less than 20 miles to the gallon and is driven about 40 miles each day.
- If we reduced our average driving by just 5 miles every day, we could save 50 million gallons every day. (from www.alternetrides.com)

So Why Carpool?

Save

- Money on Fuel
- Money on Engine Wear, Maintenance and Tires
- Money on Parking
- Time with Possible Preferential Parking

Reduce

- Dependency on Foreign Oil
- Air Pollution

Plus it's Fun

And You'll Make New Friends



The Following Organizations offer Carpooling Assistance:

<http://www.alternetrides.com>

Carpooling and one-time ride sharing site (i.e. trips to the supermarket and/or school events). Click on the "List Public Rides" link to find existing carpools.

<http://www.easystreet.org/>

Commuter van pool system 7-15 passenger vans provided at a cost which is based on mileage.

<http://www.erideshare.com/carpool.php?dstate=CT>

Carpooling and one-time ride sharing. 282 existing CT carpoolers currently signed up. Information can easily be sorted by point of origin and destination.

<http://www.nuride.com/>

Free to join and use, but you have to belong to an organization such as a business or a school in order to participate. This is verified by the work email address you provide when you register. This site rewards you with "points" that can later be redeemed for rewards.

All of the websites are:

- Easy to use
- Utilize anonymous e-mail for communication
- Require users to make their own carpooling matches
- Assume that individuals are responsible for their own safety



Where can you park in the East Haddam Area?

Parking is available at the following locations as weather permits. Park at your own risk; the town is not responsible for loss or damage.

- Municipal parking lot behind the Town Hall
- Limited parking at Old Town Hall/Grange on Town Street
- Old Middle School on Plains Road
- Nichols Field—for commuter parking during the week
- Commuter lot in Chester (off exit 6 on Route 9)
- Commuter lot in Colchester (off exit 16 on route 2).

Carpooling can be used for every occasion, such as daily trips to work, weekly trips to the supermarket, or special trips to sporting events. You can carpool every day to work or only when it's convenient. So rideshare, carpool, consolidate trips to the store...find ways to be creative and help reduce fuel consumption!