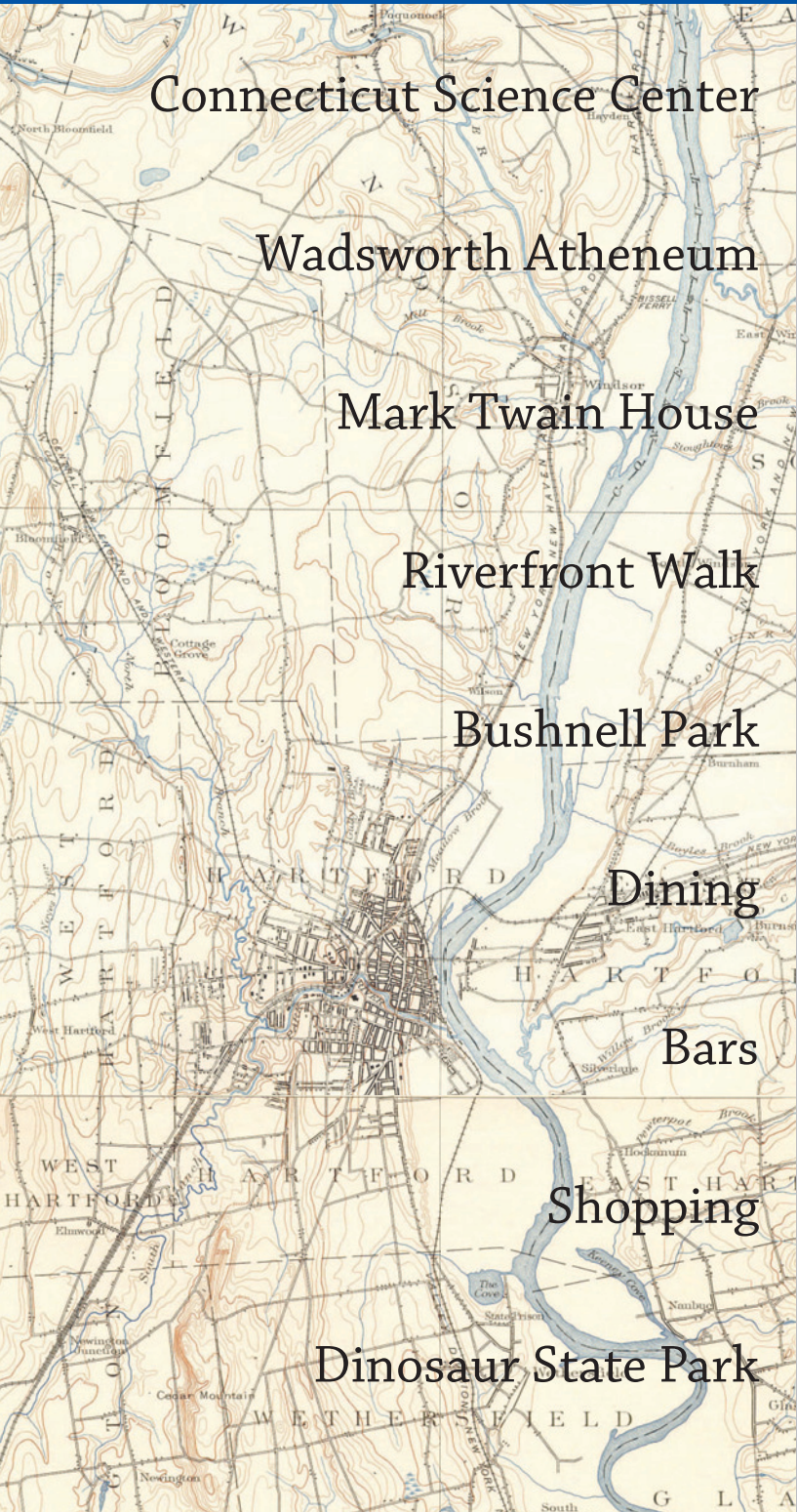


Come to the 2012 Geological Society of America Northeastern Section Meeting & see why Hartford is New England's Rising Star...



Walk across the pedestrian bridge that joins the meeting venue and the Connecticut Science Center and experience 150 hands-on science exhibits in addition to a spectacular view of the Connecticut River and eastern part of the state.

Founded in 1842, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art houses the world's finest collection of landscape art by the Hudson River School. Recent temporary exhibitions have included Monet's Water Lilies and works of Rembrandt.

Visit the remarkable Picturesque Gothic home of Mark Twain, "a Connecticut Yankee by adoption." Only three miles from downtown Hartford, the grounds include the nation's first LEED-certified museum and visitor center.

The meeting venue connects to the waterfront along Mortensen Riverfront Plaza. Walking and jogging opportunities are available along 1.6- and 3.2-mile, paved and lighted loops.

Bushnell Park is the oldest public park in the nation and provides 50 acres of open space in downtown Hartford. The park was designed by Jacob Weidenmann on the recommendation of Hartford native, Frederick Law Olmsted.

Dining options are plentiful at the meeting venue and in the restaurant district north of Bushnell Park. A free shuttle connects downtown restaurants, hotels, and other attractions.

The taverns, sports bars, and public houses in downtown Hartford are in easy walking distance of the meeting venue and have some of the best happy hours in the state.

Need to prepare for the upcoming summer field season? A large selection of outdoor clothing and equipment is available at retailers in nearby East Hartford and West Hartford.

Just minutes south of Hartford, Dinosaur State Park preserves 500 dinosaur tracks from the Jurassic Period. Exhibits and an arboretum with magnolias and ginkgoes complete the experience of going back in time.

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