

6 Oldest House – Built in 1806 at 110 Carter Creek Rd, this house is the oldest in Newfield. Originally two log cabins, the living room was in one cabin, the kitchen in the other. The logs can still be seen inside the building. Older residents have reported that many arrowheads and artifacts of the town's Native American past have been found on the property.

7 Kellogg House, 190 Benjamin Hill Rd – Almost unaltered since its construction in 1879, this house shows a mixture of Victorian-era features and was probably built from an architect-drawn design in a pattern book. It came in pieces by rail, which were then hauled to the site by horse and wagon. For about 15 years starting in the 1990s, the building housed an architectural firm.

8 Stone Jug, 270 Van Buskirk Gulf Rd (this portion of road is seasonal) – This is one of the few stone houses (originally a mill building) in Newfield. There is reason to believe that the builders were settlers from Pennsylvania who came after the Revolution. Before World War II a Finnish family operated a bakery in the house. The building was also used as a Finnish dance hall. Not far from the house is one of the oldest stone arch bridges left in the county.

Annual Event

Sept – Newfield Old Home Days – 3rd Friday night and Saturday on Newfield Central School grounds. Parade, carnival, barbecue, crafts, games, fiddle fest.

Bed & Breakfasts

Birdhaven, in the Cook House, 167 Main St, Newfield NY 14867. 607-564-9926. www.birdhavenbb@localnet.com. See #1.

Bull Frog Pond, Hidden Pines, 207 Pine Way, Newfield NY 14867. 607-564-9461. www.bullfrogpondbb.com.

Carriage House, 2797 Elmira Rd, Newfield NY 14867. 607-564-7239. Open May–November. www.carriagehousebed-n-breakfast.com.

Dane Emerson House, 1642 West Danby Rd, Newfield NY 14867. 607-564-7501. www.daneemersonhouse.com.

Foxbriar, 78 Piper Rd, Newfield NY 14867. 607-564-7056. www.deanandsuzieq@yahoo.com.

Antiques

Snooty Fox Antiques, 21 Taber Rd, off Main St. 607-564-3369. Open Saturday 9–7, and by appointment.

Places of Interest

Littletree Orchards, 345 Shaffer Rd. 607-564-9246. Open daily, July 1–November 15. U-pick apples and fruits. Cider and donuts.

Meadowgate Equine and Rehab Facility, 535 Van Kirk Rd, Newfield NY 14867. 607-564-7455. E-mail: Meadowgatehorses@aol.com. Nonprofit facility rescuing abused and neglected horses, working with the county SPCA. www.nyhorserescue.org.

Stella's Barn, 1346 Elmira Rd. 607-564-9031. Country gifts and restaurant. www.stellasbarn.com.

Recreational Areas

Arnot Teaching and Research Forest, owned by Cornell University and managed by the Dept of Natural Resources at Cornell. 607-589-6095. Hiking, biking, fishing, skiing, and nature study. www.arnotforest.info.



Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area, Connecticut Hill Rd. 607-753-3095 ext 247. Highest point in Tompkins County, elevation 2,200 ft. Open year round. Hiking biking, hunting, fishing, trapping, birding, picnicking, snow-shoeing, XC skiing. Multi-use surface trails. Prohibited to off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, motorbikes,

ATVs, swimming, or motor boats. www.visitithaca.com or www.dec.state.ny.us.

Pinecreek Campground (formerly Willowwood), 28 Rockwell Rd, Newfield, NY 14867. 607-273-1974. Open year round, with water, electricity, full-service dumping station. Located in Town of Enfield.



Old mill remnants opposite
Birdhaven Bed and Breakfast

Cemeteries

Abraham Brown, near Seabring Inn, Sebring Rd.

Bank Street, see #2.

Chaffee Creek, Chaffee Creek Rd.

Connecticut Hill, Boyland and Connecticut Hill Rds.

Cutter, near 357 Van Buskirk Gulf Rd.

Estabrook, Rt 13 and Bull Hill Rd.

Hendershot, Rt 13 at county line.

Hines, Barnes Hill Rd.

Irish Hill, Irish Hill Rd.

Jedediah Brown, containing five stones on Connecticut Hill Rd.

Seabring, Trumbulls Corners Rd at Sebring Corners.

Trumbulls Corners, Millard Hill Rd.

Woodlawn, Main St.

Historical Markers

Covered Bridge. See #1.

Estabrook Cemetery, Rt 13 and Bull Hill Rd.

King Bowstring Arch Bridge. See #3.

Kelloggs Corners Schoolhouse. See #4.

For more information – Town of Newfield Town Hall, 166 Main St, Newfield NY 14867. 607-564-9981. www.townofnewfield.net/firms.com. Alan Chaffee, Town of Newfield Historian, 607-564-7778; Robin Andersen, Town of Newfield Deputy Historian, 607-564-7066.

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Destination Newfield



TOWN OF NEWFIELD

The Town of Newfield occupies the southwestern corner of Tompkins County. It was the last town in the county to be settled, starting in 1800, hence its name. The most forested of the towns, it features beautiful rolling hills (including the county's highest elevation on Connecticut Hill) and several streams that empty into the Cayuga Inlet. Farming, the town's main industry over the years, has declined in recent time. Newfield has more than 200 small businesses—stores, services, and cottage industries. While many residents work in Ithaca and Elmira, the town's largest employer is its central school. Its main community is the hamlet of Newfield, an incorporated village between 1895 and 1925 and noted for two historical bridges.

1 Leave your car behind the Town Hall at 166 Main St and walk up the stairs to the **Covered Bridge**. Built in 1853, it was restored in 1972 and again in 1998. The lone survivor of three covered bridges in the county, it is the oldest such bridge in the state still in daily use. Be sure to walk through the bridge to look at the Town Lattice Truss structure. The Newfield Covered Bridge Society was formed in 1999, and the bridge was listed on the *National Register of Historic Places* in May 2000. **H**

Walk up to Main St and on your right is the **Newfield Hotel** (c.1876) at 182 Main St. In 1910 President Theodore Roosevelt addressed a large crowd from the balcony (at the time

extending across much of the building). Remembered as a truly momentous occasion in Newfield, the speech provided words of encouragement for local farmers. The building currently houses apartments. Continue on Main St, past the Masonic Temple, to the **Newfield Public Library** at 194 Main St (open 2–8 p.m., Mon–Thurs, and 10 am–2 p.m., Sat). Built after the 1875 fire that destroyed the community's center, the library is typical of the Italianate style. The Newfield Historical Society on the second floor is open by appointment. Call 607-564-3594.



Cross Main St and walk up Shaffer Rd to the **Presbyterian Meeting House** at #10. Built in 1832, this Greek Revival style building was the First Presbyterian Church of Newfield. It is the only original church edifice remaining in the



hamlet. After 1910, it was used as the Odd Fellows Lodge and for community affairs. In 1984 it was turned into five apartments, known as South Street Lodge.



Return to Main St and turn right. Above you among the trees at 167 Main St is **Cook House** ←, an excellent example of classical Italianate style. It was built c.1870 by Dr. Christopher Columbus Cook, a longtime Newfield physician



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- H** – Historical Markers
- C** – Cemetery
- Little Tree Orchards
- S** – Antiques and Specialty Shops
- Scenic View
- Recreational Area
- L** – Lodging
- Meadowgate Horse Rescue

who first came to town on horseback, just after his graduation in the 1840s from medical college in Geneva NY. The house is a B&B today. Further along across Main St and beyond the Town Hall are the ruins of the **Upper Mill**, built c.1830. The Newfield Flouring Mills, using this mill and the Lower Feed Mill, produced 2,500 bushels of merchant flour and about 40,000 bushels of custom flour in an average year. This mill burned in 1918. Ruins of the lower mill can be seen on Newfield Depot Rd.

2 **Bank Street Cemetery** – The oldest cemetery in the town with about 550 marked graves, it contains the graves of Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans, including Capt. Joseph Gregg, who led a bayonet charge on Culp's Hill at the Battle of Gettysburg.

3 **King Bowstring Arch Bridge** – At 222 Main St and dating from the 1870s, this bridge is one of the earliest prefabricated bridges installed in the county. Designed by Ohio industrialist Zenas King, it was restored in 2003 and is used as a pedestrian bridge. Adjacent is a town park, financed by local grants and donations. **H** Across the street and to the east at #211 is **The Gables**, built in 1858–1859. It is an outstanding example of Carpenter Gothic style, complete with elaborate finials and a heavily decorated porch. The Gables teahouse operated here in the 1920s and 1930s, when the price for a special Sunday dinner was \$1.25. The building has been converted into apartments.

4 **Kelloggs Corners School House** – Located today on the grounds of Newfield Central School, this building was moved in 1992 from its original site at the corner of Kelloggs Corners and Van Kirk Rds. Completed in 1887, it is one of the few remaining one-room schoolhouses in the town and still has old desks and blackboards along the walls. After renovations are completed, the building will provide the historical setting for elementary school students to learn about early schools and schooling. **H**



5 **Trumbulls Corners Community Church** – The First Christian Church was organized in Trumbulls Corners in 1854, and the building was erected in 1858. In 1946, after the nearby Methodist Church was destroyed by fire, the two congregations combined to form this community church.

