



2024 Connecticut Lafayette Events

August 7 *Wednesday* **East Haven**, the Hagaman Memorial Library will present, “*Washington’s Favorite, The Nation’s Guest*”, *Songs of Lafayette’s Time in America* Performed by Rick Spencer & Dawn Indermuehle on the library front lawn. 6:30 Free admission. Registration: cgwiazda@hagamanlibrary.org

August 17 *Saturday* **Fairfield**, the Fairfield Museum and History Center will celebrate Lafayette’s time in Fairfield with: *Famous Fairfield Visitors Walking Tour* at 10:00-11:00 (Registration is required. \$5 for Members; \$10 for Non-Members), *Family Day at Sun Tavern: Lafayette in CT* 11:00-2:00 (Free with Museum admission), and *Tavern Night* 4:00-7:00 (\$75 per person). www.fairfieldhistory.org

August 18* *Sunday* **Greenwich** Organized by the Greenwich Historical Society, the Horseneck DAR, and the Alliance Française of Greenwich, a ceremonial re-enactment of the handoff of “Lafayette” across the border of New York to Connecticut. 7:00 PM at William James Memorial Park in Port Chester, NY. Free admission. No registration required.

August 19* *Monday* **Greenwich**, The Greenwich Historical Society in partnership with the Horseneck DAR, and the Alliance Française of Greenwich, will host “Lafayette” as they commemorate the day 200 years ago, when Lafayette visited Greenwich. Greenwich Historical Society, 47 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT 10:00 am – 12 noon. Free admission. <https://greenwichhistory.org/>

August 20* *Tuesday* **Norwalk**, The Norwalk Historical Society will honor the day Lafayette was in Norwalk in 1824 by sponsoring a reception at the Town House at Mill Hill , 2 East Wall Street, Norwalk. Guests will have the opportunity to meet “Lafayette” and view the opening of the exhibit, “*Lafayette in Norwalk: 1824*”. 6:00 Free admission. <https://norwalkhistoricalsociety.org/>

August 21 *Wednesday* **New Haven**, Preservation Connecticut will present a walking tour “*Walk in Lafayette’s Footsteps*” featuring the places Lafayette toured in New Haven 200 years ago in 1824. The tour will be led by Christopher Wigren, Architectural Historian and Deputy Director of Preservation Connecticut. New Haven Green. 10:00 Free admission. Registration required. <https://preservationct.org/>

August 21* *Wednesday* **New Haven**, the New Haven Museum will celebrate the 200-year anniversary of the day Lafayette visited New Haven by inviting guests to meet “Lafayette” in person for a reception at the Museum. The reception will be followed by a lecture presented by Robert Forbes. Registration recommended at: <https://qrco.de/bf6i0l> <https://www.newhavenmuseum.org/>

August 21 *Wednesday* **East Haven**, the Hagaman Memorial Library has proclaimed August 21 as “Lafayette Day” in recognition of the day Lafayette visited their town. The library will celebrate with events throughout the day, including Lafayette book discussions, the reading of a Lafayette poem, Lafayette games and an evening reception. Join us for the unveiling of the Lafayette 1824 Tour marker on the Green at noon. <https://hagamanlibrary.org/>

August 22 *Thursday* **Norwich** will commemorate the day Lafayette visited the city with a public ceremony beginning at noon, a program planned by the Norwich Historical Society. *
<https://www.norwichhistoricalsociety.org>

September 4* *Wednesday* **Hartford** welcomed Lafayette on September 4th in 1824 at the Connecticut State House. This year, The Old State House Museum, in partnership with the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History, will once again honor Lafayette at Connecticut's Old State House Museum where guests will have the opportunity to toast the General, himself, at a Tavern Night at the museum and hear an entertaining talk on Lafayette. 5:30-7:30 Free Admission. <https://wp.cga.ct.gov/osh/>

September 5 *Thursday* **Mystic Seaport** will welcome the American Friends of Lafayette to present a program on the story of *The American Star*, the Whitehall racing boat presented to Lafayette on his American tour by the New York crew who beat the British in a race. Lafayette took the boat back to France where it remains at his home at La Grange. President of the American Friends of Lafayette, Alan Hoffman, will present an illustrated lecture on *The American Star* race and Mystic Seaport's Curator for Watercraft, Quentin Snediker, will discuss the original boat and the replica, *The General Lafayette*, which was built at Mystic Seaport in 1976. This is a ticketed event.

<https://lafayette200.org/event/bicentennial-of-lafayettes-farewell-tour-visits-mystic-ct/>

September 6 * *Friday* **Wethersfield** was scheduled as a stop on Lafayette's 1824 tour, but the General was delayed and opted to bypass the town to scurry back to New York City in order to attend his 67th birthday celebration given in his honor by the Society of the Cincinnati. In 2024, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Connecticut and the Webb Deane Stevens Museum, in partnership with the American Friends of Lafayette and the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut, will have the honor of celebrating Lafayette's birthday in the historic barn at the Webb Deane Stevens Museum at 5:00 with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and birthday cake. Musical entertainment will be provided by Rick Spencer & Dawn Indermuehle. This is a ticketed event with limited seating.
<https://wdsmuseum.org/>

September 7 *Saturday* **Fairfield** was visited by Lafayette in August 1824 and the town will celebrate the occasion with a daylong symposium, "Revolutionary and Human Rights Champion: Lafayette and his Legacy", sponsored by Fairfield University and organized by The American Friends of Lafayette. Well-known Lafayette historians and authors will be presented in morning and afternoon panels.
See <https://lafayettecttrail.org/event-lafayette-in-fairfield/> for a list of speakers. Admission is free.

***A Lafayette re-enactor and a Lafayette Exhibit, sponsored by the American Friends of Lafayette, will be present at this event.**