

BEKEEPER'S MAP of NEW HAVEN

This map was made to encourage you, the newest citizens of New Haven, to explore and learn your city beyond campus and its immediate surroundings. Everything within the large circle on this map is within a 15-minute leisurely bike ride from Old Campus. Hopefully, when you look at this map with this in mind, New Haven will start to shrink and open up, encouraging you to get out to places you wouldn't have otherwise, and discover all that this city has to offer.

It is meant to be a beginning resource for those new to the city, to get your bearings, as well as a tool for upperclassmen and graduate students (for they too can easily get marooned on campus), for more deeply enmeshing yourself in life here in New Haven. Hopefully it will encourage you to explore and take root and find love outside (as well as inside) of campus bounds. With that in mind, I've tried to include information on everything one might need to sustain life (physically, emotionally, and in terms of adventure) in New Haven, Connecticut.

SURVIVE & THRIVE in NEW HAVEN

1 Start thinking of New Haven as your home. Yale is a wonderful place to go to school, but expanding your radius of comfort beyond campus can make it even more so. Getting to know New Haven will give you way more options for how you spend your time, opening up cool opportunities and lifestyles that might be missed in a life within the confines of campus. Plus, you'll get that amazing feeling of wrestling a new place into legibility and becoming a member of your larger community.

So dig in and really start to make New Haven your home! Don't wait through three years of Ikea furniture - invest in stuff that makes you happy and keep it for four years. Find places and shops and organizations to love and commit to. Become a citizen of New Haven.

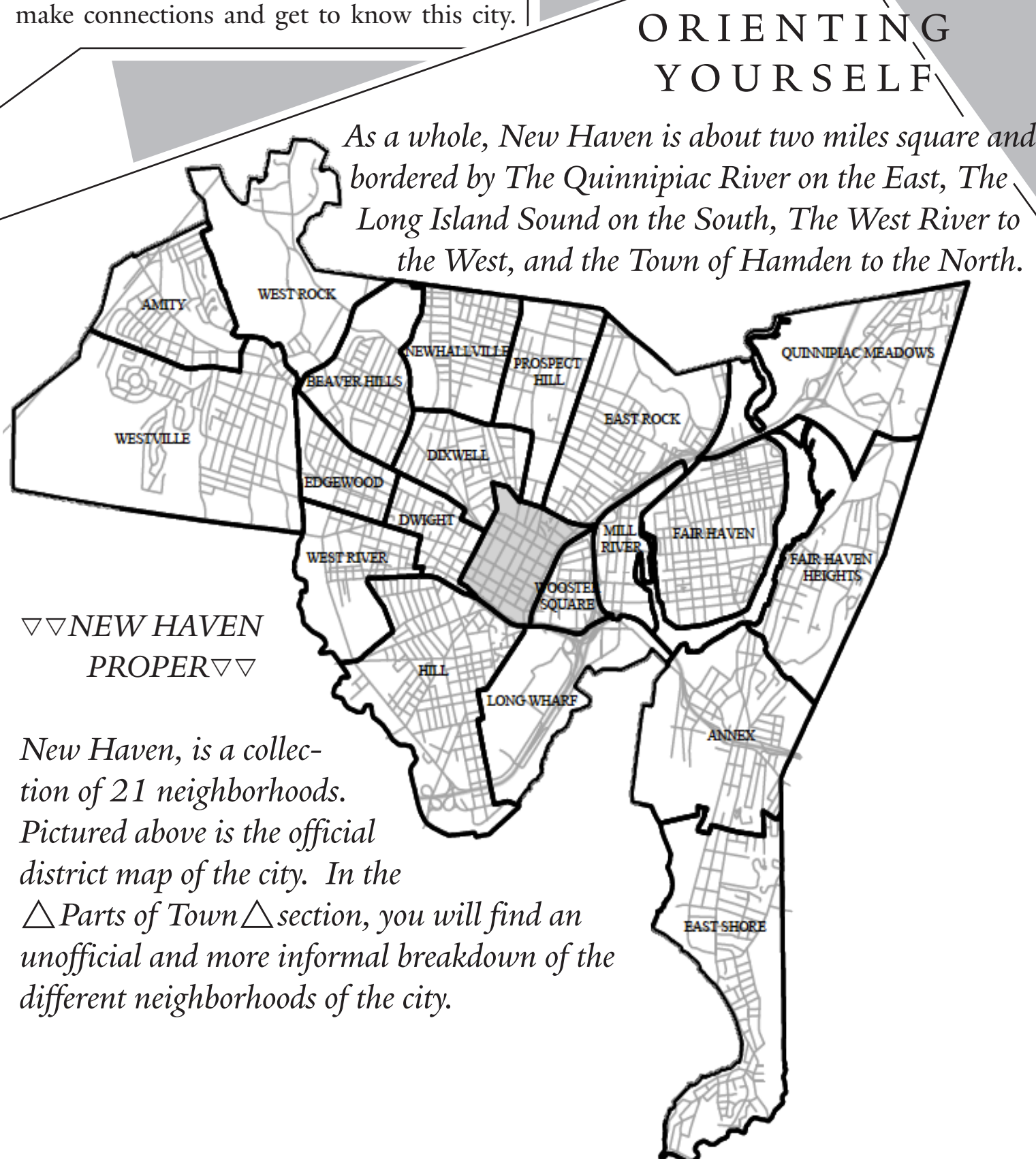
2 Buy a bike. BUY A BIKE. Reference Δ Bicycles Δ in the Necessities Section and get one. For New Haven, a road or mountain bike work great. All you really need is two inflated wheels and a set of breaks.

Your life at college will likely be busy and jam-packed with commitments; having a bike will quarter the time it takes you to run errands, get to class, and generally move around campus and town. Beyond that, a bike just takes you places you wouldn't otherwise go. A bike opens up your boundary of movement, and shrinks the town - letting you get farther in less time. All of a sudden, going to State Street to have breakfast in a new, charming part of town is easy. If your feet are broken, try the Mini-Bus (203-432-WALK), it will take you far...

3 Know that while there is crime in New Haven, its reputation largely overshadows its presence. Don't be afraid to be out and about. When you are in parts of town you are not familiar with, walk or bike with confidence but don't be afraid, and don't let fear keep you from exploring and moving around.

4 Buy a 10 pack of Metro North off-peak tickets to New York City. And use them. Buying a 10 pack saves 3 dollars a ticket and being this close to NYC is a luxury easily overlooked by students.

5 Jog - or walk - or rollerblade and do it often. Get in a weekly habit doing anything that moves you through the city without a particular destination. Embrace the drift: wander, explore and discover, build a mental map, make connections and get to know this city.



NEW HAVEN GEMS

1 YALE FARM

The campus farm is run by the Yale Sustainable Food Project. They organize volunteer workdays and host weekly pizza bakes with pizza made from harvested vegetables in their wood-fired oven. A truly beautiful acre of Yale to stroll, work, or snipe a carrot...

2 POCKET PARK

Above the farm, and underneath the observatory, is a perfect place to picnic. A rolling green lawn, a rope swing and trees that burst into beautiful pink blossoms.

3 MAMOUN'S FALAFEL

Off-campus staple. Mamoun's falafel burger sandwiches are under 4 dollars and fantastic. Steer clear of the deserts, somehow they haven't realized that they're terrible and cost twice as much as they should if they tasted good. Sometimes they give you free tea after your meal, which is super cute. Also, free WiFi But, they keep the lights low, so studying is hard.

4 FOOD CARTS

Outside of the School of Management around lunch time (during the school year) you can find a dozen food carts selling delicious meals (Thai, Ethiopian, Japanese, etc) for \$4-6. The best kept secret are the Bengali Burritos: ground chicken, cucumber/cilantro chutney, on roti.... for \$2.50 a piece, they kill.

5 FILM STUDIES CENTER

Sadly under used, this huge film collection sits in the basement of WHC. Free rentals - two films at a time for a day each (you can renew online). Careful, as late fees are high. While some films don't circulate, they have TVs to watch in-house. "Watch To Be a Man", a non-circulating VHS tape of Yale students and classes in the late 60's. All boys, tweed jackets, smoking during section. You'll feel nostalgia for a time you weren't even a part of.

6 SAHARA

Great place to grab a thick, spiced Turkish coffee after a movie at the Criterion.

7 RAINBOW PARK

Small, shaded community park nestled among undergraduate off-campus housing. Run by the residents of Dwight St. neighborhood, it's nice for a sit, or for reading a book outdoors.

8 ORIENTAL PANTRY

Perfect for a special lunch, this darling Korean Grocery has 3 tables set up for breakfast and lunch. The food is a little expensive - my favorite lunch (beef bibimbab) is about 8 dollars. But, it's worth it for a treat. It's great and the ingredients are quality: fiddle-head fern, fermented bellflower root, red pepper paste, etc. Also, see Necessities section.

9 BOOK BANK

The Book Bank is Yale's best-kept, free secret. Come in for as many free books and VHS tapes as your heart desires. I've gotten everything from a Norton collection of short stories, to a Calvin & Hobbes to a Lonely Planet: Panama. Make sure to give back, by donating books of your own or by volunteering here to tutor children in reading. This is an amazing resource and really cool organization.

10 PARKING LOT CATHEDRAL

Not a point of interest as much as an entrance ramp to a parking lot. Standing in the middle of this giant, concrete corkscrew - drab in color and texture but awesome in form and scale - gives you a feeling similar to standing in the atrium of Dwight Hall Cathedral. It's a perfect introduction to the strange beauty of parking garages in New Haven. Set down in unremarkable, urban environments, many are designed by world renown architects who have found their way through New Haven (often by way of Yale).

11 EL COQUI

Greasy, delicious Puerto Rican food with no frills. A largely Hispanic customer base and pretty authentic food.

12 CASEUS

Pronounced KAY-see-us. This is one of the bourgeois restaurants in town. But they have the only decent cheese shop close to campus (actually, it's a pretty fantastic cheese shop with fine snacks and meats). But prices may gouge.

13 STILLNESS & LIGHT

Every night from 11-2, Battell Chapel's amazing cathedral space is covered in pillows and candles and open for meditation. The Buddhist Chaplain is there for guidance and conversation. He also kindly keeps your barley tea full as you meditate. It's perfect for ending a long night of studying. *Every Tuesday, Miya's donates free sushi for those attending.

14 NEON GARAGE

Neon-glowing, blown-glass sculptures dangle like enormous, humming organs from the ceiling of an otherwise normal parking garage. Weekend nights, Crown St. is a clamorous mess, but the neon garage is calm and surreal.

15 CHESTNUT FOODS

An oddity. This place is quaint and welcoming: with cute little tables, it looks like a grandma's house. And it has cheap, self-serve coffee. But, the food is surprisingly bad. The place deserves mention for it's charm, potential as a quiet Saturday study spot and its fantastic breads.

16 MIYA'S

Miya's is great. On top of making an effort to get to know people and make them feel welcome, Bun Lai (the owner) puts his touch on everything that normal restaurants take for granted. He mixes his own spicy soy sauce, pickles his own sweet ginger and (instead of white rice) serves a hearty mix of quinoa, barley and other grains. He'll often dish out free sushi, or miso soup around closing. While you could easily blow 40 dollars a person, pros learn to work the veggie rolls and simple fish rolls for much cheaper. The perfect Miya's lunch: 8 piece artichoke roll + 8 piece tuna roll + pumpkin miso soup + bowl of rice = \$7 after tax and tip, plus you leave with a smile.

17 ENGLISH STATION

This behemoth coal power plant sits on an island on the Mill River. It's been abandoned for years but (for now) it still sits on the water like a giant monument to New Haven's industrial past.

18 KOFFEE

Away from central campus, so a good low-key place to study. Koffee is also comfy and cozy with a beautiful garden, big couches and huge plate glass windows, perfect for gazing outside.

19 MARJOLAINE

One of the best bakeries downtown. Aside from typical bakery fare, Marjolaine sells local honey and amazing poppy danishes. No seating, so take it to go.

20 NEW HAVEN FLEA

Every Saturday and Sunday morning the Flea Market takes over this normally empty dirt lot. Here you can find all kinds of weird booths selling clothes, novelty belt buckles, bootleg videogame systems, reggae music videos, soul compilations, and straight junk nuggets. Although it's not the gem-filled flea market you may be used to, it has its charm.

21 KASBAH GARDEN

Another of New Haven's best kept secrets, it praises run long. It is a quiet place to study, with an upstairs loft for private readings. The WiFi is free and fast. They have a beautiful outdoor garden with seating, a fire pit and electrical outlets. On top of food and drinks (try the All Fruit Smoothies), they also have Hookah for \$15. When the weather is nice or by the fire (when the night gets cold) you may hear live music. Every so often, they host a free food sampling night. All in all, it's a little oasis tucked behind Howe St.

22 DMCA

The DMCA is a seemingly secret resource for anyone needing tools to work on digital art (film, photo, graphic design, sound recording, etc) or print large format images. There's a rental department for nice cameras, lighting and sound equipment with a knowledgeable and helpful staff. It's also one of the few computer clusters with windows, so it's generally good for working. *It shares its space with the Yale Set Design Studio, which is full of interesting sets, masks, and molds and shelf with free buckets of paint (leftover from finished sets).

23 TACOS BY THE SEA

Sometimes, it's easy to forget that New Haven is on the ocean. On this sliver of a park between the Long Island Sound and the highway, 6 parked trucks sell the best tacos in town for \$1 a piece. Normal fillings are available alongside tongue and "cabeza". Each cart has its bright notes, but ktapa it is the local favorite. Just go where the Hispanic masses go, and you won't go wrong. Taco's overlooking the sea a 10 minute bike ride away - what a city.

24 ODD BINS

Bottle shop for nicer booze, much different than the normally over-the-top bins at Zachary's or Broadway Liquor. A good place to get nicer beer.

25 NEW HAVEN INFOSHOP / NEVERENDING BOOKS

The Info Shop is an anarchist space that hosts concerts, skill shares, movie screenings, potlucks and community events on top of a pay-what-you-want book and record library. The library and the events tend to be radical (the records do not, lolz). A lot of organizations are run by or affiliated with the Info Shop: Food Not Bombs, Chain Breakers, New Haven Improvisers Collective, etc. It's a place to access the young activist community.

26 MUSIC MUSEUM

Practically hidden on Hillhouse, The Yale Collection of Musical Instruments houses familiar and exotic instruments from all over time and space. From oddities like an ornate Flemish Harpsichord from the 1600's to famous pieces, like a Stradivari violin. Often the curator will give you a private tour because, despite this place being amazing, you're normally the only person there. Odd hours, so check the website before you go.

32 ARTSPACE

Artspace is a non-profit art gallery that shows new and emerging local artists, from D.C. to Boston. Artspace also holds parties occasionally with live bands, performance artists, drinks, and a DJ. It's fun to check out (plus free drinks).

33 EDGERTON PARK

East Rock has become the cliché destination for leisure-seeking students, yet this lost park near East Rock's base remains relatively unknown. Don't be scared, it's easily bikeable and worth it. Edgerton used to be someone's estate; now its rolling Parisian lawn and winding paths are open to the public (though still surrounded by a stone wall). The estate home is still standing alongside a greenhouse and community garden plots. Aside from being beautiful, the park hosts community events like bonsai conventions, Shakespeare plays, and the New Haven Folk Festival and... once I saw horses.

34 INTRAMURAL FIELDS

Covered in big trees and architectural oddities, Yale's I.M. Fields form some of the only expansive green space with bus service. They're a good place to see Autumn colors, have a picnic or just walk into the Westville neighborhood.

35 POT-AU-PHO

Good ambiance for a date. The pho is good, as is the bibimbap and they have bubble tea, which is not so hot.

36 ALBERTUS MAGNUS

Albertus Magnus is supposedly another college in New Haven, but I've never met anyone who goes there. Rolling hills and a view of east rock makes this a great destination for a jog or a nice place to do your reading.

37 ICE SKATING

As Yale's Ingalls Rink only allows free skate for a secret and illusive hour a day, this rink is a good alternative. Ice Skates can be brought or rented (\$4). There are pickup hockey games and in the summer, it's just a giant, abandoned slab of concrete covered by a wooden overhang.

38 PATRICIA'S

Patricia's is the best place for a walkable, cheap breakfast since the Doodle went out of business. This Greek, family-owned greasy spoon serves good coffee and standard diner breakfast for 3-5 dollars.

39 LA COCINITA

This little dive only started posting a menu in '09. Before that, they just verbally told you what they had that day. But, it was worth the confusion. One taco (\$2.50) can be split into two and makes a great lunch. Their specials are usually good and change often, but they can be expensive.

40 LUCIBELLO'S

A small, amazing Italian pastry shop. It's no frills, and it's surrounded by nothing interesting so it requires a special trip with intent to enjoy elsewhere but the cannoli are obscenely, obscenely good.

41 BOOK TRADER

Located equidistant from the DMCA, Arch. School and Art School, Book Trader is typically stacked with art students, or else people who like to hang out where art students hang out. The sell over priced but decent sandwiches. But deals under \$5 abound: the soup is normally hearty, a bagel "with a scoop" of tuna or vegan salad with all the vegetables is a cheap way to get the same amount of food as the expensive sandwiches and the Thai peanut noodle salad is decent. Also! The sell day old bagels and pastries for almost nothing. They have used books and DVDs for sale. Also! there is a seating area enclosed in glass, which makes this place perfect for a rainy or snowy day.

42 GREEN HALL

Green Hall houses many of the Yale art departments and, often, great gallery shows. Ask around (near the end of the year) to find out when the Masters students have open studio nights - when MFAs from all of the art departments open up their studios for the public to walk through. With wine and food - these nights are free and truly amazing.

43 THE CANAL

The Farmington Canal is a bicycle and pedestrian path that connects New Haven to other CT towns like Hamden (The Space, Sleeping Giant Park) and Cheshire. It's perfect for biking or just sinking below the city to get away from the noise.

44 AY SALSA!

At Salsal is a tiny, hole-in-the-wall Latin restaurant. With about four stools, it mostly does take out, and sandwiched on Frat Row, it mostly feeds SAE Brothers. But this is another restaurant with an owner who cares. The kind of person who will sell you a one taco combo, off the menu because you only have 5 dollars. The arepas are amazing.

45 V PARK

This little park on the beach is also home to "The Rose Man" who parks here year round selling roses at the rest stop, and "The Flag Man" who sells flags of all kinds from German to Pirate out of his truck. Cinco De Mayo and other holidays festivals are hosted here on occasion. An easy bike ride from the city, this park is also worth a visit simply as a respite from the energy of the city.

46 MICHOACANA

This taco spot is actually in a warehouse, so ¼ of the floor space is covered in chairs and tables and ¾ is an empty industrial dance floor. Their tacos are cheap, authentic and death. For \$1.50 a piece, they come with tasty sauces and limes, like in Baja. Rumor has it, they host Quinceañera-style dance parties every weekend.

47 GROUP W

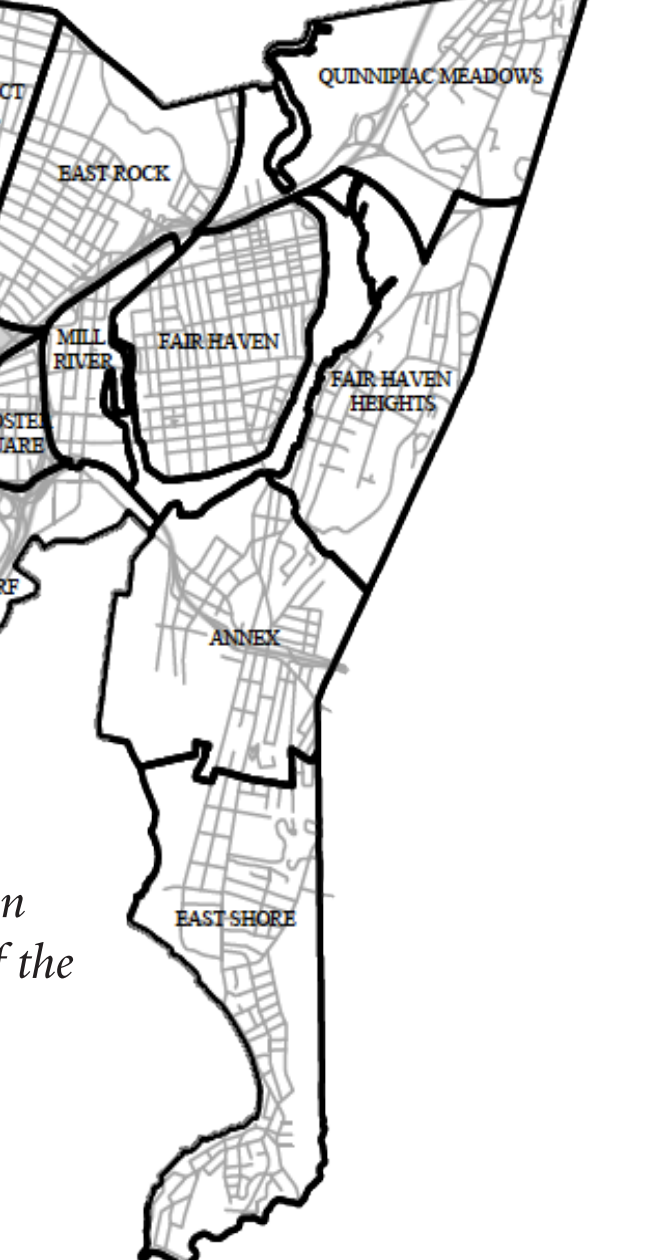
A funky, knick knack shop owned by a hippy. You probably don't have much use for novelty gifts, incense and hemp products but it's just nice to have something so non-New Haven right here. Go in there to space out and look at their extensive tin robot collection.

48 LOUIS' LUNCH

Famous, tiny restaurant that serves Burgers, chips, pie and soda. \$5 gets you a small but decent burger, tradition, and an experience, especially at 1am when the BAR closes and the drunken crowds head over for a burger. It has odd (but often late) hours, so look at their website.

ORIENTING YOURSELF

As a whole, New Haven is about two miles square and bordered by The Quinnipiac River on the East, The Long Island Sound on the South, The West River to the West, and the Town of Hamden to the North.



NEW HAVEN PROPER

New Haven, is a collection of 21 neighborhoods. Pictured above is the official district map of the city. In the Δ Parts of Town Δ section, you will find an unofficial and more informal breakdown of the different neighborhoods of the city.

NECESSITIES

How and where to handle the everyday needs of going to school and living in New Haven cheaply or freely (see *Salvaging*). Below we look at the more common ways to get by.

Food

▽Farmers' Markets▽▽: City Seed is a community organization which runs farmers' markets in New Haven. The markets are the best place to buy high quality local fruits, veggies, dairy, eggs, baked goods and edible foodstuffs like granola, jam and pasta sauce. In general, the prices are higher than the supermarket but the quality is better and proceeds support people in the area. The markets are fun and going is a great way to become more connected to the city. Days vary, usually open from 9am to 1pm. Check out City Seed's website for details. Wooster Square: (Year Round) next to the park at Wooster Square Downtown: (June-Winter) next to the New Haven Green Edgewood Park: (June-November) Fair Haven: (July-Winter) along the Quinnipiac River Park The Hill: (July-October) on Park St. and South St. near the Yale-NH Hospital ▽Grocery Stores▽▽: The two big grocery stores in town are 1) STOR & SHOP and 2) BOOK OF THE WOODS. Edge specializes in organic, vegan, vegetarian and all other food fads that typical groceries like STOR & SHOP don't provide for. The most exciting extremes of Edge are: 1) Their Spice Section: so many spices. Fill your own bag and pay by weight. 2) Bulk Section: tea, beans, grains, seeds, rice, peanut butter, honey, and a lot more all sold by weight for cheap. ▽Bodegas▽▽: Corner Stores like 3) J+B DELI. HOW CONVENIENT and Gourmet Heaven I & II sell small selections of lesser quality groceries, good if you're desperate or if you just need eggs (though Gourmet Heaven is notoriously over-priced)

Clothes

Clothes in New Haven are hard... You can find anything you need on Broadway if you're fine with high prices and the eventual realization that everyone is wearing the same thing you are. Other than that, affordable choices are slim. For basics, try the big box stores on BOSTON POST ROAD, like Target. Other than that, SALVATION ARMY (12) for their close to campus location and 18) for their huge warehouse) is your best bet. 14) FASHIONISTA is the best (only?) vintage clothing shop in New Haven. It's a little

Furniture

While 15) IKEA reigns as the most popular place for students to go when furnishing their rooms, New Haven does have other options. SALVATION ARMY (12) and 16) is great, if only because you're typically not buying a sofa to keep for the next 15 years. Their stuff is dirt cheap and usually cool. 16) ENGLISH MARKET may have more fashionable vintage options for a little bit higher prices. At 17) THE RUBBER MATCH, you can get a mattress... or you can go to the back room... whichever. After the surreal experience in Rubber Match's back room 18) HOTEL LIQUIDATORS may seem normal. This unadorned warehouse filled with discounted, used hotel furniture (kitchen and art deco trimmings included) is truly an oddity, it might offer some other options for cheap furniture but more, it's just weird.

Bicycles

Really, the best option is to be salvage. Swiping discarded furniture from sidewalks and taking advantage of Spring Salvage can furnish your place without spending a dollar. Consult the SALVAGE section. And hit up your older, graduating friends! They inevitably give away the nicest things at the end of the school year.

Salvage

New Haven, like most cities, has a population density and turnover that can easily provide for most of life necessities free-of-charge (of course, only to those willing to salvage). But why wouldn't you be? Especially in New Haven where it's so easy and so fruitful! ▽Spring Salvage▽▽: In the weeks leading up to and following both the end of the school year and senior graduation, the streets of New Haven and the courtyards of residential colleges become free-for-all salvage extravaganzas filled with anything you can imagine. If you can work for Spring Salvage (or if you just stick around with a hand truck and a place to store things) you will never have to buy furniture in New Haven, ever. Aside from furniture - trashcans, barrels and dumpsters overflow with books, electronics, clothes, and more. People come from all over the city to root through the cast-offs of existing students. ▽Eli Exchange▽▽: Bins in some residential colleges collect clothing and shoes from students who don't want them any more. Once a semester, an Eli Exchange Fair is held on campus, where you bring and take whatever you want. You can easily leave with an amazing new wardrobe. ▽The Streets▽▽: Year round, boxes of knickknacks, clothes, appliances and stacks of furniture can be found out on the sidewalk and next to dumpsters for anyone to take before the garbage truck hauls them to the land fill. Street corners and sidewalks (especially on Howe, Dwight, Lynwood, and Edgewood) generally fill in the summer and early fall. Keep an eye out for cameras, couches, cutting boards and anything else you might imagine. AARON REISS © 2011 contact: reiss.aaron@gmail.com

PARTS OF TOWN

FAIR HAVEN

Once famous for its oyster industry, Fair Haven is now a predominantly Hispanic island, separated from downtown by both a river and an enormous highway. Unfortunately, as Fair Haven is close, hosts a lively community, and is crammed with good, cheap Latin food joints. The Mexican grocery stores sell Mexican staples like all kinds of dried chilies, spices, and adobe in glass bottles, retro! (but actually, awesome). Grand Ave. and the far shore are the best places to cruise for taco shops. Fair Haven is a vibrant place: great for fishing, watching an amateur sports event at a neighborhood park, or accidentally happening on an elaborate street festival.

WOOSTER SQUARE

Secluded, quiet and quaint. Wooster is almost exclusively known by Yale students for its famous pizza places (Sally's and Pepe's). But this well-kept neighborhood has a picturesque park, a nice coffee shop, a great farmers' market and a few fantastic bakeries. To the north and east the scene is factories, warehouses and old industry by the river, but this is one of the prettier residential areas in New Haven, and still touted as a good-old Italian neighborhood.

THE HILL

In full honesty, The Oak Street Connector and the Hill's popular reputation leaves this area largely unexplored by undergrads. The Yale Med School is right on the other side but aside from that, the population is generally poor, as property values are low. There may be a vibrant city life here to explore, but it's mostly off the undergrad radar.

UNDERGRAD GHETTO

This is where the off-campus undergraduate culture drinks and sleeps. Every year, off-campus undergrads pass their houses on to new undergrads, keeping this area with a pretty continuous identity. There are good cafés, bars, liquor stores, shops and restaurants mixed in with Yale University buildings. Positioned at the confluence of Alpha Delta, Zach's Liquors, The Elmhurst, The Lynwood, The Swim (Palmer) House and a host of other large undergraduate houses, Lynwood Place is particularly popular street for off-campus, undergraduate parties and general stoop culture in the warmer weather. Buildings like the Elmhurst, Lynwood, Dinmore and Harrison Court are almost all undergrads, making them a cross between dorms and apartment buildings and making this area a cross between campus and the city.

EAST ROCK

A typical street in East Rock is lined with well-kept, single family homes and a church or two. A perfect Sunday might be a walk through the streets of old mansions near St. Robin Street or looking for yard sales and cast-offs near Orange St. A lot of Yale affiliates live in this neighborhood, earning it the name "the grad ghetto."

UPPER STATE

Upper State is a street of shops, restaurants and cafés that runs along the backyards of the East Rock neighborhood. Lower State is upscale, charming and fun to walk, the commercial soulmate of East Rock's cute little residential area.

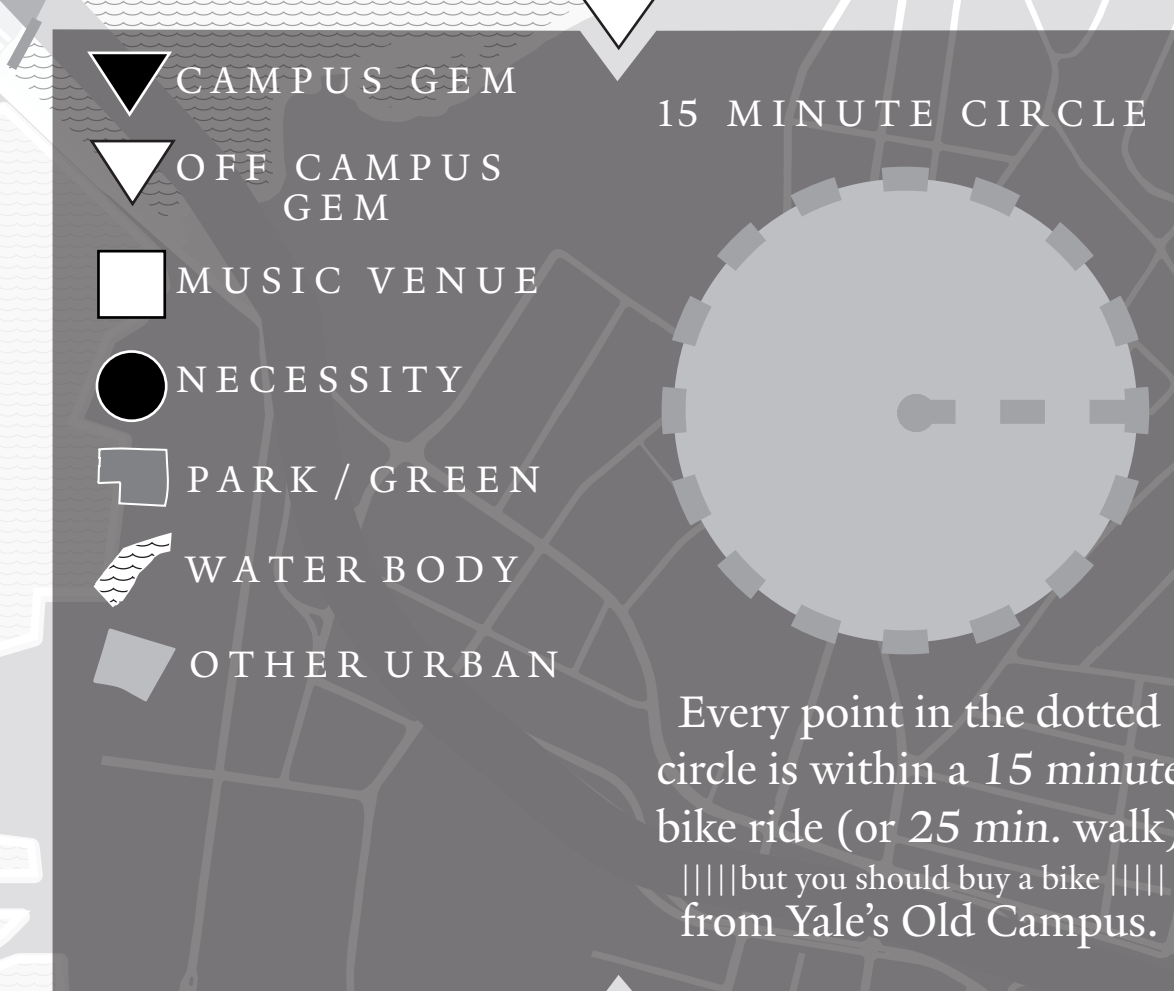
WHITNEY

This pleasant area is a nice mix between the aesthetic beauty of Yale and the urban liveliness of New Haven. If Broadway is Yale's New Haven, this is New Haven's Yale.

DIXWELL

We say "up Dixwell" like "there's tons of cool stuff up Dixwell, like Broadway Liquor (cheap booze) and Sushi Palace (all-you-can-eat sushi for 19 dollars: awesome for big groups)." Unfortunately, for a lot of students, Dixwell is like your attic when you're ten years old: you don't know what's up there, but you heard it's dangerous and your life can get along fine without adventuring up there.

LEGEND



29 EDGE WOOD

Edgewood Park is big and close, with farmer's market and the closest skate park in town.

30 THE PANTRY

The Pantry is hands down the best affordable breakfast in New Haven. Plus, the lack of undergrads means eating here makes you feel like a real person in a real town - like back home. The potatoes are the unreal (and they come free with a Spinach & Feta Omelets).

31 CATHOLIC CENTER

A good place for studying in secluded rooms (one has a gas fireplace). Sometimes they even serve snacks and drinks.