



## **Town of Kent**

**Kent** is a town in Litchfield County, Connecticut, alongside the border with New York. The population was 2,858 at the 2000 census. The town is home to three New England boarding schools, Kent School, South Kent School and The Marvelwood School.

### **Geography:**

Kent is in Litchfield County. Its location is 41°43•29•N, 73°28•39•W. According to the United States Census Bureau, the town has a total area of 128.4 km<sup>2</sup> (49.6 mi<sup>2</sup>). 125.5 km<sup>2</sup> (48.5 mi<sup>2</sup>) of it is land and 2.9 km<sup>2</sup> (1.1 mi<sup>2</sup>) of it (2.26%) is water. Bulls Bridge, one of two covered bridges open to vehicles in Connecticut, is located in the town. The town is cut into two by the Housatonic River. The western half contains Macedonia Brook State Park as well as part of the Appalachian Trail.

### **Demographics:**

As of the census<sup>2</sup> of 2000, there were 2,858 people, 1,143 households, and 744 families residing in the town. The population density was 22.8/km<sup>2</sup> (59.0/mi<sup>2</sup>). There were 1,463 housing units at an average density of 11.7/km<sup>2</sup> (30.2/mi<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the town was 95.77% White, 0.56% Black or African American, 0.77% Native American, 0.98% Asian, 0.03% Pacific Islander, 0.70% from other races, and 1.19% from two or more races. 2.52% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race. The top 5 ethnic groups in Kent are · English - 19%[1] · Irish - 16% · German - 14% · Italian - 7% · Scottish - 5%

There were 1,143 households out of which 28.6% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 55.6% were married couples living together, 6.7% had a female householder with no husband present, and 34.9% were non-families. 28.3% of all households were made up of individuals and 12.6% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.43 and the average family size was 2.99.

In the town the population was spread out with 22.8% under the age of 18, 5.2% from 18 to 24, 26.3% from 25 to 44, 27.8% from 45 to 64, and 17.8% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 43 years. For every 100 females there were 93.9 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 90.6 males.

### **Recommended attractions:**

#### **Kent Falls State Park:**

Kent Falls State Park is often called "The Jewel of the Inland Parks" with its scenic view of 17 different waterfalls. The falls is fed by wetlands which are located in Warren, and empties directly into the Housatonic River, which is across the street from the park.

A trail winds a quarter of a mile up along the falls and although it is not difficult to walk it is steep, rising 250 feet in just a quarter mile. In 2006 a 1.1 million dollar trail renovation was finished which provided new viewing platforms and a redesigned trail. Swimming was at one time allowed along the entire length of the falls but due to a number of serious accidents, and large scale damage to the natural environment which thrives in the park all of the area along the water above the bottom level is now closed by state law.

The park is designated as a Trout Park and is stocked with trout from the state's hatcheries. Due to the Trout Park designation the daily creel limit in the park is two fish.

<http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2716&Q=32522...>

**Sloane-Stanley Museum & Kent Furnace:** A museum of early American tools and the site of the Kent Iron Furnace, which began production of pig iron in 1826.

