



Connecticut's Gold Coast

Greenwich, Darien, Westport, New Canaan, Rowayton and Stamford are among Connecticut's most attractive lower Fairfield County communities within an hour of New York City.

Though it is not directly on the coast, New Canaan is still considered prime Gold Coast — a prestigious section in southwestern Connecticut's panhandle. The six-bedroom, eight-bathroom stone-and-clapboard home at 73 Lake Wind Road in New Canaan was extensively rebuilt in 2013, and now comprises 8,162 square feet across four floors. The expansive lower level, accessed off the eat-in kitchen, features a wine room, playroom, gym and bathroom. The second floor has a master suite with fireplace; three additional bedrooms, each with en-suite bathrooms; a curved hallway; a bonus room with a loft; and a fifth bedroom with bathroom. The third floor has its own huge playroom, office and yet another bathroom.

The 2.15-acre grounds have a tennis court, a pool, and a pool house with a changing room, kitchen, fireplace and outdoor shower. The sprawling patio in back features a mini-outdoor kitchen. The list price is \$3,895,000. "One of the owners is a very spiritual person, and she has built it with a lot of attention to feng shui," said Elayne Jassey, associate broker with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. "It is large and

elegant, but warm and user-friendly at the same time. Every room and bathroom, including the powder room on the main floor, was carefully planned."

A warm yet stately stone-and-shingle five-bedroom lakefront home with reclaimed barn beams, wide oak flooring and soaring ceilings is set along a quiet lake on two acres at 175 South Lake Drive in Stamford, near the state border with Bedford. On the market for the recently reduced price of \$1,995,000, the 5,369-square-foot home, built in 2004, features a cobblestone courtyard and an architectural glass-and-steel walkway upstairs with a loft area that overlooks the stone-fireplace great room. Downstairs, French doors open to a stone patio overlooking the lake.

The home is near the renowned Rockrimmon Golf Course. "It sits just above the lake, and it is very casual and serene," said Sally Slater, associate broker with Douglas Elliman Real Estate. "You cannot see your neighbors on either side, and it's private year-round. You can have a boat, fish or skate on the lake — and it's great for kids and for entertaining."

Two separate waterfront homes, built and sold together in 2002, at 1 and 2 Rocky Point Road along the



Bell Island waterfront in Rowayton, have been recently reduced to \$5,750,000. They could be sold individually but were designed as one, each with contemporary steel, polished concrete floors, glass mosaic tile and dark wood finishes. With a total of four bedrooms, they showcase views from every room, with a saltwater pool, stone patio and a three-car garage.

"Bell Island is a magical little area, with stone walls that line the streets, two private beaches and three private parks, one of them being Rocky Point Park, from which you can see the Manhattan skyline," said Liz Beinfield, sales agent with Houlihan Lawrence. "This part of Rowayton is kind of like Nantucket — but only an hour outside of New York City."

A direct waterfront property, built in 1935 on 2.5 acres at 78 and 80 Cedar Cliff Road in the Riverside section of Greenwich, comes with 280 linear feet of shoreline along the Long Island Sound. The property combines two lots, one with the main house and a pool, the other with a tennis court, and has been in the same family for 43 years. Listing for \$14.5 million, the property sits adjacent to conservation land.

"It is one of the best properties on the water in Riverside, not just because of its beauty but because it is all flat, usable land, with a huge lawn stretching down to the water," said Tamar Lurie, associate broker with Coldwell Banker. "A buyer could grow this house to 14,000 square feet, though it was already expanded. Riverside is a neighborhood where kids can ride their bikes — and young families love it for that. It's ideal for someone who works in Manhattan who wants this much waterfront as their backyard."

In Westport, 216 Hillspoint Road is set across the street from Old Mill Beach. The home's core dates to 1795, with extensive renovation and expansion done by the owner, an engineer, who reworked the mechanical and electrical systems, adding a steel



OPPOSITE LEFT: 73 Lake Wind Road, New Canaan.

OPPOSITE RIGHT: 1 and 2 Rocky Point Road, Rowayton. Photo: Daniel Milstein

TOP LEFT: 175 South Lake Drive, Stamford. Photo: Douglas Elliman

TOP RIGHT: 78 and 80 Cedar Cliff Road, Greenwich.

ABOVE: 216 Hillspoint Road, Westport. Photo: Dylan Horowitz, High in the Sky Imaging

I-beam support in the basement. About a third of the current house, which now has five working fireplaces, was added in 2009.

The home, on the market for \$2,550,000, now comprises 5,066 square feet — which include an electric vehicle charging station. "The beach area of Westport

**FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:**

71 Five Mile River Road, Darien.

5 Langdon Road, Westport. Photo: William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty

Great Island, Darien.

is extremely popular with buyers," said Linda Durakis, sales agent with Riverside Realty Group. "It's very unusual to have a property of this size in this prime location — and there is an existing vacant lot for sale next door that can make it even bigger."

Originally a 1700s farmhouse, 71 Five Mile River Road in Darien was converted in 1820 to a waterfront home, then rebuilt in 2008 as an energy-efficient four-bedroom home with geothermal wells that provide HVAC energy, Icynene insulation, dual-pane Tischler und Sohn windows and a whole-house generator.

The main house, at 4,487 square feet (including the garage apartment), with an in-ground endless pool and a 100-foot pier, is on the market for \$5,750,000. "It was an antique house, and they added all kinds of smart features and modern conveniences," said Sheree Frank, sales agent with Houlihan Lawrence. "The site commands a unique 270-degree view of the river. There are very few deep-water docks in Darien that function in low tide — and that is key for people who want to use their boats whenever they want to."

In Westport's gated Canfield Island, in Lower Fairfield County, the four-bedroom home at 5 Langdon Road on Canfield Island offers 360-degree water views and access to a protected swimming lagoon along with two docks. The island is a resort-like community — and this is one of only three in Westport (the others on the island belong to the town of Norwalk), which means the owners get to use the Westport facilities and schools.

The 2.5-acre property, featuring an exceptional kitchen renovation, is on the market for \$5,499,000. "Every other house on Canfield Island sits beside another house, but this one is set alone at the tip of the island," said Susan Vanech, sales agent with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty. "No other house on Canfield Island has views this grand."

Few island homes can compete with the 63-acre waterfront estate on Great Island in Darien. On the market for \$175 million, the property is accessible by a land bridge, with a 10-bedroom stone main house built by the family of the current owners over a century ago offering entirely private water views. Family lore has it that 200 stone masons built the main structures, which include a guest house, a stable with a Guastavino tile ceiling, a caretaker's house, a gatehouse, several smaller houses, a protected yacht basin, several beach cottages and an antique house from the 1860s.

"Once this one is gone, there will be nothing else like it," said David Ogilvy, president of David Ogilvy & Associates. "There are simply no other properties this size so close to New York City on Long Island Sound. This is a unique opportunity to create a family compound for generations to come. It's truly a magical kingdom." 🏡