

Connecticut Freedom Trail Fact Sheet

Criteria:

The Connecticut Freedom Trail (CFT) includes historic districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects of national, state or local significance. Sites are chosen based on their ability to illustrate important aspects of Connecticut's African American history and that of the state of Connecticut. These resources possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and:

1. Are associated with events related to the *Amistad* Case, 1839-1842; or
2. Are associated with the Underground Railroad and the Abolitionist movement; or
3. Embody the concept of the movement towards freedom and equality of Connecticut's citizens and the heritage of African American citizens in Connecticut.

Examples of listed properties include historic districts; buildings such as churches, residences and governmental buildings; and sites such as cemeteries, gravesites, monuments and archeological sites. Archival research and documentation must substantiate the site's historical significance.

Properties must be located in Connecticut and generally must be at least 50 years old.

Additional considerations include:

- Site's ability to be viewed by the public
- Geographic diversity
- Condition and integrity
- Sites nominated under the Concept of Freedom criteria must be proven to represent a person, event, issue or place of local, state and/or national importance in the struggle for freedom
- "First Ever" sites must also demonstrate that an event opened the door for others