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# Where Wall Street summers

Finding time for the glamorous retreat

BY MELISSA BIGGS BRADLEY

## The Hamptons



**THE APPEAL:** There's no place better for networking by the beach. Moguls from every industry and many continents alight on Long Island's East End to mix family time with schmoozing.

**WHO SUMMERS HERE:** Morgan Stanley analyst Mary Meeker, Sara Ayres of New Providence Asset Management, Meryl Witmer of Eagle Capital Partners, Lehman Brothers' Ros Stephenson, and Citigroup's Sallie Krawcheck, along with billionaires Henry Kravis, Pete Peterson, David Koch, and George Soros.

**GETTING THERE:** Follow the lead of Martha Stewart, former Warnaco CEO Linda Wachner, Henry Kravis, and Donald Trump and arrive by private helicopter or jet.

**WHAT TO DO:** Give back by going out. Hamptonites take the art of

fundraising—and the art of throwing a good fundraiser—very seriously; there's a party with a cause every weekend. One perennial favorite: Billionaire Teddy Forstmann's Huggy Bear pro-am tennis tournament, which raises money for children's charities, wraps up its days of play with a dinner and concert (Stevie Nicks performed last year). Word is that the 2009 edition—the event's 25th anniversary—will be the last.

**WHERE TO STAY:** If you don't own a shingle-style house on the beach, rent one, but understand that each town has its own crowd and rhythm. When you come to browse, book the colonial 1708 House in Southampton, which lies roughly equidistant between Amagansett and Westhampton (1708house.com).

**WHERE TO EAT:** It's a delicate balance of high/low eating here. Nick & Toni's and Della Femina in East Hampton are the reigning see-and-be-seen

## Litchfield County, Connecticut



**THE APPEAL:** Not as flashy as the Hamptons and easier to get to than Nantucket, Litchfield County draws under-the-radar types who prefer Georgian colonials to shingle-style mansions and antiques to boating.

**WHO SUMMERS HERE:** Erika Klauer of Jennison Associates, Paula Madoff of Goldman Sachs, and hedge fund manager Debra Fine, along with homeowners Robert Mnuchin, Anne Bass, Conan O'Brien, and Diane von Furstenberg.

**WHAT TO DO:** Not much, and that's the point. For outdoorsy types, there's Bantam Lake, the state's largest natural lake, and acres of woodlands for hiking and mountain biking. Woodbury, the so-called

antiques capital of Connecticut, offers exquisite shops that carry everything from painted Scandinavian furniture (at Eleni Van Breeems) to estate jewelry. Nighttime entertainment means catching a foreign film at Bantam Cinema, Connecticut's oldest continually running movie house.

**WHERE TO STAY:** For many years the exquisite Mayflower Inn & Spa, in Washington, was the region's uncontested grand dame property (mayflowerinn.com). Last year, competition arrived when Winvian, a sprawling 18-cottage hotel spearheaded by Heather Smith, the granddaughter of a Merrill Lynch founding partner, opened in Morris (winvian.com).

**WHERE TO EAT:** Ever popular, especially with visiting celebs, is

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