



# NORWICH MOVIE THEATRES

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## BALTIC

### Baltic **CLOSED**

Railroad St.  
? 1950  
450 seats

### Jodin **CLOSED**

? 1935  
195 seats

## COLCHESTER

### Colchester **CLOSED**

S. Main  
? 1935-? 1980  
350 seats  
Markoff owned this 350-seat theatre.

### Gallery Cinemas 3 **CLOSED**

396 Old Hartford  
1999-2007 (no showtimes found)



## GORTON

### Gorton **CLOSED**

? 1969-? 1990  
United Artists owned this theatre.  
Sold to Hoyt's by 1990

### Gorton Cinema I & II

**CLOSED**  
? 1980-? 1990  
Owners:  
1980 Brandt  
1990 Hoyt's

### Gorton Cinemas 6

**OPEN**  
? 1995-  
Owners:  
1995 Hoyt's  
2005 Entertainment Cinemas



### Gorton Open Air **CLOSED**

? 1961-? 1980  
600 cars  
Torn down in 1986 for a mall.

## JEWETT CITY

### Finns Opera House

**CLOSED**  
? 1930-? 1945  
469 seats

### State **CLOSED**

AKA: Welch 2  
80 Main  
1939-? 1995  
722 seats  
The State Theatre on Main Street in the Jewett City section of Griswold opened in 1939. The State name can still be seen on the marquee.

Originally a single screen, the later-twinned theater was part of the Welch Theatres chain along with cinemas in Norwich, Willimantic, and Killingly.

The Jewett City Cinemas closed in April of 2003, but was renovated and restored, and returned to its original name, the State, when it reopened in May of 2004. However, by late 2004, the theater was again closed.



### Welch 2 **CLOSED**

80 Main  
? 2000-2004  
480 seats

## LISBON

### Lisbon Landing 10

**OPEN**  
314 Flat Rock Place  
Apr 8, 2005-  
O'Neil owns this theatre.



## LYME

### Town Hall **CLOSED**

? 1935  
218 seats

Photos of Gallery, Gorton Cinemas & State taken by R. Katz

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## MONTVILLE

E. M. Loew's Drive-In  
**CLOSED**  
? 1950

New London & Norwich  
Drive-In **CLOSED**  
? 1955-? 1975  
500 cars

## MYSTIC

Mystic Village Cinemas 3  
**OPEN**

Rt 27  
? 1995  
Owners:  
1995 Hoyt's  
2005 Entertainment Cinemas



Strand **CLOSED**  
Main St.  
? 1930-? 1955  
498 seats

## NEW LONDON

Capitol **CLOSED**  
43 Bank  
1921-? 1975  
1756 seats  
Owners:  
1961 American Theatres  
1975 Theatre Management



Crown **CLOSED**  
AKA: Victory  
73 State  
1914-? 1940  
1083 seats

Empire **CLOSED**  
Bank St.  
? 1925-? 1940

Garde **LIVE**  
325 State  
1926-1978  
Stanley Warner-RKO Stanley Warner  
owned this 1603-seat theatre. It is  
now a performing arts center



Rialto **CLOSED**  
? 1925

Victory **CLOSED**  
AKA: Crown  
73 State  
? 1945-? 1955  
1094 seats

## NIANTIC

Crescent **CLOSED**  
? 1940

Niantic **OPEN**  
279 Main  
1951- **NIANTIC CINEMAS**  
658 seats

The Niantic Cinema opened along Niantic's Main Street in 1951. Originally a single screen theatre it has been expanded to its current five-plex status over time by dividing the original auditorium and building new additions.

A subrun theatre for many years, the Niantic Cinemas switched to first run films around the year 2000. A fifth screen was built as an addition in 2003 to make it more competitive with larger first run multiplexes nearby. A large mural of Charlie Chaplin graces the front of the building



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## NORWICH

### Breed's **CLOSED**

? 1925-? 1930  
642 seats

### Broadway **CLOSED**

? 1925-? 1940  
1058 seats

### Lord **CLOSED**

101 Water  
? 1950-? 1955  
984 seats

### Norwich Cinema I & II

#### **CLOSED**

109 Salem Turnpike  
? 1985-2005  
Owners:  
1985 Brandt  
1990 Hoyt's  
2002 Regal Cinemas



### Palace **CLOSED**

? 1925-? 1964  
Stanley Warner owned this 1307-seat theatre.

### Poli **CLOSED**

AKA: Loew's Poli  
113 Broadway  
? 1945-? 1955  
1400 seats  
Loew's owned this theatre.



### Strand **CLOSED**

? 1925-? 1955

## OAKVILLE

### Community

AKA: Oak  
133 Main  
? 1940-? 1945  
363 seats

### Oak **LIVE**

AKA: Community  
133 Main  
? 1955  
386 seats  
This is now a performance hall.

## PAWCATUCK

### Stonington 10 **OPEN**

85 Voluntown Road  
? 2000-  
Owners:  
2000 Hoyt's  
2002 Regal Cinemas



## SOUNDVIEW

### Cinema City **CLOSED**

? 1940-? 1945  
Colony  
? 1955  
461 seats

### Strand **CLOSED**

? 1940-? 1945  
408 seats

## TAFTVILLE

### Hillcrest **CLOSED**

? 1930-? 1955  
432 seats

### Norwich Drive-In **CLOSED**

? 1950-? 1964  
646 cars

### Taftville Drive-In **CLOSED**

137 Norwich  
1957-1979

## WATERFORD

### Waterford 9 **OPEN**

123 Cross  
1987-  
Owners:  
1987 Hoyt's  
2002 Regal Cinemas



### Waterford Drive-In

**CLOSED**  
? 1950-? 1985

42 listings  
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