



Travel along the North Shore Heritage Trail (25A) and Discover the Secrets Hidden in its Backroads and Byways!

Kings Park

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According to a local historian, Kings Park was known as an excellent place to unload the rum. Lore tells of a local Kings Park man during Prohibition who would steadfastly help the rumrunners unload their cargo of bottles. Thirty years later, well after prohibition's end, this same man came face to face with a moment of his rum running past while fishing one day at The Bluff at Old Dock Road when he brought to the surface one of the very bottles that he helped the rum runners unload some thirty years earlier.

In fact, Kings Park has plenty of prohibition stories to boast. Across from Saint Joseph's church stood a house whose still's vapors its owners creatively hid by running a pipe from the still into the outdoor garden. Although, people could not help to see the still's vapors, the stillers went unprovoked, and continued to operate through prohibition. In fact, they perfected the art of making their liquor so well during this time that they continued this

rum- making into the 1950s until they finally decided that it might be easier to buy their liquor from the store.

Although the Guinness book of World records states Kings Park Main Street as the place with the highest number of bars on one street - This, of course, can be explained. The bars consisted of bars created in the home: two 2 x 4s erected by working men in their home in virtually every house for the purposes of his own bar during Prohibition.

If you are not yet completely impressed by Kings Park prohibition history, here is one more interesting fact that will definitely fulfill the promise of interesting stories to tell of Long Island's North Shore Prohibition past: Kings Park plays host to the only bar ever opened 24 hours. There is a reason, though. Apparently, as the State Hospital had three shifts each of the shift's workers would go down for a sandwich and a beverage afterwards to the local bar. This included the 2 am shift workers who themselves could count on a warm, comfortable and friendly place to relax and unwind before heading back to work.

Today you will find many residents and visitors enjoying all that Sunken Meadow State Park and Main Street have to offer.

Walk or jog along the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile boardwalk while taking in the view of the Long Island Sound. **Sunken Meadow State Park (631-269-4333)** offers swimming, fishing, canoe or kayaking, golf, picnic areas and hiking.

Nissequogue River State Park (631-581-1072) is a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area. Hike the Long Island Greenbelt Trail, cast a rod and reel for some saltwater fishing or put on your walking shoes for a guided nature walk. Catch a live performance in the park during the summer theater season featuring plays for children and adults.

Main Street has a beautiful Plaza and Clock Tower at Savatt Park for visitors to sit and relax after touring the King's Park Heritage Museum. Enjoy a special treat from the local bakery, ice cream shops or old candy shop. Enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner at any of the local fine dining establishments.