Originally a portion of Guilford, Madison was first settled about 1650 on land bought from the Nehantic and Mohegan Indians in 1641. The Town of Madison, named for President James Madison, was incorporated in 1826.

Today, Madison shines with New England charm. Downtown is highlighted by a traditional town green and a centrally located shopping district featuring locally owned retail shops.

The town also offers a host of outdoor activities. Madison is home to Hammonasset Beach State Park, Connecticut’s largest shoreline state park, with over 2 miles of shoreline. Visitors can also enjoy over 20 trails that range from a leisurely stroll to challenging treks.

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Historic & Cultural Attractions

1. **Rockland Preserve**  
   2313 Durham Rd., Madison. 203-245-4567  
   Historic site, trail

2. **Rockland Cemetery (est. 1793)**  
   376-400 County Rd., Madison. 203-245-2298  
   Historic site, includes several veteran burials

3. **Iron Woods Trail**  
   227 Race Hill Rd., Madison.  
   Historic site, trail

4. **North Madison West Side Cemetery**  
   63 Race Hill Rd., Madison. 203-453-9129  
   Historic site

5. **Paper Mill Trail**  
   28 Fawn Brook Cr., Madison. 203-245-4567  
   Historic site, trail

6. **Amasa J. Dowd House (c. 1813)**  
   257 Copse Rd., Madison.  
   Historic site, private home

7. **William Shelley House (c. 1730)**  
   Historic site, private home

8. **West Cemetery (est. 1688)**  
   421 Boston Post Rd., Madison. 203-245-2298  
   Historic site

9. **Madison Green Historic District**  
   Meetinghouse Ln., Madison.  
   Historic District, National Register of Historic Places

10. **Lee’s Academy (1821)**  
    14 Meetinghouse Ln., Madison. 203.245.4567  
    Historic site, Home of Madison Historical Society

11. **Charlotte L. Evarts Memorial Archives**  
    8 Meetinghouse Ln., Madison. 203-245-5667  
    Historical Resource, limited hours. Call for appointment

12. **Deacon John Grave House (1685)**  
    581 Boston Post Rd., Madison. 203-245-4798  
    Historic site, museum

13. **Madison Art Mile**  
    Downtown Madison.  
    Public Art

14. **Meigs-Bishop House (c. 1690)**  
    45 Wall St., Madison.  
    Historic site, private home. Madison’s second oldest house.

15. **Madison Art Cinemas (1912)**  
    761 Boston Post Rd., Madison. 203-245-3456  
    Historic site

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