



Incorporated: 1774

Franklin County

Quietly nestled in the Pioneer Valley, Leverett enjoys country living in comfortable proximity to town and city life. Diversity is reflected in Leverett road names. Amherst, Montague and Shutesbury Roads lead to those neighboring towns, Long Plain Road suggests the town's flat, agricultural area. Rattlesnake Gutter is a legacy of the last ice age, with glacial ravine and soaring cliffs. Cave Hill, Teawaddle Hill, Juggler Meadow, and January Hills tickle imaginations. Tree-lined stone walls accompany the roads, which climb, dip and curve to expose varied vistas. Wood roads and trails on Brushy Mountain and surrounding hills disclose stone structures, cairns and old walls of unknown dates which housed early inhabitants. The Sawmill River in the north end and Roaring Brook in the eastern part of town were crucial to the 19th century industrial period. Mills and shops proliferated, and Leverett was a self-sufficient community with goods and foods to spare, populated by hard-working farmers, lumbermen and shop hands. Recent years have brought a diversity of skills and lifestyles, as educators are drawn to the 5 College area; craftsmen, artists and musicians find a creative atmosphere; transportation and communication development allows professionals to choose their work base. The architecture of Leverett's homes reflect these changes. Federal and Greek Revival houses are firmly anchored by venerable maples. Later capes and ranch houses and recent large modern homes have joined them to present a pleasing variety of individual dwellings. In a similar manner, religious buildings include not only the traditional Congregational and Baptist churches but a regional Friends Meeting House and a huge white Buddhist Peace Pagoda atop a hill. Leverett's people are consistently generous in sharing their many skills. Although they radiate in many directions, they come together in elementary school activities, to volunteer in town activities, to meet at the Village Coop with love and pride in their town. (Narrative supplied by community)

Population: 2,174 (2000 census)

Total Area: 22.99 square miles +/-

Government: Town Meeting; Board of Selectmen

Tax Rate: \$15.00 (2008)

School Superintendent: 659-3337

Colleges and Universities:

Public Schools: K-6 grade School; Amherst Regional Middle School; Amherst Regional High School

Private Schools:

Shopping: 10 minute proximity to Amherst Center

Libraries: Field Memorial Library 548-9220

Recreational Facilities: Leverett Crafts & Arts Center; Leverett Pond; Peace Pagoda; riding and hiking trails

Utilities: Cable: None available
Electric: Western Mass Electric Co. 800-286-2000
Gas: No natural gas
Telephone: Verizon 800-870-9999

Child Care Providers: 413-582-4218

For More Information:

Child Care Focus

56 Vernon Street

Northampton, MA 01060

--provides a list of licensed childcare facilities

Town hall: 548-9150

www.magnet.state.ma.us

www.jonesgrouponline.com

