



**Bird's Eye  
and other Spectacular Views  
on Nantucket**

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## *In Town*

### **1) The Roof Deck of the Whaling Museum – 13 Broad Street**

At the top of the Whaling Museum is a roof deck that overlooks the harbor and town. North views overlook Oran Mor restaurant and the Brant Point area beyond. To the East is Steamboat Wharf and the harbor. If you time it right, you can watch a Steamship Authority ferry arrive and unload. To the South one can watch the traffic on South Water Street. Western views include the First Congregational Church steeple

**Admission is \$20.** But that allows you complete access through the museum.

### **2) First Congregational Church – 62 Centre Street**

Walk up 92 steps to the top and look out on to Nantucket Harbor and maybe, just maybe, you can see Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard on a clear day. Half way up there is a platform that you can stop and rest. The tower is open Monday thru Saturday in season. **Admission is \$5.**

### **3) Brant Point – end of Easton Street**

Walk out to the lighthouse at the end of Brant Point. Here one can navigate the rocks, stand on the catwalk or play on the beach. This is where the world goes by as boats of all shapes and sizes, both sail and power pass by in and out of Nantucket Harbor. Remember, if you time it right, you can watch more than one ferry come and go at the same time.

**Admission is free**

### **4) The Creeks**

Located at the end of Washington Street extension, one can access the creeks by a narrow beach that leads to a wider sandy area. To the right and at the end is a Saltmarsh bisected with many creeks small and large. At far end of the sandy spit, one can see much of the harbor, Town and Monomoy. At low tide, it is possible to cross over to the beaches of Monomoy. In addition to seagulls, one can spot ducks, egrets and herons. Be careful as a fiddler crab could pop out of its hole and scurry past you.

**Admission is free**

### **5) The top of the steps at Steps Beach**

Located in the Cliff section of Town, the access point is at the far end of Lincoln Circle. To the right of the small parking area, look for a rock with the name and a narrow path. At the far end of the path is a platform and the top of the steps that leads to the beach. This view is of Nantucket Sound. To your left is Dionis, Eel point and Tuckernuck island. To the right is the Jetties, Coatue and Great Point in the distance.

Below you is Steps Beach. Just to the right is the Cliffside Beach Club and its colorful umbrellas.

*Please be careful when walking the path as there could be poison ivy in the foliage as well as the possibility of ticks which can cause Lyme Disease. Also, please be respectful of where you walk as this is private property that has been granted public access.*

**Admission is free**

## *Out of Town*

### **6) Madaket (Smith's Point) at Sunset**

At the end of Madaket Road, turn right and walk over Millie's Bridge into the Smith's Point section. The road becomes dirt. Turn left, then right and turn left onto Massachusetts Avenue. One must time this view with the setting sun. The red, orange and purple hues help enhance the views of Madaket Harbor, Eel Point to the north, Tuckernuck Island directly ahead and the Atlantic Ocean breakers to your southwest.

**Admission is free**

### **7) Madaket (Jackson's Point) anytime**

Following the same route, go right instead of left on Massachusetts Avenue. Walk down to the end. Here is a boat ramp and pier. To your right is Hither Creek. Looking back to the south and east is Millie's bridge. Looking north is the Madaket Marine boat yard. If you look past the ramp to the north and west, you will see Eel Point. To the west is Madaket Harbor and the island of Tuckernuck beyond.

**Admission is free**

*Access to Smiths Point/ Jackson's Point is only by foot. Due to erosion no vehicles are allowed on the beach at Smith's Point. The best way to get there is to take the NRTA shuttle and get off at Millie's restaurant. Walk down to the end of Madaket Road and turn right onto Ames Avenue and Millie's Bridge. Eventually Ames Avenue turns left and becomes Rhode Island Avenue. Go right at the next intersection and then turn left at the end. This is Massachusetts Avenue. Walk down to the dunes at the end. There you can walk over the hill and out to the beach. NRTA shuttle is \$3 each way*

### **8) Altar Rock and the Moors** – Access from Polpis Road across from Quaise Road entrance. After a ¼ mile, if you see a strange looking building on a hill straight ahead, you are on the right path. That building is a radio beacon for the airport. Continue on the dirt road, just before the beacon, turn left and go up a hill. Be careful as can drive right past Altar Rock. It is small and located on the SW side of the hill. Here you can see all across the island; Town, the Airport, Sconset and Great Point, among others.

You are 108 feet above sea level. It is the second highest point. Folger Hill nearby to the East is higher at 109 feet.

One can travel around the many dirt roads and visit places including Gibbs Pond which feeds the Milestone Cranberry Bog to the southwest.

**Admission is free**

**9) The Top of the Great Point Lighthouse**

Open to the public only via the Great Point Natural History Tour, one can climb out onto the circular deck surrounding the light lens. You are about 60 feet above the sands. Here one can watch people fishing the point, view the rest of Nantucket, the ships approaching the jetties and the rip where Nantucket Sound meets the Atlantic Ocean. And on a clear day, the southern tip of Monomoy Island.

The lighthouse is part of a larger 3.5 hour tour which is **\$60**. Tours depart at 9:00 and 1:00 daily, May – October. Please call 508-228-6799 for reservations.