



A Weekend on Nantucket

Arrive mid-day Friday and head home Monday Morning

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Friday Afternoon/ Night

An Amazing Photographic Location

Once you are settled in wherever you are staying, start the weekend with a walk to the **Brant Point Lighthouse** at the end of Easton Street. The walk should take no more than 10-15 minutes from downtown. Start from Broad Street by the Whaling Museum Gift Shop, head north on South Beach Street. At the 4-way stop sign, turn right on **Easton Street**. When you get to a small rotary bounded by a split rail fence, continue down what looks like a dead-end street. You will pass US Coast Guard Station Brant Point on your right. At the end of the street, you will step onto sand and the lighthouse is in front of you. This small lighthouse stands guard at the entrance of **Nantucket Harbor**. You may have seen it if you arrived by ferry. This lighthouse which sits on rocks, has a long cat walk attached and is surrounded by a beach. Here, you can see all, types of boats coming and going. If you time it right, you might see not just one, but maybe 2 or 3 ferries arriving or departing at the same time.

Capture Nantucket offers several types of photographic walking tours including Brant Point. All you need is a comfortable pair of shoes, a camera and maybe a memory card for the camera depending how many pictures you take. Tours are minimum of 90 minutes up to 2.5 hours and start at \$90. Call 770-881-4566 or book online at www.capturenantucket.com

A Great View of the Harbor

After you have visited the Brant Point Lighthouse, on your way back into Town, duck into the **Brant Point Grille** at the White Elephant Hotel located at 50 Easton Street. The BPG has mid/ late afternoon bites including Buck-a-Shuck specials at their raw bar and a great view of Nantucket Harbor.

Go Gallery Hopping

Most Friday nights, many of the art galleries have openings to kick off current artists showings. Depending on the gallery, these open-house hours vary during the 5 to 8pm timeframe. The showcase artist or artists are available to chat and you can mingle among the artwork while sampling hors d'oeuvres and soda or other pairings.

Artists Association of Nantucket's Johnson Gallery – 19 Washington Street

The Gallery at 4 India Street – 4 India Street 2nd floor

Robert Foster Fine Art – 8 India Street

Kagan + Coe Gallery – 30A Main Street

Samuel Owen Gallery – 40 Centre Street

Graficas Gallery – 34 Centre Street
East End Gallery – 3 Old North Wharf
Old Spouter Gallery – 118 Orange Street

Besides those listed above, Nantucket has many more art galleries and artists to visit. Please be sure to ask the Visitor Services staff for more information.

Stroll Old South Wharf

About twice a month during the summer season, the stores, galleries and restaurants on **Old South Wharf** have a “block party.” Guests are encouraged to walk around to the business, meet the staff and sample hors d’oeuvres while a group of local musicians play outdoors on the wharf.

Walk the Docks of the Boat Basin

After dinner, stroll along the wooden boardwalks of Nantucket’s only marina. The **Nantucket Boat Basin** includes Straight, Old South and Swain’s (Commercial) Wharves. Here you will find 35’ Hinkley powerboats, sailboats with single masts or more and yachts moored Mediterranean style at the east face of Straight Wharf. If you time it right, the night boats from the Hy-Line and Steamship Authority will glide by.

If you are hungry, Straight Wharf and Old South Wharf have a lively restaurant/ bar scene. **Cru Oyster Bar** at the end of Straight Wharf has an outdoor patio overlooking the boats and **Slip 14** on Old South Wharf has open air dining. Looking for a pizza, stop by **Oath Pizza** across from Cru for a unique experience.

Adventurous? Ride on the Harbor Launch for **\$8** per person while others get on and off their moorings all around Nantucket Harbor. Tickets can be purchased online at www.nantucketharborlaunch.com or at the dock located behind the Straight Wharf restaurant. Launch hours are 9a-5p Sun-Thur and 9a-8p Fri and Sat.

Saturday Morning

Get some coffee or tea to begin your day.

Nantucket has some great coffee shops. Pick up a newspaper or magazine with your coffee from **The Hub**, **The Handlebar Café** on the Washington Street curve, the tiny **Island Coffee** stand near the Steamship ferry dock or **The Corner Table** just across the street from the Visitor Center on Federal Street, any of these locations have a variety of selections.

Visit the Sustainable Nantucket Farmers and Artisans Market.

Located on Cambridge Street between Federal and South Water Streets, this unique bazaar is managed by Sustainable Nantucket, a non-profit whose mission is “cultivating a healthy Nantucket by building a more locally-based and self-reliant food system on-island, and a strong local economy.” The Farmer’s Market is comprised of local vendors selling food, dry goods, arts and crafts, textiles, clothing and jewelry, all made on Nantucket.

The market is open 8:30am to 12:30pm on Saturdays from early-June to mid-October. In addition to the tables and booths, entertainment is provided by local musicians during this time.

Take a driving tour of the island.

Nantucket has several individuals and companies that offer guided driving tours. These tours will take you through the main town and then out to the east side of the island. Highlights usually include development of the Town, Upper Main Street whaling captain's mansions, the old mill, oldest house, the cranberry bogs, 'Sconset village and Sankaty Head lighthouse. We strongly suggest that you call the tours well in advance of your arrival as they are often sold out the day you would like to take a tour. Tour departure times vary through the day. We suggest taking an early tour so that you have enough time to explore the island. If you can't take a tour in the morning, there are departure options at different times in the afternoon.

Barrett's Tours	508-228-0174
Gail's Tours	508-257-6557
Nantucket Island Tours	508-228-0334
Tony's Tours	508-680-6671
Val's Tours	508-221-7640

After you have finished the tour, you may want to go back and explore some of the places you saw. Nantucket has an extensive public bus system. You can "Ride the Wave" back to 'Sconset or explore the mid-island area. One of the routes that is not covered by the tour, **Madaket**, departs from in front of the Whaling Museum every 30 minutes at the top and bottom of the hour in season.

The NRTA Wave bus is a great way to see the island, however, drivers do not point anything out. There is an audio/visual system on each bus that will indicate if there is a historic site/ museum near the stop that is coming up.

Saturday Afternoon

Just off Hummock Pond Road about 2.5 miles from Town turn left onto Bartlett Farm Road. About 500 feet along in the grove of trees to the right is the **Cisco Brewery**. This popular location is home to a local beer brewery that also makes wines and spirits. Open daily from 11am-7pm (Sundays 12-6pm), Cisco Brewery hosts local bands playing music in the courtyard and local food trucks in case you get hungry.

If you chose not to drive, bike, hail a taxi or ride-share, a complimentary shuttle van is available to take between the Visitor Center and the brewery daily in season (late May-mid-October) every 20 minutes between Noon and 6:30pm.

Bartlett Farm Road turns right and left again. Before the road turns to dirt to your right is **Bartlett Farm**. This farm has been in operation since the 1843. Stop in their marketplace to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers grown on the surrounding farmland. You can also find a deli that makes prepared foods including sandwiches to go, pies and desserts. An ice cream stand is available outside during the summer season.

Bartlett Farm also operates a truck that offers fruits, vegetables and flowers at the corner of 33 Main Street and Federal Street in-season from about 9a-1p daily

Just past Bartlett Farm the road becomes dirt. Continue straight along, go past the radio tower and you will end up at **Ladies Beach**. This beach is not lifeguarded but is popular with the locals and summer residents for its remoteness, dunes and the surf.

If Ladies Beach is not your style, get back onto Hummock Pond Road and continue 1.5 miles to the end. This is the famed **Cisco Beach**. On either side of the lifeguarded section, surfers ply the waves. You can get surfing lessons here or rent surfboards and stand up paddle boards. After you've finished swimming, surfing or paddling, there are a couple food trucks you go order from.

Saturday Evening

Nantucket has many amazing and eclectic restaurants. But they can be very busy on a Saturday evening. Be sure to reserve ahead of time. Otherwise, depending on the time and location, you can still have an enjoyable meal at the bar.

Go on the Ghost Walk at 8:00pm

Nantucket Walking Tours offered by Bill Jameson has been in operation since 1998. The Ghost Walk is an 80 minute tour that starts 8:00 at the steps of the Pacific National Bank at the top of Main Street. Fee is \$25/ person. For more information, please call Bill at 774-325-8972

If the Ghost walk is not your style, there is always a **Movie at the Dreamland** Performing Arts Center located at 17 South Water Street. The Dreamland shows first run movies on 3 different screens. You can call 508-228-1784 for movies and showtimes or go to www.nantucketdreamland.com for the schedule.

Sunday

Kick back with the **Sunday Newspaper**. There are several locations where you can buy a paper. Downtown locations include, The Hub, The Bean, Nantucket Pharmacy, the Nantucket Harbor Stop &Shop and the Handlebar Café.

Outside of the downtown, you can buy newspapers at the mid-island Stop & Shop, Island Pharmacy, both Cumberland Farms stores, Fast Forward and Espresso to Go coffee shops, 'Sconset Market

Most sell the Cape Cod Times, Boston Globe, Boston Herald, New York Times, NY Post, NY Daily News, Wall Street Journal. The Hub and 'Sconset Market also carry the Financial Times.

Sunday Brunch

Many restaurants offer weekend breakfast and some also serve brunch on Sundays.

Brant Point Grille – 50 Easton Street

Breeze at the Nantucket Hotel – 77 Easton Street

Cru Oyster Bar – 1 Straight Wharf

Galley Beach – 54 Jefferson Avenue

Lemon Press – 41 Main Street

Or, the Whale – 38 Main Street

Proprietors – 9 India Street

Town, Tree Bar and Queequegs – 4 East Chestnut/ 6 Oak Street

Toppers at Wauwinet – 120 Wauwinet Road

Take a Walk at Sanford Farm

About 2 miles west of Town on the Madaket Road there is a parking lot on the left surrounded by a split rail fence. This is the entrance to the Nantucket Conservation Foundation's **Sanford Farm**. Ram Pasture and The Woods. Collectively referred to as Sanford Farm, it is 780 acres and Hummock Pond runs along the eastern boundary. You can walk 3 miles to the ocean (6 miles roundtrip). There is also 1.7 mile loop in case you don't want to venture to the water and back.

Explore Madaket in late afternoon

Madaket Road ends in the section of Nantucket called **Madaket** along with the natural feature of **Madaket Harbor**. The harbor is bounded by **Smith's Point** to the southwest and Tuckernuck Island beyond and Eel Point to the north.

Tuckernuck has houses but no electrical lines to power it. Some of the homes have generators. Most residents travel back and forth to Madaket by their own boats tying up at Jackson's Point, Barrett's Pier or the Madaket Marine boatyard

Near the end of the road is **Millie's Restaurant**. There is also a small general store on the property. The restaurant is open seasonally. The last stop of the NRTA Wave bus Madaket route is just outside the entrance to the parking lot.

Madaket Beach is at the end of the paved road. Smith's Point is just beyond Millie's Bridge on the right. The bridge and the restaurant are named for Mildred "Madaket Millie" Jewett (1907-1990) who lived in a small shack just to the right of the bridge that spans the south end of Hither Creek. She helped the Coast Guard with managing the creek and the surrounding harbor. She was also friends with Fred (Mr.) Rogers who owned a summer home called the Crooked House at the end of Massachusetts Avenue near the entrance to sandy part of Smith's Point.

Madaket Beach or upstairs at Millie's restaurant is a very popular location to **Watch the Sunset** (times vary).

Monday morning

Finish your shopping! Nantucket has some unique stores and products.

OR

Play a Round of Disc Golf

Located in the State Forest at 21 Lovers Lane, The **Nantucket Disc Golf** course opened in 2012 and has been growing in popularity. Disc Golf is free to play. If you don't have a disc, they can be purchased at The Sunken Ship store on the corner of Broad and South Water Streets.

www.nantucketdiscgolf.org/

Don't forget to throw 2 pennies overboard towards the Brant Point lighthouse when you depart on the ferry. This will ensure that you will return to Nantucket again someday...