



Three Days on Nantucket

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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Take a ride on the schooner Lynx

Sailings take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in July and August. This majestic tall ship is a replica of privateer schooner built near Baltimore, MD in 1812. Affiliated with the local Egan Maritime Institute, the Lynx is an educational sailing vessel. It is a great way to see Nantucket by water while learning about the island's maritime history.

Day Sailings are 1:00pm (except Mon & Tues) and there is a sunset sail at 5:00pm on Thursdays. Reservations are required and can be booked online at: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/tallshiplynx/items/?flow=734398&full-items=yes>

Stroll around downtown Nantucket, sit on a bench somewhere along Main Street or other nearby streets and watch the world go by. You might want to get an ice cream cone. Nantucket has some unique, and very popular ice cream shops. Be prepared to stand in line, especially if it has been a hot humid day.

The Soda Fountain at the Nantucket Pharmacy – 45 Main Street

The Hub – 31 Main Street

Jack and Charlie's – 10 Straight Wharf (Lower Main St.)

The Juice Bar – 12 Broad Street

Do Some Stargazing

If you get away from the main town out to the end of one of the main roads, the light pollution is almost nil here. Nantucket's night sky is spectacular. You can actually see the Milky Way stretching overhead. The Loines Observatory located at 59 Milk Street has 2 different times at night to stargaze, either 9-9:45pm or 9:45-10:30pm. To sign up, go online to: <https://www.mariamitchell.org/open-nights>

On occasion, there might be a night time rocket launch from NASA's launch facility on Wallops Island, Virginia which is closer than Cape Canaveral in Florida. We suggest going to Cisco Beach at the end of Hummock Pond Road. The rockets will go up and then turn east. You might be able to see flare of a stage separation as well...Other great stargazing spots:

Madaket Beach

Dionis Beach

Water Tower Beach (end of Washing Pond Road)

Surfside Beach

Nobadeer Beach (watch the planes land at night)

Go on a Scavenger Hunt

If you have a group, or not, here are some suggested items/ things to find:

- Why was the Pacific National Bank not named Atlantic National Bank?
- Where are the Meridian Stones that point North?
(Hint: one of them is on the side of the Pacific Bank)
- Which corners are four marble markers that show the boundaries of the Great Fire of 1846
- The present-day Ships Inn on Fair Street sits on whose birth site?
- Macy's Department Stores started in New York City. But, before moving to New York City, Nantucket native R.H. Macy operated a dry goods store on what corner?
- Where is the name "Sherburne" on Centre Street?
- Where is the plaque to Captain George Pollard?
- Where is the "1935" cornerstone on Federal Street?
- Where is the original Fresnel lens of the Sankaty Head Lighthouse?
- On South Water Street, where is the name "Cy's" located?
- What is the significance of the 3 names listed on the Pacific Club building?
- What was the Pacific Club?
- Where is "I am the second oldest, but the ninth youngest."?
 - o Where is the eighth youngest?

Climb the Church Tower - First Congregational Church, 62 Centre Street

The tower is open Thursdays and Fridays 10:00am – 2:00pm starting mid-June

Walk up 92 steps to the top. Once upstairs, one can look out in 4 different directions. To the East is the harbor. Make sure to time your viewing with the arrival of the Steamship car ferry. Watch the cars, trucks and people emerge off the boat from the mainland and then watch a new group get on the ship, all within 30 minutes. If you see a flash of light every 7.5 seconds in the distance directly above the ticket office flagpole, that is the Sankaty Head lighthouse on the east side of the island. Other highlights include the potential of seeing on a clear day, Cape Cod to the north and Martha's Vineyard to the west. From the south window, you can see the rooftops of the main town, the Town Clock, the Old Mill and high school windmill in the distance and perhaps a plane landing 3 miles away at the airport.

Rent a Bike and Explore the Island's Bike Paths

Nantucket is very bicycle friendly. There are more than 40 miles of bike paths. Most are start about a mile from the downtown. You can reach many beaches, stop and go hiking on a trail or explore "Sconset village and other sections of the island. Five bike shops rent bikes.

Cook's Cycle Shop – 6 South Beach Street

Nantucket Bike Shop – 2 locations on Broad Street (up from Steamship Dock)

Young's Bike Shop – Broad Street (up from Steamship Dock)

Easy Riders – 65 Surfside Road

Island Bike Shop – 25 Old South Road

Sandy Pedals – Apple App or Google Play stores

Download the app and find the nearest red bike

Wheels of Delight – 4 South Beach Street

Solar powered bikes

All the bike shops have home delivery service in case you can't get to their locations.

Rent a Kayak or Stand Up Paddle Board at Sea Nantucket

Located at the Frances Street Beach, Sea Nantucket offer 1 hour, 2 hour, half day or full day rentals and lessons are available. The location is convenient to the nearby Monomoy Creeks. For more information, call 508-228-7499 or visit www.seanantucketkayak.com

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.

<http://www.nantucketdiscgolf.org/>