



## **Three Days on Nantucket** *Thursday, Friday, Saturday*

### 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.

Morning sailings are 9:00am and Afternoon sailings are 12:30. Reservations are required and can be booked online at <https://eganmaritime.org/events>

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. On Monday and Wednesday nights from 9:00-10:30pm, the Maria Mitchell Association's Loines Observatory located at 59 Milk Street has twin telescopes to look thru. The entrance fee is **\$10**, but free to MMA members.

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

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

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

### Explore by Bike with Track Nantucket

If you have a smart phone, download this app. You can tour the island by bike on your own with any one of the 8 routes included. You can stay close to Town, head to Sconset or Surfside or Cisco. Directions are audio based or written on the screen and can give you "fun facts and photos along the way."

### Visit the Lightship Basket Museum – 49 Union Street

This relatively small building houses and extensive collection of wicker baskets uniquely Nantucket. Originally created by crewmembers of the Nantucket Lightship to pass the time on station, south of Nantucket, these baskets have become collectors' items or investments. Jose Reyes whose workshop is meticulously recreated here, popularized them as women's purses. Most modern baskets have carvings or scrimshaw on the top. The museum is open Tuesdays-Saturdays 10:00am – 4:30pm (late May to mid-October). Admission is **\$7** for adults, **\$3** for kids 6-17.

*Note: The Whaling Museum on Broad Street has an extensive scrimshaw collection on exhibit.*

### Tour 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, you might see the southern tip of Monomoy Island off Cape Cod.

The lighthouse is part of a larger 3.5 hour tour which includes Coskata and Coatue, a sandy barrier beach. The Tour is **\$60** and departs from 33 Washington Street at 9:00 and 1:00 daily, mid-May to mid-October. Please call 508-228-6799 for reservations. Space is limited to 8 people.

### 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/>