



Three Days on Nantucket *Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday* Updated 7/11/23

Monday

Visit the Maria Mitchell Association Aquarium

Located at 28 Washington Street. This small cluster of buildings houses tanks full of aquatic animals from Nantucket Harbor. They include various fish, crabs, eels and other shellfish including scallops and clams. Kids can explore creatures in the touch tanks, while the circular tank might include dog fish (small sharks), spider crabs and horseshoe crabs. At the end of the summer, all the animals are released back into the harbor with a special ceremony.

Visit the Creeks

At the end of Washington Street Extension beyond the yacht club, look for a sandy access point to the left of the cottages. Then turn right and follow the path along the water. About 500' at the end is a small sandy beach that overlooks the main channel of the Creeks. It is the northern end of the Miacomet Pond watershed. This tidal saltmarsh is peaceful and very scenic. This location is great for birdwatching from seagulls, ducks to herons. You have a 360-degree view including the buildings of lower Orange Street including the back of Marine Home Center, the buildings and docks of the Great Harbor Yacht Club, the Nantucket Boat Basin beyond and Brant Point lighthouse in the distance. On the other side of the main channel into the creeks is the residential area known as Monomoy.

Rent a Kayak or Paddleboard from Sea Nantucket

At the head of Washington Street Extension is the Francis Street beach. You can rent kayaks and paddleboards by the hour, 2 hours, half day or full day. From here you can row or paddle your way into the creeks.

Sea Nantucket 508-228-7499

Have Lunch (or Dinner) at Sayles Seafood

After your walk or paddle to the creeks, why not satisfy your appetite with seafood? Baked, boiled or fried, Sayles has all kinds of seafood to eat including, bay scallops, clam chowder, lobster rolls and clambakes to order. You can sit inside at the only table and watch the lobsters in the tank or dine out on the front porch. It definitely is a unique experience.

Walk or Bike the Old Railroad Bed

On the other side of the little cottages south of Sayles' the road ends and turns into an elevated berm over the marshes. This berm once held the railroad bed for the Nantucket Railroad (1881-1917). Now it has been repurposed as a walkway and bike path. Once on the berm, look to your right and you will see the Consue Springs duck pond. Beyond that is the heavily trafficked Union Street curve and Orange Street beyond.

Tuesday

Visit the Whaling Museum

The Nantucket Historical Association owns several buildings around Nantucket including the signature Whaling Museum on Broad Street downtown. This museum is not just about whaling, but also about Nantucket's history in general. The Hadwen House located at 96 Main Street is a whaling captain's home and is open to visit. Both properties have combined admissions ticket for \$25. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Oldest House located on Sunset Hill off Westchester Street is open from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Admission is free. All other NHA historic properties (Old Mill, 1800 House) will be open on a rotating basis this season.

The NHA also has guided tours of downtown Nantucket twice a day at 10:30am and 1:30pm. These tours last about 60 minutes and include the development of the downtown and the history of the island's whaling era. Tour tickets are \$20

Lunch at Galley Beach

This restaurant sits near the corner of Cliffside Beach Club with its multi-colored umbrellas. It is the only restaurant with direct access to a beach. Most of the restaurant seating is under the eaves with open windows, but there are wicker chairs and couches on the beach if you are lucky to secure one. Enjoy the view of the nearby beach club, the imposing houses on the Cliff, the island's north shore, Dionis Beach and Tuckernuck island as well as watching boats entering the jetties. It is surely a unique and pleasant experience when dining here.

Read a Nantucket Book

After lunch and maybe a quick nap, pick up a book at either **Nantucket Bookworks** on Broad Street or **Mitchell's Book Corner** at the intersection of Main and Orange Streets. Both book stores are much, much smaller than your neighborhood Barnes and Noble. However, they are inviting and encourage you to take your time looking around. Nantucket has several famous living writers including Elin Hildebrand, Nathaniel Philbrick and Nancy Thayer as well as older books that include Nantucket in the background (The Off-Islanders and Cheaper by the Dozen, among others). Ask the very knowledgeable staff about Nantucket-based books (fiction and non-fiction) and they will be sure to point you in the right direction.

Take A Sunset Cruise

Nantucket has amazing sunsets that are accentuated by the surrounding water.

ACK Sunset Sail	Departs Town Pier	508-423-9985
Friendship Sloop Endeavor	Slip 1015 Straight Wharf	508-228-5585
Nantucket By Water	Slip 1011 Straight Wharf	508-228-7037

Wednesday

Visit 'Sconset

This little village located on the eastern side of the island, has a quieter vibe the more commercial feel of Nantucket Town. There is much to see in what once was a small fishing village. *Be sure to pick up the Map of Sconset at the NRTA Bus shelter, outside the 'Sconset Market or at any of the Visitor Services offices/ kiosks in before you leave Nantucket Town.*

The center of 'Sconset is the rotary. Here you can find the post office, a general market, several restaurants including **Claudette's** and the '**Sconset Café**. The tennis courts behind the bus shelter belong to the '**Sconset Casino**, which is a private tennis club. You can see a clock on the side of the main structure of the casino just behind the courts. The name 'Sconset is a shortened version of "Siasconset" which is a native word meaning "Near the great bone." In the summer, many of the buildings have roses blooming on the sides and the roofs. Many older cottages along Shell, Centre and Broadway date back to the late 1700 and early 1800s.

Nantucket Preservation Trust offers walking tours of Sconset on Thursdays (June to mid-October) at 3:00pm. The tours begin the 'Sconset Trust offices located at 1 New Street.

Be sure to find New Street. Public restrooms are located at the corner with Shell Street. Just to the west and on the south side of the road, the main entrance to the Sconset Casino is here and across the street is the arched entryway to the **Chanticleer** restaurant. In the courtyard is a horse from a merry-go-round.

The '**Sconset Market** has ice cream and there is a small park next to the market to rest in. From here you can explore the **Bluff Walk** which can be found at the northern end of Front Street on the corner or walk behind the park over a foot bridge that takes you to Ocean Avenue and down to Low Beach Road. Be sure to look behind you when you are crossing over Gully Road at the **Sundial** on the side of the house.

If you look to the east, you will see the Atlantic Ocean. Up and down the coast line you might see breaking waves. These are just a few of the many sandy shoals that protect the island on the east and southeast side of the island.

Just about 2 miles north of the center of Sconset at the end of Baxter Road is the **Sankaty Head Lighthouse**. Built in 1850, the light which flashes every 7.5 seconds can be seen up to 24 miles at sea. It warns mariners of the hazardous Nantucket Shoals. In 2007, the structure was moved 405 feet to its current position because the bluff it was standing near was eroding. On the path to the lighthouse you can see the marker where it originally stood.

Just to the left of the lighthouse is the 5th fairway and the front nine of the **Sankaty Head Golf Club**. Across the Polpis Road is the clubhouse and the back nine. This private course opened in 1923 was the only 18 hole course on the island until the Nantucket Golf Club opened in 1998 and the 9 hole Miacomet Golf Course (1963) expanded from 9 to 18 in 2003. Miacomet and the 9 hole Sconset Golf Course (1899) are public courses.

Ride on the Wauwinet Lady to Dinner

Make your dinner reservations at Toppers restaurant at the Wauwinet Inn...Even better, sail to dinner up harbor on the 21 seat Wauwinet Lady with Captain Rob from the docks at the White Elephant Hotel on Easton Street. The boat leaves promptly at 5:00pm and arrives at the Wauwinet dock in time for your dinner reservation at 6:00pm. After dinner at 8:00pm, hop on the Wauwinet Lady for the trip back to town. Watch the sunset along the way.

Reservations are required. Please call 508-228-8768. Space is limited on the boat.

Note: weather including wind may cancel the boat ride one way or both. The restaurant has jitney/ van service in case.