New Bedford Whaling
National Historical Park

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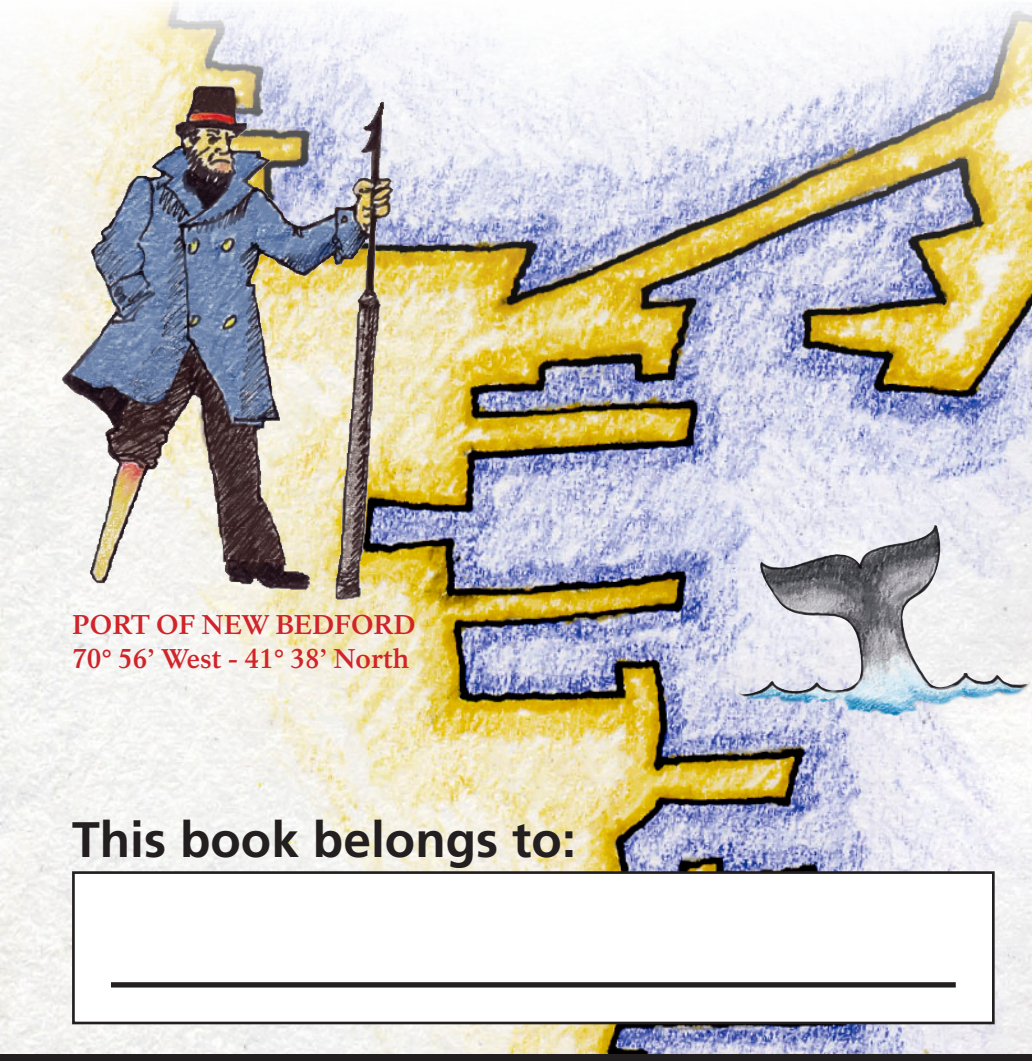
JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY BOOK



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Instructions:

As a Junior Ranger in training at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, it is important to keep alert while on your voyage through the park. Answers to the questions in this booklet can be found by reading exhibits, going on a walking tour (offered seasonally) and using your observation skills while exploring the park on your own.

Return to the visitor center after you have finished the **Ranger Activities** and you will be rewarded for your hard work! Good luck and have fun!

Ranger Activity

Take some time to explore the visitor center and Corson Maritime Learning Center to answer the following questions before setting out on your journey:

1. What river flows into New Bedford Harbor?

2. Where is the Iñupiat Heritage Center?

3. What country gave the Schooner Ernestina to the United States of America in 1982?

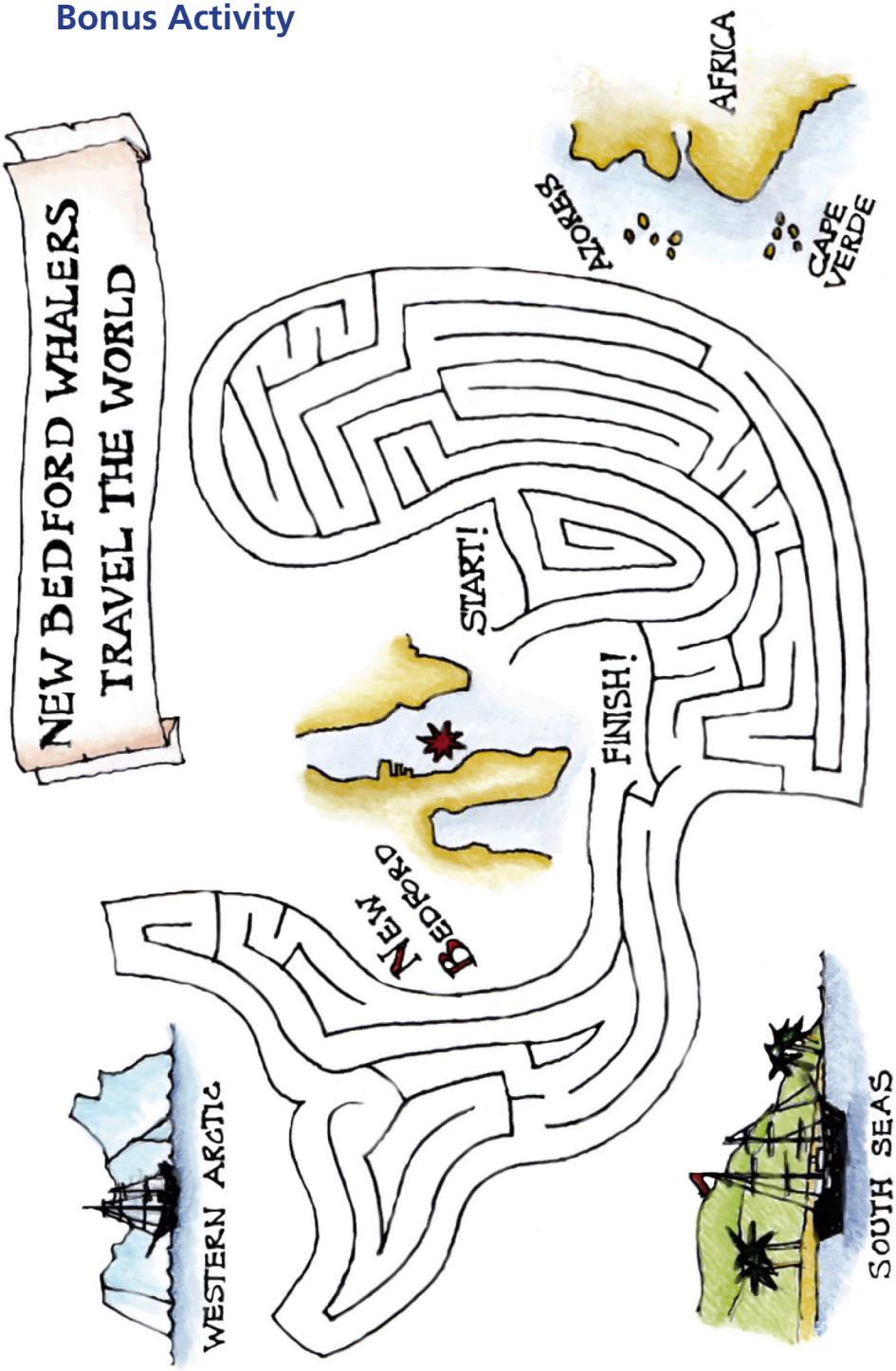
4. What well known fugitive slave and his wife found their first home of freedom in New Bedford in 1838?

5. Name three former uses of the national park visitor center.

6. Name three ports New Bedford whalemen visited on a whaling voyage.

7. Name three types of buildings you may have found in an 1850s whaling village (Hint: *see the Rescue of the Waterfront District exhibit near the elevators*).

Bonus Activity



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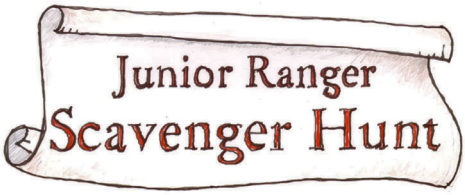


On your 'voyage' through the National Historical Park, find the following "things" and identify where you found them by placing the item's number at the location on the map on page 4.

1. An American flag

2. A plaque on a boulder

3. The "Kaller Beef" sign (Look up!)

4. A whale's tail

5. A sundial on the front of a building (What time is it on the sundial?)

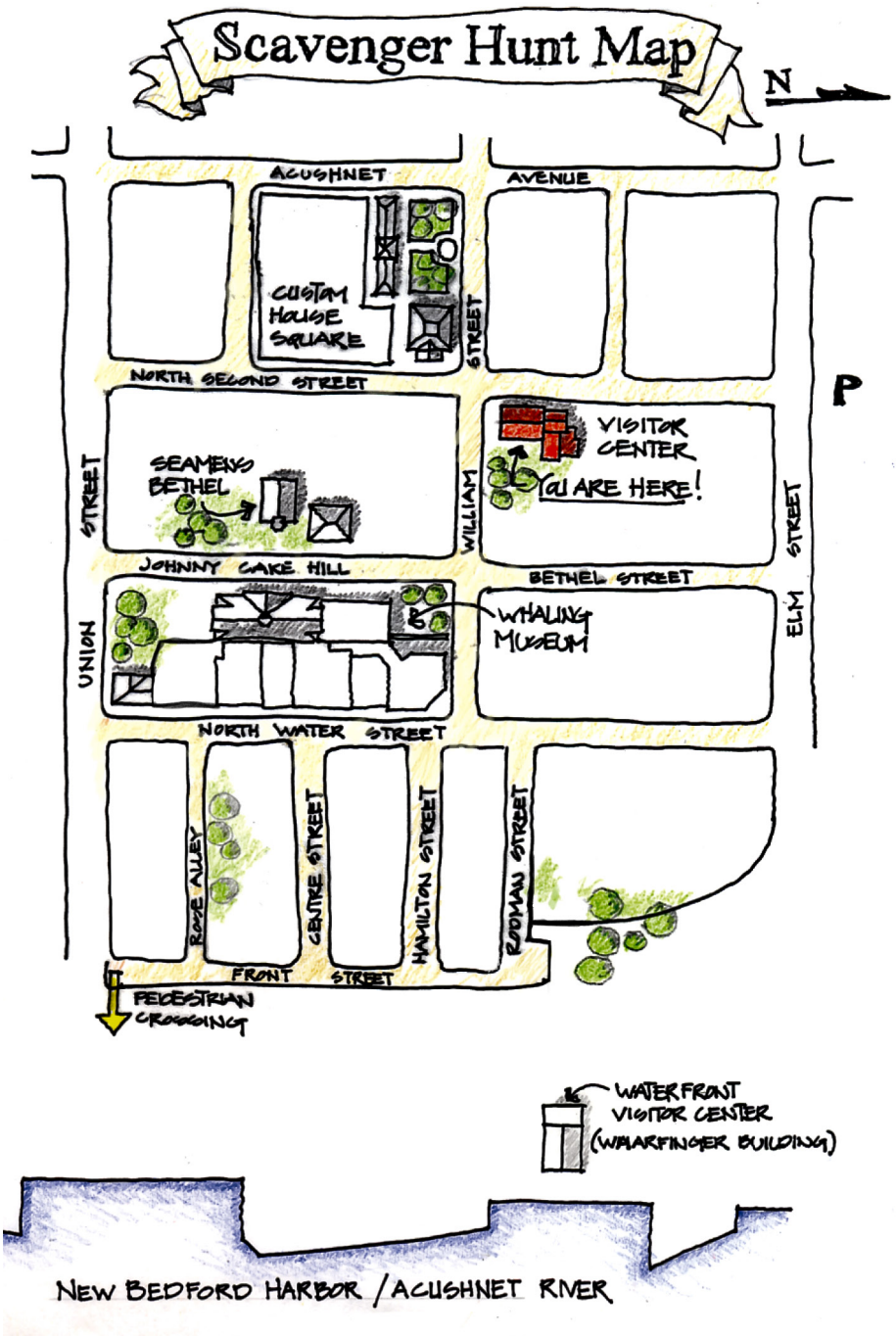
6. A harpoon fence

7. An ornamental fountain

8. Weathervanes-one has a ship on it and the other has a whale on it (Look up!)

9. The latitude and longitude of New Bedford

10. A National Park Service Arrowhead


Scavenger Hunt Map
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ACUSHNET
AVENUE
CUSTOM HOUSE SQUARE
STREET
NORTH SECOND STREET
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SEAMEN'S BETHEL
VISITOR CENTER
YOU ARE HERE!
WILLIAM
STREET
ELM
STREET
JOHNNY CAKE HILL
BETHEL STREET
WHALING MUSEUM
UNION
NORTH WATER STREET
ROSE ALLEY
CENTRE STREET
HAMILTON STREET
RODMAN STREET
FRONT
STREET
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
WATERFRONT VISITOR CENTER
(WHARFINGER BUILDING)
NEW BEDFORD HARBOR / ACUSHNET RIVER

Ranger Activity

While exploring on your own or taking a national park walking tour, answer the following questions. Let's test your knowledge of New Bedford history!

1. What is the Seamen's Bethel?

2. What decade in the 1900s did the last whaleships sail out of New Bedford?

3. What are the historic streets in the park paved with?

4. What was whale oil used for?

5. Why were there two banks in the Double Bank building?

Bonus Activity

While at sea, Ishmael-a great New Bedford whaleman-developed this letter jumble game to help pass the time. Can you unscramble these letters before the next whale sighting?

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E A W H L

O N A P O H R

D L A N E C

S O R F E E T L A C

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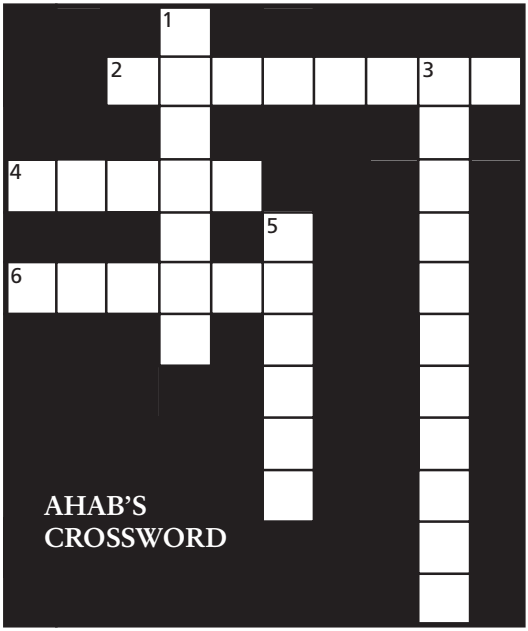


Across

2. What famous novel did Herman Melville write about New Bedford and the whaling industry?

4. What street in the national park was known as the "Wall Street" of Bedford Village?

6. What is the name of the 1/2 scale, 89-foot ship model located inside the Whaling Museum?

Down

1. Name the mansion that was moved 400 feet down William Street in 1978 to its present location?

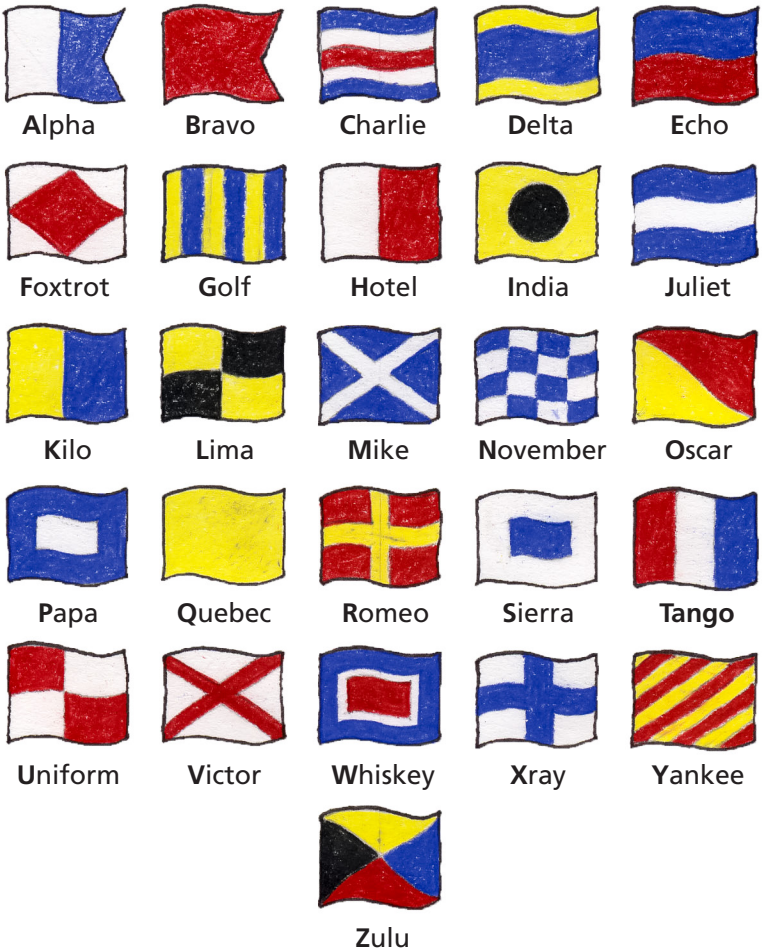
3. Name the building in the National Park that whalemen and sailors came to for "protection papers"-which certified their rights as sailors?

5. What New Bedford Sergeant earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic action at Fort Wagner, SC? (Hint: visit the 54th Regiment Plaza)

Ranger Activity

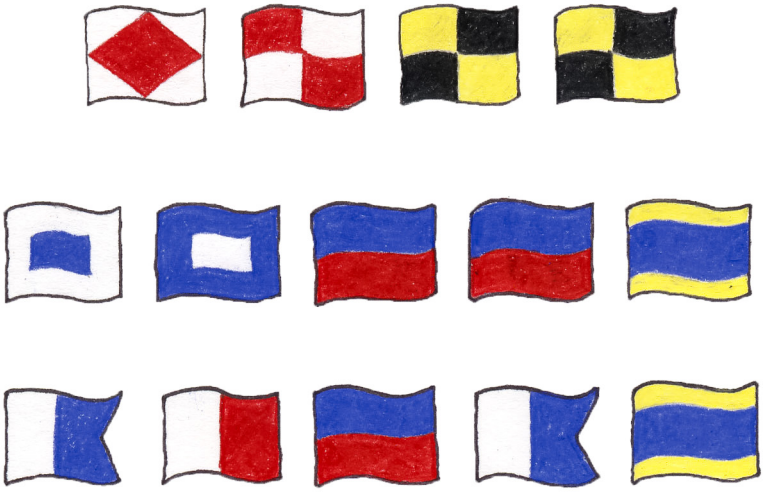
International Marine Signal Flags

The flags below are called International Marine Signal Flags These flags are used by ships at sea to spell out short messages and, in combination, to create special meanings, for example S-O-S. Each flag represents a letter of the alphabet.



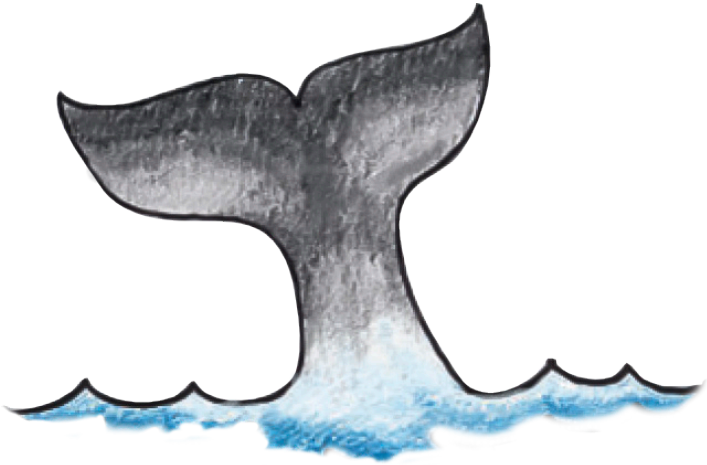
Bonus Activity

Use the key on the previous page to decode the secret message below.



If you want another challenge, try to decode the message spelled out by the flags on the outside of the Waterfront Visitor Center (Wharfinger Building at Fisherman's Wharf).

Hint: When facing east (toward the water), "read" the flags from left to right and top to bottom.



Bonus Activity

Weather conditions are important to seafarers. Visit the Waterfront Visitor Center (Wharfinger Building) and our working to answer the following questions.

The answers to questions 1-5 can be found at the weather station inside the waterfront visitor center.

1. What is the temperature outside?

2. What is the wind speed?

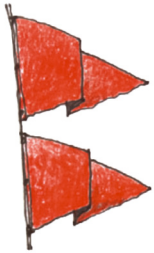
3. What is the barometric pressure?

4. What is the date and time?

5. Is it high tide or low tide right now?

6. Is there a weather flag flying outside the waterfront visitor center? If so, circle it below.

SMALL CRAFT WARNING UP TO 38 MPH WINDS



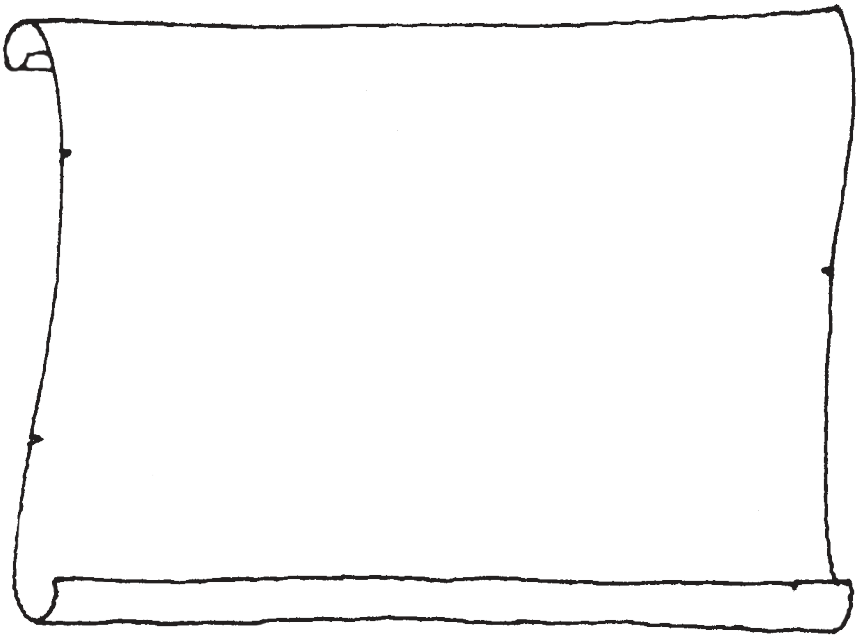
GALE WARNING 39-54 MPH WINDS

STORM WARNING 55-73 MPH WINDS

HURRICANE WARNING 74+ MPH WINDS

Bonus Activity

Draw your favorite object or memory from New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.



Junior Ranger Log

Usually, one officer on a whaling ship was in charge of keeping a daily "log" of the whaling voyage. The "log" was the written record of the ship's speed, progress, and position, and included noteworthy events of the day. The New Bedford Whaling Museum has over 1,100 logbooks in its museum collection. In the space below write your own log entry describing your day at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

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AS AN OFFICIAL JUNIOR RANGER I PLEDGE TO:

- Continue learning about New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.
- Appreciate, respect, and protect all national parks.
- Get to know the history and culture around my home.
- Share what I've learned with my family and friends.

Junior Ranger: _____ **Date:** _____

Park Ranger: _____ **Date:** _____

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