

Summer Calendar of Events

July

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll around downtown New Bedford (free)

Independence Day Celebration

6:00–9:00 p.m. New Bedford Whaling Museum

Join us for an outdoor concert and family-friendly games and activities!

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Morning Music and Crafts

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon National Park Garden (free)

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free).

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).

12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

Cape Verdean Recognition Day Parade

11:00 a.m. Buttonwood Park to Cape Verdean Veterans Hall (free).

As part of Cape Verdean Recognition Week, the park will celebrate by marching in the 36th annual Cape Verdean Recognition Day Parade.

SATURDAY, JULY 6 & SUNDAY, JULY 7

New Bedford Summerfest

11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Downtown (free & fee)

An international folk music and arts festival held throughout the park. For more information visit www.newbedfordfolksfestival.com.

Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House Tours

12 noon–4 p.m. 21 Seventh Street (free)

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Living History Program

2:00 –4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free).

THURSDAY, JULY 11

AHA! Night: Kids Rule

5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Downtown (free)

For information about this evening's programming visit: ahanewbedford.org



Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll downtown New Bedford (free)

Yoga for Kids with Tim Donohue

6:30–7:30 p.m. The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)

YAP (Youth Ambassador Program) open for **Toe Jam Puppet Band**

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Morning Music and Crafts

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon National Park Garden (free)

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free).

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).

12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House Tours

12 noon–4 p.m. 21 Seventh Street (free)

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House Tours

12 noon–4 p.m. 21 Seventh Street (free)

Living History Program

2:00 –4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free).

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll around downtown New Bedford (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)

Nzinga's Daughters perform music of the Underground Railroad

Morning Music and Crafts

Friday mornings from July 12 – August 2 in the National Park Garden from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. join us for music and movement with the Sea Chantey chorus and hands-on crafts with the New Bedford Art Museum's



150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ft. Wagner

5:30 p.m. City Hall, 133 William Street (free)

Flag Raising in commemoration of the MA 54th Regiment and the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Ft. Wagner

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Morning Music and Crafts

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon National Park Garden (free)

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free).

Dock-U-Mentaries Series

7:00 p.m. Corson Maritime Learning Center Theater (free)

Life by Lobster

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Science Saturday

All day National Park Visitors Center (free)

A day of science activities and exploration, featuring Richard Methia, Teacher-In-Space finalist

Living History Program

Spend time with Ruth and Abby, two New Bedford women from the 1850s! You can listen in as they discuss the issues of the day, chat with them about life in the 1850s or make vintage crafts with them. The ladies will be strolling the streets, picnicking in the park, and even playing a rousing game of croquet!

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays between July 6 and August 31. See listings on calendar for times and activities.



Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).

12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House Tours

12 noon–4 p.m. 21 Seventh Street (free)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Great Outdoors Day

12 noon–4 p.m. Buttonwood Park (free)

Join staff of New Bedford Whaling NHP and the Southcoast Outdoor Network for a day of outdoor fun, adventures, and learning.

Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House Tours

12 noon–4 p.m. 21 Seventh Street (free)

Living History Program

2:00 –4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free).

MONDAY, JULY 22

Emancipation and its Legacies 1850–1954 opens

New Bedford Public Library

Exhibit is ongoing until August 19

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll downtown New Bedford (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)

Napua O' Polynesia perform Polynesian and Island dance and music

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Morning Music and Crafts

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon National Park Garden (free)

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free)

Community Concert

Time T.B.A. State Pier (free)

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Herman Melville Family Day

10:00am – 2:00pm. New Bedford Whaling Museum (free)

Celebrate the author of Moby-Dick with games and birthday cake!

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).

12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House Tours

12 noon–4 p.m. 21 Seventh Street (free)

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Nathan and Mary (Polly) Johnson House Tours

12 noon–4 p.m. 21 Seventh Street (free)

Living History Program

2:00 –4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free).

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New Bedford Whaling Museum Highlights Tours

Tuesday–Friday from July through August at 10:00 am and 1:00 p.m. Docents lead a 45 minute tour focusing on highlights of the Museum's collection and you can go below deck on the Lagoda! Tours will leave from the front desk. Tours are included with paid admission.

Where Are Ruth & Abby?

If you can find them and take a photo with them, your photo could appear on the park's Facebook page. Just post your favorite photo of you with Ruth and Abby to your own Facebook page and tag New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park (Note, you have to "like" the park in order to tag us in your post). We will share one photo with our fans every week.

The New Bedford Historical Society sponsors programs throughout the summer. For the latest on their events and programs, visit their website at: nbhistoricalsociety.org

AHA! Nights

AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) is

New Bedford's free downtown cultural night. Held the second Thursday of every month from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., AHA! events are put on by a collaborative team of more than 50 partners including museums, galleries, arts organization, merchants, restaurants and the national park. For information about themes and programming visit: ahanewbedford.org



August

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll downtown New Bedford (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)
Jerry Bryant performs traditional and contemporary maritime folk songs

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).
12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Living History Program

2:00–4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

AHA! Night: *Dancing in the Streets*

5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Downtown (free)

For information about this evening's programming visit: ahanewbedford.org

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll downtown New Bedford (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)
NØIR perform a blending of Norwegian and Irish music

Steel Drum Band with Jamie Eckert

7:00 p.m. Whaling Museum Plaza (free)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).
12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

Living History Program

2:00–4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll downtown New Bedford (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)
An Evening of Central American Music and Dance

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free)

Dock-U-Mentaries Series

7:00 p.m. Corson Maritime Learning Center Theater (free)

After the Storm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).
12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Living History Program

2:00–4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll around downtown New Bedford (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)
Daniel Boucher and Friends perform Franco-American music

Saturday and Sunday, September 28 & 29 Working Waterfront Festival

This free festival is a fun, family-friendly event celebrating the history and culture of New England's commercial fishing industry. The festival features live ethnic and maritime music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, vessel and harbor tours, fisherman's contests, author readings, film screenings, local seafood, festival bookstore, maritime artisans marketplace & more. For more information visit: workingwaterfrontfestival.org

New Bedford's working piers and waterfront parks (free)

nps.gov/hebe

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free)

Community Concert

Time T.B.A. State Pier (free)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).
12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Living History Program

2:00–4:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby play croquet and other games (free)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Living History Program

5:00–6:30 p.m. Ruth and Abby stroll around downtown New Bedford (free)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. Visitor Center Garden, 33 William Street (free)
Sharks Come Cruisin' perform maritime music

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Living History Program

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ruth and Abby picnic in the park (free)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Living History Program

10:00 a.m.–12 noon Ruth and Abby chat with visitors (free).
12:00–2:00 p.m. Where are Ruth & Abby? (free)

September

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Whaleboat Regatta

7:00 p.m. "The Sea of the Azores" a lecture by Filipe Mora Porteiro, Director, Observatorio do Mar dos Acores (free)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Whaleboat Regatta

10:00 a.m. Men and Women's Rowing Competitions (free)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Whaleboat Regatta

9:00 a.m. Men and Women's Sailing Competitions (free)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Whaleboat Regatta

9:00 a.m. Azorean vs. Yankee Sailing and Rowing Competitions (free)
5:00 p.m. Evening Award Ceremony at the Whaling Museum (ticketed event)
whalingmuseum.org/programs/international-whaleboat-regatta

7th Annual International Whaleboat Regatta

The International Whaleboat Regatta is the highlight of the year for the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society. The Regatta alternates between New Bedford and the Azores, and brings together both teams and spectators from New England and the Azores. This year's festivities include a historic meeting between Azorean and Yankee Beetle whaleboats. Events will take place at Clark's Cove in New Bedford during September 5th - 8th. For additional information visit whalingmuseum.org/programs/international-whaleboat-regatta



Thursday Evenings in the Park

On Thursday evenings throughout July and August, beginning July 11, the park will offer a variety of free events including musical performances in our beautiful Park Visitor Center Garden. Thursday evening concerts run from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Limited seating is available and people are invited to bring lawn chairs.



In case of rain, activities in the Visitor Center Garden will be moved to the Corson Maritime Learning Center, adjacent to the Visitor Center.



Daniel Boucher, First Generation Franco-American, fiddler, singer, and traditional-style composer



Dock-U-Mentaries

July 19 – *Life by Lobster*

Told from the perspective of a 20-year old native whose roots connect him to the lobster fishing community, this film delves into an industry that is steeped in both tradition and the setbacks associated with living *Life by Lobster*.



Crowds watch the scallop shucking contest in action at the Working Waterfront Festival