

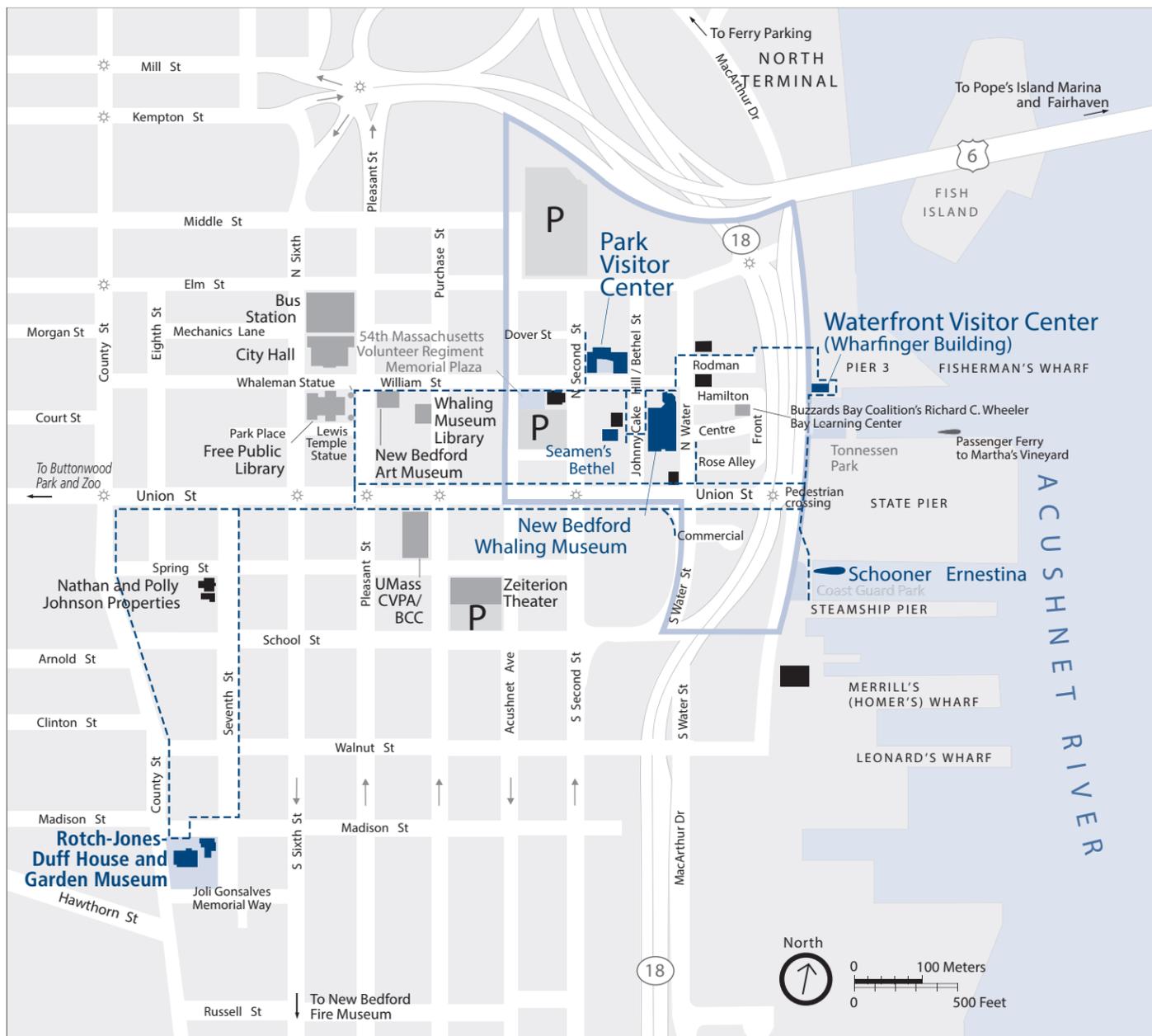


# Welcome to New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

*Experience a Park in Partnership—Downtown, Waterfront, and Neighborhood.* New Bedford was the mid 19th century's preeminent whaling port and, for a time, "the richest city in the world." Stroll down cobblestone streets, visit the world's largest whaling museum, tour a whaling merchant's home and whaleman's chapel, and explore the docks of America's number one fishing port. Walk in the footsteps of Herman Melville and Frederick Douglass and learn about a remarkable era.



## Park Map and Nautical Mile Walking Tour



- Historical park site not open to public
- Historical park boundary
- Historical park site
- Point of interest
- Traffic light
- Nautical Mile Self-guided walking tour

# Daily Programs and Activities



## Walking and Learning App

A new GPS-enabled walking tour application exploring New Bedford's shoreside industries is now available for Apple and Android devices. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's *Shoreside Industries* app takes visitors on a journey through a time when New Bedford's waterfront teemed with blacksmiths, coopers, caulkers, and others involved in whaling related trades.



FOR APPLE DEVICES

To get the app: Use the QR reader on your device to scan the appropriate code to go directly to the app download.



+FOR ANDROID DEVICES

Or go to [nps.gov/nebe/photosmultimedia/index.htm](http://nps.gov/nebe/photosmultimedia/index.htm).



## Travel Through Time On The NB LINE!

Explore New Bedford all day for \$1.00

The NB LINE will run on weekends through June 22, then seven days a week through Labor Day. From September 2 through Columbus Day it will run on weekends only. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A one day pass costs \$1.00 for adults and is free for children and students with ID.

The shuttle system's three routes start from the National Park Visitor Center. The Downtown Route, running every 20 minutes, connects the waterfront to museums, local businesses, and other downtown destinations. Buttonwood and Fort Taber Routes, running every 70 minutes, connect other destinations such as Buttonwood Park Zoo, Fort Taber, antique shops, and beaches to historic downtown.

## Whaling and National Park Themed Movies

Movies exploring whaling and national park themes are shown daily from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM



## National Park Walking Tours

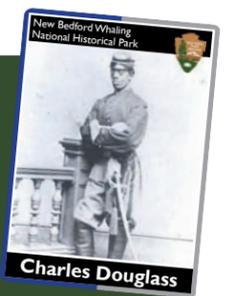
### Guided Walking Tours

Free national park tours last approximately 45 minutes and step off from the national park visitor center at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. weekends through June 30 and every day in July and August beginning July 8. The tours take visitors through the cobblestoned streets of the park and waterfront, while exploring the many stories associated with New Bedford's maritime past and present.

National Park volunteers and rangers offer guided walking tours of the park seven days a week in July and August.

### Ask about our Civil War Trading Cards!

Charles Douglass, son of abolitionist and orator Frederick Douglass



### Self-guided Walking Tours

Several free self-guided walking tour brochures are available for visitors who wish to explore the park at their own pace. The self-guided walking tours include: *New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Map and Guide*; *The Underground Railroad: New Bedford*; *Herman Melville's New Bedford*; *Nautical Mile (map on front of this publication)*; *Burn While You Learn*; and *Working Waterfront Dock Walk*. Brochures and maps are available at the national park visitor center and the waterfront visitor center.

## For Kids!

### Junior Ranger Program

Pick up your free Junior Ranger activity booklet at the park visitor center. As you explore the park, complete the activities presented in the booklet. Once you have finished, return to the visitor center information desk to receive your official Junior Ranger badge and sticker. The Junior Ranger program is appropriate for children ages 5-12. For more information, inquire at the visitor center information desk.



### Family Programs at the New Bedford Whaling Museum

All family programs are free for children with a paid adult admission. Programs run from July 1–Aug 31.

### Highlights Tour

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Join a docent for a 45-minute tour that focuses on the highlights of the Museum's world class collection.

### Moby-Dick tour

11:00–12:00 noon **Tuesdays** Join a docent for a 45-minute tour that focuses on the highlights of the Museum's world class collection and Herman Melville's classic *Moby-Dick*.

### Puzzles, crafts and more

10:00 am–12:00 noon **Tuesday–Friday**

### Science Tuesdays

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Join our high school apprentices in the Jacobs Family Gallery as they examine and explain a variety of marine and whale science topics. These programs feature hands-on learning and keepsakes from the activities.

### Scrimshaw

Every **Wednesday**, from 10:00 am–12:00 noon. Be inspired by the Museum's wonderful collection of scrimshaw. Children will learn about the history of this beautiful craft as they create their own pieces to take home.

### Sailors' Valentines

Every **Thursday**, from 10:00 am–12 noon. Children will learn how to make Sailor's Valentines, traditional gifts whalers gave their wives and sweethearts upon returning from a voyage. Take your valentine home as a keepsake.

### Special Events at the New Bedford Whaling Museum

#### Independence Day Celebration

Thursday, July 4, 6:00-9:00pm. Join us for an outdoor concert and games and activities!

### All Aboard the *Lagoda*!

Every **Friday**, from 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Join the crew of Captain C. Weade for an adventure on the high seas! Learn the ropes, interact with different cultures, and experience a global whaling voyage through role-play on the world's largest model whaleship, the *Lagoda*.

Activities subject to change. For more information, contact Brian Witkowski, Education Programs Manager, at [bwitkowski@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:bwitkowski@whalingmuseum.org) or 508.997.0046 x185.

#### Herman Melville Family Day

Saturday, July 27, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Celebrate the author of *Moby-Dick* with harpoon toss, make your own scrimshaw (with soap and shoe polish), tours, games, and birthday cake! All activities in the Jacobs Family Gallery and Plaza are free to the public.

# Sites and Hours of Operation



## National Park Visitor Center

The New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center and Corson Maritime Learning Center is a good place to begin your visit. Exhibits, programs, and park staff orient you to the homes of whaling's elite, business districts that supported the whaling industry, the chapel featured in Melville's *Moby-Dick*, and the world's largest whaling museum.



### Hours

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week, year round. Open 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of every month for AHA! night and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every Thursday between July 11 and Aug. 28. FREE

33 William Street  
(508) 996-4095  
nebe\_interpretation@nps.gov  
www.nps.gov/nebe



## New Bedford Whaling Museum

The New Bedford Whaling Museum holds the world's largest global whaling and maritime history collections, including a half-scale replica whaling ship, several rare whale skeletons, whaling implements, logbooks, and art.



### Hours

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week, year round. Open until 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the summer.

Entrance fee. Jacobs Gallery, store, and orientation film are free.

18 Johnny Cake Hill  
(508) 997-0046  
www.whalingmuseum.org



## Seamen's Bethel

Built in 1831, the non-denominational Seamen's Bethel still serves the seafaring community of New Bedford. This historical site once housed a school, seamen's register, library, and reading room; today the Bethel provides a venue for joyous occasions such as weddings and baptisms as well as a somber setting for funeral and memorial services.



### Hours

Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Memorial Day through the end of October except during private services. FREE

15 Johnny Cake Hill  
(508) 992-3295  
www.portociety.org



## Waterfront Visitor Center

Explore an active commercial fishing port! See scallopers and ground fishing vessels as they prepare to head to sea. The exhibits in the city of New Bedford's Wharfinger Building (Waterfront Visitor Center) engage you in present-day commercial fishing, while outdoor displays at the water's edge offer glimpses into New Bedford's maritime past.



### Hours

Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Labor Day-late March. Open Monday-Wednesday 1-4, Thursday-Sunday 9-5 Memorial Day through Labor Day. FREE

52 Fisherman's Wharf-Pier 3  
(508) 979-1745  
www.newbedford-ma.gov

## Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum



Owned by three of New Bedford's wealthy merchant families, the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum offers visitors a chance to enter a 19th century mansion built by the fortunes of whaling. A short walk from downtown, the spectacular garden adjacent to the house should not be missed.



### Hours

Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee.

396 County Street  
(508) 997-1401  
www.rjdmuseum.org



## Schooner *Ernestina*

Built in Essex Massachusetts in 1894, the *Ernestina ex Effie M. Morrissey* is a National Historic Landmark and the official vessel of Massachusetts. She fished the Grand Banks, explored the Arctic, and carried passengers

and cargo between the Cape Verde islands and southeastern New England. Her history is a remarkable legacy that spans continents, ethnic groups, and generations.

### Hours

For visiting hours contact the Park Visitor Center at 508-996-4095.

State Pier, New Bedford  
(508) 992-4900  
www.ernestina.org

# The City of New Bedford

## Experience a City of Diversity

New Bedford's active waterfront, cobblestoned streets, stately buildings, and inviting storefronts owe their existence to whales and whalers. Though the age of whaling is long gone, its spirit lives on in New Bedford's people and thriving commercial fishing industry.



**Buttonwood Park Zoo** features more than 150 animals. The zoo's *Berkshires to the Sea* exhibition showcases native animals and habitats that span the Berkshire Mountains to Buzzard's Bay, including mountain lions, black bears, bald eagles, river otters, harbor seals, and more.



New Bedford's vibrant neighborhoods North and South of the city center offer a range of recreation, shopping, and cultural dining experiences. Annual festivals and parades celebrate the rich heritage of the region.



**Fort Taber Park**, located on Clarks Point, is an important site in the area's military history, particularly during the Civil War. The park offers playgrounds, a military museum, bike paths, beaches, a refreshment stand, and sweeping views of Buzzards Bay and the Elizabeth Islands.



**The Nathan and Polly Johnson House**, a National Historic Landmark located at 21 Seventh Street, was the first free home of Frederick Douglass after his escape from slavery. New Bedford was home to some 300-700 escaped slaves between 1840 and 1860. This home is one of many sites associated with the Underground Railroad in New Bedford.



Several art museums and galleries highlighting contemporary and historic art created by local, national, and international artists, are within a short walk of the visitor center. Visit *ArtWorks!*, *Gallery X*, the *New Bedford Art Museum*, and *University Art Gallery* to discover the wealth of art in downtown New Bedford.



The **Ocean Explorium** offers an exciting new world of ocean and science discovery through its living exhibits, innovative children's activity center and 3-D Science on a Sphere® exhibit. The Ocean Explorium is located in the New Bedford Institution for Savings building, a prominent architectural landmark in downtown New Bedford.



Come visit the **Buzzards Bay Coalition's Richard C. Wheeler Bay Learning Center**, located at 114 Front Street, to learn all about the Bay and what you can do to protect it. With interactive exhibits, informational displays, and a gift shop this center is open 9-5 p.m. weekdays and for AHA! Nights.