

# Hometown Tourist Week

Activities for all ages during April Vacation!

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is offering a week of activities during April vacation from **Monday, April 18 through Saturday, April 23**. All activities are **free** and take place at the Visitor Center, 33 William Street unless otherwise noted. **Rediscover your hometown and join us.**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS APRIL 18-23

**Monday, April 18 -  
Thursday, April 21**  
**ArtWorks!**

384 Acushnet Avenue  
508-984-1588  
[www.artworksforyou.org](http://www.artworksforyou.org)  
9AM-3:30PM

### **Spring Creative!**

A variety of workshops for ages 6 through 18, including weaving, clay, mask making, Mehndi tattoos and more! **Fees apply**. Contact Artworks for details.

**Monday, April 18 -  
Friday, April 22**  
**Rotch-Jones-Duff House and  
Garden Museum**

396 County Street  
508-997-1401  
[www.rjdmuseum.org](http://www.rjdmuseum.org)  
10AM-4PM

### **Free Admission for children 12 years of age and younger**

The RJD is offering free admission to children 12 and under during school vacation week.

**Tuesday, April 19 -  
Friday, April 22**

**New Bedford Whaling Museum**  
18 Johnny Cake Hill  
508-997-0046  
[www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org)  
11AM-2PM

### **Kids' Film Festival**

Films will include a variety of maritime themes. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Monday, April 18**

10AM-12 noon

### **What is it?**

Have you ever held baleen or wampum? Young visitors will have the opportunity to explore objects relating to New Bedford history.

2-4PM and 6-8PM

### **Mini Film Festival**

To celebrate National Park Week, we will be showing films about National Parks outside of New Bedford.

**New Bedford Whaling Museum**

10AM-2PM

### **Right Whale Celebration Day!**

Hands-on activities, whale identification, obstacle courses, and craft activities. Sign the pledge to help right whales by keeping trash out of our oceans. Enjoy whale cake and punch at 1:30PM!

**Tuesday, April 19**

11AM

### **Try out the park's new board game!**

Follow the trail of Moby-Dick and learn about ports from around the globe that were visited by New Bedford whalers in this fun and addicting board game. It's like Monopoly on the sea!

1PM-3PM

### **Ranger Stations**

Young visitors will create their very own log book, and then visit various stations within the visitor center to complete activities relating to whaling history.



Stroll with the 1850s ladies!

7PM

### **Ladies' Lantern Walk**

Experience downtown New Bedford as it was in the 19th century. Join Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies, in an evening stroll. Stroll leaves from Visitor Center.

**Wednesday, April 20**

10AM-12 noon

### **Moby Dick Pop-Up Book**

This classic comes to life with a reading of this children's book. Children will be able to take home their own pop-up book!

6:30PM

### **Having Our Say: Stories from the Cape Verdean Community**

Ann Marie Lopes, oral history consultant, interviewed twenty Cape Verdean Americans ranging from age 60 to 92 throughout greater New Bedford. She will give a multimedia presentation highlighting the stories gathered through the interview, including segments of the actual interviews.

**Thursday, April 21**

**Junior Ranger Day!**

1PM-3PM

**Henry "Box" Brown Activity**

Hear the amazing story of Henry Brown, who escaped slavery by shipping himself in a box to a "free state" and make a box of your own.



Come learn about Henry Brown!

2PM

**Meet Salt and Crystal!**

Join marine biologist Krill Carson, for an exciting family presentation on the life of Salt, the most famous humpback whale in the world! Make an origami whale and a model of Salt's tail. Then join Krill as she inflates a 25 foot fabric whale representing Crystal, Salt's first calf.

3PM

**The Hunt for Knowledge WebRanger Program**

Play *The Hunt for Knowledge*, an online program where participants sign on to a virtual research vessel to research, tag, and learn how whales survive. The activity includes a game where participants identify whales based on their spouts and flukes, then place tagging devices on them to follow them underwater, see what they eat, and hear them sing.

**Friday, April 22**



10AM-11AM

**Whales, Tales and Sails**

Come kick off our weekly story hour! This hour-long group, geared for 3-5 year olds, features songs, stories, crafts and free play. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

11:30AM-1:30PM

**Earth Day Celebration**

Use recycled materials provided by the park to make window hangings and artwork honoring our planet earth.

**Saturday, April 23**

9AM-4PM

**Mass. Memories Road Show**

Join your neighbors and friends as we create a snapshot of our favorite people, places and memories of New Bedford for a digital archive and website. Bring 3 or 4 photos to be scanned and immediately returned to you. You will be invited to share a 3-4 minute story about your photos and take home a "keepsake photo."

12:30PM

**Guided Tour: Risks and Rewards of Whaling**

Take a 45 minute guided walking tour and find out about the enormous risks and rewards of New Bedford's 19th century whaling industry.

2:30PM

**Guided Tour: Fugitive Slaves in a Whaling Port.**

Take a 45 minute guided walking tour and explore New Bedford's Underground Railroad history, its people and its stories.



The Coalition for Buzzards Bay's Richard C. Wheeler Bay Learning Center is the newest partner in one of the oldest buildings in the New Bedford Historic District. The center is dedicated to all things Buzzards Bay and includes a three-dimensional model of the Buzzards Bay watershed as well as other interactive exhibits. Open weekdays 9-5 including Tuesday – Friday of spring break. Come learn what you can do to help Save Buzzards Bay.



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[www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe)  
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