



Programs in the Park 2007



The programs and events highlighted in this publication are just a sampling of what the park and its partners are offering this summer. Only those activities related to the park’s interpretive themes and offered by partners of the park are listed in our calendar. We invite you to visit our partner sites and websites to learn more about other summer programs and activities. Summer is a great time of year to explore the entire city of New Bedford, which offers a wealth of cultural and leisure activities. Some of our partners charge fees and do not accept the *America the Beautiful* annual pass, *Senior Pass*, or *Access Pass*.

North and south of the city’s downtown are vibrant neighborhoods offering a wide range of recreation, shopping, and cultural dining experiences. Ethnic festivals celebrating the rich heritage of the region are held most weekends throughout July and August. We invite you to explore our seaside city and *Experience Your America*.

Sites and Hours of Operation



New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center
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 second Thursday of every month for AHA! night.
FREE

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



City of New Bedford Waterfront Visitor Center
Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, year round. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Memorial Day through Labor Day.
FREE

52 Fisherman’s Wharf-Pier 3
(508) 979-1745
www.ci.new-bedford.ma.us



New Bedford Whaling Museum
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



Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum
National Historic Landmark
Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee. Viewing gardens free

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



Seamen’s Bethel
Open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Memorial Day through Columbus Day except during private services.
FREE

15 Johnny Cake Hill
(508) 992-3295



Schooner Ernestina (when in port)
National Historic Landmark

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

Daily Programs and Activities

Walking Tours

Guided Walking Tours

Free national park tours last approximately one hour and step off from the national park visitor center at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and at 2:30 p.m. 7 days a week in July and August. The tours take visitors through the cobblestone streets of the park and waterfront, while exploring park interpretive themes such as whaling and maritime history, architecture, Quakerism, the Underground Railroad, and more.

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 (page 4)*; and *Working Waterfront Dock Walk*. Brochures and maps are available at the park visitor center and the waterfront visitor center.



The City that Lit the World

The City that Lit the World is the official orientation film for New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. The 20-minute movie, produced by Northern Light Productions for the National Park Service in collaboration with park partners, introduces visitors to the city’s role in the American whaling industry.

The movie is free of charge and shown daily at the top of every hour between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in July and August (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the rest of the year) in the Whaling Museum theater.



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.

Whaling Days

July 10 - August 14 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Explore, discover, and learn throughout the museum. Fun and engaging activities presented by museum docents will encourage young visitors to think about what life was like in 19th century New Bedford.

Wonderful Wednesdays

July 11 - August 15 on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Jacobs Gallery of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. A variety of FREE family-oriented activities

All Hands On

July 9 - August 15 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Docents will be available to answer questions, read stories about whales and whaling, and encourage children to investigate the contents of Discovery Sea Chests.

Summer Science

July 31 - August 9 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the ECHO Resource Center of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Learn about the marine environment through educational hands-on activities.

The Working Waterfront

Once lined with world-wandering whaleships, today the docks of New Bedford are home to hundreds of commercial fishing vessels. The fleet has consistently made New Bedford the number one fishing port in the country in terms of the dollar value of its catch. The waterfront is the essence of this seaport community and offers an unobstructed view into the mechanics of the city’s thriving fishing industry.

The city’s Wharfinger Building (Waterfront Visitor Center) houses an exhibit featuring historic photos, audio visual programs, a topographical map, and interactive displays that interpret present-day commercial fishing and the building’s past as the city’s seafood auction. Harbor tours (fee) also depart from the Waterfront Visitor Center and offer a behind the scenes view of New Bedford’s and Fairhaven’s waterfront.



New Bedford Whaling Museum

Just steps from the national park visitor center is the New Bedford Whaling Museum-the largest museum in America devoted to the history of the American whaling industry and its most profitable port. Through exhibits, publications, and programs, the museum brings to life the whaling era and the history of this diverse and vibrant city. It houses the most extensive collection of art, artifacts, and manuscripts pertaining to American whaling in the age of sail-late eighteenth century to the early twentieth, when sailing ships dominated merchant trade and whaling. The museum also boasts the bark *Lagoda*, a half-scale whaleship model and the largest ship model in the world, and rare whale skeletons including: a blue whale, humpback, and sperm whale.



Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum

Built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch, Jr., this Greek Revival mansion located on a full city block of formal gardens, is the best example of the “brave houses and flowery gardens” described by Herman Melville in *Moby-Dick*.



Step back in time and experience the period rooms of the house that chronicles 150 years of the economic and social evolution of New Bedford, as reflected in the residences of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families.

The Seamen’s Bethel

Built in 1832 and once housing a school, seamen’s register, library, and reading room, the non-denominational Seamen’s Bethel still serves the seafaring community in New Bedford. This historical site provides a venue for joyous occasions such as weddings and baptisms as well as a somber setting for funeral and memorial services.



“In this same New Bedford there stands a Whaleman’s Chapel, and few are the moody fishermen, shortly bound for the Indian Ocean or Pacific, who fail to make a Sunday visit to the spot. I am sure that I did not”

Herman Melville, *Moby-Dick* (1850)

Summer Calendar of Events

July

Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 6-8 New Bedford Summerfest

Friday 7:30 p.m. Kick-off concert. [Custom House Square](#)
Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. [National Park](#)
An international folk music and arts festival held throughout the park. For more information visit www.newbedfordsummerfest.com



Thursday, July 12 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. Candida Rose performs Cape Verdean and jazz music as part of Thursday Evenings in the Park in collaboration with AHA! and the New Bedford Whaling Museum.
[Whaling Museum Plaza](#)
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. AHA! Night *Summer Sounds*-for information about this evening’s programming visit www.ahanewbedford.org

Saturday, July 14 Maritime Heritage Days

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Waterfront Visitor Center](#)
Barbara Merry - Rigging
Make and Take Crafts 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Waterfront](#)
Make and Take Crafts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Whaling Museum](#)

Thursday, July 19 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. Odaiko New England performs Taiko Drumming.
[Whaling Museum Plaza](#)
7:30 p.m. Performance - Wake of the *Essex*
[Whaling Museum Theater](#)

Saturday, July 21 Maritime Heritage Days

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Waterfront Visitor Center](#)
New Bedford Chapter of the International Guild of Knot Tyers - Knot tying
Make and Take Crafts 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Waterfront](#)
Make and Take Crafts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Whaling Museum](#)

Thursday, July 26 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. Ken Sweeney performs traditional maritime music. [Whaling Museum Plaza](#)
7:30 p.m. Herman Melville Birthday Lecture
[Whaling Museum Theater](#)

Saturday, July 28 Maritime Heritage Days

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Waterfront Visitor Center](#)
Ken Sweeney - Fish Splitting
Make and Take Crafts 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Waterfront](#)
Make and Take Crafts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Whaling Museum](#)



August

Thursday, August 2 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. Ana Vinagre Ensemble performs Portuguese *Fado*.
[Whaling Museum Plaza](#)
7:30 p.m. Lecture - “Leviathan-The history of Whaling in America” with Eric Jay Dolin. [Whaling Museum Theater](#)

Saturday, August 4 Maritime Heritage Days

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Waterfront Visitor Center](#)
Dean Rantz - Blacksmithing
Make and Take Crafts 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Waterfront](#)
Make and Take Crafts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Whaling Museum](#)

Thursday, August 9 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. The Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a brand of children’s entertainment featuring original songs, shadow puppetry, and storytelling that adults will enjoy too. This event is in collaboration with AHA! and the New Bedford Whaling Museum.
[Whaling Museum Plaza](#)
6:00 p.m. Local History Research Guild presentation
[Whaling Museum Research Library](#)
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. AHA! Night *Kids Rule*-for information about this evening’s programming visit www.ahanewbedford.org

Saturday, August 11 Maritime Heritage Days

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Waterfront Visitor Center](#)
Tor Bendiksen - Net Mending
Make and Take Crafts 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Waterfront](#)
Make and Take Crafts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Whaling Museum](#)

Thursday, August 16 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. Toi Grace and the Verdatonos perform traditional Cape Verdean Music. [Whaling Museum Plaza](#)
7:30 p.m. Exhibit Lecture - “Hawke Harbour: A Visit to the Ruins of a Whaling Station” with Nicholas Whitman
[Whaling Museum Theater](#)

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 17-19 Revolutionary War Encampment

Experience one of the largest encampments in Southern New England! This re-enactment features over 400 soldiers portraying Americans, British and Hessians camped out at Fort Taber.
[Fort Taber Park](#) - For more information visit www.forttaber.org

Saturday, August 18 Maritime Heritage Days

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. [Waterfront Visitor Center](#)
Ron Raiseles - Cooperage
Make and Take Crafts 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Waterfront](#)
Make and Take Crafts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Whaling Museum](#)

Thursday, August 23 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. Debra Cowan performs maritime ballads.
[Whaling Museum Plaza](#)
7:30 p.m. New Bedford Harbor Sea Chantey Chorus performs traditional maritime music. [Whaling Museum Plaza](#)

Saturday, August 25 Maritime Heritage Days

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
[Waterfront Visitor Center](#)
Gerry Vinci - Wood Carving
Make and Take Crafts 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. [Waterfront](#)
Make and Take Crafts 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. [Whaling Museum](#)

Thursday, August 30 Thursday Evenings in the Park

6:30 p.m. Semenya McCord performs jazz music. This event is presented in collaboration with the New Bedford Whaling Museum.
[Whaling Museum Plaza](#)

Thursday Evenings in the Park

Concerts are held every Thursday from July 12 to August 30 at 6:30 p.m. on the New Bedford Whaling Museum Plaza. Concerts last approximately one hour and will be followed by either a musical performance or lecture in the Whaling Museum theater at 7:30p.m. In case of rain, concerts will be moved to an indoor location.



Maritime Heritage Days

Beginning July 14, join us Saturday afternoons in July and August on New Bedford’s historic waterfront for maritime craft demonstrations and a make and take activity for kids. The maritime craft demonstrations will take place from 12-2 p.m., while the make and take kids crafts will take place from 12-1:30 p.m. at a spot adjacent to the city’s visitor center on Fisherman’s Wharf. The craft activity continues at the New Bedford Whaling Museum from 2-3 p.m.





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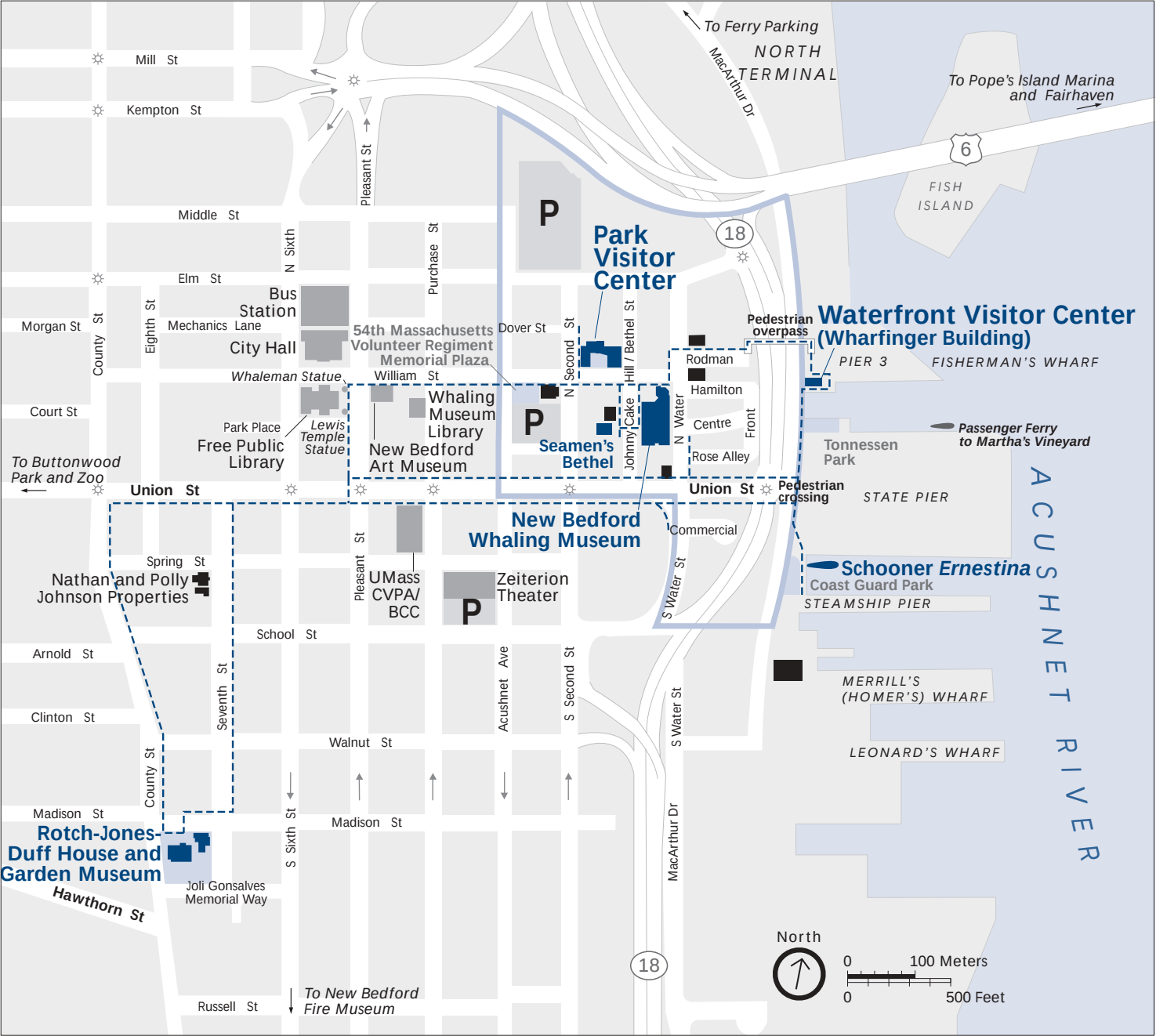
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Park Map and Nautical Mile Walking Tour



Historical park site not open to public

Historical park boundary

Historical park site

Point of interest

Traffic light

Self-guiding walking tour

SAVE THE DATES!



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 40 New Bedford museums, galleries, arts organizations, merchants, restaurants and the park. www.ahanewbedford.org

Upcoming dates and themes
 June 14 - NB Cultures
 July 12 - Summer Sounds
 August 9 - Kids Rule
 September 13 - A Night of Walking Tours

Working Waterfront Festival

TOP 2007 EVENT

A FREE Festival Celebrating Commercial Fishing

September 22-23, 2007



PORT OF
NEW BEDFORD
MASSACHUSETTS
41° 38' N 70° 56' W

Live Music
Fishermen's Contests
Fresh Seafood
Boat Tours
Family Fun
And More!

www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org

3rd Annual International Azorean Whaleboat Regatta September 8-9, 2007



Azorean whaleboats race as part of the 2nd Annual International Whaleboat Regatta in Pico, Azores. This year's event will take place off of New Bedford's south end.