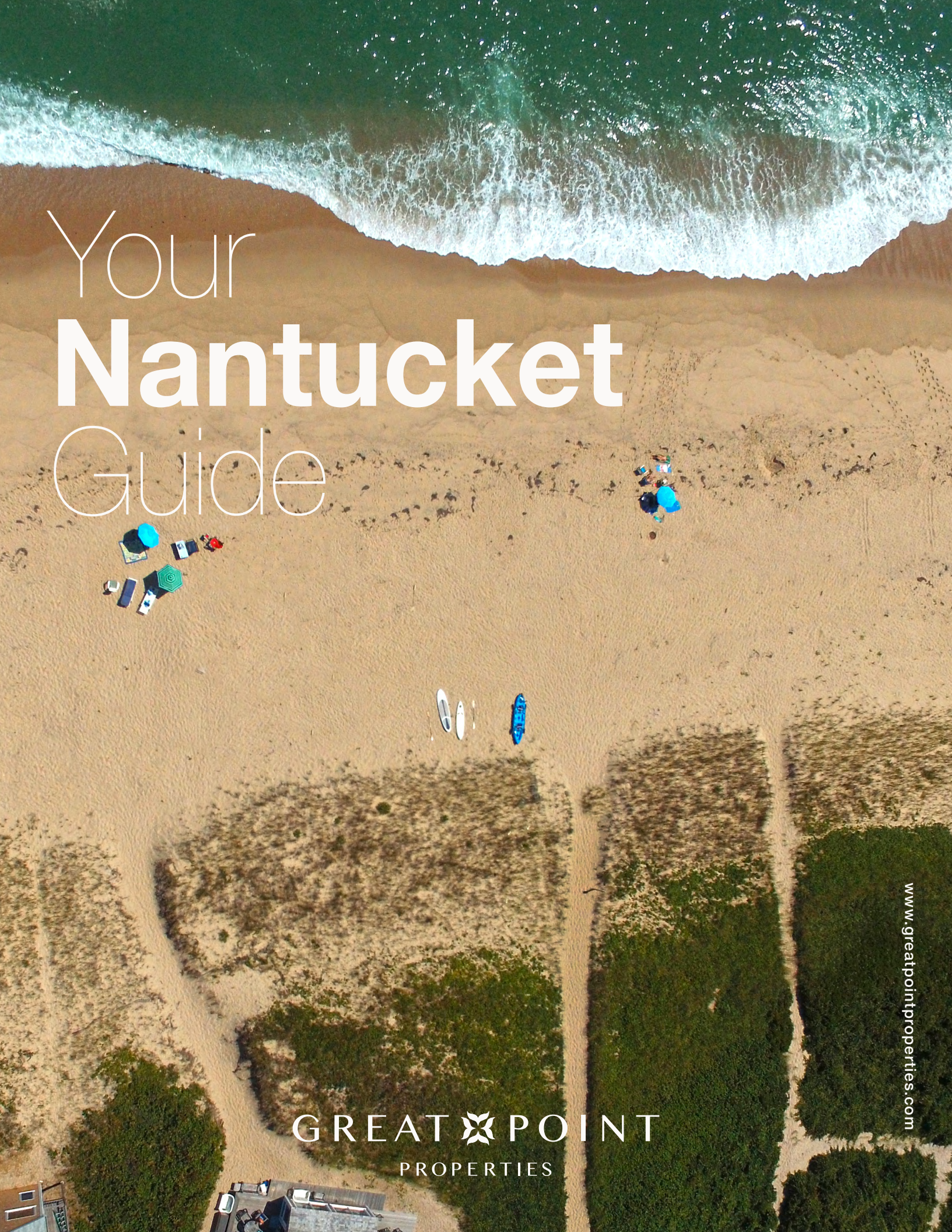

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Welcome to Nantucket

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2021 Calendar of Events

Nantucket Book Festival
June 17-20

Independence Day Fireworks
July 3 - postponed

Independence Day Parade on Main Street
July 4 - postponed

Nantucket Yoga Festival
July 9-11

Nantucket Garden Festival
July 13-15

Art & Artisan Show
July 15-18

Nantucket Comedy Festival
July 15-17

Nantucket Triathlon
July 18

Atheneum Dance Festival
Postponed

Swim Across America Open Water Swim
July 24

Nantucket by Design
August 5-7

Summer Antiques Show
August 6-9

Boston Pops Concert
Postponed

Nantucket Community Sailing Race Week
August 14-22

Autism Speaks Walk
Postponed

Opera House Cup
August 22

Nantucket Boys & Girls Club Tim Russert Summer Groove
August 21

The Nantucket Project
September 23-26

Fall Restaurant Week
Not yet announced

Cranberry Festival
October 9

Nantucket Half Marathon
October 10

Halloween Parade
October 31

Thanksgiving Cold Turkey Plunge
November 26

Nantucket Noel
November 26-January 1

NHA Festival of Wreaths
December 1-31

NHA Festival of Trees
December 1-31

Christmas Stroll
December 3-5

Holiday Red Ticket Drawing
December 24

Getting Around

There are a variety of ways to navigate Nantucket. We selected some of our go-to places for car and bike rentals to help you find your way around the Island.

Car Rentals (In Town):

Affordable Rentals
6 S Beach Street | 508.228.3501

Nantucket Island Rent A Car
14 Airport Road | 508.228.9989

Young's Bicycle Shop
6 Broad Street | 508.228.1151

Bike Rentals:

Youngs Bicycle Shop
6 Broad Street | 508.228.1151

Easy Riders
65 Surfside Road | 508.325.2722

Island Bike Shop
25 Old South Road | 508.228.4070

Cook's Cycle Shop
6 S Beach Street | 508.228.0800

Explore Nantucket Bike Paths:

The Milestone Bike Path is a 6.8-mile path that runs straight from the Rotary to Sconset Village.

Off the Pavement - There are plenty of off the beaten path trails to explore. For the off-road enthusiast, speak to one of Nantucket's bike shops to get the best off-road routes, of which there are quite a few. Follow the maps closely to explore some of the more rugged trails that take you up to Altar Rock, one of Nantucket's highest points, past Cranberry bogs, and through rolling single tracks.

The Polpis Road Path starts just past the Rotary off of Milestone Road and winds along scenic Polpis Road past Conservation Lands, Sesachacha Pond and Sankaty Golf Club. The path ends in Sconset Village after a 9.5-mile ride. For a fun detour, take Baxter Road in Sconset to see some spectacular waterfront homes.

The Surfside Bike Path is a 2.6 mile ride from the high school all the way out to Surfside Beach.

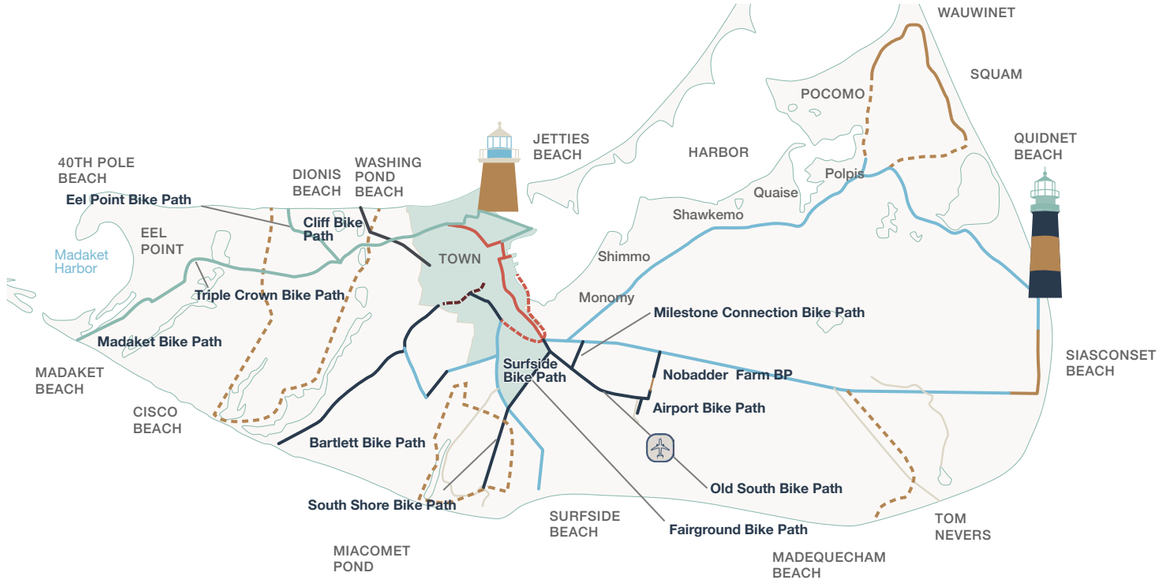
The Hummock Pond Bike Path begins at the top of Milk Street and passes Bartlett Farm, 167 Seafood, and Cisco Brewery on the way out to Cisco Beach.

Madaket Road Path starts at the Caton Circle, which marks the top of Main Street, and winds out Madaket Road. Ride 5.7 miles past scenic conservation lands to Madaket Beach, one of the best sunset spots on the island, and Nantucket's furthest western point. We highly recommend a stop at the Nantucket Conservation Foundation's Sanford Farm, and consider riding out to Millie's in Madaket for dinner. Take The Wave home, which carries bikes, back to Town. Your legs will thank you!

Cliff Road Bike Path runs along scenic Cliff Road past Tupancy Links out to Madaket Road, where it meets the Madaket Bike Path. Stop along the way and fuel up at Something Natural for a sandwich, and do not fear their chocolate chip cookie!

Eel Point Bike Path is a short path that begins at the crux of Madaket and Cliff Road. It heads west out to the calm waters of Dionis Beach.

"The Triple Crown" coined by Young's Bicycle Shop owner, Harvey Young. This path will take you on a trip to explore Nantucket Harbor, Nantucket Sound, and the Atlantic Ocean. The 15-mile journey takes you through Brant Point, Jetties Beach, and Cliff Road out to Madaket Beach, with the final destination being the Atlantic Ocean. While this one of our more advanced rides, it gives you an opportunity to see several special Nantucket spots.



Public Transportation

The Wave, located at the Greenhound Building at 10 Washington Street, serves as the downtown bus stop. The Wave stops are identified by grey posts with blue stripes around the Island. The Wave headquarters serve as information space where you can refill your water, enjoy free Wi-Fi, and get more details on using The Wave to travel the Island.

For more details on routes and fares visit their website: **www.nrtawave.com**

Nantucket by Numbers

12,675

HOMES

17,200

YEAR ROUND POPULATION

30,000 ACRES / **47.8** SQUARE MILES OF LAND

1 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

10,697 **PARCELS OF LAND**

5 ELECTED SELECT BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

17,163

ACRES IS PROTECTED CONSERVATION LAND

1 NANTUCKET IS THE ONLY TOWN AND COUNTY IN **MASSACHUSETTS**

111 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL IS THE HIGHEST ELEVATION LOCATED AT SANKATY HEAD

81 MILES OF SHORELINE

>50,000

SUMMER POPULATION

4,762

BEACH PERMITS FOR CARS ISSUED IN 2019

Locations

Nantucket

Nantucket is a small island, but each area has its own unique vibe. Here's what we think of when we are considering different areas of the island:

Brant Point

Brant Point is a classic summer enclave adjacent to Town featuring a shoreline that runs from the White Elephant to Jetties Beach. The homes in this area vary from casual summer cottages to grand stately waterfront homes. Jetties Beach is well suited for calm water swimming, with the convenience of public restrooms and changing rooms, a restaurant (The Sandbar at Jetties Beach), and Community Sailing. Whether you want to relax on the beach, enjoy the outdoor dining and live music, or rent a kayak or boat from Community Sailing, Jetties Beach is an ideal Nantucket summer setting.

BEACHES:

Brant Point Beach

Jetties Beach (Lifeguard)

ACTIVITIES:

Catch a sunset and dine at the Jetties Sand Bar

Take a picture in front of Brant Point Light

Rent a paddle board at Community Sailing

Take a sailing lesson

Visit **Epernay Wine & Spirits** for wine, snacks, kegs, and more! Mention *GPP* at checkout to receive a FREE Nantucket welcome gift!

Cisco

Home to some of the best waves on Nantucket, Cisco is notably one of the best surfing spots on Island. After enjoying a day at the beach, check out Cisco Brewery for live music and locally produced beer, wine, and liquors. Pick up dinner and groceries at Bartlett's Oceanside Farm, whose locally grown vegetables and homemade foods are a staple of Nantucket. Just down the road is 167 Raw Fish Market, known for its fresh catch and raw bar, which can be enjoyed in their garden area ideal for summer dining. Cisco combines an abundance of conservation land, beaches, and favorite local spots.

BEACHES:

Cisco Beach (Lifeguard)

ACTIVITIES:

Pick strawberries at Bartlett's Farm

Boogie Board at Fisherman's Beach

Take a surf lesson at Cisco Beach

Experience beer and live music at Cisco Brewery

Cliff

The coveted Cliff area has grown in popularity over the years with the combination of accessibility to Town, conservation land, and calm water beaches. Tupancy Links, a former nine-hole golf course, is now conservation land that can be enjoyed as a walking trail with your furry friends. Steps Beach and Washing Pond Beach are just a short bike ride away and offer calm waters and views out to Nantucket Sound. If you're looking for a casual stop between Tupancy and the beach, stop at Something Natural, an infamous sandwich shop perfect for a beach picnic. End the day watching the sunset at The Galley, elevated dining right on the beach.

BEACHES:

Steps Beach

Washing Pond Beach

ACTIVITIES:

Walk Tupancy Links to Nantucket Sound

Enjoy a sunset dinner at Galley Beach

Tour the oldest house on Nantucket, 16 Sunset Hill

Grab a sandwich and cookie at Something Natural to take to the beach for a picnic

Walk Sanford Farm

Dionis & Eel Point

Dionis and Eel Point are west of Cliff and run to the northwest corner of the island. The area is secluded and offers privacy with easy access to calm North Shore beaches. Dionis Beach is a family-friendly life-guarded beach, where the landscape grows freely. The further you travel, the paved roads turns to dirt, where you drive four-wheel drive vehicles onto the beaches. Spend an afternoon enjoying a barbeque and surfcasting in a relaxed setting. Among the highlights in this area are the conservation lands, including the Linda Loring Nature Preserve, where you can hike and explore.

BEACHES:

Dionis Beach (Lifeguard)

40th Pole Beach

ACTIVITIES:

Walk the Linda Loring Nature Preserve

Drive onto the beaches

Go fishing off of 40th Pole beach

Madaket

Known to be the best sunset on Nantucket, Madaket is located at the west end of the island, and is known for its laid back style. Madaket features an abundance of opportunity to boat, fish, scallop, walk, and bike. Madaket Harbor and Hither Creek have an “Old Nantucket” feel, dotted with simple beach houses and vistas out to Tuckernuck Island. Get ready to take in the endless shoreline and beautiful rolling waves! Smith’s Point is located at the tip of the West End and is a great spot to escape the crowds and enjoy some world-class fishing. Don’t forget the après beach at Millie’s Restaurant and Market, known for its casual dining scene and margaritas!

BEACHES:

Madaket Beach (Lifeguard)

Jackson Point Beach

Mass Ave Beach

ACTIVITIES:

Bike to Madaket and grab a taco at Millie’s

Go turtling at the Madaket Bridge

Take a fishing charter out of Madaket Harbor

Enjoy sunset at Madaket Beach

Walk Sanford Farm

Madequecham

Madequecham is the perfect place to recharge and reconnect with Nantucket’s natural beauty and charm. If you are looking for a low-key Island vacation near Nantucket’s most pristine surf beaches, then it does not get much better than Madequecham. The beach can be reached with a drive down dusty Bunker Road. The waves here are sometimes surf-able, other times gentle, and the bluff itself is high enough to act as a natural buffer against off-shore breezes.

BEACHES:

Madequecham Beach

ACTIVITIES:

Go surfing at Madequecham Beach

Miacomet

This stretch of shoreline includes stunningly beautiful open landscapes with gorgeous beaches, and the tranquil Miacomet Pond. Just beyond the pond is the public 18-hole Miacomet Golf Course, one of the island's finest. While you're there, visit their full-service restaurant, known for their Sunday brunch. Conveniently located, yet pastoral and serene, Miacomet is an island treasure.

BEACHES:

Ladies Beach

Miacomet Beach (Lifeguard)

ACTIVITIES:

Play a round at Miacomet Golf Course

Explore the pristine walking trails

Pocomo

Across the harbor from town sits Pocomo, an inviting retreat off the road to Wauwinet. Aptly named by the Wampanoags as "a round fishing place," Pocomo faces the shellfish-friendly waters of the upper harbor on two sides.

Located at the north-eastern point of Nantucket, Pocomo is known for its oysters, kiteboarding, and windsurfing. Since the tip of Pocomo Point is located on Nantucket Harbor, it is one of the best kite boarding destinations in North America. We love Next Level Watersports for kiteboarding lessons. Enjoy Pocomo Meadow Oysters at most Island restaurants.

BEACHES:

Pocomo Beach

ACTIVITIES:

Enjoy a sunset picnic at Pocomo Point

Take a Kiteboarding lesson with Next Level Watersports

Polpis/Quaise

The rural character of Polpis speaks to its proud farming past — working cranberry bogs keep agrarian traditions alive. Protected Polpis Harbor is a haven for sailing or quiet contemplation. Its picturesque, rustic qualities have made Polpis a favored spot for artists for centuries. The rolling moors and larger parcels of land offer privacy and lots of spaces to explore. If you have the opportunity to take in a sunset from Quaise, the calm waters make for a beautiful backdrop.

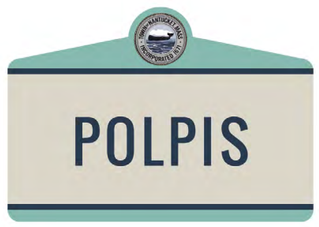
ACTIVITIES:

Enjoy the scenes and pick up fresh produce from Moors End Farm

Tour the Ship Wreck Museum

Explore Altar Rock, and take in the natural beauty

Go arrowhead hunting around the Moors and ponds



Quidnet/Squam

Quidnet, located about 8 miles from Town, is a stunning hamlet that overlooks Seschacha Pond, the ocean and Sankaty Light House. The village setting is ideal for beachgoers with children due to the calm and warmer waters, it creates an ideal combination. The ocean beaches are a walk away and offer and endless stretch of nearly uninhabited beach. Squam is adjacent to Quidnet and shares the same coastline that is known for more gentle waves and some great hiking trails.

BEACHES:

Quidnet Beach

Sesachacha Pond

ACTIVITIES:

Paddleboard in Sesachacha Pond

Take a stroll through Squam Farm

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POINT
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SQUAM
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Island
QUIDNET
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Island
POCOMO
BRANT
POINT
Harbor
POLPIS
DIONIS
CLIFF
QUAISE
SHAWKEMO
SHIMMO
TOWN
MONOMOY
MADAKET
SCONSET
CISCO
Nantucket
Memorial
Airport
TOM
NEVERS
MIACOMET
SURFSIDE
MADEQUECHAM

Shimmo/ Shawkemo/ Monomoy

These areas are two to three miles from town and boast proximity and access to Nantucket Harbor. The harbor front homes in this area offer dynamic views of the harbor's activity, while the more inland properties offer privacy and walking access.

BEACHES:

Cathcart Beach Road

ACTIVITIES:

Go clamming at Cathcart Beach

Wander the Creeks from Town to Monomoy

Siasconset

Once a fishing outpost overlooking the shoreline, this east end village has the charm that makes it one of the island's most picture-perfect locations. The 18th and 19th century rose covered cottages in the village are in full bloom in early July. 'Sconset stands apart thanks to its relaxed pace, nine-hole public golf course, wonderful restaurants, and even its own post office. Stop by our Sconset Office and say hello if you are in Post Office Square.

BEACHES:

Sconset Beach (Lifeguard)

ACTIVITIES:

Take the Sconset Bluff Walk

Take a picture at Sankaty Light House

Enjoy a sandwich at Claudettes Sandwich Shop

Join the Nantucket Preservation Trust for a walking tour of Sconset

Play nine-holes at Skinner's Golf Course

Surfside

Surfside is located just a short distance from Town and Mid-Island and is home to some of the best south shore beaches. Surfside Beach is an excellent spot for families and offers beach rentals, food, and drinks during the season. There are an abundance of classic Nantucket beach homes scattered throughout the area. People who love Surfside tend to say it's because of the water sport opportunities and its proximity to Town.

BEACHES:

Surfside Beach (Lifeguard)

Fishermans Beach (Lifeguard)

Nobadeer Beach (Lifeguard)

ACTIVITIES:

Boogie board at Fisherman's Beach

Take a spin class at Nantucket Cycling & Fitness

Play a round of disc golf in the State Forest

Enjoy an early morning DownyFlake run for their famous donuts

Tom Nevers

It is said that Native American, Tom Never, searched for whales from a high cliff overlooking the south shore and nearby east end on this beautifully rustic section of the island. From the rolling, open spaces to pitch pine and scrub oak barrens, Tom Nevers maintains the distinction of being remote yet accessible to Mid-Island and Town, just off Milestone Road.

The homes in this area are typically on larger parcels and often enjoy distant ocean views and evening skies. The beach offers a playground and a large open field, previously kown for the Fall Fair. Tom Nevers is also home to beautiful south shore beaches and is a favorite spot to fish for striped bass and bluefish in the summertime.

BEACHES:

Tom Nevers Beach

ACTIVITIES:

Ride your bike down Tom Nevers Road, all the way to the beach

Enjoy a pick up softball game at the Tom Nevers Field

Town

Cobblestone streets, restaurants, shops, a bustling waterfront, and a stunning collection of 18th and 19th Century homes are just some of the highlights of Nantucket's historic downtown area. One of the benefits of being in Town is that you are just a walk or bike-ride away from some of our favorite Nantucket beaches. Known for its world-class dining, you will find most of the restaurants, shops, and nightlife in the downtown area.

BEACHES:

Children's Beach (Lifeguard)

ACTIVITIES:

Check out a luminary at the Dreamland Speaker Series

Morning yoga at Children's Beach

Shop the produce trucks early morning on Main Street

Check out the Farmer's Market on Saturday

Head down to the Boat Basin and book a fishing charter

Take a tour of the Whaling Museum

Check out the secret Candy Room at Force Five Water Sports

Take a cooking class at the Nantucket Culinary School

Enjoy an ice cream cone from the Juice Bar

Climb to the top of the Congregational Church

Enjoy a live play with the Theatre Workshop

Watch the stars at Loines Observatory

Go local and get an ice cream at the Pharmacy soda fountain

Visit the Maria Mitchell Aquarium

Take the kids on the Critter Cruise

Check out local artists at the Artist Association Gallery

Explore the island on an electric bike - available at Wheels of Delight

Catch a movie at the Dreamland

Visit the Nantucket Historical Association

Watch a play at the White Heron

Visit the Nantucket Athenaeum

Sunday service at St Mary's Church

Nantucket Culinary Center

Unitarian Universalist Church

St Pauls Church

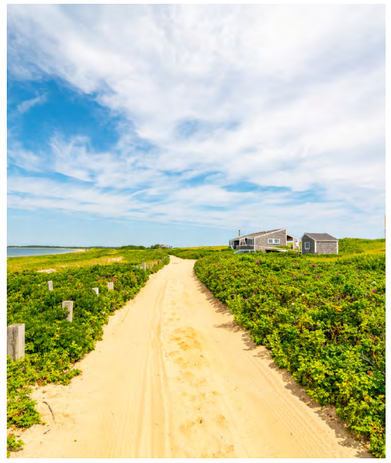
Quaker Meeting House

Methodist Church

Community Music Center

The Basket Museum

Wauwinet



If you love the simple pleasure in life, like spending the day at the beach, then Wauwinet is the perfect setting. Stroll past quiet summer cottages on your way to lunch at Toppers (Wauwinet Hotel). The area is also the gateway to Great Point, which offers some of the best surfcasting and has over 200 acres of rolling dunes and woodlands.

BEACHES:

Great Point Beach

Head of the Harbor

Coatue

ACTIVITIES:

Drive out to Great Point and explore Great Point Light

Catch a blue fish off to Great Point

Ride the Wauwinet Lady to Toppers for Lunch

Elevate your taste buds
Dine in or dine out

When visiting Nantucket, you have endless culinary options, with everything from a casual quick bite to a five-star dining experience. Year after year, visitors and residents alike return to their favorite eateries, while also seeking out the trendy new hot spots. Great Point Properties has a broad palate when it comes to Nantucket's favorites. We have picked some of our favorite places no matter what your taste buds are craving.

QUICK BITE

Corner Table | 22 Federal Street | 508.228.2665

Claudette's | 10 Main Street, Sconset | 508.257.6622 (Craving: Meatloaf Sandwich)

Fresh | 5 Salem Street| 508.825.2100

Henry's Jr. | 129 Orange Street | 508.228.3035

Lola Burger | 1 Sparks Avenue | 508.228.9491

Something Natural | 50 Cliff Road | 508.228.0504

Pizzeria Gemelle | 2 E Chestnut Street | 508.901.5958 (Craving: Emilia)

The Beet | 9 S Water Street | 508.680.1857 (Craving: El Nacho Salad)

The Counter on Main Street | 45 Main Street | 508.680.1225

Walter's |10 Broad Street | 508.228.0010

Wicked Island Bakery | 7B Bayberry Court | 508.901.5797 (Craving: Morning Buns)

CASUAL DINING

Black-Eyed Susan |10 India Street| 508.325.0308

The Rose & Crown | 23 S. Water Sreet | 508.228.2595 (Craving: Lobster BLT)

Faregrounds | 27 Fairgrounds Road | 508.228.4095 (Craving: Wings)

Fusaro's | 17 Old South Road | 508.228.4100

Proprietors Bar & Table | 9 India Street | 508.288.7477

Pi Pizzeria | 11 W Creek Road | 508.228.1130 (Craving: Eggplant Parmesan)

Keeper's Restaurant | 5 Amelia Drive | 508.228.0009

Town | 6 Oak Street | 508.325.8696

FINE DINING

The Chanticleer | 9 New Street | 508.257.4499

Dune | 20 Broad Street| 508.228.5550

Le Languedoc Bistro | 24 Broad Street| 508.228.2552

Lola 41 | 15 S Beach Street | 508.325.4001 (Craving: Truffle Fries)

The Nautilus | 12 Cambridge Street | 508.228.0301 (Craving: The Duck)

Oran Mor | 2 S Beach Street | 508.228.8655 (Craving: Black Truffle Bucatini)

The Sea Grille Restaurant | 45 Sparks Avenue| 508.325.5700 (Craving: Chowder)

Straight Wharf | 6 Harbor Square | 508.228.4499 (Craving: The SWR Clambake)

Ships Inn | 13 Fair Street | 508.228.0400 (Craving: Swordfish)

The Pearl | 12 Federal Street | 508.228.9701 (Craving: Wok-fried Lobster)

Ventuno | 21 Federal Street | 508.228.4242 (Craving: Meatballs)

FOR A SCENE

CRU Nantucket | 1 Straight Wharf | 508.228.9278 (Craving: Crucomber)

Cisco Brewery | 5 Bartlett Farm Road | 508.325.5929

Galley Beach | 54 Jefferson Avenue | 508.228.9641

Club Car | 1 Main Street | 508.228.1101

Gaslight | 3 N Union Street | 508.228.6464

Slip 14 | 14 Old South Wharf | 508.228.2033

The Chicken Box | 16 Daves Street | 508.228.9717

Tree Bar | 6 Oak Street | 508.325.8696

KID-FRIENDLY

The Counter on Main Street (Formally Nantucket Pharmacy) | 508.680.1225 (Ice Cream)

The Juicebar | 12 Broad Street | 508.228.5799 (Craving: The Green Monster Ice Cream)

Sandbar at Jetties Beach | 4 Bathing Beach Road | 508.228.2279

Saltbox Tavern & Table | 7 Macys Lane | 774.333.3814 (Craving: Steak & Cheese Egg Rolls)

Downyflake Restaurant | 18 Sparks Avenue | 508.228.4533 (Craving: Maple Glazed Donut)

The Charlie Noble | 15 S Water Street | 508.825.5260

LOCAL MARKETS

167 Raw | 167 Hummock Pond Road | 508.228.2871

Bartlett's Farm | 33 Bartlett Farm Road | 508.228.9403

Nantucket Meat and Fish Market | 21 Old South Road | 774.333.5176

Sconset Market | 4 Main Street | 508.257.9915

Cravings
Hot Spots

CHOWDER:
SeaGrille Restaurant
45 Sparks Avenue
Nantucket, MA 02554

FROZEN DRINKS:
Gazebo
4 Harbor Square
Nantucket, MA 02554

SUSHI:
Bar Yoshi
21 Old South Wharf
Nantucket, MA 02554

DONUTS:
DownyFlake
18 Sparks Avenue
Nantucket, MA 02554

CAKE:
Wicked Island
7 Bayberry Court
Nantucket, MA 02554

CLAMBAKES:
Sayles Seafood
99 Washington Street Ext.
Nantucket, MA 02554

WINGS:
Faregrounds
27 Fairgrounds Road
Nantucket, MA 02554

TACOS:
Millie's Restaurant
326 Madaket Road
Nantucket, MA 02554

BURGERS:
Lola Burger
1 Sparks Avenue
Nantucket, MA 02554

ICE CREAM:
Juice Bar
12 Broad Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

BREAKFAST:
Island Kitchen
1 Chins Way
Nantucket, MA 02554

SALAD:
The Beet
9 South Water Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

EGG SANDWICH:
45 Surfside
45 Surfside Road
Nantucket, MA 02554

FUDGE:
Aunt Leah's
16 Straight Wharf #3
Nantucket, MA 02554

SMOOTHIES:
Lemon Press
41 Main Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

BAGELS:
Nantucket Meat and Fish Market
21 Old South Road
Nantucket, MA 02554

COFFEE:
Handlebar Café
15 Washington Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

OYSTERS:
Cru
1 Straight Wharf
Nantucket, MA 02554

History of
Nantucket

1641
William, Earl of Sterling, deeded the island to Thomas Mayhew who was a merchant in Watertown, Massachusetts

1659
Mayhew sold 90% of his interest in Nantucket to nine other Europeans for thirty pounds and two beaver hats. One for himself and one for his wife.

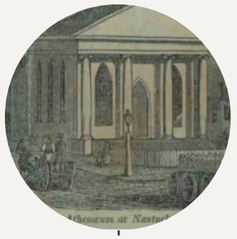
1686
Jethro Coffin House is built, also known as the Old House on Sunset Hill. This house is the oldest residence on Nantucket, which created the unity of the Coffin and Gardner families.

1695
Nantucket County is established. Nantucket is the only town and county in Massachusetts.

1712
Sperm whaling begins. Nantucket was known as the whaling capital of the world.

1821
The Inquirer and Mirror newspaper begins publication, the weekly newspaper of Nantucket.

1842
Frederick Douglass comes to the island to participate in anti-slavery conventions at the Athenuem, where he took part in various speaking engagements.



1846
1/3 of Nantucket Town was consumed in the "The Great Fire". 400-500 buildings on 36 acres had been destroyed with over $1,000,000 worth of damage.

1886
New Bedford, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority formed, serving Cape Cod and the Islands.

1930
Whaling Museum opens. The Whaling museum is home to a 46 foot sperm whale skeleton.

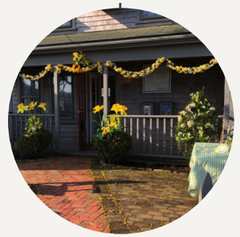
1972
Hyline Ferry provides service to and from the island of Nantucket. Hyline began with one boat and three employees.

2003
Bill Liddle, Greg McKechnie, and Edward Sanford merge Great Point Properties and Sanford Real Estate, under one name Great Point Properties.

2010
The Nantucket Project is founded by Tom Scott and Kate Brosnan.

2019
Pete's Soda Fountain closes after 22 years in business. Owner of Island Kitchen, took over the soda fountain. It is now known as "The Counter on Main Street".

THE COUNTER ON MAIN ST. EST 1929



2013
Great Point Properties purchases Sconset Real Estate

An Early Nantucket Real Estate Story

Real estate and trophy homes have been in vogue for hundreds of years on Nantucket. One of the more notable early real estate stories includes Joseph Starbuck (1774-1861). Starbuck was one of the most successful businessmen on the island. He lived on New Dollar Lane, in a handsome clapboard home and his candle factory was conveniently located behind his home which gave him an excellent vantage point to watch after the production. But when his competitor, Jared Coffin, started building the first brick grand manse on Pleasant Street known as “Moors End” Starbuck was determined not to be outdone.

Starbuck struck out to build three stately homes on Main Street that have become known as the “Three Bricks”. The homes were a gift to his sons and a statement that he was a truly important figure.

If that was not enough, William Hadwen, Starbuck’s son-in-law married to Eunice Starbuck, built two stunning Greek revival mansions at 94 and 96 Main Street located directly across from the Three Bricks.

Joseph Starbuck’s daughter, Eliza Starbuck, along with her son, Joseph proved to be far more practical and built one of the most decorative Victorian style homes located at 73 Main Street.

These seven homes are still standing today.

As for Jared Coffin? Well, it turned out that Mrs. Coffin was not satisfied with the location of their Pleasant Street home therefore they built another home on Broad Street that operates today as the Jared Coffin House. Photos courtesy of NHA.org

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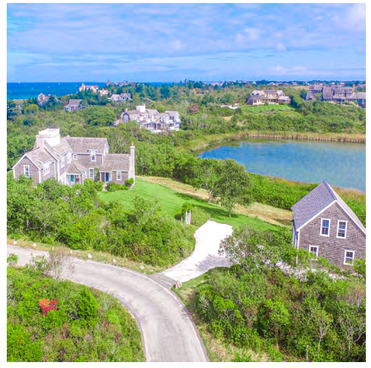

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