

Museums

- Porter Thermometer Museum
49 Zarahemla Road
Onset
(508)295-5504
Richard Porter's world famous museum contains his collection of more than 2,500 thermometers.
By appointment.
- Sandwich
 - [Heritage Plantation of Sandwich](#), an antique car museum and 76 acres of cultivated landscape.
 - Sandwich Glass Museum
129 Main Street
(508)888-0251
3,500-piece collection of glass made in Sandwich between 1825-1907.
Fourteen galleries
New postal stamps commemorating 19th-century American glass industry
Museum open house
Special gallery tours
Hot glass demonstrations at 1:00 PM
Daily 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Adults: \$3.50, Children 6-12: \$1, under 6: Free.
 - Yesteryear's Doll Museum: Displays of antique dolls, dollhouses, and miniatures, at the corner of Main Street and River Street, (508)888-1711, (not open on Sundays).
 - [The Thornton W. Burgess Society](#) on 6 Discovery Hill Road, (508)888-6870 and (508)888-4668. See the home of Peter Rabbit. Hear Burgess animal storytimes. Walk on nature trails. Natural history programs for children and adults, wildflower garden, and more.
 - Dexter's Gristmill on Main Street. Restored gristmill, corn ground daily
- [The Falmouth Historical Society](#)
55-65 Palmer Avenue - The Village Green
Falmouth
(508)548-4857
The Society maintains several museums, sponsors guided walking tours of historical Falmouth, organizes tours and lectures of historical interest, and, through the assistance of the Falmouth Garden Club, makes available to the public an extensive Memorial Garden of shrubs, flowers and herbs.
Sunday and Wednesday-Saturday, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.
Adults: \$3, Children under 12: 50¢.
- [Plymouth](#)
Plymouth is maybe 25 minutes from Onset; go out Onset on Route 6/28, up along the Canal, Route 3 north for 5 or 6 exits.

- [Plimoth Plantation](#)
 Warren Avenue (Route 3A)
 Plymouth
 (508)746-1622
 The spelling is correct, honest. See the way the early Americans lived. The Plantation has live actors portraying actual residents, in period dress. Marvel at people wearing heavy wool in the middle of the summer.
 - 1627 Pilgrim Village through November 28: "Irreconcilable Differences: 1620 - 1692," interactive exhibit
 - Hobbamock's Homesite
Wampanoag culture and skills
 - Carriage House Crafts Center
Colonial artisans at work
 - Mayflower II
A replica of the ship that carried the Pilgrims to the New World.

Daily 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Admission to 1627 Village, Crafts Center, and Hobbamock's Homesite:
 \$16, ages 6-12: \$9
 Mayflower II: \$6.50, ages 6-12: \$4
 Combined admission: \$19, ages 6-12: \$11, ages 5 and under: Free.
- Plymouth National Wax Museum
 Water Street
 (508)746-6468
- Plymouth Rock
- [Pilgrim Hall Museum](#)
 75 Court Street (Route 3A)
 (508)746-1620
 Through its exhibition of Pilgrim possessions and Native American artifacts, Pilgrim Hall tells the stories of America's founding and traditions in stirring detail.
 See William Bradford's Bible, the cradle in which Susanna White rocked her son Peregrine, and the only portrait of a Pilgrim -- Edward Winslow -- actually painted from life.
 Hours of operation are 9:30-4:30, 7 days a week.
 Adults: \$5, Senior citizens (62+) and AAA members: \$4.50, Children (5-17): \$3, Families: \$13, Plymouth Residents: Free.
- Children's Museum of Plymouth
 46-48 Main Street
 (508)747-1234
 Offers more than 30 exciting, safe, hands-on exhibits.
 Sun. noon - 6:00 PM, Mon. - Sat. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 \$3.50, ages 1 and under free.

- [The Cahoon Museum of American Art](#)
4676 Falmouth Road (Route 28)
Cotuit
(just east of intersection with Route 130)
(508)428-7581
Exhibits of marine paintings set in a farmhouse built in 1755.
HOURS: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
Free.
- [Old Atwood House And Museum](#) at 347 Stage Harbor Road in Chatham,
(508)945-2493. Besides the Old House there are five additional wings that display
the Society's outstanding collection of furniture, paintings, China trade objects,
glassware, china, tools, manuscripts, and innumerable other items.
- [John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum](#)
Old Town Hall
397 Main Street
Hyannis
(508)790-3077
A multimedia exhibit designed to open a window on the days JFK spent on Cape
Cod.
Monday - Saturday, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Sunday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Adults: \$3, Children 17 and under: Free.
- [Osterville Historical Society Museum](#)
155 West Bay Road
Osterville
(508)428-5861
Historic buildings and period gardens on Historical Society grounds. Antiques,
memorabilia, and collectibles from village's unique history. Main museum is
home of 18th-century sea captain Jonathan Parker.
Open Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Adults: \$2, Children: Free.
- [New England Fire & History Museum](#)
1439 Route 6A
Brewster
(508)896-5711
Has the largest display of old firefighting equipment in the world, ornamental
gardens, and more.
Mon. - Fri. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
\$5, seniors: \$4.50, children 5-12: \$2.50, under 5: \$1.
- [Cape Cod Museum of Natural History](#)
Route 6A
Brewster
(508)896-3867 or (800)479-3867
The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History inspires, enlightens and entertains the
entire family... offering year-round programs and rainy day activities. Inside and
Out! Two floors of interactive exhibits and three nature trails spanning 85 acres
reveal the nature of Cape Cod.

- [Woods Hole Historical Museum](#)
Woods Hole Road
Woods Hole
(508)548-7270
Three historic houses (Bradley House, the Swift Barn: Small Boat Museum, and the Yale Workshop) with exhibits and a small boat museum and the Walsh Rambler Rose Garden.
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Free
- [The Pilgrim Monument & Provincetown Museum](#)
High Pole Hill Road
Provincetown
1-800-247-1620 or (508)487-1310
Open daily, April 1 to November 30, 9:00 AM -5:00 PM
During July & August open 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Last admission is 45 minutes before closing.
Adults: \$5, Children ages 4-12: \$3, Children under age 4: Free.
- [Aptucxet Trading Post & Museum](#)
Aptucxet Road
Bourne
(508)759-9487
Replica of Pilgrim-Dutch trading post; salt works, Joseph Jefferson windmill.
Herb and wildflower gardens.
Museum depicts 17th century life.
Picnic area.
Monday-Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM
\$3.50, children in grades 1-2: \$1.50
- [Cape Museum of Fine Arts](#)
Route 6A (On the grounds of the Cape Playhouse)
Dennis
(508)385-4477
The Cape Museum of Fine Arts illustrates the role Cape Cod and the Islands have played in American art from 1899 to the present.
It offers lectures, tours, film on art, art discovery trips and other interpretive programs year round.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Closed National Holidays
Adults: \$5, Members and Children under 16: Free
- [Orleans Historical Society](#)
Main Street and River Road
Orleans
(508)240-1329
Tuesday-Sunday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Thursday: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
\$4, students under 12: Free.
- [Centerville Historical Society Museum](#) (open through mid-September)
513 Main Street

Centerville

(508)775-0331

Wednesday-Sunday: 1:30 - 4:30PM (last admission at 4:00 PM)

\$2.50, seniors: \$2.00, ages 6-17: \$1, under 6: Free.

- Nantucket Island
 - [Nantucket Life Saving Museum](#)
 - 158 Polpis Road
 - (508)228-1885
 - Re-creation of the original Surfside Station, built in 1874
 - Open daily: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
 - Adults: \$3, Children: \$2, Children 5 and under: Free.
 - Subtract \$1 for groups of 10 or more.
 - Old Gaol
 - Vestal Street
 - (508)228-1894
 - Display of stocks and other punitive equipment; first jail in the U.S. to permit prisoners to go home at night.
 - Whaling Museum
 - Broad Street
 - (508)229-1736
 - Nineteenth-century candle factory, now houses whaling memorabilia, portraits, a whale skeleton, and scrimshaw.
 - Old Quaker houses.