

DESTINATION PLYMOUTH

History

Everyone educated in the United States knows at least a little of the story of Plymouth -- about how the Pilgrims, fleeing religious persecution, left Europe on the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth Rock in December 1620. Many also know that the Pilgrims endured disease and privation, and that just 53 people from the original group of 102 celebrated what we now call "the first Thanksgiving" in 1621 with Squanto, a Pawtuxet Indian associated with the Wampanoag people, and his cohorts.

What you won't know until you visit is how small everything was. The Mayflower (a reproduction) seems perilously tiny, and when you contemplate how dangerous life was at the time, it's hard not to marvel at the settlers' accomplishments. One of their descendants' accomplishments is this: Plymouth is in many ways a model destination, where the 17th century coexists with the 21st, and most historic attractions are both educational and fun. Visitors jam the downtown area and waterfront in the summer, but the year-round population of 60,000 is large enough that Plymouth feels more like the working community it is than a touristy day-trip destination. It's a manageable 1-day excursion from Normandy Farms, particularly enjoyable if you're traveling with children.

Plymouth Visitor Information Center:

Your visit should begin at the Waterfront Visitor Information Center (tel. 508.747.7525), open seasonally at 130 Water St., across from the Town Pier. The Center is full of brochures, maps and helpful attendants who will assist you in planning your day. **There are public restrooms at the Visitor Center.**

Transportation Options:

Park once and use Ride Circuit for free rides in all-electric vehicles throughout the historic district. Download the Ride Circuit app on your smart phone. Help reduce emissions and congestion and its harmful effects on the environment. Take a free on-demand ride in the Plymouth historic district. Forget high gas prices! Use the Ride Circuit app for a free ride.

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Getting Around by Foot:

The downtown attractions are easily accessible on foot. A shallow hill slopes from the center of town to the waterfront. For those folks who enjoy walking, follow the footsteps of history and trace the past in Plymouth as you enjoy a leisurely stroll along the **Pilgrim Path** (free maps can be picked up the Visitor's Center, located at 130 Water Street in Plymouth). Plimoth Plantation is a few miles off the path, so if you decide to visit that destination, you would probably opt to drive.

Starting at the Visitor Center, wander up and down the tiny side streets depicted on the map. You will find homes and museums that celebrate Plymouth's rich historic past from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, as well as charming lanes, abundant gardens, and delightful neighborhoods. If time permits, take in the sites around Town Square and those a little north on Court Street and the waterfront.

Before you wind up your tour, you may want to go aboard the Mayflower II, anchored near Plymouth Rock where your journey through Plymouth's past began. Take your time and enjoy the unique flavor of Plymouth on this walking tour of America's Hometown.

While following the Pilgrim Path Walking Tour you will see signs (like the one shown on the bottom left corner of following map) at each historic location. The signs will be numbered with the corresponding audio clip. **DO YOU HAVE A SMART PHONE?** If so click the QR Code on the Pilgrim Path Tour signs with your phone scanner and go right to the Pilgrim Path website. Hear all about the Pilgrim Path on your phone. The clips have extended information not found on the printed map. Get ready to be surprised at the exciting details about Plymouth, the Pilgrims and the Native Americans that you might have never heard before!



- ATTRactions**
- 1 **7149 Cent House Museum** 1 Town Square, plymouth.com/7149-cent-house-and-museum 508-830-4075
 - 2 **A-1 Historic Tours** 130 Water St. 508-224-4422
 - 3 **(AAA) Alben House Historic Site Museum** 105 Adams St., Duxbury 781-934-9092 alben.org
 - 4 **America's Homeowne Thanksgiving Celebration** Downtown Plymouth 508-746-5818 usa.usatoday.com
 - 5 **Billoggin Sea Kayak** 41 Branch Pond Rd. 508-746-9644 billogginseakayak.com
 - 6 **Bale Plasterers P.C.I.S.** 117 Long Pond Rd. 508-830-4470 plymouth.ci2.ma.us/Pages/2007
 - 7 **Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association** (call) 508-866-7878 cranberry.org
 - 8 **Captain John Bowen - Harbor & Seaside Cruises** 77 Water St. 508-746-2643 captjohn.com
 - 9 **Captain John Bowen - Northtowne Fair Ferry** 77 Water St. 508-746-2643 captjohn.com
 - 10 **Captain John Bowen - Whale Watching & Deep Sea Fishing** 10 Town Wharf 508-746-2643 captjohn.com
 - 11 **Deal of Night Cruise Tours** 77 Water St. 508-866-5111 dealofnightplymouth.com
 - 12 **Explains Natural Plymouth** 188 Center Hill Rd. 774-273-9982 explainsplymouth.org
 - 13 **Harbor Old Fort House Museum, 1677** 119 Sandwich St. 508-746-2012 plymouthexplains.org
 - 14 **Helge House Museum, 1809** 126 Water St. 508-746-2012 plymouthexplains.org
 - 15 **Hy-Line Cruises - Cape Cod Canal** 184 Oyster Ave., Oyster 508-778-2800 plymouthexplains.org
 - 16 **Hy-Line Cruises (Ferry)** 220 Ocean St., Hyannis. 508-778-2800 plymouthexplains.org
 - 17 **Hy-Line Cruises - Harbor and Fishing** 138 Ocean St., Hyannis 508-778-2800 plymouthexplains.org
 - 18 **Island Queen** 75 Falmouth Heights Rd., Falmouth. 508-549-4800 islandqueen.com
 - 19 **Jacket Headed Horse, 1669** 33 Sandwich St. 508-746-9990 plymouthhistorical.org
 - 20 **The Jersey, 1749** (Walking Town) 48 Sumner St. 508-747-4544 thejersey.org
 - 21 **Mayflower State Pier** 508-746-1622 plymouth.org
 - 22 **Mayflower Meetinghouse** 19 Town Square. 508-746-3188 mayflowermeeting.org
 - 23 **Mayflower Society Show, 1754** 4 Winslow St. 508-746-3188 mayflowermeeting.org
 - 24 **(AAA) Miles Standish Monument State Reservation** Craniset St., Duxbury 508-747-5380 | 508-747-7533 aaa.com milesstandishmonument.com
 - 25 **National Monument to the Founders** Alorton St. 508-747-5380 | 508-747-0100 milesstandishmonument.com
 - 26 **Piering Whys Cemetery** Plympton Rd. (Route 80) 508-317-2488 plymouth.com
 - 27 **Plymouth Hall Museum** 75 Oyster St. 508-746-1620 plymouth.org
 - 28 **Plymouth Memorial State Park** 79 Water St. 508-747-5380 | 508-747-7533 plymouth.com
 - 29 **Three Cranes/Plymouth Cruises** 9 Town Wharf 508-746-5342 plymouth.com
 - 30 **Plymouth Girl Mill at Jersey Road** 6 Spring Lane 508-746-1622 plymouth.org
 - 31 **Plymouth Pleasance** 137 Warren Ave. 508-746-1622 plymouth.org
 - 32 **Plymouth Pleasance Warbler Exhibit** State Pier 508-746-1622 plymouth.org

AAA = map inserts on back panel

- 33. **Plymouth 9/11 Memorial** 1 South Spooner St 508-747-5565
seeplymouth.com/things-to-do/911-memorial
- 34. **Plymouth Antiquarian Society** 126 Water St 508-746-0012
plymouthantiquarian.org
- 35. **Plymouth Bike Rentals** 170 Water St 508-732-0120
plymouthbikerentals.com
- 36. **Plymouth Cordage Historical Society Museum**
10 Cordage Park Cir 508-746-7707
plymouthcordagecs.org
- 37. **Plymouth Cruises Aboard Lobster Tugs** 9 Town Wharf 508-746-5342
plymouthcruises.com
- 38. **Plymouth Launch and "Tug-A-Long" Harbor Tour**
23 Town Wharf 800-256-6667
facebook.com/plymouthharborlaunch
- 39. **Plymouth Night Tour** 65 Main St 508-827-2146
plymouthnighttours.com
- 40. **Plymouth Pedicab Tours** 170 Water St 508-747-PEDI | 508-747-7334
plymouthpedicab.com
- 41. **Plymouth Rock** 77 Water St 508-747-5360 | 508-747-7533
mass.gov/locations/pilgrim-memorial-state-park
- 42. **Plymouth Rock Foundation (C&D)** 800-210-1620
plymrock.org
- 43. **Richard Sparrow House, 1649** 42 Summer St 508-747-1240
sparrowhouse.com
- 44. **Spirit of Plymouth Walking Tour** 126 Water St 508-617-8355
spiritofplymouth.com
- 45. **Spooner House, 1749** 27 North St 508-746-0012
plymouthantiquarian.org
- 46. **The Pilgrim Progress** 4 Winslow St 508-224-2063
seeplymouth.com/events/pilgrim-progress-12
- 47. **Training Green (Civil War Monument)** 65 Sandwich St 508-747-7533
seeplymouth.com/things-to-do/civil-war-monument-training-green
- 48. **WDC, Whale and Dolphin Conservation** 7 Nelson St 508-746-2522
us.whales.org



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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

130 WATER STREET
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360
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EXIT 5, ROUTE 3
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360
508-748-1150

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Where to Dine:

Unfortunately, we did not have time to try all of these restaurants (suggested to us by the folks at the Visitor Center); so, we went online to let you see what others thought....

- East Bay Grille located on Plymouth's Town Wharf offers classic and contemporary New England style dining in an exceptional environment with water views. 173 Water Street in Plymouth 508.746.9751 eastbaygrille.com
- The Cabby Shack - <http://www.cabbys shack.com/> - 30 Town Wharf Rd, Plymouth 508.746.5354 "The clam chowdah was so thick and creamy and wonderful." "Food Network's 'The Best Thing I Ever Ate – Clam Chowdah'"
- Wood's Seafood – <http://www.woodsseafoods.com/> - 15 Town Wharf in Plymouth 508.746.0261 "The line moves pretty quickly... I had doubts about the quality because of the cafeteria style, however my fears were squashed after the tray was handed over to me. The smell alone was heavenly. The lobster roll was the perfect size..." Recipient of Yankee Magazine Editor's Choice !
- Lobster Hut - <http://lobsterhutplymouth.com/> - 25 Town Wharf, Plymouth 508.746.2270 "Have been going to the Lobster Hut for about 20 years. It is a 2 hour drive to get there and we are NEVER disappointed"
- Cupcake Charlie's - <http://www.cupcakecharlies.com/> - 6 Town Wharf, Plymouth 508.747.9225 Goodies for the ride home – 16 varieties of homemade gourmet cupcakes baked fresh daily. "I found the cupcakes to be delectable"

Where to Shop:

- Water Street, along the harbor, boasts an inexhaustible supply of souvenir shops. A less kitschy destination, just up the hill, is Route 3A, known as Court, Main, and Warren Street as it runs through town.
- Adjacent to the Mayflower II you will find Plimoth Patuxet's Museum Shops, which offer items to educate and entertain, to adorn and delight. In the Craft Center and Children's Shop you'll find everything from 17th-century reproductions, to Pilgrim clothes, and traditional toys and games. In the Native Shop are featured the work of Wampanoag and other Eastern Woodlands artists and craftspeople. 100% of the net proceeds from each purchase help to maintain Plimoth Plantation's historic sites and educational mission.
- The Richard Sparrow House – 42 Summer Street, Plymouth 508.747.1240 Built in 1640 is Plymouth's oldest restored house. Discover the best in American craft in the adjoining gallery. A lovely selection of handcrafted jewelry, glass, paintings and works in wood by over 100 artists.

Where to Beach:

- Nelson Memorial Park – 235 Water Street, Plymouth 508.830.4162 x12116 a short distance north of Plymouth Center. No lifeguard, free parking, restrooms. Concession building, small boat ramp, bike path, picnic area, children's play area and a 5000 sq ft "Splash Pad"
- Plymouth Beach – located 2 ½ miles south of Plymouth Center (entrance is on left just after passing Plimoth Plantation) with restrooms and snack bar. Fee to park. This beach offers 3 miles of perfectly sandy beach.
- White Horse Beach – the South Beach section is public. Travel down Route 3A until you reach Rocky Hill Road. Take Rocky Hill Road until it ends, and then take a left. On the right you will find limited street parking, no lifeguard, no restrooms.

Where to Fish / Buy Fresh Seafood:

Options abound for chartered fishing boats at the Town Wharf. Most offer rod and reel rentals, and typically the bait is free. If you would like to do some fishing on your own, locals recommend trying the Breakwater Jetty – also at the Town Wharf. A license is required for anyone aged 15 and over and can be obtained online at <https://massfishhunt.mass.gov/>

If you'd like to take some fresh seafood home to enjoy later (or ship to a friend), I would suggest Wood's Seafood which is on the Town Wharf. You can purchase anything from lobsters, to fresh seafood and even all the fixings for a clambake to enjoy once you return to the park. Wood's Seafood - 15 Town Wharf, Plymouth 508-746-0261 or woodsseafoods.com

Free Things to Do in Plymouth:

- Visit Plymouth Rock
- Visit the 1749 Courthouse located in the Town Square
- Walk along the Town Brook through Brewster Gardens to the Jenney Pond
- Walk the Breakwater Jetty and fish – license required
- Visit the petting zoo at the Plymouth County Farm at 74 Obery Street. Please call ahead 508.830.6810 for hours.
- Tour and tastings at the Mayflower Brewery at 12 Resnik Road 508.746.2674
- Watch the fishing and lobster boats bring in their catch at the Town Wharf
- Explore pilgrim genealogy at the Plymouth Public Library on South Street
- Tour Burial Hill founded in the 17th century, this is the final resting place of Governor William Bradford, John Howland, Mary Allerton, William Brewster and Squanto.