



Discover this one-of-a-kind collection of sites, stories, and adventures. The *Massachusetts Whale Trail* links nearly 40 museums, attractions, whale watching excursions, historic sites, and tours dedicated to our special connection with these beloved creatures of the deep all across the state. The only missing element? You. Make a splash by visiting the New Bedford points of interest below. <https://www.massvacation.com/whale-trail/>

## Attractions

### **New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park**

33 William Street  
508-996-4095

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

New Bedford has a fascinating history, filled with stories of whalers going to sea, escaped slaves seeking freedom, and connections to the sea that span for centuries. Inside the NBWNHP Visitor Center you can browse the park's exhibits, bookstore, interactive kiosks, and view the orientation film. In addition, NBWNHP provides free guided tours that start from the national park visitor center. Groups of 10 or more should complete a group reservations request form with the park service.

### **New Bedford Whaling Museum**

18 Johnny Cake Hill  
508-997-0046

[www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org)

Devoted to the global story of whales, whaling, and the cultural history of the region, the museum's 20 galleries of maritime art and science exhibits include five whale skeletons and the world's largest ship model, Lagoda, which visitors may climb aboard. The Museum's collections number in excess of 750,000 items, including the world's largest collections of scrimshaw, whaling logbooks, and journals.



### Seamen's Bethel



15 Johnny Cake Hill  
508-992-3295

<https://www.nps.gov/nebe/planyourvisit/bethel.htm>

At various times in the early 19th century, the number of seamen in Bedford Village ranged from 5,000 to 10,000 - nearly equaling the population of the village. The Seamen's Bethel was constructed for the many whalers who called New Bedford home. It was tradition to stop in the chapel and pray for a safe journey before heading out to sea. This church was immortalized as 'Whaleman's Chapel' by Herman Melville in the classic novel "Moby-Dick".

### New Bedford Free Public Library

613 Pleasant Street  
508-991-6275

<http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/library/locations/main-library/>

Established in 1852, the New Bedford Free Public Library is among the earliest free municipal libraries in the United States. The core of the library's original holdings contained books, periodicals and other materials purchased from the New Bedford Social Library (founded in 1807), which had assimilated the collections of the Encyclopedia Society, New Bedford Library Society, New Bedford Athenaeum and Lyceum. The art collection is on public view at the Main Library and also showcased in City Gallery exhibits at the New Bedford Art Museum. For more information about the Special Collections Department, see [www.newbedford-ma.gov/library/special-collections/](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/library/special-collections/)

### Rotch Jones Duff House

396 County Street  
508-997-1401

<http://rjdmuseum.org/>

Built in 1834, this National Landmark Greek Revival mansion is the best example of the "brave houses and flowery gardens" described by Herman Melville in "Moby-Dick." The period rooms and exhibits in the Museum chronicle the social, economic and political evolution of the city, through the families who lived and worked at the House.

### **The Historic Mariner's Home**

18 Johnny Cake Hill  
508-997-0046 x102

<https://www.whalingmuseum.org/explore/exhibitions/the-historic-mariners-home-exhibition-2017>

Step into another time when you enter the Mariners' Home in New Bedford. The New Bedford Whaling Museum has curated four exhibitions on the first floor of the Mariners' Home that bring to life the era when the boarding house was bustling with maritime guests and tells the story of how the Mariners' Home came to be. Highlights of the exhibition include: "Moby-Dick" and the Silver Screen, The Home of William Rotch Jr., Safe Haven, Safe Harbor, and A Working Port. From a whaling family home in the late 1700s to boarding house for fishermen, whalers and other mariners during the 19th century in the Port of New Bedford, this once-bustling home holds lifetimes of stories you won't want to miss.

## **Tours**

### **Harbor Tour - Whaling City Expeditions**

City Pier 3, 228 MacArthur Drive  
508-984-4979

[www.whalingcityexpeditions.com](http://www.whalingcityexpeditions.com)

Experienced captains take visitors on a relaxing, narrated 60-minute cruise around historic New Bedford Harbor: Palmer's Island Lighthouse, Fort Phoenix, the largest Hurricane Barrier on the East Coast, No. 1 Fishing Fleet in U.S., Schooner Ernestina, Joshua Slocum Memorial, and lots of Whaling History!

### **Herman Melville's New Bedford Walking Tour**

37 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
508-996-4095

[https://www.nps.gov/nebe/planyourvisit/upload/melville\\_nb.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/nebe/planyourvisit/upload/melville_nb.pdf)

Embark on a year-round, self-guided journey through Melville's New Bedford. Like many of his contemporaries, Melville was looking for adventure and joining a whaling crew. From his experience arose one of the greatest American novels ever written, Moby-Dick. It is not surprising that Melville chose New Bedford as his point of embarkation. In 1841, the port was the whaling capital of the world, and its waterfront teemed with sailors and trades people drawn from every corner of the globe by the whaling industry's promise of prosperity and adventure.



## **Statues**

### **Moby Dick Statue**

Macarthur Drive

508-979-1745

As part of the 2015 Seaport Art Walk "New Bedford Works," artists were encouraged for unique interpretation of and connection with the past, present and future of New Bedford. Artist/sculpture Donna Dodson, submitted for exhibition her sculpture Moby Dick, in honor of the whaling history of this city.



### **Whaleman Statue**

613 Pleasant Street

508-979-1745

The Whaleman, a gift of distinguished citizen William W. Crapo to the City of New Bedford, was unveiled Jun 20, 1913 on Library Square in the presence of thousands of spectators. This statue of the boat-steerer set up in granite and bronze was erected in remembrance of the energy and fortitude, the toil and enterprise of the men who laid the foundation of the prosperity of this community. It is a tribute to the men who faced dangers, who grappled with difficulties, and who achieved success.



### **Lewis Temple Statue**

613 Pleasant Street

508-979-1745

Lewis Temple (1800-1854), a free black man and proprietor of a local blacksmith shop by 1836, invented the "Temple Toggle Iron" in 1848, a pivot-head harpoon which revolutionized the whaling industry. Commissioned in 1985 by the City of New Bedford to create a memorial to Lewis Temple, local African-American sculptor Jim Toatley died after completing a maquette of the memorial.

## **Food & Drink**

### **The Black Whale**

106 Pier 3/Fisherman's Wharf

508-990-7100

[www.theblackwhale.com](http://www.theblackwhale.com)

Specializing in the freshest seafood from boat to restaurant plus a sushi bar.



### **Moby Dick Brewing Company**

16 S. Water Street

774-202-6961

[www.mobydickbrewing.com](http://www.mobydickbrewing.com)

The Moby Dick Brewing Company offers freshly brewed ales and lagers paired with distinctive pub fare in the heart of New Bedford's historic district. Their menu features locally sourced, sustainable ingredients.

### **Greasy Luck Brewpub**

791 Purchase Street  
774-425-4600

<https://greasyluckbrewpub.com/>

The gastro pub and event venue is set within a former bank building featuring original vault doors and truly historic feel. Greasy Luck features a variety of craft beers, and expansive menu, private function room and concert venue.

## **Shopping**

### **The Landing Gift Shop and Chandlery**

98 Front Street  
508-642-9211

Boutique style gift shop and chandlery featuring wall art photography, canvas harbor charts, home good items made in New Bedford, apparel with custom design option, jewelry and cards (made by local artisans), handmade copper weather vanes, and more!

### **Moby Dick Retail**



27 William Street  
508-996-1114

It is all about Moby and whaling inspired gifts and novelties at this unique shop.

## **Hotel Accommodations:**

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### **New Bedford**

#### **Harbor Hotel**

222 Union Street  
508-999-1292

[www.newbedfordharborhotel.com](http://www.newbedfordharborhotel.com)

Close to the business district and landmark attractions in historic New Bedford, MA, the New Bedford Harbor Hotel is the newest hotel in this vibrant and culturally rich city.

#### **Fairfield Inn & Suites New Bedford by Marriot**

185 MacArthur Boulevard  
774-634-2000

[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wbfi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-new-bedford/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wbfi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-new-bedford/)

Located on the beautiful Historic New Bedford Harbor, the newly built Fairfield Inn & Suites is the perfect location for both business and leisure traveler.