

Things to do in Woods Hole and beyond:

Woods Hole/Falmouth

Woods Hole Science Aquarium

11AM-4PM M-F, From the website: We welcome visits from school groups and civic organizations. Groups larger than 10 should make a reservation by calling 508-495-2267.

<https://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/aquarium/>

Local walk to Nobska Lighthouse and beach

Leaving Woods Hole, make first right down Church St. (walk 15-20 min from MBL)

<http://www.friendsofnobska.org/>

Local walk - The Knob is a 15 minute each way hike from Quissett Harbor

See map on website, 5-minute drive down School St./Quissett Ave from WH village

<http://saltpondsanctuaries.org/the-knob/>

Ice skating at the Falmouth Ice Arena, At Falmouth Technology Park (15 min drive)

<http://falmouthicearena.com/>

The Woods Hole Inn website describes local walks:

<https://woodsholeinn.com/2014/08/18/walking-around-woods-hole/>

Public movie theater at Mashpee Commons (20 min drive)

<https://www.regmovies.com/theaters/regal-mashpee-commons-6/C00897298435>

Ice cream parlor: Friendly's

<https://www.friendlysrestaurants.com/restaurants/friendlys-falmouth-02540/>

Ryan Amusement – bowling and games <https://ryanfamily.com/>

Sandwich

Town of Sandwich - 40 min drive from Woods Hole

Sandwich Glass Museum – very historic

<http://sandwichglassmuseum.org/>

Thornton Burgess Society and Greenbriar Jam Kitchen (nature center)

<http://www.thorntonburgess.org/>

Heritage Museum, historic Automobile collection, historic Merry-go-round, holiday illumination festival on scheduled December evenings.

<https://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/gardensaglow/>

Cape Cod National Seashore/Provincetown

Cape Cod National Seashore – great hiking, amazing views
(1.5 hour drive)

<https://www.nps.gov/caco/index.htm>

Going down Cape, people usually end up in Provincetown (~2 hour drive)

<https://ptownchamber.com/>

Great Pilgrim museum and tower

<https://ptownchamber.com/2010/pilgrim-monument-provincetown-museum-pmpm/>

New Bedford

New Bedford – historic whaling history (mid 1800's New Bedford was one of the wealthiest cities in the world)

New Bedford National Historical Park and Whaling Museum (50 min drive)

<https://www.nps.gov/nebe/index.htm>

NB Whaling Museum <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/>

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center New Bedford – theater in 1920's film palace

<https://zeiterion.org/>

Plymouth

Plimoth Plantation Living history museum on original Plimoth settlement (50 min drive)

<https://www.plimoth.org/>

Boston

(1.5-2 hour drive from Woods Hole depending on Boston traffic)

There is also bus service from Woods Hole to South Station terminal

<https://peterpanbus.com/>

You can also drive to the commuter rail (50 min from Woods Hole)

Middleboro/Lakeville stop <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/CR-Middleborough/schedule> Train is one hour from South Station Boston

Mapparium – 1930’s stained glass globe with a walkway built through it, 10-minute interpretive program speaks to how the world has changed since 1935.

<https://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/project/mapparium/>

Freedom Trail – American Revolution tour: walk the trail painted in red on the ground, visit all important historical landmarks

<https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/>

Paul Revere house – the house of the patriot Paul Revere

<https://www.paulreverehouse.org/hours-prices/>

Otis House Museum – tour of home, learn how a family lived in 1820, at the foot of Beacon Hill <https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/otis-house/>

Massachusetts State House tour – excellent history of US tour - free

<https://malegislature.gov/StateHouse/Tour>

Boston Common Ice skating – the Common is Boston’s Central Park

<https://bostonfrogpond.com/winter-programs/pricing-season-passes/>

Skywalk observatory at the Prudential Center

http://www.prudentialcenter.com/shop_detail.html?id=64

New England Aquarium (MBL ID should get you free admission) <https://www.neaq.org/>

Museum of Science (MBL ID should get you free admission) <https://www.mos.org/>

MIT museum <http://mitmuseum.mit.edu/>

Harvard Museum of Natural History (has famous glass flower and marine organisms collection) <https://hmnh.harvard.edu/>

Museum of Fine Arts <https://www.mfa.org/>

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Venetian-palace-inspired home of patron of the arts. Site of famous 1990’s art heist. <https://www.gardnermuseum.org/>

Newport, RI

(1.5 hours) Newport is the site of numerous Gilded Age mansions:

<https://www.discovernewport.org/things-to-do/top-10-things-to-do/>

Oldest US synagogue (colonial history) <http://tourosynagogue.org/>

Newport Mansions <https://www.newportmansions.org/>

Providence, RI (1.5 hours)

RISD museum Rhode Island School of Design <https://risdmuseum.org/>

Martha's Vineyard

Martha's Vineyard is a 45 minute ferry ride from Woods Hole...Public transportation available on the island. Vineyard Haven has a great book shop and busy Main St. Oak Bluffs has a National Register collection of Victorian gingerbread houses (5 min, bus from Vineyard Haven). If you take your car, you can drive the Island (size of Manhattan), see the Atlantic beaches, the Gay Head clay cliffs in the Town of Aquinnah.

Vineyard in the winter: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/the-vineyard-in-winter-45165492/>

Ferry

https://www.steamshipauthority.com/writable/versioned_downloadable_schedules/path/mv2018entireyear.pdf

Bus http://www.vineyardtransit.com/Pages/VTA_Schedule/sept18_dec18/routelist
Gay Head Aquinnah lighthouse: <http://gayheadlight.org/>

Nantucket

Nantucket offers an early to mid 1800's preserved downtown, 30 miles SE of Cape Cod. You get there from Hyannis (45 minute drive from Woods Hole), fast ferry is 1 hr

Nantucket whaling museum <https://nha.org/>

Nantucket Athenaeum (library) <https://www.nantucketatheneum.org/>

Ferries to Nantucket

https://www.steamshipauthority.com/writable/versioned_downloadable_schedules/path/2018hyntcombo.pdf

<https://hylinecruises.com/schedules-rates/nantucket-ferries/>

Connecticut

Mystic Seaport (2 hour drive)<https://www.mysticseaport.org/>

Mystic Aquarium <http://www.mysticaquarium.org/>