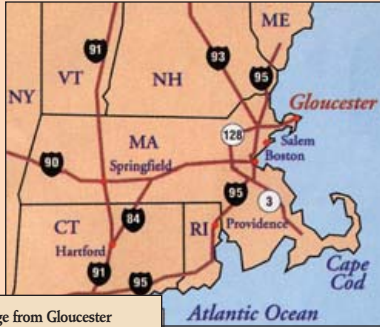


Easy to find...Hard to leave.

Gloucester is just 30 miles north of Boston.

Come by car, train, boat or plane. Gloucester is accessible by major highways, train service from Boston, Logan International Airport (45 minutes), and we're a popular destination for boaters cruising the New England coast. While Gloucester is an adventure in itself, you can also stay here and visit other New England destinations. We're close to Boston, Salem, Rockport, Lexington & Concord, and the New Hampshire and Maine seacoast areas.

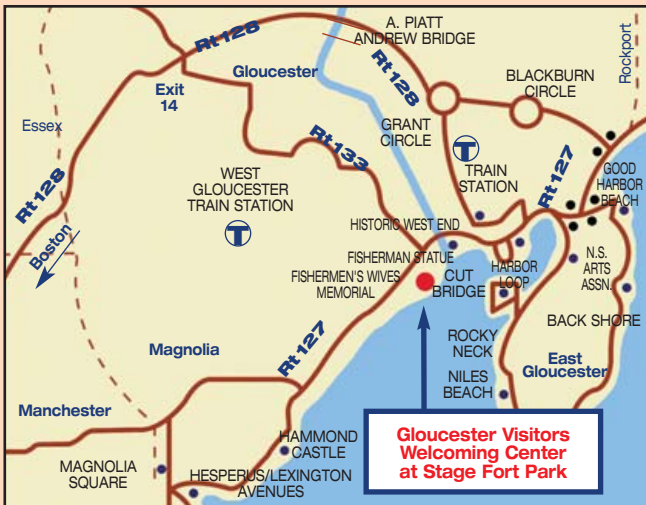


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Philadelphia 345	Boston 35
New York City 250	Lexington/Concord 30
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Albany 205	Newburyport 20
Springfield 110	Portsmouth, NH/
Worcester 70	Kittery, ME 50

How To Get More Information

For Gloucester lodgings, events, maps or any other information, call us toll free at 1-800-649-6839 or look us up on-line at

www.gloucesterma.com. Our Visitor Welcoming Center is located at beautiful Stage Fort Park near the intersection of Route 133 and Route 127 on Gloucester Harbor.



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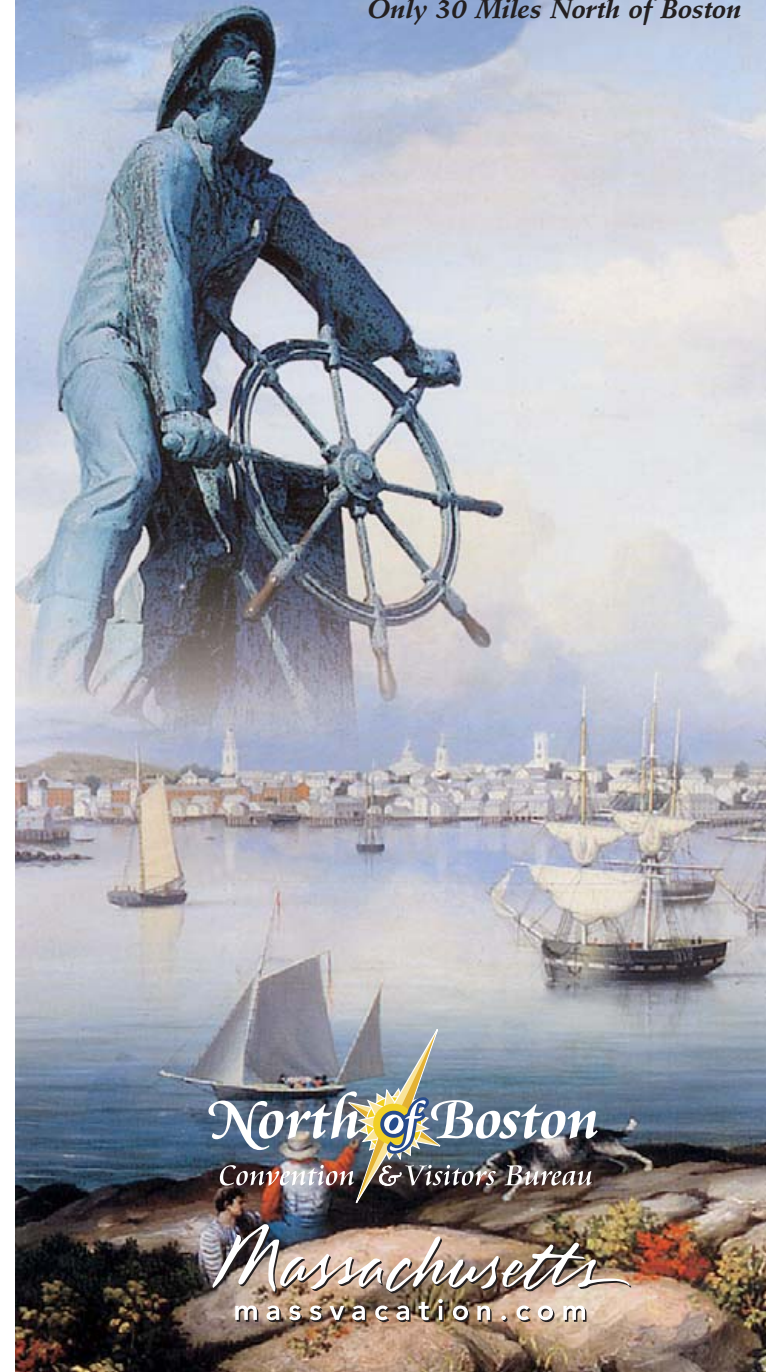
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Welcome to Gloucester... America's Oldest Seaport.

It began in 1604, sixteen years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Explorer Samuel de Champlain sailed into Gloucester Harbor and christened it "Le Beauport"-the beautiful harbor. Gloucester's stunning, rugged beauty has inspired visitors from all over the world, from Champlain to the famous American artist Fitz Henry Lane, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and writer Rudyard Kipling almost a century ago, to the travelers of today.

1623

Three years after the Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock, a group from that colony arrives while looking for favorable fishing grounds. At the point now known as Stage Fort Park, where the Visitors Welcoming Center is today, they build the first fishing stages (drying areas) and begin a small, temporary settlement.



Fitz Henry Lane, *Gloucester Harbor at Sunrise* (detail), c. 1850, CAPE ANN MUSEUM collection.

1713

Immigrants from The Dorchester Company of England permanently settle the area and name it Gloucester, after Gloucester, England.

The first schooner is launched. The superior seaworthiness and speed of this vessel, invented in Gloucester, allow fisherman to reach new fishing grounds.



1840-The Great Blizzards of 1839 inspire great American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to write "The Wreck of the Hesperus".

1779

The first Universalist Church in America is founded in Gloucester.



The fishing industry becomes the main source of employment throughout much of the 19th and 20th centuries.

1790



Judith Sargent Murray, self-educated philosopher and political strategist, publishes her essay, "ON The Equality Of The Sexes", the first argument for women's equality found in American literature. Sargent House Museum photo.

1862

Fifteen of the seventy schooners fishing Georges Bank are lost at sea, creating 70 widows and 140 fatherless children.

1876

Local fisherman Alfred "Centennial" Johnson becomes the first to sail alone across the Atlantic Ocean.



1880's-1890's-Gloucester becomes increasingly popular as a visitor destination. The first fashionable hotels are built, including the Hawthorne Inn, built by George O. Stacy.

1879

The worst year in Gloucester history-249 fishermen are lost at sea.

1883

Gloucester dory fisherman Howard Blackburn, lost off the coast of Newfoundland in a blizzard, rows for four days with his hands frozen to the oars. His dory mate, Thomas Welch, does not survive. Blackburn returns to Gloucester months later. He goes on to open a successful tavern and to sail single handed across the Atlantic twice, a legend and symbol of the toughness of the fishermen.



The fishing tradition is handed down from generation to generation.

1893

The Church of Our Lady of Good Voyage is built, housing the first carillon (a series of chromatic bells) built in America.



Fitz Henry Lane, *Gloucester Harbor from Rocky Neck*, 1844, CAPE ANN MUSEUM collection

1895

Joshua Slocum embarks from Gloucester on the first solo round-the-world voyage in his sloop "Spray".

1923

North Shore Arts Association, the largest collection of art by Cape Ann artists, is founded. Many members (including Winslow Homer and Fitz Henry Lane) become internationally recognized.

1925

Clarence Birdseye invents the technology of quick freezing and revolutionizes the food industry with the development of frozen food. He later sells the patent to General Foods.

1929

John Hays Hammond, Jr., inventor, second only to Thomas Edison in patented inventions, finishes his grand Hammond Castle overlooking Norman's Woe, the setting of Longfellow's "The Wreck of the Hesperus".

1953

The last of the great fishing schooners, *Adventure*, makes her final trip, marking the end of the age of sail.

1988

Adventure is brought back to Gloucester as a living museum to the great age of sail. The 121-foot schooner is now a National Historic Landmark.

2000

The Wall of Remembrance is added to the Gloucester Fisherman's memorial on Stacy Boulevard. Plaques listing over 5,000 Gloucestermen lost at sea are added.





Visit the site of the landing of the **first settlers in 1623**. Gloucester became the second permanent settlement of the early Pilgrims in the New World, preceded only by Plymouth in 1620.



Fairs, Festivals and Celebrations occur throughout the year.



Gloucester is **the whale watching capital of the east coast!** Each year the whales migrate to feeding grounds just off Gloucester's coastline, allowing you to take a morning or afternoon trip to see the world's largest creatures in their natural habitat—an experience never to be forgotten.



Great American painters Fitz Henry Lane, Winslow Homer, Milton Avery, John Sloan and many others painted in Gloucester, from world-renowned to those who paint simply for the love of it. It is more than the scenery that attracts artists here. It is said the extraordinary light of Gloucester is different than anywhere else. The Rocky Neck Art Colony in East Gloucester is the oldest continuously operating art colony in America. You can also view art at the Cape Ann Museum, the North Shore Art Association and many other private galleries.

Visit Gloucester... Where the Past is Present.

Home to generations of artists, writers, inventors and those that go down to the sea in ships. Beaches, boats, whales, shops, galleries, distinctive accommodations and great food. Gloucester's the place!

The main attraction is Gloucester itself - the story of its place in American history, and the characters and personalities that have shaped it. Many historic features are located on the Gloucester Maritime Trail which winds through the city, taking you to these points of interest.



See the "**Man At The Wheel**" fisherman statue on Stacy Boulevard. The statue was commissioned by Gloucester citizens in 1923 to celebrate the seaport's 300th anniversary. The Wall of



Howard Blackburn's sloop *Great Republic* and Alfred Johnson's boat *Centennial*—both vessels used in solo crossings of the Atlantic—are part of the exhibits at the **Cape Ann Museum**.



Tour **Hammond Castle Museum**, a medieval



The Beauport Sleeper-McCann House welcomes visitors. Explore many rooms of this exquisite Eastern Point mansion, the childhood home of American artist and designer John D.

Tour **Hammond Castle Museum**, a medieval castle built by the famous inventor. The Castle is the site of many special events and celebrations.



Enjoy fresh seafood in any style, from elegant to in-the-rough.

seaport's 300th anniversary. The Wall of Remembrance cenotaph was added in 2000.



Every Labor Day weekend, schooners large and small meet in Gloucester to race in the annual **Gloucester Schooner Festival**. Festivities include a parade of sail, fireworks and a lighted boat parade.



America's oldest seaport remains a working harbor where you can see the fishermen at work every day.

Good Harbor is just one of Gloucester's beautiful sandy beaches.



Be a fisherman yourself! Deep-sea fishing adventures for the whole family are offered throughout Gloucester.

Take a tour aboard Adventure, a National Historic Landmark. This original fishing schooner fished the great waters in the days before motorized vessels. You can also enjoy a sail on any of the vessels that offer sailing trips in and around Gloucester Harbor.

