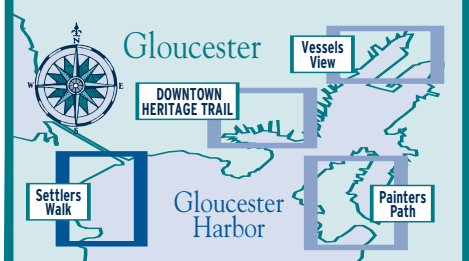


Stage Fort Park and Stacy Boulevard

Walk the Gloucester ground first settled in 1623 and marvel at the beauty of the harbor which drew those early pioneers. Stage Fort Park is a wonderful place to pass an afternoon. It offers large picnic and play areas, beaches, a restaurant, and restrooms. There are free concerts Sunday evenings during the summer. The Park is a perfect spot for watching harbor activities



SETTLERS WALK

1 The Visitors' Center

The Center offers brochures on many Gloucester attractions and historic sites. Leaving the Center's driveway, turn left and walk downhill along Hough Avenue, past the baseball field. Turn left to Cressy Beach, then left again (978-281-8865).

2 Massachusetts Bay Colony

Imbedded in the large stone before you, often called "Tablet Rock," is the commemorative plaque that marks the site and date of the founding of Gloucester as a Massachusetts Bay Colony by the Dorchester Company in 1623.

3 Trail High Point

Behind the monument rock, to your right, a short stairway leads to its peak. The trail's highest point offers spectacular views of the City and its harbor! Climb down using the steps to Half Moon Beach. At the top of the ramp leaving the beach, turn right. Note: stairs leading up and down from the trail high point are old and quite steep, presenting difficult footing in places. Bypass the Trail High Point and proceed directly to the next trail stop (#4) if you want to avoid the climb.

4 War Memorials

Here, commemorative plaques honor Gloucester's role in colonial wars as well as our own Revolution.

5 Stage Fort

These are the oldest defenses in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Cannons still line the protective walls of the Fort just as they did when protecting Gloucester from British intruders. The defenses were reactivated as Fort Conant during the Civil War. Leaving the Fort, turn right and walk along the Lucy Brown Davis waterfront walkway.

6 Elizabeth Smith Park

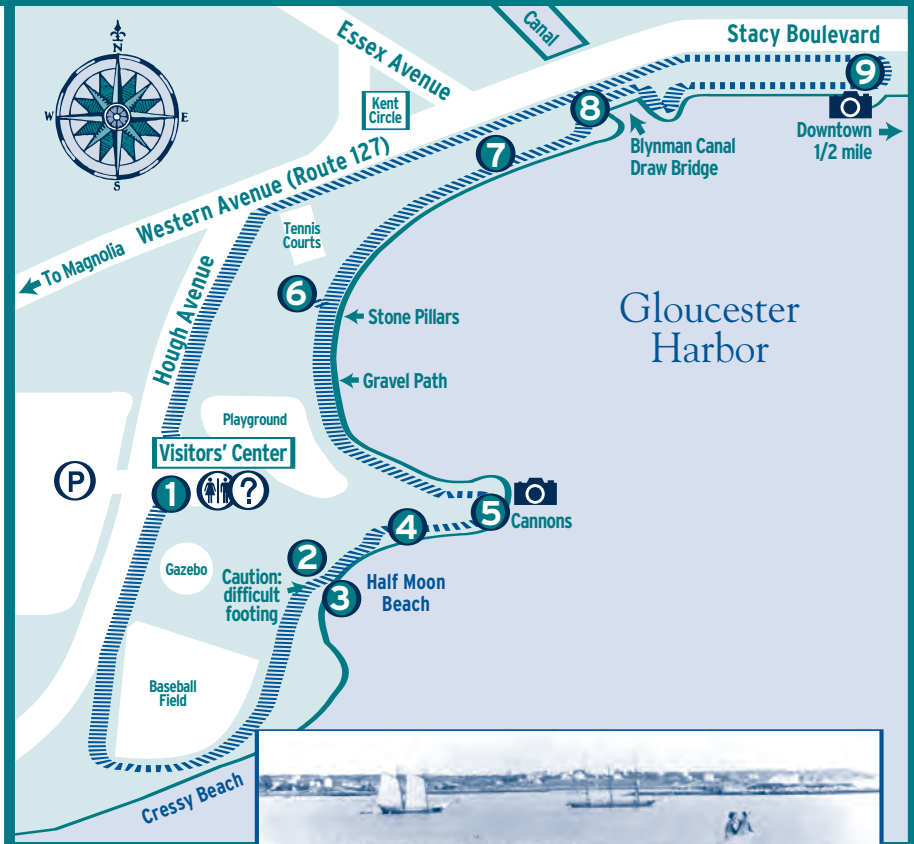
Just to the left of the pillars, rest in the carefully planted garden that circles a statue of Triton by Gloucester's famed sculptor, Walker Hancock. Leaving, continue on the waterfront walkway along Stacy Boulevard (Western Avenue).

7 Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Memorial

This monument is dedicated to the wives of fishermen and mariners everywhere. Commissioned by the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives, the monument was completed in 2001. The statue's creator is Morgan Faulds Pike, and rests on a base of Cape Ann Granite

8 Blynman Canal

First excavated in the 1640's, this waterway joins Massachusetts Bay and Ipswich Bay via the Annisquam River. The "cut bridge" over the canal is the busiest drawbridge on the East Coast. Boats of all types use the waterway daily.



Stage Fort Park, circa 1900.

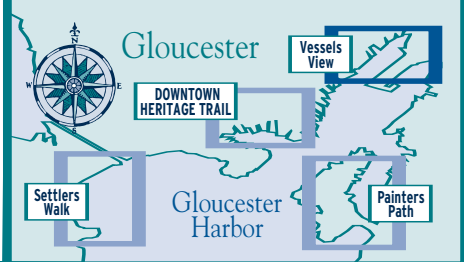
Cape Ann Historical Association

9 Fishermen's Memorial

This Leonard Craske sculpture is dedicated to the memory of all Gloucester fishermen: "They that go down to the sea in ships." Often called "The Man at the Wheel," the statue was made nationally famous in the MGM classic, "Captains Courageous." The Wall of Remembrance cenotaph was added in 2000.

Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

and The Harbor *Vessels View will take you into the soul of Gloucester's fishing heritage. You will see where and how fish are unloaded, a major processing plant for fish and the exquisite church where generations of fishermen and their families have worshipped. Start where the Downtown Heritage Trail ends and continue along Main Street toward Prospect Street.*



VESSELS VIEW

1 Main Street & Gorton's

This end of Main Street features restaurants, shops, and elegant old homes. You will also pass the headquarters of Gorton's, the world-famous manufacturer of frozen fish products. Turn left at Prospect Street.

2 Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

This beautiful and historic landmark is as striking inside as out. The famous carillon bells were installed in 1922 and can be heard in summer concerts. Our Lady plays a prominent role in T.S. Eliot's masterwork, "The Four Quartets." Return to Main Street via Prospect Street. Cross the intersection.

3 Fish Processing Plant

On your right you will see Gorton's main processing factory, a major place of employment for Gloucester workers.

4 Gloucester Marine Terminal & Home of the Schooner Adventure

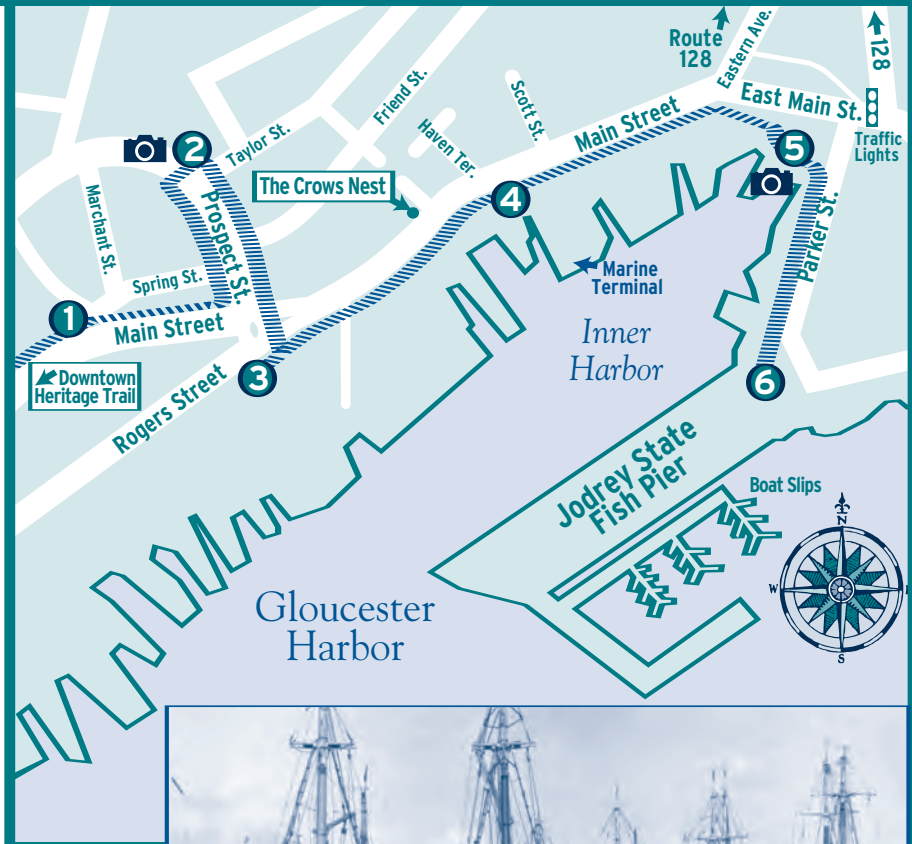
Docked at the Gloucester Marine Terminal pier is the "Adventure," a 1926, 121 foot fishing schooner open to the public. The "Adventure" is a National Historical Landmark. Renovations sometimes affect regular visiting hours. Call for schedule information (978-281-8079).

5 Gordon Thomas Park

This small, beautiful park at the head of the harbor offers unobstructed views of the fishing fleet. Turn right at Parker Street.

6 Jodrey State Fish Pier

This docking area for fishing boats covers almost eight acres! Here, surrounded by water and the rush of harbor life, a visitor is truly at the heart of Gloucester.



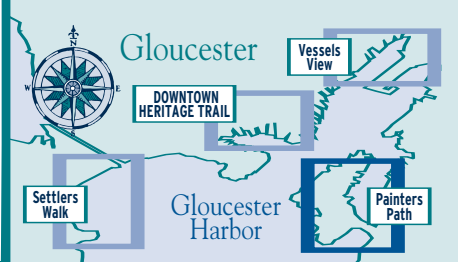
"Homeward Bound" under sail off Gloucester, circa 1920.



Fishing boats at rest in harbor, circa 1920.

East Gloucester and Rocky NECK

Walk in the footsteps of America's great artists! Fitz Henry Lane, Stuart Davis, Leonard Craske (sculptor of the Fisherman's Memorial), Winslow Homer, Childe Hassam, John Henry Twachtman, Maurice Prendergast, Edward Hopper and scores of others have painted in Gloucester. From the 1890's, many based themselves on Rocky Neck in East Gloucester. Today, working artists still thrive!



PAINTERS PATH

1 North Shore Arts Association

Founded in 1923, the Association exhibits paintings, sculpture and graphics in its two-story, barn-red structure. Maps listing the homes of many famous artists are available. Open seasonally seven days a week, free admission. From here, continue along East Main Street, with a view of Smith's Cove on the right, to Rocky Neck Avenue. www.northshoreartsassoc.org (978-283-1857 or 1-800-943-2255).

2 Gloucester Stage Company

Housed in a building formerly used for fishing activities, this playhouse is the scene of live theater on Cape Ann. Old and original works, many based on seaport life, are presented. The casts include both local volunteers and professional talent (978-281-4099). www.gloucesterstage.com

3 Rocky Neck Avenue

The only land access to Rocky Neck, this narrow, curving avenue will take you back in time. Enjoy the unique shops, and later views of the Cove as you dine at the water's edge.

4 Trefry Memorial Park

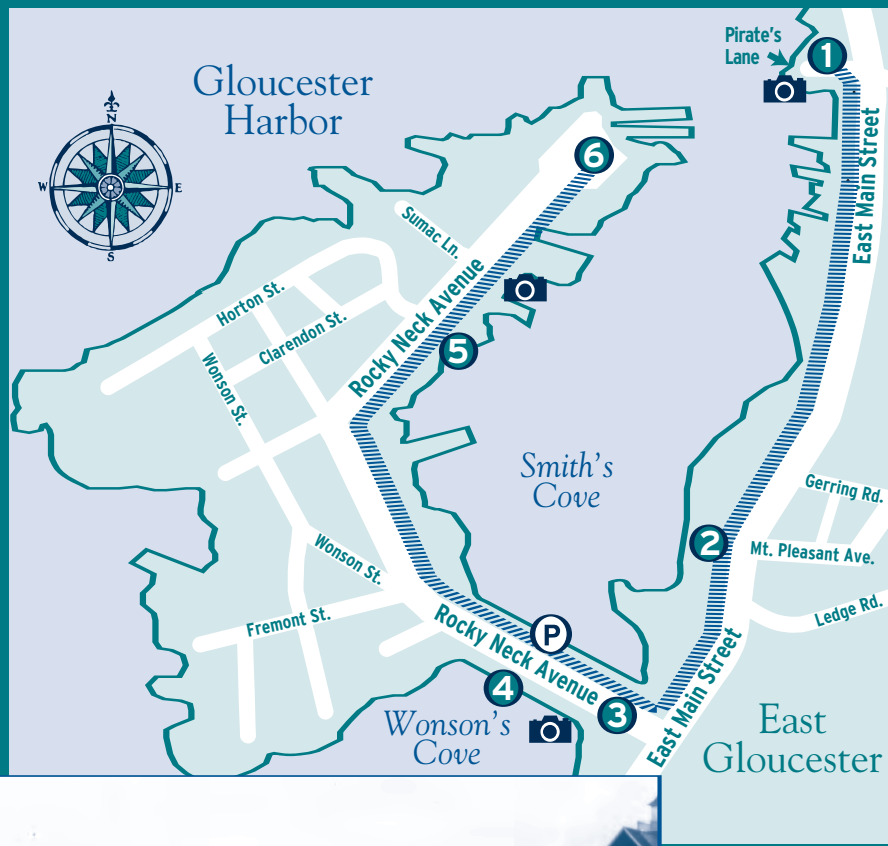
Look left, across the park, for a sweeping view of Wonson's Cove and Dog Bar Breakwater, the outer limit of Gloucester Harbor.

5 Rocky Neck Art Colony

The oldest continuously working art colony in America features active artists and their galleries. www.rockyneckartcolony.org

6 Gloucester Marine Railways

At the end of Rocky Neck Avenue, observe the East Gloucester Yard of the Gloucester Marine Railways. Here, fishing and pleasure boats are continually hauled out of the water for repair and fresh paint.



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The Arts Association, shortly after its founding in 1923.

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- Downtown Heritage Trail
- Settlers Walk
- Vessels View
- Painters Path



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Main Street, circa 1890.

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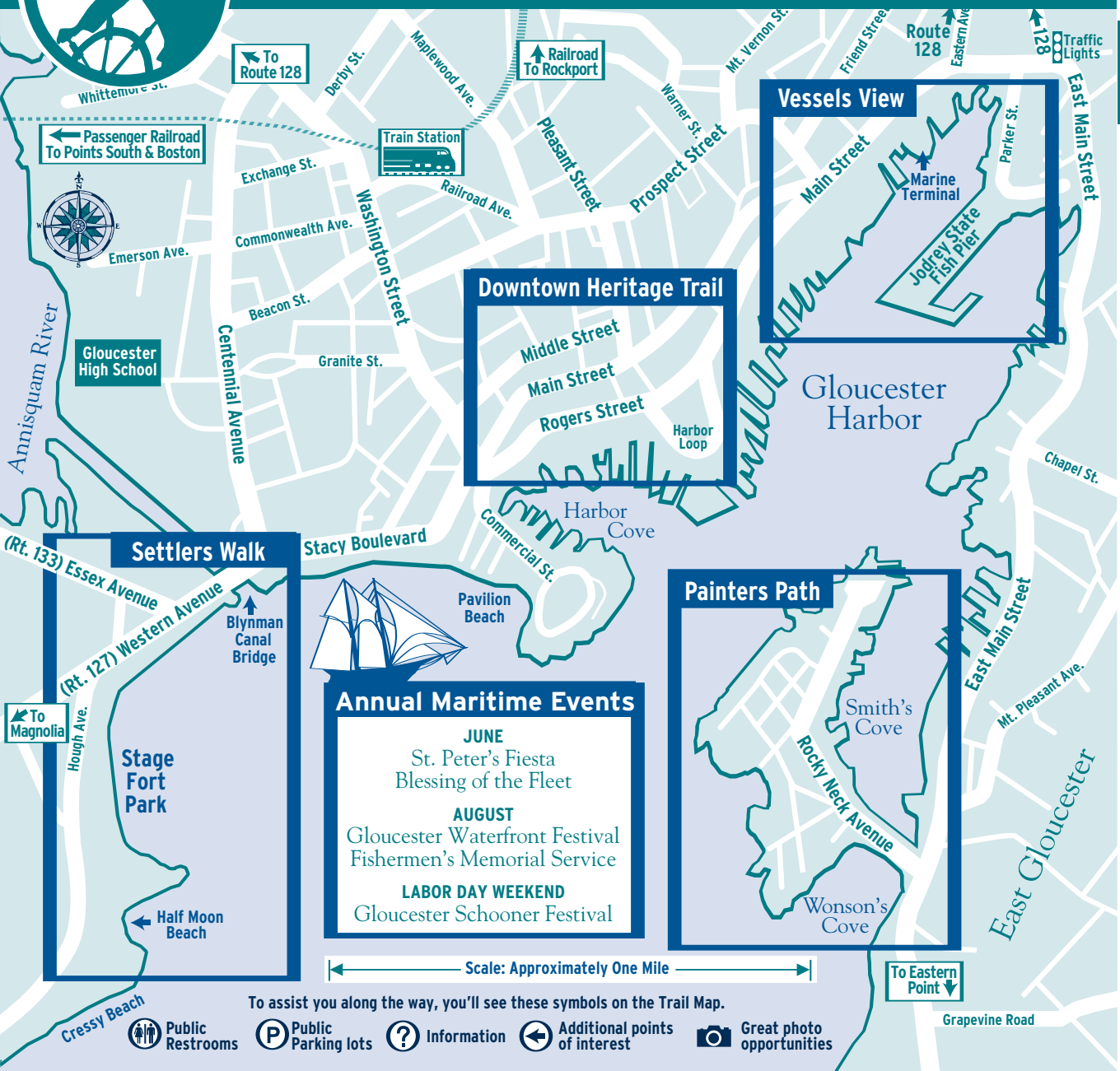
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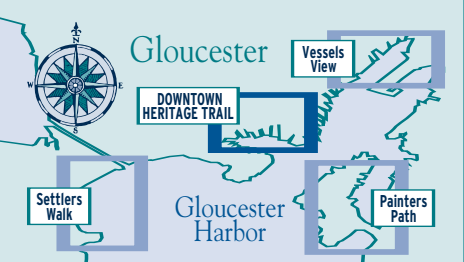
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Gloucester Harbor, circa 1890.



GLOUCESTER MARITIME TRAIL





Historic Central Gloucester

This walk will take you along the waterfront, past Gloucester City Hall and some of the City's oldest, most stately homes. It will lead you into the romance of history and back to the bustling present, all of this surrounded by shops, galleries and restaurants for browsing and resting along the way.

DOWNTOWN HERITAGE TRAIL

1 St. Peter Square

The Square is a town landing and the central site of the annual St. Peter's Fiesta, celebrated every June since 1927 to honor the patron saint of fishermen. The Chamber of Commerce, with an information center and public restrooms, is located next to the Square.

2 Gus Foote Park

This small public park leads to Seven Seas Wharf which is used by working fishing boats.

3 Harbor Cove

Walk through the fence gate to reach the docking area for lobster boats and a close view of the harbor.

4 Coast Guard Station

This is an active U.S. military base whose mission is to protect the coastal waters of New England. It is not open to the public.

5 Solomon Jacobs Park

This park is named for a famous Gloucester sea captain.

6 Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center

This center is dedicated to preserving Gloucester's maritime history. It features the oldest continuously operating marine railway in the country. 19th century mill building, workshop for building wooden boats, Stellwagen Bank fisheries exhibits and small aquarium. www.gloucestermaritimecenter.org

7 Fitz Henry Lane House

This imposing granite house belonged to Lane, the American painter whose seascapes are internationally famous. Outside see the Lane statue created by Al Duca and dedicated in 1997.

8 Cape Ann Historical Association

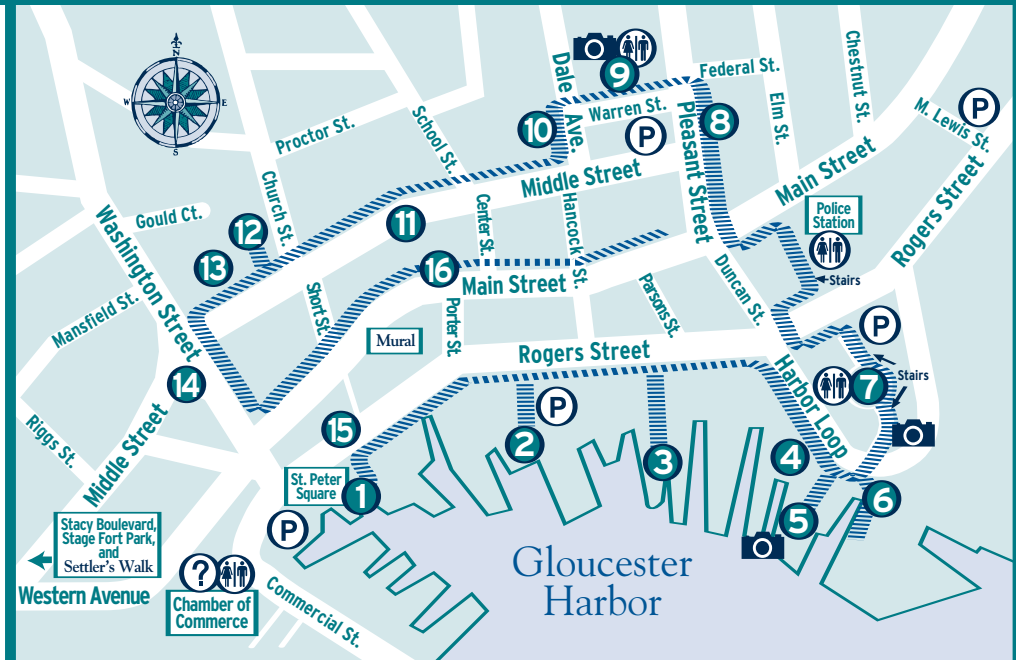
Based in the Captain Elias Davis House, the Association features an outstanding collection of art and artifacts from Gloucester's past. It is open Tuesday through Sunday (978-283-0455). www.capeannhistoricalmuseum.org

9 City Hall

This noble building dates from 1870. Murals in the main lobby and on the third floor commemorate Gloucester's leaders and her fishermen. View the list of names of Gloucestermen lost at sea made famous by the movie "The Perfect Storm".

10 Sawyer Free Library

The old library building dates from 1764, when it was one of the City's most prestigious homes. Today, the library is a center of the Lyceum revival movement, the lecture tradition of the last century that brought Thoreau, Emerson, Holmes and others to Gloucester (978-281-9763).



11 Middle Street

This area includes some of Gloucester's oldest and most stately homes, including the Sargent House Museum, open to the public, Friday through Monday (978-281-2432) www.sargenthouse.org

12 Unitarian Universalist Church

It is the first Universalist Church in America. The building dates from 1806 and is home to a Paul Revere bell.

13 St. John's Episcopal Church

This church located in the heart of the historical district features a number of stained glass windows with water and sea themes.

14 Joan of Arc Statue and American Legion Hall

Joan of Arc, sculpted by Anna Vaughn Hyatt Huntington, honors those lost in World War I. St. Joan faces the American Legion Hall, used as a town hall for a time in the 1800's.

15 St. Peter's Club

This local landmark is a social club for many fishermen. A statue of St. Peter appears in a building window and the club is a center of activity during the annual Fiesta.

16 West End and Main Street

Finish the Downtown Heritage Trail by visiting the galleries, book stores, restaurants and shops of picturesque Main Street. Also note the mural featuring Gloucester feminist Judith Sargent Murray (1751-1820), surrounded by Gloucester citizens, past and present.