



Scenic Routes and Overlooks



At Cape Cod National Seashore opportunities for inspiration, reflection and renewal abound. Use this guide, in conjunction with the park map to discover the drama of the ocean surf or the subtle beauty of cultural landscape. Allow 15 to 30 minutes at each site to take in the view or walk to a scenic overlook. The “Self-Guiding Nature Trails” folder provides additional information for some locations.

Eastham

Fort Hill Area - off Route 6. Open fields, views of Nauset Marsh, historic Penniman House (occasional scheduled tours and open houses). Limited parking. Seasonal restrooms. Access to Red Maple Swamp Trail.

Coast Guard and Nauset Light beaches, Nauset and Three Sisters Lighthouses - off Route 6 at the traffic light at Nauset Road at the Salt Pond Visitor Center. Ocean View Drive in Eastham affords ocean and marsh views, and an opportunity to see historic lighthouses. Seasonal restrooms at beaches. Seasonal beach fee may apply.

Wellfleet

Marconi Station Site - off Route 6, at the traffic light at Marconi Station area. High sand cliffs above the ocean and the history of Marconi and his wireless radio station. Interpretive exhibit. Overlook platform. Seasonal restrooms. Access to White Cedar Swamp Trail.

Atwood Higgins House - inquire at visitor centers for directions. 18th-century Cape house (occasional scheduled tours and open houses) accessed from true "back roads" to Bound Brook Island. **Caution:** Circuitous, narrow roads. Limited parking.

Truro

Highland Lighthouse (Cape Cod Light) and Highland House - off Route 6, at the North Highland Road exit, North Truro. The oldest lighthouse on Cape Cod and adjacent museum (open seasonally, fees). Overlook platform. Seasonal restrooms.

Pilgrim Heights - look for National Park Service sign off Route 6, North Truro. Viewpoint overlooks kettle hole with distant views of the sand dunes of the Province Lands. Access to Pilgrim Heights Trail. Picnic area. Seasonal restrooms.

Provincetown

Race Point Road - off Route 6 at Race Point Road traffic light. Scenic 2 mile road through beech and oak forest and the Province Lands dunes. Connects Race Point Beach to Province Lands Road. Herring Cove Beach loop (additional two miles). Access to Beech Forest Trail, Province Lands Bicycle Trail and Province Lands Visitor Center (seasonal).

Old Harbor Life-Saving Station - at Race Point Beach, off Race Point Road. Historic structure at Race Point Beach (occasional scheduled open houses) with dune and ocean views. Seasonal beach fee may apply.

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Province Lands Visitor Center
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