

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

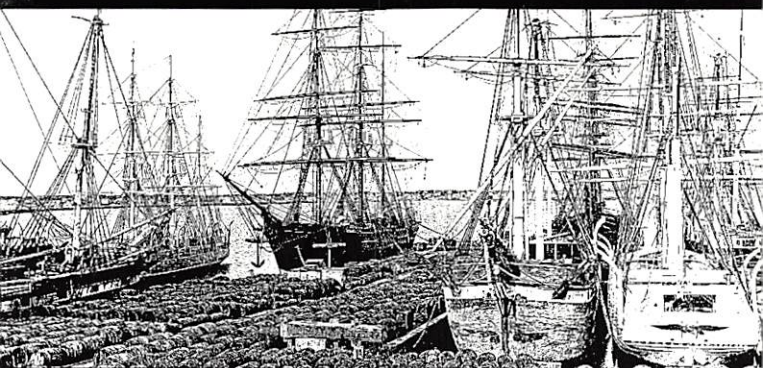


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Schooner Ernestina

Experience America's maritime traditions at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. Return to the days when wooden ships sailed out of New Bedford, the whaling capital of the world. Visit today's bustling seaport, home of one of America's major fishing and scalloping fleets.

JOHN ROBSON



New Bedford Whaling Museum

Tour historic buildings, gardens, and museums. Attend cultural events and festivals. Walk cobblestone-lined streets in the Waterfront Historic District.

ROTC-JONES-DUFF HOUSE



Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum

Discover the stories of whaling merchants and maritime workers and the days of Herman Melville and *Moby Dick*.

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Seamen's Bethel

See how a community safeguards its cultural heritage by preserving, and using, marine storehouses, shops, and other buildings dating back to the 19th and early 20th centuries when New Bedford whalers explored the seas around the world.

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Partners in the Park

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by the U.S. Congress in 1996 to preserve and interpret America's 19th century whaling and maritime history.

The park consists of the 13-block Waterfront Historic District, including the New Bedford Whaling Museum, which holds one of the nation's premier American whaling and maritime collections, and the Seamen's Bethel, immortalized as the Whalemens' Chapel in Melville's *Moby Dick*.

The park also includes the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum on nearby County Street and several sites on the New Bedford waterfront, including the Schooner *Ernestina*, the Bourne Counting House, and the Wharfinger Building.

At New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, individuals and groups continue to own and operate their properties. The National Park Service works in partnership with the City of New Bedford and many other partners in the city to preserve and interpret these nationally significant resources.



Visitor Center

Tour Information

Obtain a map and guide to the many features of the historical park at the Park Visitor Center at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. Most sites are within walking distance of the visitor center, which is open every day except Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1.

The visitor center also provides information about other sites, facilities, and activities in the community. For additional information, write to New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, or call 508-996-4095. You may also visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/nebe.

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