

## ***SOME THOUGHTS ON WHAT TO DO AND WHERE TO GO ON THE ISLAND***

**GROCERIES:** Of the two large grocery stores on the island, Stop and Shop and A&P, Stop and Shop seems more convenient to 27 Pine. (The A&P is in-town near the Hyline ferry wharf) The prices seem similar at both. The best time to go to avoid crowds is early in the morning and, if possible, on weekdays (avoid Saturday evening--eat out and shop Sunday AM).

To get to S&S: walk or drive on Pine away from Town (to the right, of course, it's a one way street) following Pine around as it bends to Pleasant Street; then take a left on Pleasant, follow Pleasant straight through the stop sign intersection, passing-on your right-Fahey & Fromagerie (See Pizza), the athletic fields, and Glidden's Seafood (See Seafood) then immediately thereafter, on your right is the parking lot for S&S. (Guestimated distance from 27 Pine: ¾ mile)

**RESTAURANTS:** [ see Restaurant Guide-at 27 Pine- for selection/menu's/prices]

There are dozens of choices within easy walking distance, especially during the summer months, from informal fare: burgers, chicken and beer (Atlantic Café on South Water Street), to the middle-of-the-road fare: Even Keel on Main Street, (look in paper for their "Two For One" nights), to the upscale, like the Ship's Inn, around the corner from us at 13 Fair Street. (It's great fun, if you have a car, to travel out to 'Sconset to the Summer House or to the even more upscale Chanticleer-reservations -7 miles). For more nighttime "action" try The Brotherhood on Broad Street (often lines waiting outside, which makes it more appealing-- to some) or the Cambridge Café on Cambridge Street.

**BAKERY/ COFFEE / PAPER:** A great way to start any day off (the sun rises in Nantucket at 5:15 AM in the summer), is a very pleasant 5 minute walk to The Nantucket Bake Shop at 79 Orange. Out the door, walk to the right, staying on Pine to Silver Street (past Jefferson), then take a left following Silver up to Orange, where you take a right, with the bakery on your right two or so blocks down. Bread, doughnuts, cookies, pastries, the NYT, the Boston Globe and coffee. You're back home before anyone else is up.

**BEER/WINE/SPIRITS:** Two doors down from The Stop and Shop, in the same complex, (stock up on the same provisioning trip) is a liquor store with a fair variety of wine, beer and spirits. Also, on Main Street in town, two doors down from The Hub, is Murray's Beverages, which has a similar selection. Liquor stores are closed on Sunday.

**NEWSPAPERS:** The Hub, on Main Street, gets local (The "Inky"), regional (The Boston Globe) and international papers (NYT, WSJ) usually by mid morning from the airport.

**DRUGSTORES:** There are two on Main Street, Congdon's and the Nantucket Pharmacy, almost next door to each other (interesting retailing concept) and within very easy walking distance from 27 Pine.

**PIZZA:** Pizza is the only fast food on the island and a great way to let Mom's have a break. There are half a dozen alternatives; just look in the Yellow pages of the Nantucket Directory. After trying and comparing (price and quality) most, we've found The Fahey & Fromagerie (also, called "Pi's Pizza") has reasonable (for the island) prices and it's nearby—just walk or drive up the street-- to pick it up (they don't deliver, whereas some others will). Admittedly, they can be vague when it comes to estimating "prep time" and have been known to forget an order—but be patient, just hanging around looking at wines and cheeses while you wait can be "part of the island experience". (Also, you can order it uncooked and put it in the oven at home). Fahey is closed on Sundays.

**BICYCLE RENTAL:** A great way to see the island and get some exercise. Drivers are used to and will yield to bicyclists and are extraordinarily patient (As one bumper sticker reminds us: "Your already on Nantucket, what's your hurry?"). Although there are numerous choices, the prices and bike choices seem fairly consistent, so go with whomever appeals to you. Young's and the Nantucket Bike Shop are both just off the Steamship wharf (next door to each other) on Broad Street. Our preference, because it's quieter and less carnival-like, is Cook's, two short blocks away from town, on the left, at 6 South Beach Street. The bike shops have great maps, will tell you the rules of the road, provide helmets, baskets, and bike locks, if desired, and are usually understanding and flexible as to your particular needs and circumstances.

NRTA: An underused asset by visitors and residents alike, these public buses (with NRTA on then exterior) are a great way to get around the island without the hassle and expense of a car (you can even put your bike on board-2 maximum). Use the buses especially to get to Jetties or Surfside Beaches. They all leave from the same spot in town at Washington and Salem Streets every half hour to 40 minutes; cost \$2 each way for Surfside and a \$1 for Jettie's (exact fare preferred; children under 6 free). A great sightseeing trip is the 'Sconset route (via Polpis Road); get off enjoy the village of Sconset, then return via the same bus (\$4 total).

BEACHES: From our point of view, if you can't find a beach you like, head to Hawaii, because there are so many great beaches on this island. Try a new one every day for a week. Our favorite is Miacomet Beach, which is reached by a long sandy path, abuts a beautiful, fresh water pond while the beach has broad stretches of dunes, sand and water. By all means, get a map of the island out and explore. Don't forget that we have beach chairs for your use. Also, charcoal/gas grills are allowed on the beach, just get a simple \$1 permit at the Fire Department. (We're not experienced at driving four wheelers on the beach so check with the Police Department for permits and other requirements and how to's, i.e., letting air out of tires, etc.).

SIGHTSEEING: Museums/Tours: Great for a rainy day, there are over a dozen on the island; a must is the Whaling Museum at 13 Broad Street or our favorite is the Life Saving Museum on Polpis Road.

Walking / On Your Own: Early morning, especially on weekends, it's quiet; go a different direction each day; get lost, it's a small island, you'll find your way back home.

MOVIE THEATRES: Two, in town, check the papers for listings: The Gaslight on Union Street (508-228-4435) and the Dreamland on Water Street (508-228-5356)

"THE ACTION": Ask a young person, not us, but we hear you may want to check out The Muse and/or The Chickenbox

FISHING / SAILING: We're not very familiar with charters, etc. so attached are some phone numbers.

GOLF / TENNIS: There are two public courses on the island, Miacomet (9 holes, soon to be 18) and 'Sconset (9 holes). Miacomet is said to be the nicer of the two and also has a driving range. As for tennis, by far the most fun, open to the public for a fee, are the red clay courts in 'Sconset (call first for times and fees). Also, there are public courts at the Jettie's.

SEAFOOD: Glidden's on the way to the Stop and Shop, on the right, is the most convenient although they don't get high marks for friendliness, so, in the interest of competition, try others, like Souza's, Sayle's and Straight Wharf (the last two are in town).

SHOPPING: Clothes, galleries, bookstores, local artisans, antiques, coffee shops, kite shops, sporting goods, it's all in town. Enjoy it; the islanders love your business.

YOUR CAR /RENTAL CARS: Traffic in the summer on Nantucket is "challenging". If there is a silver lining, it is that being in town is far better than renting outside of town and coming in every day, as we used to do (and dreaded it). From Pine, you can walk or bike anywhere, you have your own reserved parking spaces, Pine Street is one-way out of town and, therefore, quieter than most streets, and, finally, you can get out of town (and back in) without going through the heart of town (because we're on its outskirts). How's that for a sales pitch!

Rental cars are not a bad deal, provided you are selective, book early, and consider returning the car on days when you don't need it. We used to get a rental for the first few days, stock up on groceries, etc., scout out beaches we preferred, then return the car and walk, use the NRTA, use bikes and, generally, feel relieved by not having the burden.

Affordable Car Rental; 508-228-3501 Near the wharf

Nantucket Car Rental: 508-228-7474 Near the wharf

Budget Rental: 508-228-5666—At Airport

Hertz Rental: 508-228-9421—At Airport

Thrifty Rental: 508-325-4616-At Airport