



On the new Bicycle Walk to the Coast Guard Station  
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## Seashore plans boardwalk

The National Seashore is planning to build a 1000-foot boardwalk loop off the Race Point Visitors' Center.

The rambling boardwalk, raised slightly off the ground, would lead visitors by nine different exhibits, planned to reflect aspects of Provincetown's heritage. Exhibits would include depictions of a dory, otter trawl, lobster pot, whaling, shellfishing and salt works.

At the far end of the loop, about 400 feet from the visitors' center will stand a six-sided interpretive shelter displaying transparencies of 15 Provincetown paintings, back-lighted by the sun. The transparencies are now being made from Provincetown paintings temporarily housed in the Everson Museum in Syracuse.

The project was originally scheduled to begin this fall and finish by next summer.

However, recent financial strains pushed the project back a full year.

The Seashore is also developing plans for more extensive bicycle trails throughout the Province Lands.

Glen Kaye, Seashore naturalist, said Tuesday the Race Point center has not adequately served its 300,000 visitors annually. "There are more stories to tell them, and the boardwalk is one way to do that," he said.

The urban visitor, often reluctant to explore new territory should be attracted to a relaxed, convenient and educational mini-excursion on the boardwalk.

The boardwalk will have ramps, not stairs, to accommodate the handicapped. The floorboards, of either Douglas fir or southern pine, will be stained with creosote bleaching oil.

RACE POINT. A seven-member Race Point Station Study Committee has been appointed by the Provincetown selectmen to suggest possible uses for the Race Point Coast Guard station, which will be abandoned when the new Coast Guard station is built in the West End.

Study will focus on government-funded projects for which Race Point is well-suited. The committee will look into establishment of a Cape tip weather station and a base for research on windmills as a source of energy, among many other possible uses of the station and its environs.

Committee members who will meet with Coast Guard officials next week point their study in the direction of uses which would have practical effects of creating jobs and of bringing favorable attention to the town.

A written report will be submitted to the selectmen for submission to the April, 1977 Town Meeting. Provincetown residents and voters are encouraged to share ideas and information with the newly-appointed committee. Visitors to meetings are welcome. Contact any member for details of the next meeting to be held Oct. 2.

Members of the committee are Barbara Rossmore, chairman, Peter Campbell, Grace Collinson, Glen Hayden, Paul Koch, Elizabeth Foss-Mayo and Mark Summer.