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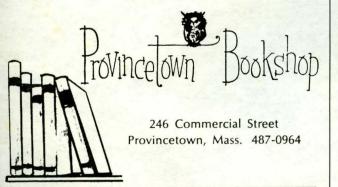
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an introduction to province town

Provincetown is a very special place. Special in many different ways for many different people. It perches at the very tip of Cape Cod jutting far into the Atlantic.

The Town has two narrow parallel main streets approximately three miles in length. A series of cross streets start at the harbor edge and run back toward the dunes. Commercial Street is along the water... Bradford Street runs parallel, one block back.

The homes, many dating to the 1700's and early 1800's were clustered close together by their fishermen builders. Many front on the harbor...none is more than a short walk away.

The Town, as you can see from our cover photo, is ringed by miles and miles of dunes and open surf. Within the National Seashore in Provincetown there are, in fact, more than 30 miles of beach. There are no homes or motels on the Ocean beaches...except the few remaining beach shacks still allowed by the National Seashore.

The dunes and beaches are much as they were when the Pilgrims first landed here in 1620. The miles of paved bicycle and walking trails in the National Seashore take you so far from today's world that it's easy to imagine coming upon your Pilgrim forefathers just around the next dune.

But the only thing you're apt to see, particularly in the early spring, and during the fall and winter months, is a lone seagull silhouetted against the sky...a tuft of dune grass...some wild beach roses, bayberry, or beach plum. There is a feeling of peace and contentment possible only in this natural surrounding.

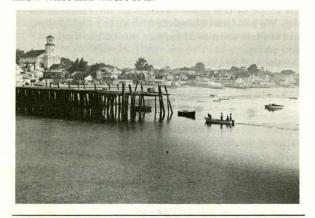
Yes, Provincetown is a very special place. Artists love the brilliant light reflected from the surrounding ocean. City dwellers revel in the crisp totally clean air, so rare today. Swimmers enjoy the variety of protected beaches...the miles of surf and sand...as do fishermen.

And there's lots to do. Museums, historic sites and galleries to visit...countless shops featuring every possible kind of merchandise...fine craft work, flot-sam from the sea...sophisticated antiques...resort-wear...fine leather...gifts of every description.

And the restaurants. An endless variety of seafood: fish, lobsters, clams. Fine steaks and roast beef. French, Greek, Chinese, Italian...and perhaps most interesting, Portuguese. For the Portuguese settled here in large numbers because of the excellent fishing...their descendants still cook numerous interesting Portuguese specialities.

And the people. At least two of everything. Tall.

Short. Fat. Slim. Dressy. Simple. Gay. Straight. Families. Singles. Old. Young. The cosmopolitan mix is part of the fascination of the town...part of the reason that even in remote corners of the world one has only to say "Provincetown" and people know what and where it is.



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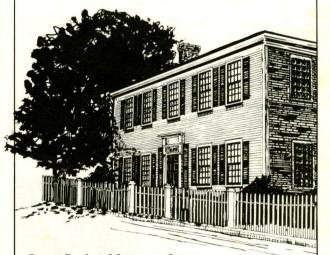
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it's hard to find time, there's so much to do

There is such variety in the town that it is beyond the scope of this guide to detail all the varied activities. We will limit ourselves here to the high points, and suggest sources of further information once you arrive.

Oceans and dunes

First of course there are the ocean...and the dunes. For they are Provincetown. There is a beach stretching along the harbor the entire three mile length of the town. The water can be waist deep at the sea walls at high tide...or a hundred yards away exposing beautiful sandy flats at low tide. For those unfamiliar with the ocean, high tides occur twice every 25 hours...approximately twelve and one half hours apart...so the high tide is an hour later each succeeding day.

The nearby National Seashore provides two lifeguarded beaches, both with parking and bath houses (fee \$1.00 per day, per car): Herring Cove Beach and Race Point Beach. Herring Cove has small waves; Race Point, long rolling breakers. Life Guards are on duty, and bath houses open daily 9 AM to 8 PM from mid-June to early September. Walking along either of these beaches you will soon come to miles of open beach...glorious spots to be by yourself with the sun and surf.

Riding and walking the dunes

Then there are the unspoiled dunes; comprising more than two-thirds of the Provincetown area. Leaving your car at the Dune Parking Lot of the National Seashore you can walk miles across empty dunes to the ocean. Or you can take an hour-long beach buggy tour from the town through the heart of the dunes...particularly beautiful late in the day because of the long shadows and orange-yellow light.

Bike and horseback trails

Two other exciting ways to see the dunes are by bike or horseback. The National Seashore has opened about eight miles of paved bicycle trails through the dunes. The exhilaration of riding through this wilderness is much like skiing. The views of trees, scrub pine and flowers will always be remembered. There are a number of bicycle rental shops in Provincetown. Several are listed in the directory at the end of this brochure. You can also hire a horse and ride with a group along marked bridle trails through the heart of the dunes and along the open beach. Stables are also listed in the directory.

Self-guided nature trails

There are spectacularly beautiful self-guided nature trails in the National Seashore-two at Pilgrim Heights and one in the Provincelands. Small's Swamp Trail provides interpretative signs telling about the highlights visible. The Pilgrim Spring Trail leads to a spring where the Pilgrims are thought to have found their first fresh water. The Beech Forest trail starts near Route 6 and runs through the forest. A free trail guide leaflet is available at the beginning of the trail. A more detailed guide-booklet may be purchased (25¢) at the Visitor Center. We suggest the Visitor Center located on the road to Race Point Beach, as your first stop when entering the Provincelands. There are printed guides to the bicycle and walking trails available, along with interesting exhibits. From the second level observation deck you can look out across the entire dune and beach area. The Visitor Center also sponsors numerous activities: guided nature walks...sunset bonfires...bird study groups...lectures, films and other activities at their outside amphitheater. Full information is available from the National Seashore.

inside provincetown

The town itself offers a wide variety of activities. And you don't need a car to get around. You can walk from one end to the other in less than an hour if you can resist all the interesting shops... or across town at its widest point in less than five minutes.

This is an old town. The Pilgrims landed here before going to Plymouth. We celebrated our tricentennial just a few years ago! There are a number of historic sites, old homes and museums to visit, described in more detail elsewhere.

Artists and writers have always loved the town for its brilliant light (reflected from the ocean and sand on all sides), its crystal clear air, and its encouragement of creativity. Provincetown has been celebrated in many books and poems. There are art galleries and special shows all summer.

A walk through town

One of the joys of a visit to Provincetown is an unhurried walk through our narrow winding streets. Starting on Commercial Street at the East End you go through a quiet residential area with a scattering of guest houses, an occasional restaurant. Many of the homes are very old...here and there you'll spot a historical placque. The Historical Society's Walking Tour Guides (25¢ at the Chamber of Commerce, or at many shops) tell you what to look for. Around Kiley Court the tempo picks up and there are dozens of well-kept attractive shops, quaint mews and alleys, galleries, movies, summer theaters. The commercial area extends to Winthrop Street. Beyond is the quiet West End, very like the East End, with private homes and a scattering of hotels, motels



PILGRIM MONUMENT

The PILGRIM MONUMENT, the 255-foot granite shaft which dominates the entire Cape End landscape, is Provincetown's and America's greatest memorial to the Pilgrims. President Theodore Roosevelt laid the corner stone in 1907 and President William Howard Taft presided at the dedication ceremonies on August 5, 1910.

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or Call Any Airline or Travel Agent and restaurants. Fortunately, Provincetown carefully zoned itself many years ago so you will find no enormous high-rise hotels—in fact, very few new commercial buildings. Many buildings have been lovingly remodeled by their owners. The gardens are alive with color, roses, marigolds, zinnias, larkspur...old fashioned flowers predominate. Because warm ocean water surrounds the town, the growing season is a long one. Starting in mid-March snowdrops, crocus and scilla abound. Then come tulips, daffodils and jonquils...forsythia and lilacs. There is seldom a frost before Thanksgiving and it is not unusual to pick roses in early December.

No walk through town is complete without visiting MacMillan Wharf where our fishing industry is in full swing. Colorful fishing boats...numerous charter boats...men mending their nets...lobster pots. Be sure to bring your camera.

As you walk through town you'll doubtless meet our Town Crier in his traditional garb. He'll be glad to stop for a picture with you and your children. Remember one thing while taking pictures: the light here is even brighter than you realize—like that on a Caribbean Island—so watch your exposure carefully.

In the center of town (between Ryder and Gosnold Streets) you'll see Town Hall. Even if you're not tired, sit for a few minutes on the benches in front of the building. You'll enjoy looking at us as much as we get a kick out of looking at you!

It's the variety of residents and visitors that helps make Provincetown what it is. Artists, writers,



fishermen...those who are conservatively dressed... others in riotous colors. One of the very happy things about our town is its informality. Even in our restaurants, while short shorts and bare feet are inappropriate, comfortably casual clothes are the style.

Incidentally...don't buy lots of clothes before you come because you won't have room for the great wearables and giveables you'll want to buy at the many shops.

Dining

There is so much choice that you could stay a month without repeating. Even in the winter there is a good choice of restaurants in a wide price range. There is glorious variety. Seafood is, of course, the king. Steamers, oysters, mussels, bluefish, tuna, swordfish and lobster, lobster, lobster. Also fine steaks and roast beef. Great lamb chops and pork chops. North Italian, South Italian, French, Spanish, Chinese, Syrian, and Portuguese. Be sure to try Provincetown Portuguese Soup which has as many variations as there are chefs. Basically the ingredients are Kale, Linguica and Chourico—pronounced choreese—(the hot and mild Portuguese sausages). Try Portuguese (galvanized) Pork Chops or fish (only if you—and your companion—like garlic).

For night people The temptations of Provincetown are legion. You want to be up early to take advantage of the sea and the sun...yet you want to stay up late to visit a cabaret, dance at a discotheque, enjoy a night club, or have a quiet drink in an atmospheric bar with a mate, lover or friend. There are three movie theaters...the famous Provincetown Playhouse... several cabarets. A number of nightclubs featuring a wide range of entertainment. Places to dance... to see and be seen...to take a friend or meet a new one. There are straight, mixed and gay spots. Quiet, nostalgic, or swinging spots. Poetry readings, lectures, musicals. Whatever your persuasion you'll find an evening of fun, usually within an easy walk. What about the kids?

There is a great deal to entertain youngsters of all ages in Provincetown. The beach and the dunes. The bicycle trails. The varied National Seashore activities. A tour of the harbor. A day on a chartered fishing boat. A visit to a number of museums. A climb to the top of the Pilgrim Monument. Movies. A cabaret serving fruit juices rather than liquor. Sailing, swimming and tennis lessons. Horseback riding. Painting and craft lessons. A day camp. A picnic area in the Beech Forest off Route 6. A playground (corner Bradford and Howland Streets). "Kartland" on Shankpainter Road. There is an extensive summer program at the Community Center, 44 Bradford St. Call 487-0157 for details. And if you want to play, while they sleep, local babysitters are available. Of particular interest is the service run by the Council for the Aging (phone 487-9906).

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Sport fishing

Saltwater fish abound in Provincetown waters... from butterfish to giant tuna. You can catch them from beach or boat, in-shore or off-shore. The 200 to 900 pound tuna arrive in late June and are taken until October. These "Horse Mackerel" can give you the fight of your life. Charter boats, including captain, crew and equipment are available. Smaller fish, like mackerel, pollock, hake, flounder, butterfish and snapper blues can be caught with an inexpensive hand line or with light tackle from the town pier or West End breakwater.

Deep sea party fishing boats leave twice a day (8 AM and 2 PM—under \$10. a person) from Mac-Millan Wharf from May to October. You can catch your own cod, pollock and haddock—what could taste better? Equipment is supplied—they'll even bait your hook for you! (Note: be sure to bring warm clothing, even in summer, in case a wind

comes up.)

Striped bass, known locally as stripers, are taken (May to October) in the surf, or from small boats along the outer beaches—Wood End, Herring Cove and Race Point. These in-shore feeding fish can weigh 50 pounds or more. They can also be taken in the harbor in June. Bluefish can be caught from boats or the beaches from April to October. Recommended baits and lures for both stripers and blues include sand eels, popping plugs, and hoochy trolls. Boats may be rented in town or you can launch your own at various town landings. Surf casting and other types of rigs can also be rented in town.

Plenty of local fishing advice is available. Some time-proven hints: "Fish half an hour before and after flood tide"... "at dawn and dusk"... "just before, during and after the full moon"... "during a Southeast storm"... "before the arrival of a Northeast front"... and finally, of course, "be there ten minutes before they're biting". So, equipped with these price-

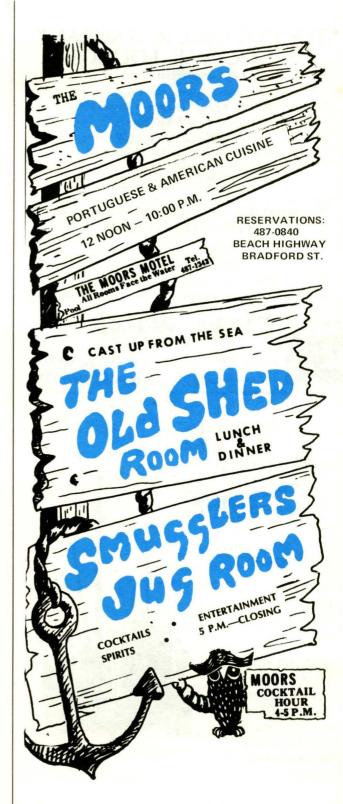
less hints...good catching!

Whale watching

The Right Whale migrates into the waters surrounding Provincetown from mid-April until about the third week in June. Boats leave MacMillan Wharf two or three times a day (\$5 per person) on special whale watching trips (see directory). The Finback Whale is native to Provincetown waters year-round. Golf and tennis

Tennis and golf are year-round sports on the Cape tip because there is so little snow. Provincetown has two groups of tennis courts, one in the East End, the other in the West End (see directory). There are all-weather Courts, professional instruction, and classes for adults and children. The Provincetown Tennis Club, available for non-members, sponsors several tournaments in July and August.

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Cape Cod is a firm curved arm of land extending some 25 miles out from the U.S. Mainland into the Atlantic. It was created by glacial action during the Ice Age a millennium ago, but winds and currents are still shaping its beaches and dunes.

Provincetown, at the extreme tip of Cape Cod, had as its first summer visitors Indians from tribes of the Wampanoag Federation. They (Nausets, Suconessets, Shaumes, and Manamets) visited the Cape tip to hunt and fish, returning to their more permanent settlements further up the Cape when summer waned.

Provincetown's very long recorded maritime tradition began in 1004 A.D. when Vikings visited Cape Cod. Thorvald, a brother of Lief Ericksen, came ashore near Provincetown's Race Point to repair the keel of his boat. He named the spot "Kjalarness" or "Cape of the Keel".

In 1602 Bartholomew Gosnold named the area "Shoal Cape" but later, as he said, being "pestered" by codfish of which they took "great store", he gave the land its present name, "Cape Cod".

The first landing place of the Pilgrims
Provincetown's most famous early visitors were
the Pilgrims. After a perilous 63-day voyage, the
small ship Mayflower, with her 101 passengers,
dropped anchor in Provincetown Harbor on November 21, 1620 (New Calendar). Being a practical people,
the Pilgrims came ashore after their long voyage—on a
Monday—and inaugurated a lasting New England
tradition—"Monday Washday".



First landing place

The Pilgrims first set foot in the New World at the extreme west end of what is now Commercial Street. This historic event is commemorated at the spot by a bronze plaque set into a boulder.

Having achieved their landfall after a long and frightening voyage, and having come to establish a new way of life based upon self-determination and strong religious convictions, the Pilgrims assembled in the cabin of the Mayflower and drew up a document known as the Mayflower Compact. This affirmation of their belief in law and self-government is considered to be the root of democractic government in America and is the ancestor of our Constitution.

Signing of the Mayflower Compact

A bas-relief located on Bradford Street, directly behind Town Hall, depicts the signing of the "first American Act in our History". It was the beginning of democratic government and a first step toward the Declaration of Independence signed 156 years later.

During the five weeks spent in Provincetown the Pilgrims explored the surrounding coast for a suitable place to establish a permanent settlement. With winter setting in and sickness developing, they finally sailed in the Mayflower to the less-exposed Plymouth Bay on the mainland.

The Pilgrim Monument

To commemorate the first landing of the Pilgrims, the tallest granite structure in the United States-The Pilgrim Monument-was built. Dedicated in 1910, this 255-foot tower dominates the town and is a landmark for fishermen, sailors, and tourists alike. Open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM, and in the summer till 9 PM, it is worth climbing the easy ramps. From the top you can see the entire Cape, look across the bay to Plymouth, and even, on clear days, see Boston's tallest buildings. An unusual and interesting museum filled with a variety of artifacts pertinent to Provincetown history, including memorabilia of Admiral MacMillan, famous for his exploration of the Arctic, is located at the entrance to the Monument. Admission to the museum and monument: Adults-75¢, Children-25¢.

Settlement

During the 1600's and early 1700's Provincetown and the outer Cape were settled by men pursuing mackerel and cod. Enough English settlers had arrived by 1727 to incorporate Provincetown as a Town.



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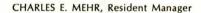
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The Oldest House

Located at 72 Commercial Street, the Oldest House is open to the public June through October: 10 AM to 5 PM daily. Admission: Adults—\$1.00, Children—25¢. The Oldest House is an excellent example of an authentic "Full Cape". Built about 1746 by a ship's carpenter, many of the nine charming antique-filled rooms resemble the cabins of old ships because of the slanting doors, the pegged handhewn oak beams, and the random width floorboards.

Prior to 1760, inshore fishing and beach whaling made up the activities of the Town. By 1760 deep water fishing and whaling were coming of age in the New England ports, and Provincetown is reported to have been home port for about a dozen whalers and a cod fishing fleet which worked the Labrador coast.

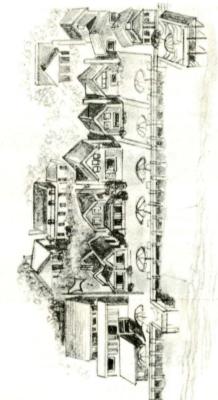
At the time of the American Revolution, Provincetown had about 20 houses and 200 residents. Although the harbor was controlled by the British, there were a number of encounters between militia units and the forces of several of His Majesty's ships such as the Spencer and the Somerset.

The British 64-gun Frigate Somerset, well known for her participation in the blockade of Boston and the bombardment of Bunker Hill, used Provincetown Harbor as a port from which she sallied forth to attack Continental and French shipping. Returning from a sortie against French merchantmen, the Somerset came aground about two miles east of Provincetown's Race Point in November of 1778 and was wrecked. Captain Aurey and his surviving men were taken prisoner and marched to Boston. The remains of the Somerset still lie beneath the sand near Race Point and every 60 to 80 years the shifting sands uncover her remains briefly. Whaling and fishing

By 1800 the population of almost 1000 was living on the riches of the sea, and Provincetown became one of the greatest and busiest sea ports in the country. Grand Banks fishing developed concurrently with whaling, and trap fishing grew into another major economic element starting in 1851. Fifty-six wharves jutted out into the bay. Our harbor was filled with ships: Whalers, Grand-Bankers, Georges-Bankers, and Mackerel-Catchers. Provincetown was the pre-eminent Grand Banks port. There were buildings for smoking and canning herring, and fish-flaking racks for curing codfish which were supplied with salt by 70 salt works—windmills along the water-

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The David Fairbanks House

This "square rigged" house at 90 Bradford Street is now open as a Folk Art Museum. Built about 1800 with planks mellowed by time and with ballast brick brought from Holland, the house has been carefully restored and completely furnished with period furniture. It is open daily in the summer (weekends in the Spring and Fall) displaying Cape Cod folk art and crafts. Hours are 10 AM to 6 PM. Admission: Adults—\$1.00, Children—50¢.

The great prosperity from whaling began to decline sharply in the late 1800's, and the last Provincetownowned and registered whaler, the famous "Charles W. Morgan", completed her final voyage in 1921.

With the arrival of the twentieth century, the fishing industry concentrated on supplying the fresh fish needs of Boston and New York. The catch was initially shipped from the Old Colony Railroad wharf by train, but by mid-century, trailer trucks had taken over the task. Today catches are still running in the range of 11,000,000 pounds per year and are brought to this same wharf, now called MacMillan Wharf.

The Blessing of the Fleet

The last weekend of June (the traditional start of the summer season), you can see the Blessing of the Fleet. This earnest celebration by the fishermen of Provincetown begins with a Solemn High Mass after which the fishermen, joined by other townspeople, parade through decorated streets carrying a statue of Saint Peter, Patron of Fishermen. The procession escorts the Bishop to MacMillan Wharf, where the entire fishing fleet, decorated with colorful banners and crowded with the fishermen's families and friends, sails past the wharf where each boat receives the Bishop's blessing and prayers for bountiful catches in the coming year. Subsequent celebrations, all through the weekend, illustrate the importance and vitality of fishing in present-day Provincetown.



Today Provincetown is home to our fleet of more than 40 boats which sail out in the early morning hours, returning in the late afternoon. A walk to the end of MacMillan Wharf is most enjoyable...you can watch and photograph the unloading of the catch, Cod, Mackerel, Flounder, etc. Turn—look back at the town—a view hardly changed in the last 100 years. Dominating the scene on the right is the beautiful white steeple of a former church which now is:

The Provincetown Heritage Museum

Located in the former Center Methodist Church building (mid 1800's), at the corner of Commercial and Center Streets, this ambitious undertaking is new this year. Plans are to open the Museum by June; daily from 10 AM to 10 PM. It will depict the many aspects of our town and exhibit paintings and sculptures by our many famous local artists, historical items, and antique fishing gear. Admission charges will be minimal.

the arts

No description of Provincetown would be complete without mention of the many painters, sculptors, writers, poets and playwrights who have extended their reputations while working in this unique environment.

Around the turn of the century, visitors began arriving in Provincetown by train and steamer. The low rates, the quiet of the town, the exquisite light, and the acceptance of the townspeople began attracting young artists and writers. Among the earliest was Charles W. Hawthorne who started his Cape Cod School of Painting. Other artists in residence in the early years included Max Bohm, George Elmer Browne, Edwin Dickinson, William B. Halsall, Hans Hofmann,

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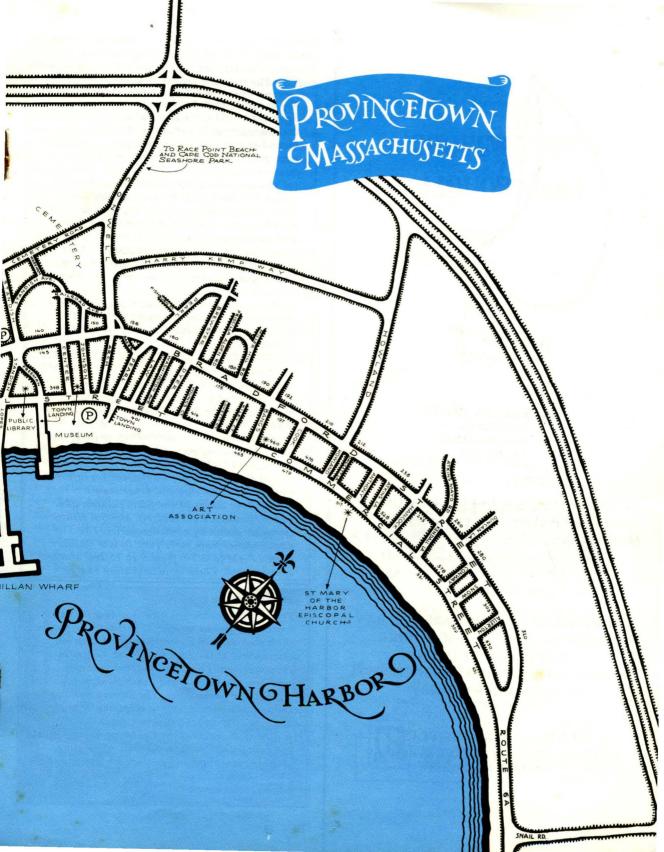
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Edward Hopper, Peter Hunt, Karl Knaths, Tod Lindenmuth, Richard Miller, John Noble, Frederick Waugh and Ambrose Webster. Art schools flourished and galleries opened. The tradition continues today.

The Provincetown Art Association

Founded in 1914, the Association building at 460 Commercial Street shows the works of many living Provincetown painters as well as retrospectives featuring early members. Depending upon the dates of your visit, you will see paintings, sculpture and photography by people like Robert Motherwell, Chaim Gross, Tony Veevers, Milton Avery, Franz Kline, Mark Rothko, Jack Tworkov, Helen Frankenthaler, and dozens of others. The Art Association is open Monday to Saturday, 11 AM to 10 PM; Sunday, 2 to 5 PM. Admission: Adults-50¢. Children and Senior Citizens-free. The Association also sponsors such varied activities as poetry readings, dance, musical performances and plays. Scheduled programs are posted at its building, or you can phone 487-1750 for information.

The Group Gallery

This unique non-profit gallery is now in its 12th year. Founded by Reeves Euler, Ray Martan Wells, and others, it features the talents of more than 25 member artists who live and work in Provincetown. At the time of this writing, the Group is planning relocation. When you arrive, we suggest checking the Provincetown Advocate or the Chamber of Commerce for information on current shows and other events. You will see works of the past—painters like Gerrit Hondius, Ross Moffett, and Sol Wilson alongside shows by contemporaries. The Group shows from early June to late October; from 11 AM to 2:30; from 7 to 11 PM; and by appointment. There is no admission charge.

Fine Arts Work Center

From October through May, young artists and writers are given a unique opportunity to pursue their own work in a sympathetic unacademic atmosphere at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown. There are frequent seminars, readings, workshops, and exhibitions, some open to the community. The literary Fellows publish "Shankpainter", a magazine of prose and verse. During the summer, when the program is otherwise inactive, the Center operates a gallery for Fellows and staff, and shows of painting, graphics, sculpture and pottery are open to the public. Hours: 2 to 5 and 8 to 10. No admission charge.

Theater and writing

Writers, playwrights, and poets also discovered Province-town during the early years of this century. Eugene O'Neil wrote many of his plays here, John Dos Passos, Wilbur Daniel Steele, Max Eastman, Harry Kemp, Norman Mailer, Tennessee Williams, Abe Burroughs, Sinclair Lewis and Mary Heaton Vorse are among the many who have written here. Marlon Brando, Al Pacino and other current favorites acted here. Ruth Buzzi, Dom DeLuise, Julius Monk, Jerry Herman, Mae Barnes, Eartha Kitt, Bobby Short, Billie Holiday, and James Kirkwood are only a few of the celebrities who appeared here in the early days of their careers.

And there is a whole bright new group of talents for you to discover...men and women working on new plays, poems and novels...several new publications: "Shankpainter" and "Provincetown Poets" among them...performances of new and older works by the Provincetown Theater Company in the alternative seasons...reading and discussion groups, year-round, and performances of both new plays and revivals.

Provincetown Playhouse and Eugene O'Neil Museum

George Cram Cook started this very active group in 1915, using a small wharf studio and offering original plays. He, Susan Glaspell, Neith Hapgood, and Frank Shav welcomed Eugene O'Neil to the group and performed the many plays he wrote while living in Provincetown's East End and later at the old Peaked Hill Bars Station on the back shore. Mary Bicknell and Catherine Huntington continued the tradition. Today, the Provincetown Playhouse, located on a wharf at Gosnold Street opposite Town Hall. is as active as ever. The highly professional company performs new plays, those by established playwrights and revivals of early plays by authors like O'Neil. There is an interesting museum alongside the theater displaying memorabilia of Eugene O'Neil. For information, visit the box office or call 487-0955.



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By bus—Regular service from Boston, New York and Providence takes very little longer than driving. The bus drivers will gladly drop you along the route in Town. The bus enters Provincetown's East End, goes along Bradford Street to Standish Street which leads to the terminal at the Chamber of Commerce Office at the foot of MacMillan Wharf.

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Taxi service—Taxis can be arranged at bus, boat and plane terminals.Limousine or taxi service can be arranged from other points.

advice to visitors

Clothing—Informality is the rule. Bathing suits, shorts, slacks. However, if you want to dress up, no one will give you a second glance. People dress as they please in Provincetown. We suggest a light windbreaker for evening use even in summer. It is usually so comfortable at night that most hotels and guest houses don't need air conditioning due to our clean, pure, fresh, non-mechanical air. In the Fall and Winter bring heavier jackets and coats.

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Reservations are also suggested during the rest of the year if you desire specific accommodations as the alternative seasons are becoming more and more popular.

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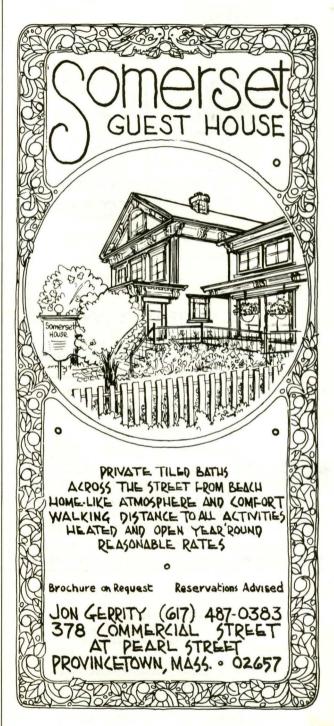
If you can take a Spring or Fall vacation, you're lucky. You'll discover a quieter, more peaceful town, with plenty to keep you occupied. And Winter is a delight with crisp, clear air...very little snow because the surrounding waters keep the temperature up. In fact, golf is a year-round activity on the Cape! A number of guesthouses, hotels, motels, and apartments are open in the winter...though fewer restaurants and shops are open. Imagine the thrill of walking an area of beach or dunes without another footprint in the sand. There's a peace and quiet that is almost impossible to find these days.

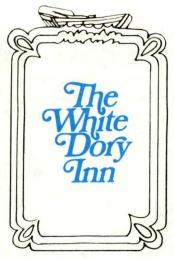
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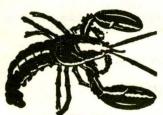
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