

Historic Park Free Weekend Walking Tours



Tour stop in front of the Seamen's Bethel.

New Bedford has a long and fascinating history, filled with stories of whalers going to sea for years at a time, wives left to run businesses, escaped slaves seeking freedom, and a connection to the sea that spans centuries. The public is invited to explore this history through free guided tours, offered weekends (Saturday and Sunday) at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM. Tours leave from New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's visitor center, at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford.

Tours will include Risks and Rewards of Whaling, Unknown Heroes and Their Secrets: New Bedford's Underground Railroad, In Ishmael's Footsteps, New Bedford's Working Waterfront: Then and Now, and Sharing The Same Seas: The Uneasy Relationship between Humans and Whales.

Jen Nersesian, superintendent of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, said, "Our national park is proud to offer these tours to our public. The stories of whaling are connected to so many people around the world—they are everyone's stories. Our walking tours are just one way we connect visitors to this amazing history. We especially look

forward to seeing folks from New Bedford and surrounding towns drop by.”