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Linking the waterfront of Greater Boston with the familiar arm of Cape Cod, eight towns -- the South Shore -- range southeasterly along the Massachusetts coast. Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield, Duxbury, Kingston, and Plymouth are among the nation's oldest communities. Together they claim hundreds of miles of rich, varied coastline equal in beauty and interest to that of Cape Cod. All eight communities are close to Boston and most are within a thirty-minute drive from the city. Yet the coastline of these communities is unfamiliar territory to many, often bypassed by travelers on their way to the Cape or North Shore.

This history of the South Shore is closely bound to the sea. Its first settlers arrived in vessels borne by the sea. The fruits of the sea sustained them through the early years and later, through shipbuilding, fishing, and maritime commerce, it brought them fame and prosperity. Over time seaside resorts developed along this sandy coast, some fading gradually and others still flourishing today. Even the architecture of these towns -- the weathered shingles of beach cottages and narrow, elegant clapboards of sea-captains' mansions -- bears the imprint of the sea.

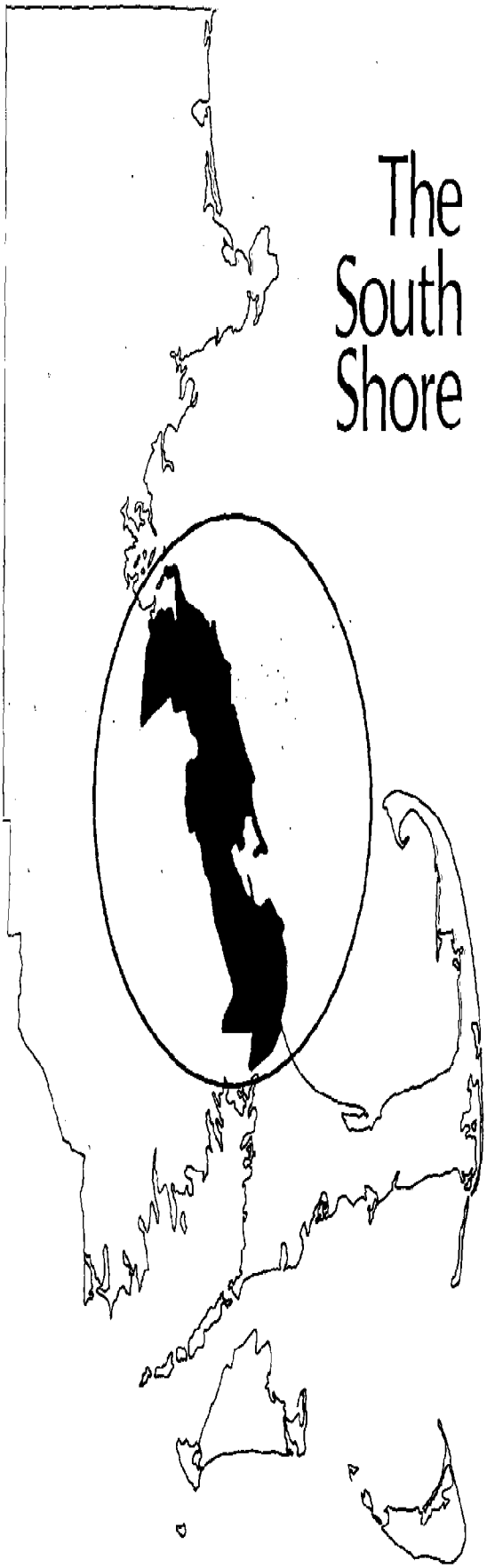
The South Shore coastline is continually shaped by the sea. Daily tides, rising sea-level, and New England "nor'easters" create an ever-shifting continuum of rocks and sand; steep-faced cliffs and gently rolling drumlins; recessed bays and harbors yielding to rivers, inlets, and endless stretches of saltmarsh.

These natural features translate into an infinite variety of things to do and see along the shore. There are beaches for swimming and sunning; harbors, bays and other waterways for boating, canoeing, and fishing; and abundant coastal parkland for walking, picnicking and just observing.

The purpose of this booklet is to introduce the reader to this lesser known coastline by describing its places of historic interest, beautiful vistas, recreational resources, and waterfront activities. Each town is presented separately, beginning with Hingham and moving south through successive towns to Plymouth. While every effort has been made to gather complete and accurate information, this booklet does not claim to be definitive or comprehensive. It simply attempts to help the reader explore and appreciate more fully a portion of the Massachusetts coastline -- the South Shore.

Please Remember:

- Use only designated entrances to public beaches and parks; please do not trespass on private property.
- Observe all local parking, shellfishing, boating, and recreational vehicular regulations and restrictions.
- Check the weather reports and tides before going boating.
- Walk and drive only in designated areas on beaches and dunes; avoid walking on beach grass.
- Schedules and routes for boats and buses change periodically; call companies for updated information.
- Licenses are not required for saltwater fishing; however there is a minimum size requirement of 24" for striped bass and 15" for Atlantic and coho salmon.
- Two fish per day is the limit on the taking of coho salmon.
- Whenever possible, arrange fishing skiff rentals and partyboat fishing charters several weeks in advance.
- Some partyboat fishing charters do not allow anglers to keep certain fish; check the charter's policy in advance.



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BEACHES

From early summer to late fall Hingham Bay is dotted with small sail boats amidst green harbor islands. Set against the rolling backdrop of World's End, a peninsula landscaped by Frederick Law Olmsted, this harbor provides a sampling of Hingham's coastal resources, and a preview of the South Shore to follow.

Like many of its coastal South Shore neighbors, Hingham has early ties to the town of Plymouth, and to the sea. In 1633, emigrants from Hingham, England who had located in Plymouth moved north to "Bare Cove" and named the new land Hingham. Hingham's first inhabitants farmed the shallow New England top soil but soon turned to the harbor and bountiful sea for their livelihoods. The town was a busy fishing and shipping port in the 17th and 18th centuries. When shipping declined in the 19th century, Hingham became a favored summer resort.

Today, Hingham is a distinguished Boston suburb with an abundance of coastal parkland, boating facilities, and New England small town charm for the visitor to use and enjoy.

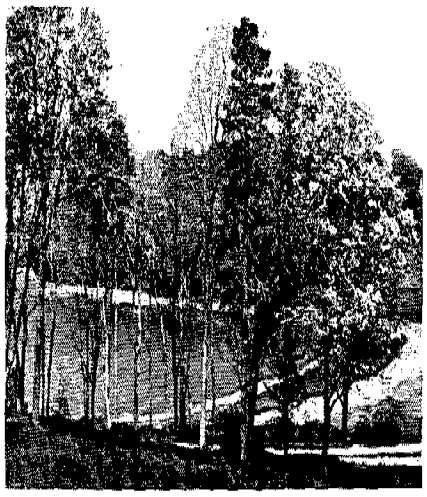
General Directions:

By Bus:

From Boston, take the MBTA Redline to the Quincy Center MBTA Station. From Quincy, MBTA Buses (722-3200) provide frequent service to Hingham, daily.

By Boat:

Mass. Bay Lines (542-8000) runs a commuter ferry from Hingham Industrial Park to Rowe's Wharf in Boston. Ferry departs in morning and returns in afternoon. Daily, M-F.



Winding shoreline, Worlds End.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Boston, take the Southeast Expressway to the Neponset-Quincy exit. Follow signs for Rte. 3A south to Hingham.

expressway:

From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 14 (Hingham-Cohasset). Go north on Rte. 228 for several miles along Main St. At the junction of Central Ave. and Short St. (as Rte. 228 bends right), go straight ahead on Central Ave. to Hingham Center. Take a right on North St. and follow to Hingham Harbor.

HINGHAM BATHING BEACH

A very small bathing beach on Hingham Bay adjacent to Monument Park (see Waterfront Parks). Hingham Harbor is shallow and opportunities for swimming, especially at low tide, are limited. The harbor and adjacent park, however, provide pleasant surroundings for sunning, picnicking, and relaxing.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the MBTA Bus to Hingham Harbor. Bus stops at the corner of Cottage and Ship Sts.

By Car:

See General Directions to Hingham Harbor. Turn north on Rte. 3A for several hundred yards. Entrance to public parking lot is on right.

parking:

The parking lot immediately adjacent to Hingham Bathing Beach is reserved for Hingham residents only. However, the parking lot adjacent to that may be used by the general public; parking is free.

WATERFRONT PARKS

BARE COVE PARK

This 460-acre park skirts the banks of the Weymouth Back River and is dedicated to conserving the tranquility of that unaltered estuary, one of the few remaining in Boston Harbor. The park comprises three and one-half miles of river shoreline in addition to salt marsh, tidal flats, and river upland. Passive recreational activities such as hiking, fishing, birdwatching and picnicking are encouraged; bicycling is also allowed. Hunting, swimming, motorized vehicles, and fires are not permitted. Open: daily until sunset. Admission is free.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the MBTA bus to Hingham. Get off at the Hingham Industrial Park. Park is a short walk down Beal St. Park entrance is on the right.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A south in Hingham, turn right onto Beal St. immediately after crossing the Weymouth Back River bridge. Entrance to park is several hundred feet along Beal St., on right.

expressway:

Follow general expressway directions to Hingham Harbor. Go north on Rte. 3A and turn left on Beal St. Park entrance is several hundred feet along Beal St., on right.

parking:

Public parking for 30-40 cars on Beal St. adjacent to the Pal Building, free.

View of Hull peninsula from Worlds End.

STODDERS NECK

Stodders Neck is a 20-acre landscaped peninsula overlooking the mouth of the Weymouth Back River. It's a pleasant spot for picnicking and picnic tables are provided at the site. The park is maintained by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and an attendant is on duty during the summer. Admission is free.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the MBTA Bus to Hingham and stop at the Hingham Industrial Park. Park is a short walk towards the Rte. 3A Bridge, and entrance is on right.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A south to Hingham, take the first left after crest of the Weymouth Back River bridge (before Hingham Industrial Park).

expressway:

See General (expressway) Directions to Hingham Harbor. Go north on Rte. 3A. Turn right at park entrance just after Hingham Industrial Park.

parking:

Public parking for 50 cars, free.

HINGHAM HARBOR ISLANDS

Four town-owned islands -- Sarah, Ragged, Langlee, and Button -- dot Hingham Bay and provide pleasant hideaways for fishing, walking, and swimming. Camping is allowed by permission of the harbormaster; fires are not allowed. The islands are accessible only by swimming or boating. There are no landings on the islands but small boats may be beached without difficulty.

Transportation:

See General Directions to Hingham and the Harbor.

parking:

Public lot next to Kehoes' Ships' Chandlery on Rte. 3A for 150 cars, free.

MONUMENT PARK

This pleasant five-acre park is set alongside Hingham Harbor where manicured lawns, picnic tables, historic statue and obligatory cannon create an authentic slice of Americana. Hingham Bathing Beach is adjacent to the park.

Transportation

See General Directions to Hingham.

parking:

Public lot next to Kehoes' Ships' Chandlery on Rte. 3A for 150 cars, free.

WORLD'S END

Few Massachusetts waterfront parks compare in beauty, serenity, and diversity with this 260-acre peninsula which reaches into Hingham Bay. Originally intended for residential development, the area was landscaped by America's preeminent landscape architect of the 19th and 20th centuries, Frederick Law Olmsted. Its tree-lined drives, open fields, and stands of pine combine with salt marsh, rocky shore, and outstanding views of Boston Harbor, the Islands, and surrounding towns to create a singular and beautiful haven for all to enjoy. The property is owned and maintained by the Trustees of Reservations, and an attendant is on duty daily, year round. Hiking, fishing, walking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing are encouraged. Picnicking, swimming, motor vehicles, and fires are not permitted. Open: year round; daily, 10am - sunset (weather permitting). Admission: nominal fee for adults; free for children under 15.

Tree-lined drive at Worlds End.

Transportaton:

By Bus:

Summer:

From Quincy Center, take the MBTA Bus to Hull. Request that driver stop at Martin's Lane in Hingham. The park is less than a mile walk down Martin's Lane.

Rest of Year:

From Quincy Center, take the MBTA Bus to Hingham. Get off at the municipal parking lot on Station St. Then take a South Shore Bus Co. (749-2868) bus to Hull, and request that driver stop at Martin's Lane. The park is less than a 1 mile walk down Martin's Lane.

By Car:

coastal route:

Take Rte. 3A south to Hingham. At the Hingham Rotary, proceed half-way around and follow signs to Nantasket. Turn left at the first set of lights onto Martin's Lane. Follow to end.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions to Hingham. Turn south on Rte. 3A, go half-way around rotary, and follow coastal route directions to World's End (see above).

parking:

Public parking for 80 cars at the park. Parking is free but there is an entrance fee to the park.

BOATING

Hingham Harbor and the Weymouth Back River are Hingham's two most popular areas for recreational boating.

HINGHAM HARBOR

Hingham Harbor is an attractive and expansive harbor which offers the avid and occasional sailor or angler a variety of boating activities and facilities. While the harbor is shallow at low tide, the channel is 8' deep at low water and navigable at all tides.

Harbor boating facilities include:

public boat ramp

Town Landing Ramp — Otis St (Rte. 3A)
50' asphalt ramp, free. Adjacent parking for 150 cars and trailers (lot fills quickly at high tide), free.

public docks

Town Pier and Float — Town Landing Basin, Otis St.
Short (15 min.) tie-ups. No services.

marinas/boatyards:

Bare Cove Marina — Rte. 3A, Hingham Harbor, (749-6062)
Full service marina. Gas (no diesel), power, water, repairs.

marine supplies:

Kehoes Ships Chandlery — 3 Otis St. (749-9855)
Gas, power, water, rentals, mooring permits, overnight tie-ups.

yacht club

Hingham Yacht Club — 21 E Downer Ave. (749-9779)
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other yacht clubs.

sailing clubs:

Hingham Sunfish Club — Hingham Harbor. Club meets to sail every Sunday during spring and fall. Membership is open to the public, and anyone with a Laser, Sunfish or Force 5 is welcome. Training sessions are offered for a fee after each meet. For further information, call Peter Greenman at 742-4000 (x3175) from 9 am-5 pm, or at 383-1826 after 8 pm.

boat rentals:

Kehoes Ships Chandlery — 3 Otis St. (749-9855)
Rents 16' skiffs with or without motor. Call in advance.

party boat fishing charters/cruises:

See Weymouth Back River below.

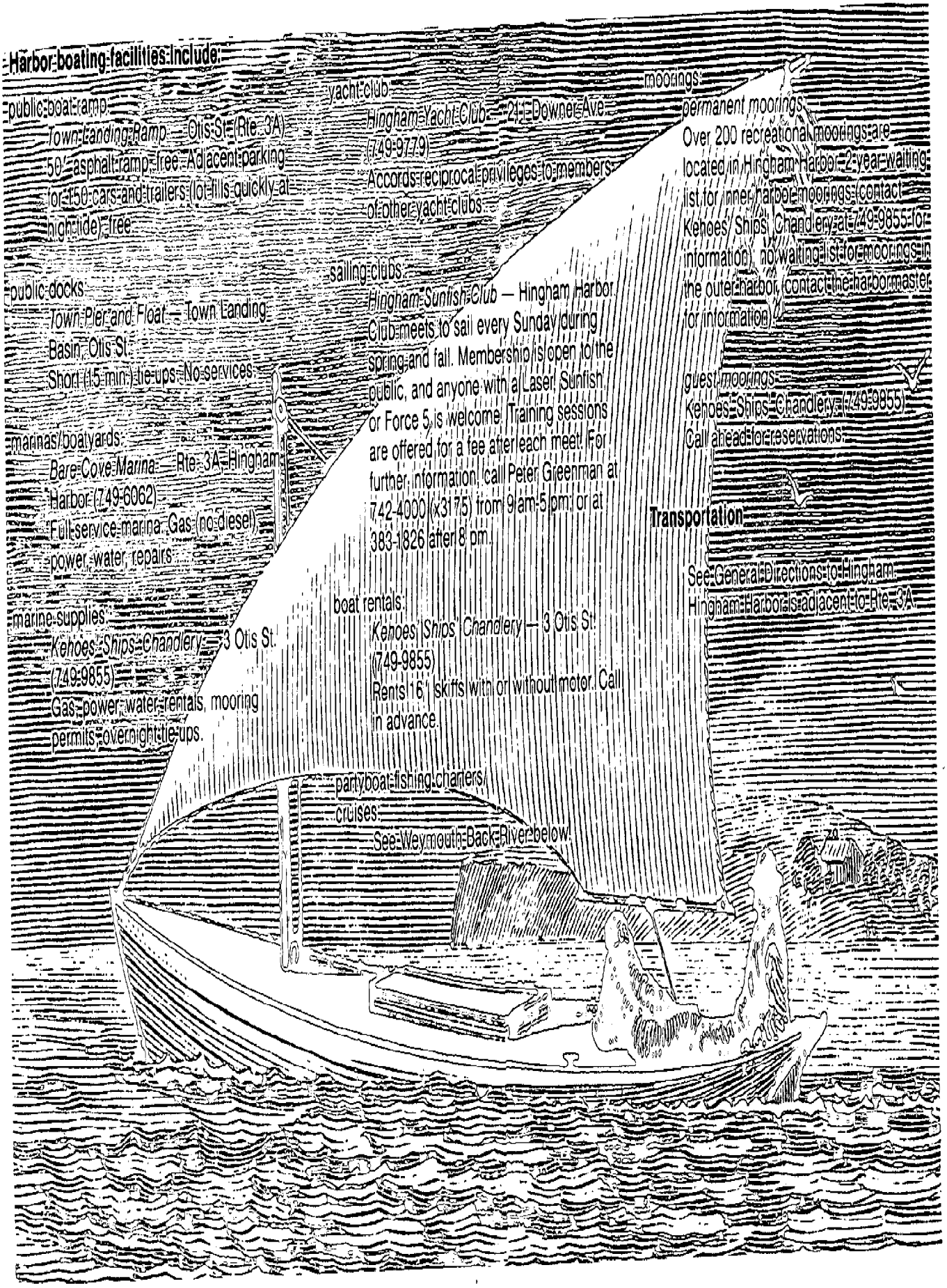
moorings:

permanent moorings:
Over 200 recreational moorings are located in Hingham Harbor. 2-year waiting list for inner harbor moorings; contact Kehoes Ships Chandlery at 749-9855 for information. No waiting list for moorings in the outer harbor; contact the harbormaster for information.

guest moorings:
Kehoes Ships Chandlery (749-9855)
Call ahead for reservations.

Transportation

See General Directions to Hingham.
Hingham Harbor is adjacent to Rte. 3A.



WEYMOUTH BACK RIVER

This river forms the border between Hingham and Weymouth and is popular with recreational boaters. The channel is well marked from the river's mouth up to the Rte. 3A Bridge. At low tide, much of the river is mudflat and not navigable beyond the two piers at Bare Cove Park. An area upstream of the Rte. 3A Bridge is designated for water-skiing.

Boating facilities include:

marinas:

Hewitts Cove Marina – Hingham Industrial Shipyard, Rte. 3A (749-6647)
A full-service marina.

Landfall Marine – 433 Lincoln St., Rte. 3A (next to Hingham Industrial Park) (749-1255)
Slips, water and electricity.

partyboat fishing charters:

Quincy Party Boat Co. – Hingham Industrial Park, Rte. 3A (749-0015)
Runs daily partyboat fishing excursions to Massachusetts Bay.

island excursions:

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management Harbor Island Ferry – Hingham Industrial Park, Rte. 3A (749-7160 or 727-3180)
Sightseeing excursions to Georges Island in the Boston Harbor Islands State Park, from Hingham. Free water taxi service from Georges Island to other islands. Several trips per day, Sats. and Suns. July-Labor Day.

SALTWATER FISHING

Hingham Bay has long been known for its rainbow smelt. Now its waters are famous for winter flounder. Stripers and blues run in the outer harbor near World's End while eels, smelt, and herring abound in the Weymouth Back River.

Fishing Boat Rentals

Kehoes' Ships' Chandlery – 3 Otis St. (749-9855)
Rents 16' skiffs with or without motor. Call in advance.

Partyboat Fishing Charters

Quincy Party Boat Co. – Hingham Industrial Park (749-0015)
Runs daily bottom-fishing excursions to Massachusetts Bay, in season, on the "Challenger" and "Miss Atlantic."

SHELLFISHING

Recreational shellfishing is not permitted in Hingham.

MARITIME HISTORY

Old Ship Church Main St. (749-1679)

Built in 1681, this Elizabethan Gothic structure is the oldest wooden church in continuous use in the nation. The building is supported by curved timbers resembling the ribs of a ship which some believe are the actual ribs of a vessel that brought early settlers to Hingham.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sandcastle and Sandbuilding Contest

Held in July every year. Contact the Hingham Public Library at 749-0907 for further information.

Boston Harbor Islands Excursions (see Boating; Weymouth Back River, island excursions)

INFORMATION

For further information regarding things to do and places to visit in Hingham, contact:

Hingham Public Library
66 Leavitt St.
Hingham, MA
749-0907
(ask to see "The South Shore: Before and After Dark")

South Shore Chamber of Commerce,
36 Miller Stile Rd
Quincy, MA 02169
479-1111

For its relatively small area, the town of Hull claims a surprising twenty-four miles of coastline. It is, in fact, a peninsula shaped like the number "7" which juts into Boston Harbor.

Because of its strategic location, Hull played an early and prominent role in the region's naval history. During the 19th century its character gradually changed, however, as its long sandy beach attracted wealthy visitors in increasing numbers. By the mid-1880's, Hull had become known as a summer mecca for the powerful and wealthy, and grand hotels, luxury cruises, gambling casinos, and an exotic amusement park were but a few of its diversions.

Around the turn of the century, affluent visitors discovered new retreats farther south, and Hull's days as a luxury resort began to wane. Reminders of its 19th century opulence linger today, and the lures of one hundred years ago -- the beach, bay, amusement park and open ocean -- continue to draw visitors in record numbers.

Only twenty miles from Boston and accessible by several modes of public transportation, Hull is one of Greater Boston's most valuable coastal recreational assets.

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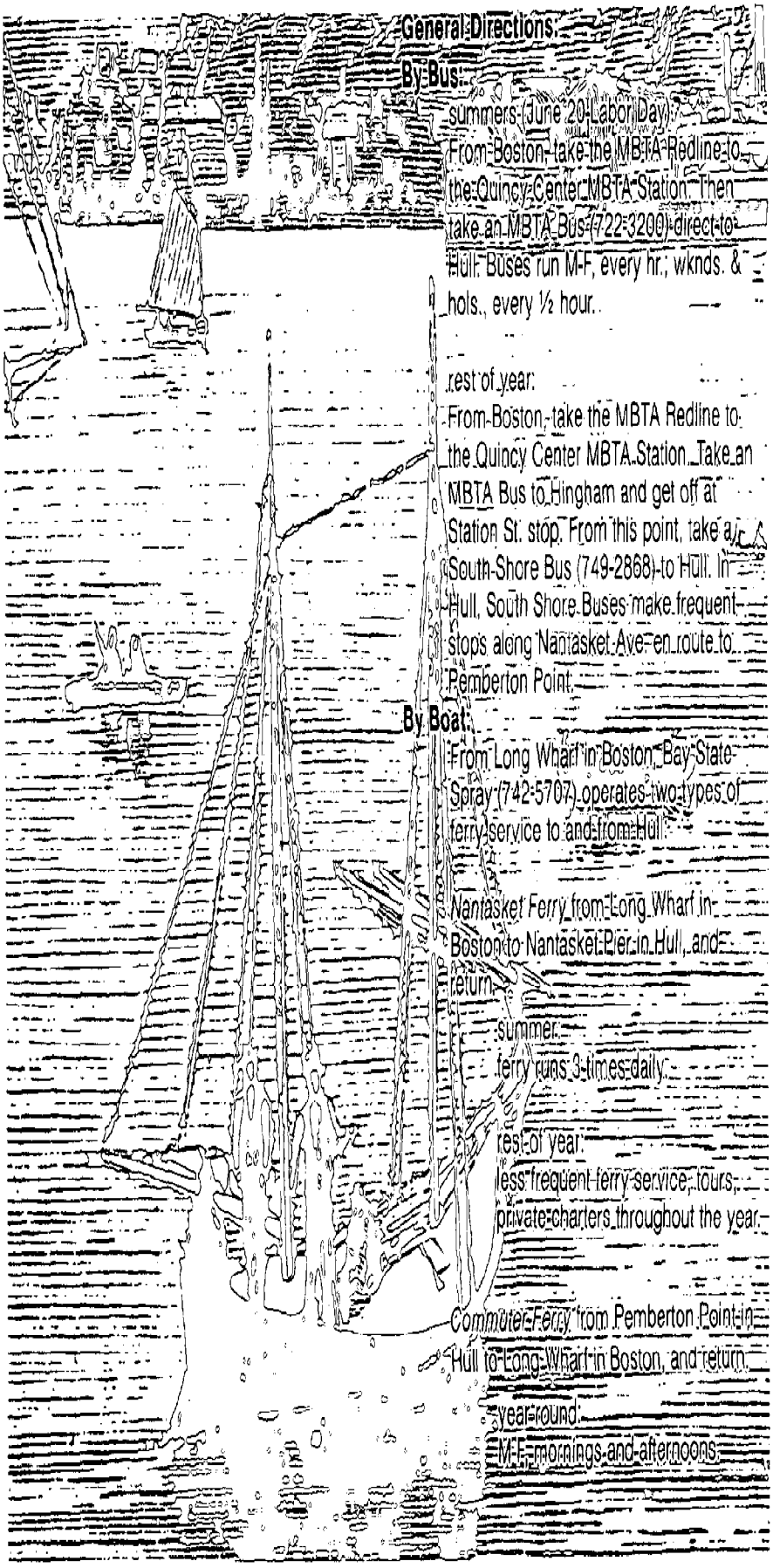


General Directions:

By Bus:

summers (June 20-Labor Day):
From Boston take the MBTA Redline to the Quincy Center MBTA Station. Then take an MBTA Bus (722-3200) direct to Hull. Buses run M-F, every hr.; wknds. & hols., every ½ hour.

rest of year:
From Boston, take the MBTA Redline to the Quincy Center MBTA Station. Take an MBTA Bus to Hingham and get off at Station St. stop. From this point, take a South Shore Bus (749-2868) to Hull. In Hull, South Shore Buses make frequent stops along Nantasket Ave. en route to Pemberton Point.

By Boat:

From Long Wharf in Boston, Bay State Spray (742-5707) operates two types of ferry service to and from Hull:

Nantasket Ferry from Long Wharf in Boston to Nantasket Pier in Hull, and return.

summer:
ferry runs 3 times daily.

rest of year:
less frequent ferry service, tours, private charters throughout the year.

Commuter Ferry from Pemberton Point in Hull to Long Wharf in Boston, and return.

year-round:
M-F, mornings and afternoons.

By Car:
coastal route:
From Boston: take the Southeast Express-way to the Neponset-Quincy Exit. Follow signs for Rte. 3A south to Hingham. At the Hingham rotary, go half-way around and follow signs to Nantasket.

expressway:
From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 14 (Hingham-Cohasset). Follow Rte. 228 north for several miles along Main St. At the junction of Central Ave. and Short St., go straight ahead on Central Ave. to Hingham Center. Take a right on North St. and follow to Hingham Harbor. Turn south on Rte. 3A and go half-way around the rotary. Follow signs to Nantasket.

BEACHES

NANTASKET BEACH

More than three and one-half miles of fine, hard-packed sand along Hull's eastern shoreline. Nantasket Beach is one of the region's most popular and accessible beaches. At low tide the beach is very wide and spacious; at high tide the beach narrows considerably, and can become quite crowded.

Nantasket Beach is owned and maintained by the MDC (925-0054) which provides bathhouse facilities, park benches, picnic tables, and a covered pavilion. Lifeguards are on duty during summer. Snackbars and restaurants are located on nearby Nantasket Ave.

Transportation:
See General Directions to Hull.

parking:
Adjacent public parking for several thousand cars. Parking fee is $1 from June 15-Labor Day.

WATERFRONT PARKS

MARINERS PARK

This three-and one-half-acre greenspace is adjacent to the Hull Yacht Club, facing Allerton Harbor. It is the site of Hull's summer harbor festival (see Special Events).

Transportation:

By Bus:
See General (Bus) Directions to Hull.
Take the South Shore Bus along Nantasket Ave. Request that bus driver stop at Hull Yacht Club.

By Car:
See General Directions to Hull.
Once in Hull, follow Nantasket Ave. towards Pemberton Point about 2 ½ miles. Park is on left.

parking:
Some on-street parking adjacent to park.

HOG ISLAND

This small island in Allerton Harbor is connected to the mainland by a bridge. Though primarily occupied by school buildings, it is also an interesting place for walking, picnicking, or bird-watching (a colony of least terns resides here).

Transportation
See directions to Mariners Park, above. Continue on Nantasket Ave. and bear left onto Main St. Hog Island is on left.

parking:
Some on-street parking on Main St. or Nantasket Ave.

BOATING

Boston Harbor and the open waters of Massachusetts Bay are easily accessible from Hull Bay. Several points bayside of the Hull peninsula -- Pemberton Point, James Wharf, Allerton Harbor, A Street Pier, and Nantasket Pier -- provide easy access to open sea and numerous facilities for the recreational boater and angler.

PEMBERTON POINT

At the northwestern corner of the Hull peninsula,

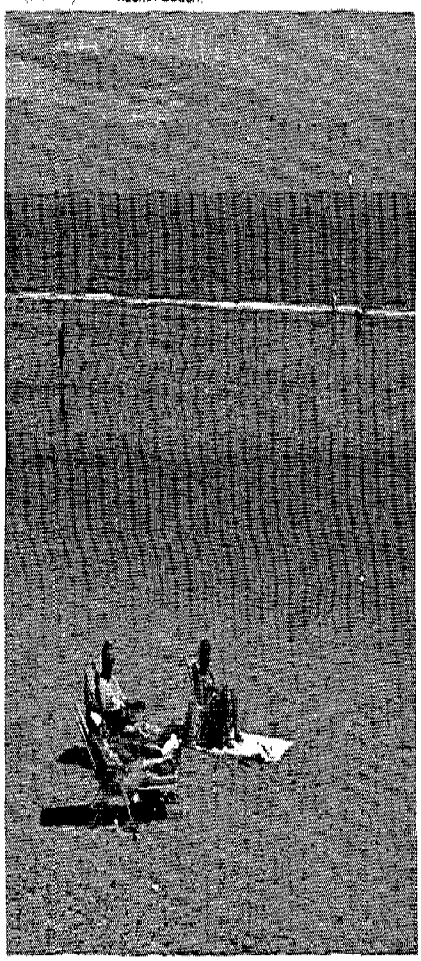
this landform is centrally located in the Boston Harbor Island Park system and is a good departure point for exploring the islands. Navigating the channel between Pemberton Point and Peddocks Island, "Hull Gut," can be treacherous during foul weather. Because Pemberton Point is an exposed area, the use of heavy mooring equipment is advised.

Boating facilities include:

public boat ramp:

Town Pier Boat Ramp – Nantasket Ave., adjacent to Town Pier
18′ concrete ramp. Fee per day or per year for non-residents. Purchase launching permit at Pemberton Bait Shop. Parking for 60 car, free.

A quiet day at Nantasket Beach.



public dock:

Town Pier – Nantasket Ave.
Departure/return point for Hull-Boston commuter ferry, commercial fishing vessels, and MDC and Coast Guard water patrols.

boat rental/fishing supplies:

Pemberton Bait Shop – Nantasket Ave. (925-0239)
Rents 15-1′ skiffs with motors. Sells bait. Snackbar.

moorings:

permanent moorings –
About 80 recreational boats moor at Pemberton Point. Contact the harbormaster via the Hull Police Station (925-1212) for further information.

guest moorings –
Some guest moorings are available at Town Pier. Contact the harbormaster via the Hull Police Station (925-1212) for further information.

Transportation:

By Bus

See General Directions to Hull

By Car:

See General Directions to Hull.
Once in Hull, turn left on Nantasket Ave. and follow for approximately 2½ miles. At the junction of Main St. and Nantasket Ave., bear left on Main St. and follow to end.

JAMES WHARF AREA

James Wharf is a small landing area that is easily accessible to the Boston Harbor Islands.

Boating facilities include:

public dock:

James Wharf – James St., off Highland Ave.
No services. Parking for approximately 25 cars.

moorings:

permanent moorings –
Mooring space for about 40 boats is available here. Contact the harbormaster via the Hull Police Station (925-1212) for information.

Transportation

By Bus:

See General Directions to Hull.

By Car:

See General Directions to Hull. Once in Hull, turn left on Nantasket Ave. and follow towards Pemberton Point. Bear left on Main St. and turn left on James St.

ALLERTON HARBOR

This is a well-protected anchorage at the point where the Hull peninsula bends back toward Boston Harbor. Channel depth at mean low tide is approximately 6′

Boating facilities include:

public boat ramp:

Priscilla Sails – corner of U and Cadish St. (925-1514)
12′ concrete launching ramp. Fee

public dock:

Town Pier – corner of U and Cadish Sts.
Used mostly by commercial fishermen.

marinas:

Little Richard's Allerton Harbor Marine – U and Cadish Sts. (925-2244)
Gas, diesel, power, overnight tie-ups . . .

Priscilla Sails – U and Cadish Sts. (925-1514)
Full-service marina. 12′ concrete launching ramp. Guest moorings. Boat rentals.

boat clubs:

Hull Yacht Club – 1035 Nantasket Ave. (925-9859)
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other yacht clubs.

Nantasket Salt Water Club – Nantasket Ave. (925-9801)
Boating and social club. Membership open to the public. Seasonal and overnight moorings available.

boat rentals:

Priscilla Sails – corner of U and Cadish Sts. (925-1514)
Rents 16′ skiffs with motors by the day.

sailing lessons:

Priscilla Sails – corner of U and Cadish Sts. (925-1514)
Arrange private sailing instruction.

moorings:

permanent moorings –
About 200 recreational moorings are located in Allerton Harbor. For further information, contact the harbormaster via the Hull Police Station (925-1212).
Permanent moorings are also available through the Nantasket Salt Water Club (925-9801)

guest moorings –
Little Richard's Allerton Harbor Marine (925-2244)
Nantasket Salt Water Club (925-9801)
Priscilla Sails (925-1514)

Transportation:

By Bus:

See General Directions to Hull

By Car:

See General Directions to Hull.
Once in Hull, turn on Nantasket Ave. and follow for about 1½ miles. Turn left on U St. and follow to end.

A STREET PIER AREA

Area boating facilities include:

public boat ramp:

A Street Boat Ramp – end of A St., off Nantasket Ave.
20′ concrete ramp. Fee by day or season for non-residents. Launching permit may be purchased at A St. Bait Shop. Public parking for 30 cars, free.

public dock:

Town Fishing Pier – end of A St.
Public float in addition to pier.

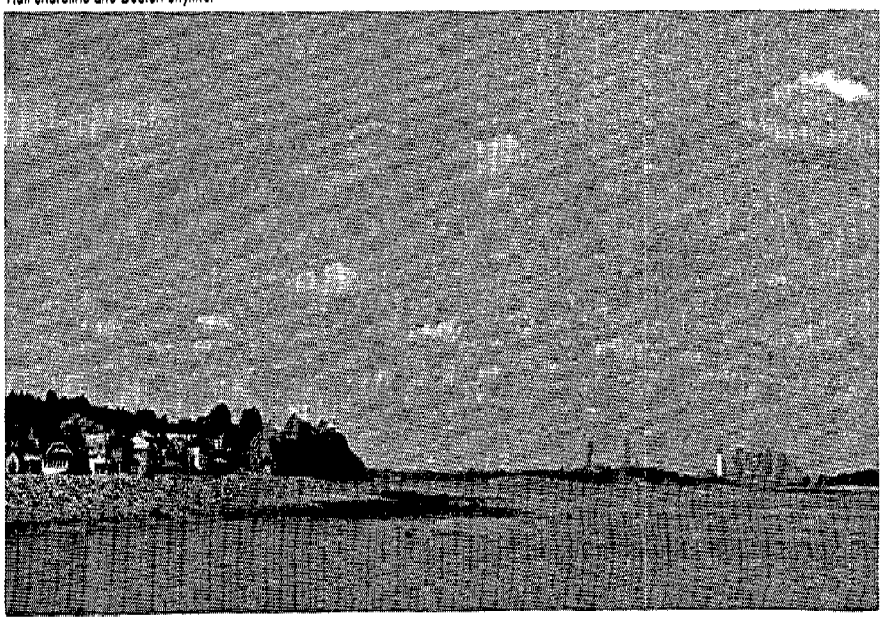
marina:

Waveland Marina, Inc. – 2 A St. (925-2828)
Full-service marina. Gas, electricity, overnight tie-ups (call ahead).

fishing supplies:

A Street Bait Shop –
Sells bait. Sells boat launching permits.

Hull shoreline and Boston skyline.



moorings:

guest moorings –
Waveland Marina, Inc. (925-2828)

Transportation:

By Bus:

See General Directions to Hull

By Car:

See General Directions to Hull.
Once in Hull, turn left on Nantasket Ave. and follow for about 1¼ miles. Turn left on A St. and follow to end.

NANTASKET PIER AREA

Boating facilities include:

public dock:

Nantasket Pier – George Washington Blvd.
Arrival and departure point for Nantasket summer ferry from Boston. Short tie-ups.

marinas:

Eaton's Marina – George Washington Blvd. (925-9712)
Gas, electricity . . .

Nantasket Pier Marine – George Washington Blvd. (925-2300)
Boat repairs, sales . . .

Transportation:

By Bus:

See General Directions to Hull

By Car:

See General Directions to Hull.
Once in Hull, Nantasket Pier Area is on left side of George Washington Blvd. (just before convergence with Nantasket Ave.)

SALTWATER FISHING

Anglers travel from miles around to fish Hull's waters for flounder and cod. Surfcasting for bass is popular at Point Allerton and Windmill Point. Line fishing for flounder and bass is also popular at the Weir River Bridge near the Hingham-Hull townline.

Boat Rentals

Pemberton Bait Shop – Pemberton Point (925-0239)
Rents 15-18' skiffs with motors by the day.

Priscilla Sails – corner of U and Cadish Sts. (925-1514)
Rents 16' skiffs with motors by the day.

Fishing Supplies

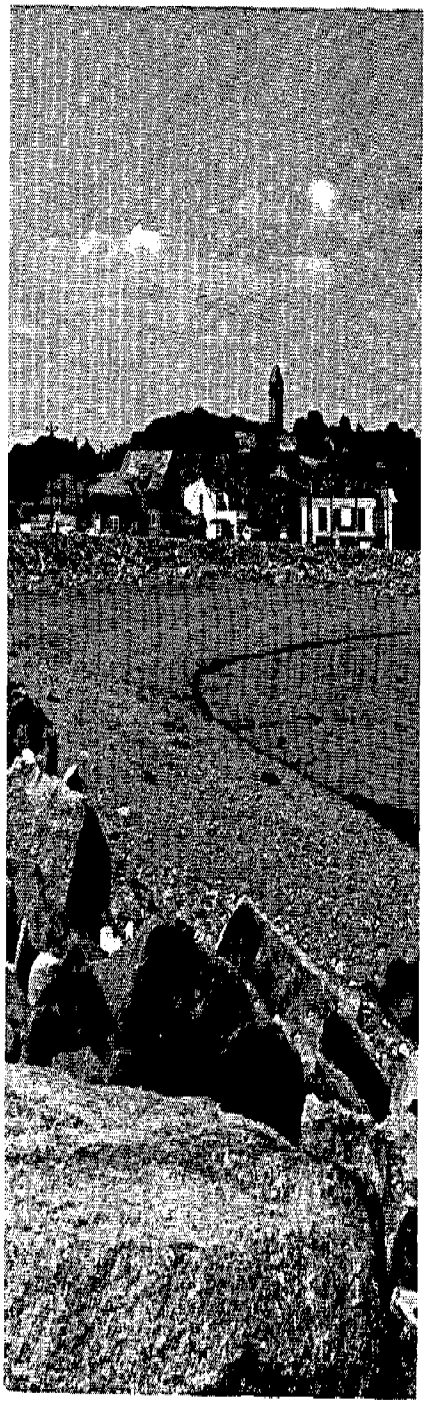
A Street Bait Shop – A St., off Nantasket Ave.

Pemberton Bait Shop – Nantasket Ave. (925-0239)

SHELLFISHING

Recreational shellfishing is not permitted in Hull.

View of historic Fort Revere Memorial Park.



MARITIME HISTORY

Fort Revere Memorial Park off Nantasket Ave., near Pemberton Point
Above the Hull Cemetary, this is the site of "Fort Independence," built by the French in 1776 and used in the defense of the port of Boston; and also the remains of Fort Revere which was built before World War I and used throughout World War II. The deck of the observation tower here affords a panoramic view of Boston Harbor, Boston Light*, the inner bays of the South Shore, and open ocean.

*Boston Light is located on Brewster Island in Boston Harbor and is the site of the first lighthouse built in America in 1776. The current lighthouse was built in 1783.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hull Harbor Festival
Crafts exhibits, art shows, entertainment, children's events, and a lobster dinner are held at Mariners Park on Allerton Harbor (see Waterfront Parks). In August. Call Hull Town Hall (925-2262) for information.

Paragon Park 175 Nantasket Ave. (925-0114)
New England's oldest amusement park (built in 1868) features fifty + amusements, including one of the ten steepest roller coasters in the country. Open: Memorial Day-Labor Day. Admission: free to amusement park; fee for rides.

Hull Sandcastle and Sandbuilding Contest
Held each year in July. Call the Hull Public Library (925-2295) for information.

INFORMATION

For additional information regarding things to do and see in Hull contact:

Hull Town Hall
253 Atlantic Ave.
Hull, MA 02045
925-2262

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce
36 Miller Stile Rd.
Quincy, MA 02169
479-1111

The aura and charm of an earlier, seafaring era pervade this classic New England coastal town. For travellers able to visit Cohasset by car, a drive along Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue is a must: this famous New England roadway winds along the shoreline past imposing estates, and remarkable vistas of the Atlantic as it crashes against granite outcroppings.

The area which became Cohasset was discovered early, in 1614 by Captain John Smith. It was settled during the 17th century and incorporated as a separate town in 1770. The town had always had strong and close ties to the sea through shipping and fishing. Today while little if any commercial shipping takes place from Cohasset Harbor, the fishing fleet is thriving, and recreational boating is a dominant summertime activity. Cohasset is a short distance from Boston, and a visit to this lovely town by either car or public transportation is well worth the effort.

General Directions:

By Bus:

From Boston, P & B Buses (423-5810) leave from the Greyhound Bus Station on St. James St., or from South Station. Buses run several times daily, M-F; and on a reduced schedule weekends.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Boston, take the Southeast Expressway south to the Neponset-Quincy exit. Follow signs for Rte. 3A south to Cohasset.

expressway:

From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 14 (Hingham-Cohasset). Follow Rte. 228 north at the junction of Rtes. 228 and 3A, go south on Rte. 3A. Turn left on Sohier St. at Cohasset Village sign. Turn right on So. Main St. and follow to Village.

BEACHES

SANDY BEACH

Cohasset has a very rocky shoreline and, consequently, limited beach area. Sandy Beach is Cohasset's best (and virtually only) beach. It is small (about 800' long), sandy, and used mostly by Cohasset residents.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Cohasset Village (stop at the intersecton of Depot Court and No. Main St.). From this point it is approximately 1¾ miles to the beach.

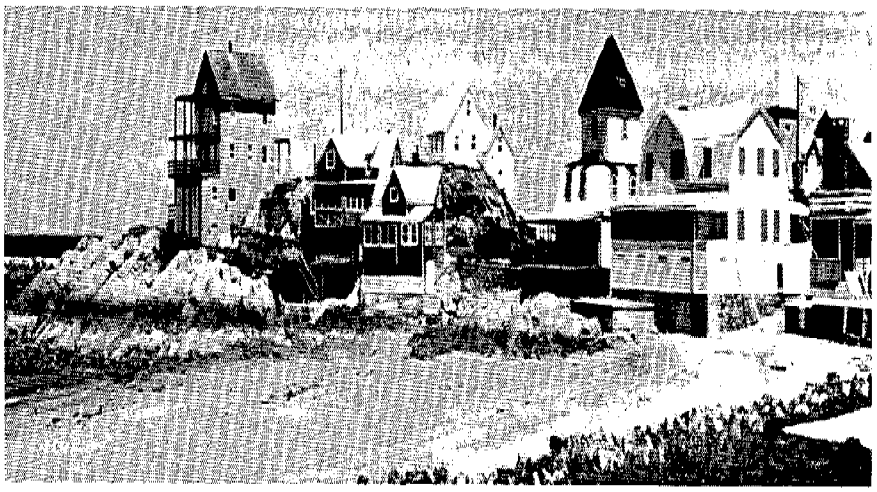
By Car:

See General Directions to Cohasset Village except continue on Sohier Rd. to the end. Turn right on No. Main St. and then left on Beach St. Go left again on Atlantic Ave.

parking:

Parking lot adjacent to Sandy Beach is reserved for Cohasset residents only. The nearest public parking is in Cohasset Village. From the Village, it is approximately 1¾ miles to the beach.

Cohasset coastline.



WATERFRONT PARKS

MINOT LIGHT PARK

This miniature park is located on Government Island overlooking picturesque Cohasset Harbor. On this site several thousand tons of granite were prepared to construct Minot Lighthouse (see Maritime History).

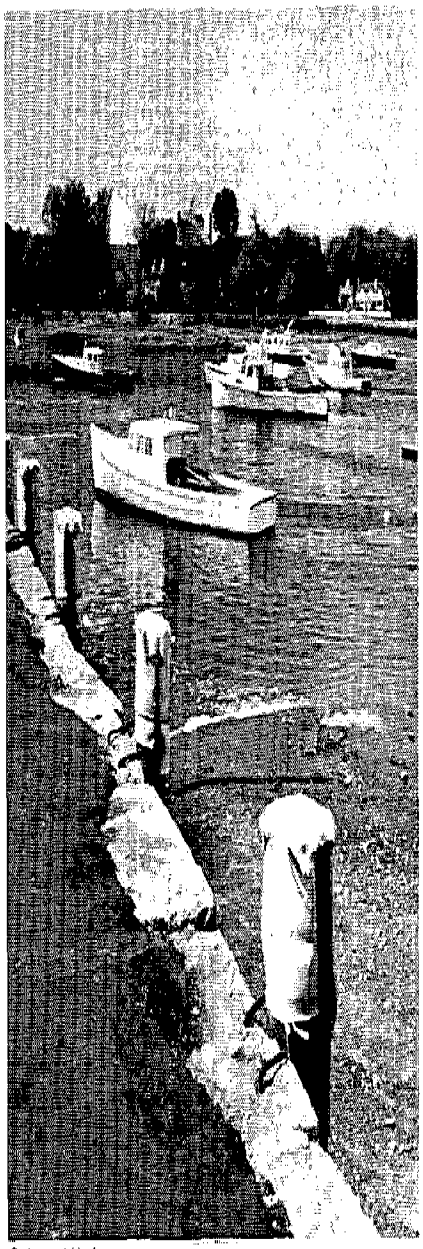
Transportation

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Cohasset Village. Stop at the corner of Depot Court and So. Main St. The harbor is approximately a ½-mile walk down Elm St.

By Car:

See General Directions to Cohasset Village. Proceed along So. Main St., turn left on Summer St. and follow to the harbor.



Cohasset Harbor.

BOATING

COHASSET HARBOR

In addition to serving as home port for a thriving commercial fishing fleet, Cohasset Harbor is a popular anchorage for recreational boaters. The course into the harbor is clearly marked, and channel depth at mean low tide is about 6′.

Harbor boating facilities include:

public boat ramp:

Town Boat Ramp — Parker St., off Border St.
25′ asphalt ramp. No adjacent parking.

public docks:

Town Float — Border St.
Some guest moorings. No services.

First Wharf — Border St., adjacent to Town Float
Gas and diesel. Pump-out facility (planned).

Lawrence Wharf — Border St., adjacent to Town Float

boat yards/ship supplies:

Gaffey's Yachts (Mill River Marine Railway) — 82 Border St. (383-1960)
Boat repair and storage. Power. Overnight moorings.

New England Sailing Equipment Co., Inc. — First Wharf, Border St. (383-6459)
Marine products. Gas and diesel.

yacht club:

Cohasset Yacht Club — Howard Gleason

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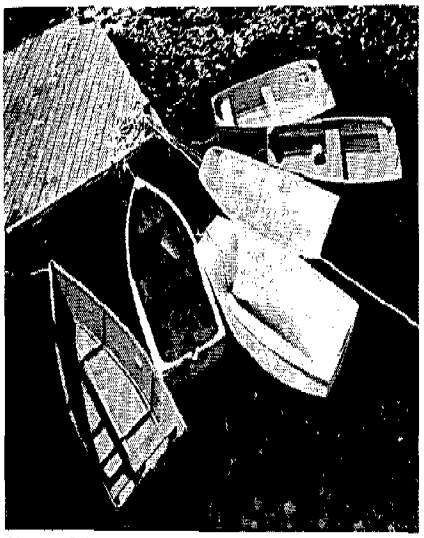


Dinghies, Cohasset Harbor.

Rd. (383-9633)
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other yacht clubs.

moorings:

permanent moorings –
Approximately 400 moorings are located in Cohasset Harbor. 5-year waiting list. Contact the harbormaster at 383-0863 for information.

guest moorings –
Town Float. Contact the harbormaster at 383-0863 for information.

Gaffey's Yachts, Inc. (383-1960)

Transportation:
See Waterfront Parks, Minot Light Park.

SALTWATER FISHING

Cohasset's waters abound with smelt during autumn. Mackerel, cod, and flounder are also plentiful in season, especially off Sandy Beach.

SHELLFISHING

Recreational shellfishing is not permitted in Cohasset.

MARITIME HISTORY

Cohasset Historical Society Museums
junction of Main and Elm Sts., Cohasset Village (383-0493)

Maritime, fashion, and regional history are preserved and depicted in three museums:

The Maritime Museum – a former ship chandlery built around 1760 which features authentic items and memorabilia of Cohasset's maritime industry.

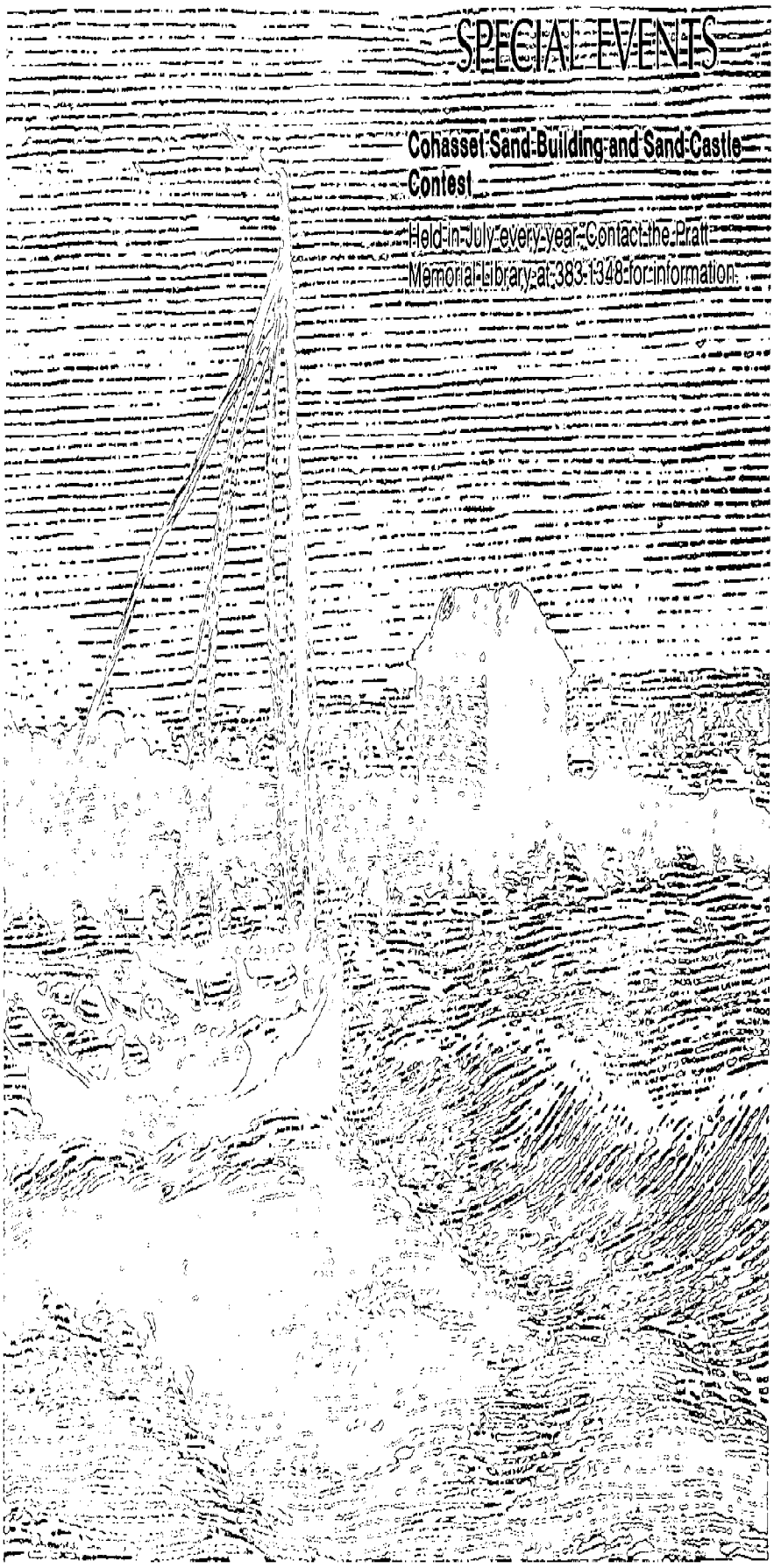
The Independence Gown Museum – Once a fire station, this building houses the largest costume and gown collection north of the Smithsonian.

The Historic House – A representation of an early-18th-19th-century New England village home.

Open July-Labor Day, Tues.-Sat., 1:30-4:30. Small fee.

Minot Light Templates Government Island, off Border St., Cohasset Harbor.

Minot Lighthouse off the North Scituate coast was constructed in Cohasset in 1860 and later transported to the Minot ledges. The restored forms used during its construction are preserved in a pleasant park setting overlooking Cohasset Harbor (see Waterfront Parks, Minot Light Park).



INFORMATION

For additional information regarding things to do and places to see and stay, contact:

Cohasset Town Hall
41 Highland Ave.
Cohasset, MA 02025
383-0187

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce
36 Miller Stile Rd.
Quincy, MA 02169
479-1111

Like its neighbors to the north and south, Scituate owes its origins to early settlers of Plymouth Colony. In 1626, a group of mercantile men originating in Kent, England left Plymouth and settled the area now known as Scituate. Skilled townspeople quickly took advantage of the coastal location and adjacent estuary to develop vital fishing and shipbuilding industries. Between 1640 and 1871 over 1000 ships were built and launched on the North River. These ships travelled the world over and spread with them the fame of North River shipbuilders.

Today, shipbuilding is a comparative rarity in Scituate, but commercial and recreational fishing and boating are in their heydays on the North River and out of Scituate Harbor. A venerable seacoast community, Scituate offers a sandy coastline, fine harbor, scenic rivers, interesting history, and striking seascape for the visitor to explore and enjoy.

General Directions

By Bus:

From Boston, P & B Buses (423-5810) leave from the Greyhound Bus Station on St. James St., or from South Station. Buses run several times daily, M-F; and on a reduced schedule weekends.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Boston, take the Southeast Expressway south to the Neponset-Quincy exit. Follow signs for Rte. 3A south to Scituate.At the junction of Rtes. 3A and 123, turn left and continue on Driftway Rd., following signs to Scituate Harbor.

expressway:

From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 13 (Norwell-Hanover) and go north on Rte. 53. At the intersection of Rtes. 53 and 123, follow Rte. 123 east. Cross Rte. 3A and continue on Driftway Rd., following signs to Scituate Harbor.

BEACHES

Scituate has several fine, sandy beaches. Public access to them is difficult, however, because adjacent beach parking lots are reserved for Scituate residents only.

MINOT BEACH

On the north Scituate coast, Minot Beach is a small sandy beach which affords impressive views of historic Minot Lighthouse and Massachusetts Bay. Lifeguards are on duty during summer. Small stores and snackbars are located in nearby Minot Village. Pedestrian access to beach is via passageway on left side of Minot Village Post Office.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to the No. Scituate stop. From this point the beach is a little over one mile along Gannett Rd.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A south in Scituate, turn left on Henry Turner Baily Rd., at the No. Scituate sign. Proceed through No. Scituate Center and continue on Gannett Rd. to the end. Turn left on Glades Rd.

expressway:

Follow general expressway directions as far as the intersection of Rtes. 3A and 123. Go north on Rte. 3A and turn right on Henry Turner Bailey Rd. From this point, follow coastal route directions to Minot Beach, above.

parking:

Adjacent beach parking is reserved for Scituate residents. Nearest public parking is available in No. Scituate Center. The distance from this point to the beach is approximately 1 mile.

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NORTH SCITUATE BEACH

Sandy and clean, North Scituate Beach is the town's most popular beach. It is contiguous with Minot Beach and affords good views of Massachusetts Bay (Provincetown is visible on a clear day). Although long, North Scituate Beach is very narrow at high tide. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer. Pedestrian access to this beach is via the end of Gannet Road.

Transportation and Parking:

See Minot Beach, above.

EGYPT BEACH

A very small and stony beach located between North Scituate and Sand Hills Beaches. Pedestrian beach access is via the end of Egypt Beach Road.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Egypt Center. The distance from this point to the beach is about 1.3 miles.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Scituate, turn left on Henry Turner Bailey Rd. Bear right on Country Way and turn left on Capt. Pierce Road.

expressway:

Follow general expressway directions as far as the intersection of Rtes. 3A and 123. Go north on Rte. 3A and turn right on Henry Turner Bailey Rd. From this point follow coastal route directions to Egypt Beach, above.

parking:

Adjacent beach parking is closed to non-residents. Nearest public parking is in Egypt Center, at the junction of Curtis St. and Capt. Pierce Rd. The distance from this point to the beach is about 1.3 miles.

SAND HILLS BEACH

A very small sandy beach that narrows considerably at high tide. Lifeguards are on duty during summer. Small food stores and snack bars are located in the nearby beach cottage community.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to the Cole Parkway stop at Scituate Harbor. From this point, the distance to Sand Hills Beach is about 1½ miles.

By Car:

coastal route:

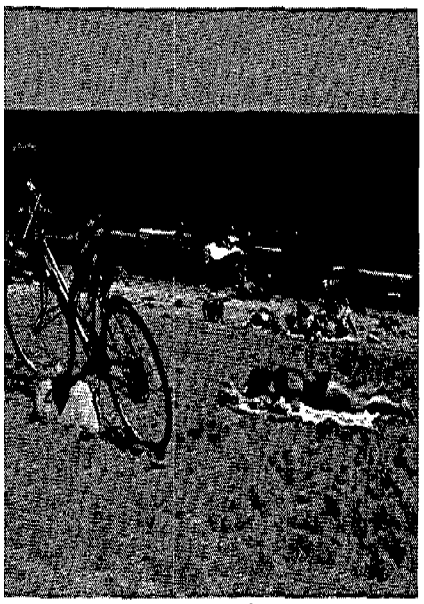
From Rte. 3A in Scituate, turn left on First Parish Rd. Continue on Beaver Dam Rd. and turn left on Tilden Rd. Turn right on Turner Rd.

expressway:

Follow general expressway directions as far as the intersection of Rtes. 3A and 123. Go north on Rte. 3A and turn right on First Parish Rd. From this point follow coastal route directions to Sand Hills Beach, above.

parking:

No adjacent beach parking. Nearest public parking is at the Cole Parkway municipal parking lot, off Front St., Scituate Harbor. Most parking is free. Distance to the beach from this point is about 1½ miles.



Sunbathing at Peggotty Beach.

PEGGOTTY BEACH

Peggotty Beach is a half-mile-long, hard-packed sandy beach tucked between two of the "Four Cliffs" (actually glacial drumlins) which rise along the Scituate coast. The water here is relatively calm and shallow and the beach is a favorite spot of parents with young children.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Scituate Harbor stop. From this point the distance to Peggotty Beach via Front St. and Edward

Foster Rd. is about 1½ miles.

By Car:

Follow general directions to Scituate Harbor. Beach may be reached by walking along Front St., Edward Foster, and Peggotty Beach Rds.

parking:

Nearest public parking is at Cole Parkway municipal lot off Front St., Scituate Harbor.

HUMAROCK BEACH

(See Marshfield: Beaches)

WATERFRONT PARKS

SOUTH DRIFTWAY RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AREA

The town of Scituate is developing a park on the banks of the North River. Presently in the planning stage, the park is scheduled to open in 1982.

The park will include trails along Herring (a tributary of the North River) River for hiking, nature study, and outdoor classrooms. Other facilities* will include: picnic sites, small play field, fishing pier, and informal boat launch for non-power boats. A small observation tower will be constructed to permit views of the winding North and Herring Rivers, colorful saltmarsh, Humarock Beach, and open ocean beyond.

Adjacent saltmarsh, preserved in its natural state, will provide abundant opportunity for birding and other wildlife observation. Hunting and shellfishing will be allowed as regulations permit.

When completed, the South Driftway Recreation and Conservation Area will be a valuable asset to the recreational resources of the coastal South Shore. Questions regarding projected fees, hours, restrictions, etc. may be addressed to the Scituate Conservation Commission at 545-6700.

*Facilities will be accessible to the handicapped.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to the Greenbush stop. The park will be about 1½ mile walk along Driftway Rd., on the right.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Scituate, turn left at the junction of Rtes. 3A and 123. Proceed on Driftway Rd. for about ½ mile. Entrance to park will be on right.

expressway:

See General Directions to Scituate Harbor except proceed on Driftway Rd. for only about ½ mile. Park entrance will be on right.

parking:

Public parking is planned for about 40 cars at the site. A parking fee or sticker will be required.

BOATING

Recreational boating is popular in Scituate Harbor and on the North and Herring Rivers.

SCITUATE HARBOR

Scituate Harbor is one of the finest natural harbors north of the Cape Cod Canal. The harbor is easily accessible from open ocean yet is well protected by two stone breakwaters. The channel is wide and 12′ deep at mean low water. Home port for a sizeable commercial fishing fleet, Scituate Harbor is an extremely popular anchorage for recreational boaters.

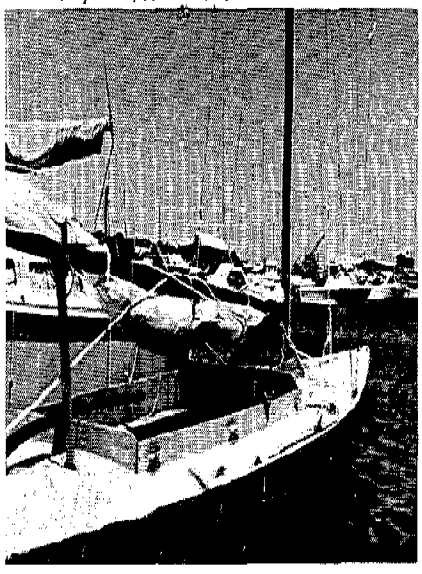
Harbor boating facilities include:

public boat ramps:

Jerico Boat Ramp — Jerico Rd.
30′ concrete ramp. Free parking available.

Cole Parkway Public Ramp and Dock — Cole Parkway Municipal Parking Lot, off Front St.
30′ asphalt ramp. Free parking available.

A sea-worthy vessel, Scituate Harbor.



public docks:

Town Pier – Front St.
Provides some water and power. Some guest moorings. Used mainly by commercial fishermen.

marinas/boatyards:

O'Neill's (Scituate Harbor) Marina, Inc. – 48 Jerico Rd. (545-2165)
Guest moorings. Gas, diesel, power, *rentals* . . .

Cole Parkway (Maxwell's) Marine – Cole Pkwy. (545-9777)
Guest moorings. Gas, diesel . . .

Young's Boat Yard – 119 Edward Foster Rd. (545-0440)
Boat storage. Guest moorings. Gas, power . . .

marine supplies:

The Ships Locker – 207 Front St. (545-0181)
Full range of marine supplies, gifts . . .

boat rentals:

Zephyr Boat Rentals – Front St. (545-6622)
Rents Phantoms, Lasers and, occasionally, Day-Sailors

O'Neill's (Scituate Harbor) Marina, Inc. – 48 Jerico Rd. (545-2165)
Rents 16' skiffs with motors.

partyboat fishing charters:

"St. Joseph" – Town Pier, Scituate Harbor (545-1755)
Daily bottom-fishing excursions from Scituate Harbor, in season. Call eves.

yacht clubs:

Scituate Harbor Yacht Club – 62 Jerico Rd. (545-9804)
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other yacht clubs. Sponsors one public sailing race each year (see Special Events).

Satuit Boat Club – 66 Jerico Rd. (545-9752)
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other yacht clubs. Some guest moorings.

moorings:

permanent moorings –
Approximately 700 moorings are located in Scituate Harbor. Several-year waiting list. Contact the harbormaster at 545-6700 for information.

guest moorings –
Town Pier. Contact the harbormaster at 545-6700 for information.

O'Neill's Marina	545-2165
Cole Parkway Marine	545-9777
Young's Boat Yard	545-0440
Satuit Boat Club	545-9752

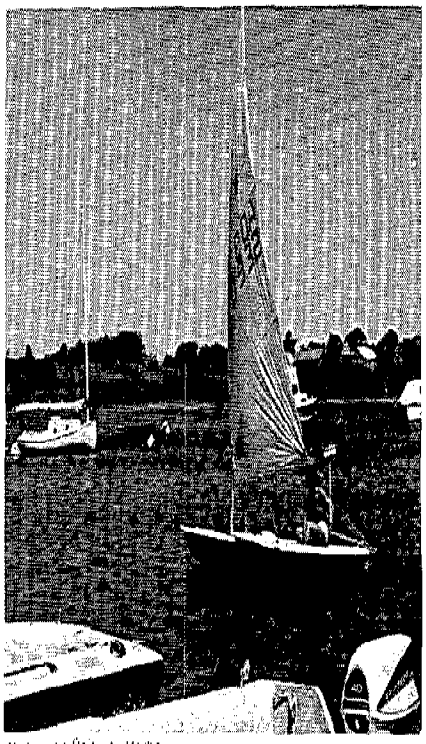
Transportation:

By Bus:

Take P & B Bus to Scitutate Harbor stop.

By Car:

See General (expressway) Directions to Scituate.



Sailing on Scituate Harbor.

NORTH RIVER

The North River winds through 2300 acres of chameleon-like saltmarsh in the towns of Scituate, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, and Hanover. It is one of the cleanest and most beautiful river systems in Massachusetts and, as such, the first river to be protected under the Commonwealth's "Scenic Rivers" Program. A critically important natural resource, the river is a habitat for hundreds of coastal species including finfish, shellfish, and waterfowl. Anadromous fish such as herring and smelt migrate through the river each spring to freshwater spawning grounds upstream. Many species of long-distance migrating shore birds also use the river's mouth as a special feeding and resting area during their long journeys.

The North River has had a turbulent history. Several times during the last two centuries, coastal storms have drastically altered the river's course. During the last century, for example, the North River opened to the sea several miles south of its present location, but in 1898 a "Great Storm" filled in the old river mouth with sand, causing the "New Inlet' to break through.

While not a great yachting center, the North River is an interesting and beautiful place to explore by small boat or canoe (see also Scituate Canoeing). The New Inlet at the river's mouth continues to be a dynamic area and can be treacherous for navigation during foul weather. The Inlet has been dredged to a depth of 12' at mean low tide, but is subject to periodic shoaling. For further information on the North River refer also to the Marshfield Boating and Canoeing sections.

North River boating facilities in Scituate Include:

public boat ramp:

North River Marine – Rte. 3A, adjacent to the North River (545-2985)
Small fee for use of boat launch.

marina:

North River Marine – (see above)
Launching ramp. Gas, diesel, power . . .

moorings:

permanent moorings – Contact the Scituate harbormaster at 545-6700 for information.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to the Greenbush stop in Scituate. The river is approximately 1½ miles from this point.

By Car:

See General Directions to Scituate. At the junction of Rtes. 123 and 3A, proceed on Rte. 3A south for about 1½ miles.

HERRING RIVER

A tributary of the North River, Herring River is used for a variety of boating activities. Its channel is 4' deep.

Boating facilities include:

public boat ramp:

South Driftway Conservation and Recreation Area – (see Waterfront Parks)

marina:

Simms' Yacht Yard – Driftway Rd. (545-3000)
A full service marina.

Canoeing facilities include:

canoe launch:

South Driftway Conservation and Recreation Area – (see Waterfront Parks).
An informal canoe launch at Herring River is presently located at this site.

SALTWATER FISHING

Excellent saltwater fishing may be enjoyed from several areas in Scituate. Bass and blues are fished, in season, from any of the beaches while flounder is a typical catch off the harbor jetties. An excellent sport fishery also exists in the North River where flounder, bass, cod, pollock and coho salmon are abundant.

Boat Rentals

O'Neill's (Scituate Harbor) Marina
48 Jerico Rd. (545-2165)
Rents 16' skiffs with motors

CANOEING

The North and Herring Rivers are fine areas for canoeing. Paddling upstream is recommended because strong ocean currents and boating congestion downstream can create hazardous canoeing conditions. For additional information on canoeing the North River, refer to Marshfield Canoeing.

Partyboat Fishing Charters

The "St. Joseph" — Town Pier, Scituate Harbor (545-1755)
Daily bottom-fishing excursions from Scituate Harbor in season. Call eves.

A day's catch. Scituate Harbor.

SHELLFISHING

Recreational shellfishing is permitted in Scituate. The annual fee for a non-resident's permit (which covers a single adult and children under 16) is $30. The permit is free for senior citizens. Contact the town clerk's office at Scituate Town Hall (545-6700) for further information.

MARITIME HISTORY

Minot Light off the North Scituate coast

Made of granite and 114 feet high, this historic lighthouse was built in 1860 to replace the original lighthouse destroyed by a storm in 1851. The lighthouse beacon flashes a "1-4-3" signal meaning "I Love You" and has warned many ships away from treacherous ledges off the Scituate coast. Minot Light can be seen easily from Minot and North Scituate Beaches (see Beaches).

The Old Lighthouse Cedar Point, Scituate Harbor

An interesting story is associated with this lighthouse. During the War of 1812, as a British regiment was preparing to land at Scituate, the lighthouse keeper's two daughters seized fife and drum, hid behind a cluster of trees, and created such a din as to sound like an entire colonial army. The British troops beat a hasty retreat and thereafter the two girls, Abigail and Rebecca Bates, were called the "Army of Two." Open to the public several days a year. Contact the Scituate Historical Society (see Scituate: Information) for additional information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Scituate Harbor Yacht Club Race

SHYC sponsors one public sailing race each year in June. Call the Yacht Club at 545-9804 for information.

Sandcastle and Sandbuilding Contest

Held in July every year. Contact the Scituate Town Library at 545-6700 (days) or 545-6707 (eves.) for further information.

Scituate Harbor Band Concerts

Six concerts are held throughout the summer at the Cole Parkway Bandstand overlooking Scituate Harbor. Call Scituate Town Hall at 545-6700 for information.

Heritage Days

Three days of contests, music, and recreational activities take place at Scituate Harbor every summer.

INFORMATION

Additional information on activities, sites, restaurants, and accommodations may be obtained by contacting:

Scituate Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 175
No. Scituate, MA 02060

Scituate Historical Society
Cudworth House
First Parish Rd.
Scituate, MA 02060
(Open: mid-June to mid-Sept. M-F, 1-5pm)

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce
36 Miller Stile Rd.
Quincy, MA 02169
479-1111

marshfield

Separated by the winding path of the North River, Marshfield and Scituate share a common boundary and a common history in this river. Founded six years after Scituate in 1632, Marshfield also engaged in the great shipbuilding industry which flourished on the North River between the years 1640 and 1871. In fact, eight of the seventeen shipyards which operated from the banks of the North River were located in Marshfield.

Like other South Shore coastal communities, Marshfield relied on the sea for its livelihood during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. When shipping and shipbuilding began to decline in the late nineteenth century, Marshfield residents turned inland to the town's vast acreage of marshland and tillable soil. Many acres of marshland were converted to cranberry bogs and strawberry fields, and these fruits quickly became the town's leading crops.

A visitor to Marshfield today can readily understand how the town acquired its name. Hundreds of acres of productive saltmarsh still surround the Green Harbor section, and fresh-water marshland and bogs dot the inland landscape. Marshfield offers many miles of sandy coastline, waterfront parkland, several rivers, a busy harbor, and variety of coastal activities and resources from which to choose.

General Directions

By Bus:

From Boston, P & B Buses (423-5810) leave from the Greyhound Bus Station on St. James St., or from South Station. Buses run several times daily, M-F; and on a reduced schedule weekends.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Boston, take the Southeast Expressway south to the Neponset-Quincy exit. Follow signs for Rte. 3A south to Marshfield.

expressway:

From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 12 (Marshfield) and turn right on Rte. 139 east. Follow to Marshfield Center at the intersection of Rtes. 3A and 139.

By Plane:

Marshfield has a municipal airport. Call 834-4928 for information.

BEACHES

HUMAROCK BEACH

When the Great Storm of 1898 created a new inlet to the North River it separated a body of land from Scituate. Today this land, Humarock, is still legally part of Scituate although accessible by land only through Marshfield. Humarock supports a sizable summer and year-round residential population and claims one of the best beaches on the South Shore.

Humarock is a typical barrier beach in that it is a narrow strip of land comprising beach and dunes, separated from the mainland by a marsh system and river. The beach itself is 3.5 miles of fine, hard-packed sand and is an excellent area for sunning and swimming. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer, and a general store and small restaurants are within easy walking distance of the beach. Public restrooms are available adjacent to the police/fire station on Central St. Pedestrian access to the beach is via the end of Marshfield Ave.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Public transportation is not available.

By Car:

coastal route:

On Rte. 3A south, cross the North River into Marshfield and take first left on Summer St. Turn left on Elm St. and left again on Sea St. Continue on Marshfield Ave. to the end.

expressway:

From Rte. 3 south, take Exit 12

North River salt marsh.

(Marshfield). Go east on Rte. 139 and bear left at fork onto Furnace St. Bear left again at Ferry St., following signs to Humarock. Turn right onto Marshfield Ave. and follow to end.

parking:

Public parking for 150 cars at the end of Marshfield Ave. (on left). Fee: $2 M-F; $3 wknds. & hols. Open: 9am-6pm (lot fills quickly). Outdoor shower, changing rooms, and restrooms are available.

Alternate parking: at the corner of Marshfield Ave. and Central St., next to "residents only" parking lot. For 35 cars. As of this writing, no fee is charged.

REXHAME BEACH

Known locally as the "Rexhame Dunes," this is a quiet, pretty, and very sandy beach on the northern coast of Marshfield. The beach and dunes were breached by the Atlantic Ocean during the Blizzard of '78 but cooperative efforts of local and state officials have led to a successful dune and beach restoration and management program.

Lifeguards are on duty during summer. There are no concessions on the site but restaurants and stores are located nearby on Ocean St. Restrooms are available at the beach parking lot.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Marshfield. Request that driver stop at the corner of Ocean St. (Rte. 139) and Winslow St. The distance from this point to the beach is about 1½ miles.

By Car:

coastal route:

Follow Rte. 3A south to Marshfield. At the junction of Rtes. 3A and 139, go east on Rte. 139. Turn left on Winslow St. at Rexhame Town Beach sign. Continue on Standish St. to the end.

expressway:

Follow general expressway directions to Marshfield Center. Continue east on Rte. 139 (Ocean St.). Turn on Winslow St. and continue on Standish St. to the end.

parking:

150-car parking lot on site is reserved for Marshfield residents only between mid-June and Labor Day; alternate parking is available on Rte. 139 (Ocean St.).

FIELDSTON BEACH

Fieldston Beach, contiguous with Rexhame Beach, is also long, sandy, and on the open ocean. The beach area nearest the main pedestrian access point (Old Beach Road) tends to be crowded, but becomes less so as one moves away in either direction.

Lifeguards are on duty during summer. No concessions are available but small restaurants are located nearby on Ocean Street.

Transportation:

By Bus:

P & B Buses stop at three points along the beach: 12th and Ocean Sts.; 4th and Ocean Sts.; and the Ocean Bluffs Package store.

By Car:

Follow directions to Rexhame Beach (see above) except continue on Rte. 139 (Ocean St.). As the road turns on Rte. 139, go straight onto Old Beach Rd.

parking:

Parking for 200 cars. Free as of this writing.

BRANT ROCK BEACH

Brant Rock Beach extends for a short distance between granite outcroppings and the breakwater at Brant Rock. Though pebbley and narrow at high tide, Brant Rock Beach is quite pleasant; and its view of the open ocean exhilarating. There is an old-fashioned beachside community here and the aura of another era seems to pervade even the beach. General store, ice cream shops, supermarket and restrooms are located nearby in Brant Rock Village.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Marshfield. Get off at either Ocean St./Webster Ave. stop, or Brant Rock Supermarket stop.

By Car:

coastal route:

Follow directions to Rexhame Beach except continue on Rte. 139 for approximately 2 miles. Beach runs parallel to Ocean St.

expressway:

From Rte. 3, take Exit 11 (Duxbury). Go east on Rte. 14 toward Duxbury, then follow Rte. 139 north (Careswell St./ Dike Rd.) to Brant Rock Village. Beach runs parallel to Ocean St.

parking:

On-street parking is available on the east side of Ocean St., between Hancock St. and Samoset Ave.

Also, on-street parking is available at the VFW Esplanade in Brant Rock Village.

GREEN HARBOR (BURKE'S) BEACH

Long, clean, and sandy, Green Harbor Beach curves from Marshfield's Green Harbor to Duxbury Beach. Burke's Beach is that private portion of Green Harbor Beach to which an admission fee is charged. A restaurant and restrooms are located near Burke's Beach.

Transportation:

By Bus:

P & B Buses stop at two points along the beach: Burke's Beach parking lot at the end of Beach St.; and the corner of Pearl and Bay Sts., farther along the beach.

By Car:

coastal route:

Follow Rte. 3A south to Marshfield Center. At the first junction of Rtes. 3A and 139, continue south on Rte. 3A. At the second junction of Rtes. 3A and 139, turn left (north) onto Rte. 139. Continue on Rte. 139 and turn right on Beach St. at Burke's Beach sign.

expressway:

See General (expressway) Directions to Marshfield Center. Follow coastal route directions to Green Harbor Beach, above.

parking:

Public lot for 250 cars at the end of Beach St. (fills quickly). Fee: $1.75 M-F; $3.50 wknds./hols.

WATERFRONT PARKS

AUDUBON SOCIETY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CENTER

The Audubon Society will open a new Southeast Regional Center in Marshfield in the fall of 1981. Located on the grounds of a 165-acre estate which slopes to the North River, the Center will offer programs in natural history and ecology including nature walks, seminars, classes, and public meetings on environmental issues.

The Audubon Society property encompasses a variety of wetland and upland habitats. Trails and markers identifying scenic areas and points of interest will be developed throughout with an emphasis on coastal wetland habitats. Nature trails will provide excellent opportunities for walking, birdwatching, and other wildlife observation.

The main house of the estate will serve as the Society's nature programs center. Its facilities will include a library, classrooms, offices, laboratory, and exhibits on indigenous flora and fauna. The resource center will be open to the public at least five days a week.

The new Audubon Society Southeast Regional Center will be an invaluable addition to the natural, educational, and recreational resources of the coastal South Shore. For additional information on the Center, call 837-9400.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B "Plymouth Local" to Marshfield. After crossing the North River,

request that bus driver stop at the intersection of Rte. 3A (Main St.) and Summer St. The park entrance is on the left side of Main St.

By Car:

coastal route:

Cross the North River on Rte. 3A. Park entrance is on Rte. 3A just past the intersection of Rte. 3A and Summer St., on left side.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions as far as the intersection of Rtes. 3A and 139. Turn left (north) on Rte. 3A. Park entrance will be on right side of Main St. (Rte. 3A) just before intersection of Rte. 3A and Summer St.

parking:

Available at the Center, free.

BROOKS-TILDEN SHIPYARD

The traveller becomes a part of an idyllic riverine scene by visiting this fifteen-acre park of pine forest and saltmarsh on the North River. The site of a former shipyard, the park is managed by the Marshfield Conservation Commission and provides a canoe-launch and picnic site under the trees. Open daily, morning to sunset. Admission is free.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Not accessible by public transportation.

By Car:

coastal route:

Follow Rte. 3A south to Scituate. At the intersection of Rtes. 3A and 123, go west (right) on Rte. 123. Turn left on Bridge St. and cross Union St. Bridge. Park entrance is on right.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions to Marshfield Rte. 139 for about one mile. Turn left on Union St. and proceed for about 3 miles, until just before the Union St. Bridge. Turn left into entry drive.

parking:

For 15 cars on site, free.

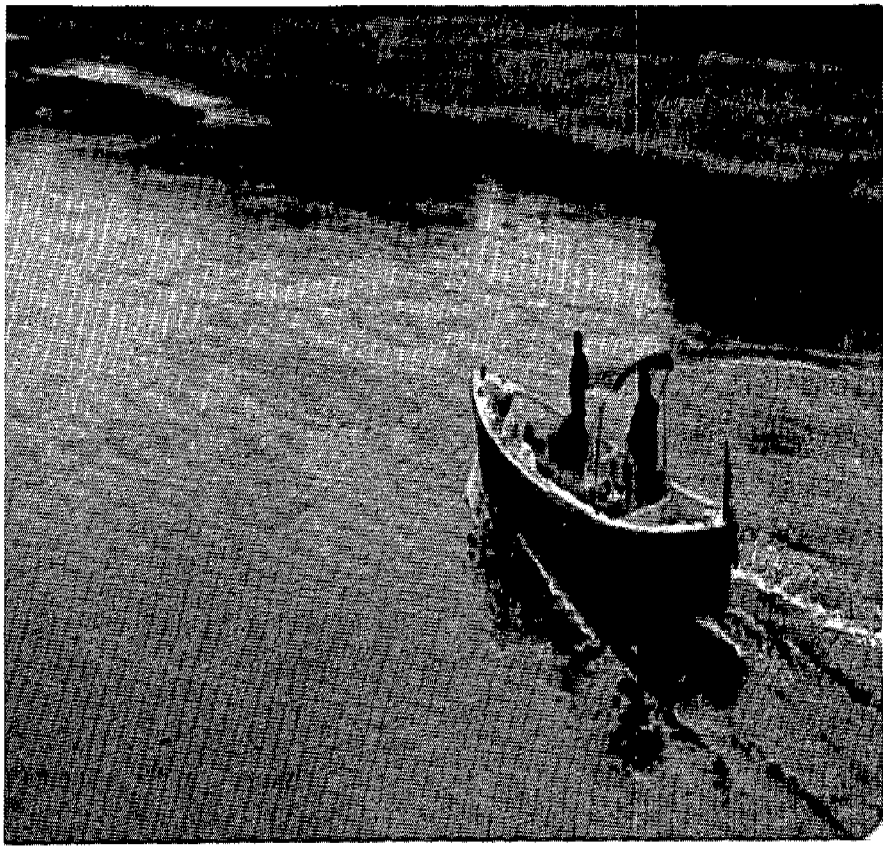
BLUEBERRY ISLAND

This small island on the North River is a scenic stopover for passing canoeists. Picnicking is encouraged and overnight camping is allowed by permission of the Marshfield Conservation Commission. A fire permit may be obtained from the Marshfield Fire Department.

Transportation:

Accessible only via the North River and located 3 miles upstream of the Brooks-Tilden Shipyard canoe launch. (see above).

Touring the North River.



BOATING

Marshfield's Green Harbor and North and South Rivers are used extensively by recreational boaters.

GREEN HARBOR

Small and bustling, Green Harbor is home port to numerous recreational boaters and a burgeoning commercial fishing fleet. The harbor is accessible to open water and the channel running up behind Brant Rock is 6-7′ deep at mean low tide. The harbor entrance is protected by two stone jetties but is periodically subject to shoaling, making passage difficult at times.

Harbor boating facilities include:

public boat ramps:

Town Boat Launch — Town Pier, end of Island St.
40′ concrete ramp. Free. Adjacent parking for 300 cars and trailers.

Green Harbor Marina Boat Ramp — Dike Rd. (837-1181)
Fee is charged.

public dock:

Town Pier — end of Island St.
Gas and diesel, water, several guest tie-ups.

marinas:

Green Harbor Marina — Dike Rd. (837-1181)
A full-service marina. Boat launch, gas (no diesel), guest slips . . . Sponsors sport fishing competitions (see Special Events).

Taylor Marine Corp. — 95 Central St. (834-9127)
Guest slips, gas, diesel, power . . .

marine/fishing supplies:

Harbor Galley Bait and Tackle Shop — Town Pier (837-3180)

Huntress Tackle — Dike Rd. next to Green Harbor Marina (934-5040)

yacht club:

Green Harbor Yacht Club —Dike Rd. (834-9741)
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other clubs.

partyboat fishing charters:

(See Saltwater Fishing below)

moorings:

permanent moorings —
Approximately 120 recreational moorings are located in Green Harbor. Several-year waiting list. Contact the harbormaster at 834-6741 for information.

guest moorings —
Town Pier. Contact the harbormaster at 834-6741 for information.

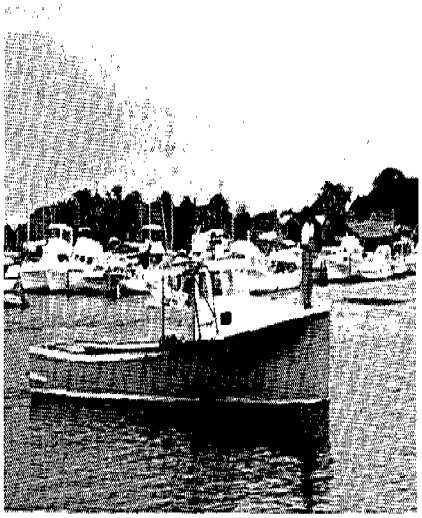
Green Harbor Marina. (837-1181)

Taylor Marine Corp. (834-9127)

Transportation:

By Bus:

See directions to Brant Rock Beach. The distance from Brant Rock Village along Island St. to Green Harbor is approximately 1½ miles.



"Home port." Green Harbor.

By Car:

Follow directions to Green Harbor Beach (see Beaches) except continue along Careswell St. to Brant Rock Village. Proceed through Village and bear right on Island St. Follow to Green Harbor.

NORTH RIVER

Marshfield boating facilities on the North River include:

public boat ramp:

Mary's Boat Livery — Rte. 3A, just beyond on the North River (837-2322)
Fee for use of launch.

marina:

Mary's Boat Livery — see above.
Gas, oil. Boat launch and rentals. Sells bait and fishing tackle.

boat rentals:

Mary's Boat Livery – see above.
Rents 16′ skiffs.

moorings:

permanent moorings
Contact the North River harbormaster for information, or Mary's Boat Livery (837-2322).

For a more complete description of the North River and list of boating facilities, see also Scituate: Boating.

SOUTH RIVER

The South River flows behind Humarock and joins the North River near the "New Inlet". Part of the larger North-South River estuarine system, it is popular with recreational boaters and anglers. The river's channel is 6′ deep at mean low tide, and is not navigable south of the Marshfield Yacht Club at low tide.

Boating facilities on the South River include:

public boat ramp:

Town Boat Ramp – Jnct. Ferry St. and Ridge Rd. (see directions to Humarock Beach, Marshfield: Beaches)
30′ asphalt ramp. Free. No adjacent parking.

Humarock Marina, Inc. – Ferry St. (837-1800)
Fee for use of ramp. Parking available.

public dock:

Town Pier – adjacent to Town Boat Ramp (see above)
Gas, diesel, overnight tie-ups, moorings

marinas/boat yards:

Humarock Marina, Inc. – Ferry St. (837-1800)
Gas, power, boat launch, guest moorings . . .

South River Yacht Yard – Marshfield Ave., Humarock (834-7551 or 834-8110)
Provides power, gas, boat rentals . . .

boat rentals:

South River Yacht Yard – see marinas/boat yards, above.

moorings:

permanent moorings –
Contact the South River harbormaster for information.

guest moorings –
Town Pier. Contact the South River harbormaster for information.

Humarock Marina, Inc. (837-1800)

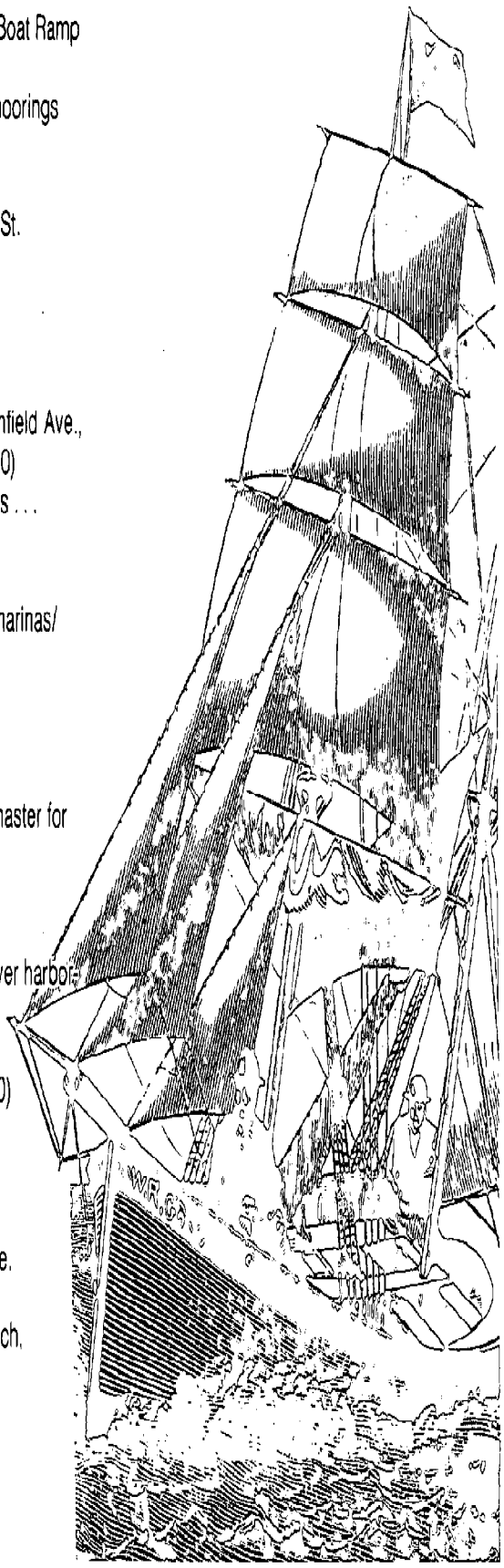
Transportation

By Bus:

No public transportation available.

By Car:

See directions to Humarock Beach, Beaches



CANOEING

NORTH RIVER

Winding for 23 miles through 2300 acres of lush wetland, the North River is one of the finest rivers for canoeing on the Massachusetts coast. Its rich scenery and abundant waterfowl and other wildlife provide a paradise for the canoeing photographer, birdwatcher, and nature lover. Camping is permitted on one of the river islands, Blueberry Island (see Waterfront Parks), and canoe races and trips are frequently held on the river (see Special Events).

Additional information on the North River and canoeing may be found in the sections Scituate; Boating and Canoeing. Also, the Marshfield Conservation Commission is an excellent source of information on canoeing the North River.

Canoing facilities include:
canoe launch:

Brooks-Tilden Shipyard off Union St. Only hand-carried boats may be launched from this site. Picnic area. Open: 7 days/wk., morning to sunset. See also Waterfront Parks, above.

Transportation and Parking: See Brooks-Tilden Shipyard, Waterfront Parks.

Site of old Brooks-Tilden Shipyard, North River.

Green Harbor. It provides access for canoeists wishing to visit Wharf Creek Woodland and Estes Woods.

Canoeing facilities include:
informal canoe launch:

Green Harbor Dike – Careswell St./ Dike Rd.
On-street parking nearby.

SALTWATER FISHING

GREEN HARBOR RIVER

The Green Harbor River is comparatively shallow and not tidally influenced above the dike at

may be enjoyed off boats, at any of the aches, off the jetties at Green Harbor and Brant Rock, or from the banks of the North River. The local catches in season are striped bass, cod, blues, coho salmon, and, especially, flounder.

Partyboat Fishing Charters

Several partyboats leave Green Harbor during season on daily bottom and sport fishing excursions. The following boats are available for charter:

"Chubby"	834-8002
"Misty"	934-5040
"Odd Couple"	653-5865
"The White Lady"	834-7446
"Survival"	834-4060

Boat Rentals

Mary's Boat Livery – Rte. 3A, on the North River (837-2322)
Rents 16′ fiberglass boats, with or without motors. Sells bait.

South River Yacht Yard – Marshfield Ave., Humarock (834-7551 or 834-8110)
Rents 16′ wooden skiffs with motors for full or half-day.

Fishing Tournaments (see Special Events)

SHELLFISHING

Recreational shellfishing is permitted in Marshfield and is concentrated in the North and South Rivers. A non-resident family permit (covering husband, wife, and children up to age 16) costs $20 and may be purchased at Marshfield Town Hall (837-5141).

SPECIAL EVENTS

Green Harbor Tuna Club Fishing Tournaments

The Green Harbor Marina sponsors three types of fishing tournaments each year: Green Harbor Tuna Club Tournament; Ladies Tuna Tournament; On-Going Fishing Tournament. Club membership is required for participation in certain events (membership fee is $25 the first year; $15 each year following). Call the Green Harbor Marina (837-1181) for information.

Annual North River Canoe Race

Canoe race from the Union St. Bridge up river to the old Washington St. Bridge in Norwell. Co-sponsored by the Jaycees and the Marshfield Recreation Department. Call 834-6243 for information.

North River Canoe Trip and Shipyard Tour

The Marshfield Conservation Commission sponsors a tour of the old Brooks-Tilden Shipyard and a canoe trip on the North River to Blueberry Island. Bring canoe, life-jacket, and lunch. In April. Call the Conservation Commission at 837-5141 for further information.

Sandcastle and Sandbuilding Contest

Held in July. Contact the Ventress Memorial Library at 837-5035 for information.

INFORMATION

Additional information regarding waterfront activities and sites, restaurants and accommodations may be obtained by contacting:

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce
P. O.Box 716
Marshfield, MA 02050

or

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Information Booth
Jct. Rtes. 3A and 139
(Open: June 30-Labor Day, 7 days/wk. 10-5, Labor Day-June 30, Sats. and Suns. 10-5).

Marshfield Conservation Commission
Town Hall
Marshfield, MA 02050
837-5141

Town Hall
Marshfield, MA 02050
837-5141

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce
36 Miller Stile Rd.
Quincy, MA 02169
479-1111

duxbury

Duxbury is a tranquil and beautiful town where stately pine groves, sea captains' mansions, and open bay quietly recall a luminous past. First settled in about 1628 by such eminent Pilgrims as John Alden, Myles Standish and William Brewster, Duxbury was incorporated in 1632, making it the second oldest town in Plymouth Colony.

Until the Revolutionary War, Duxbury was principally concerned with farming, but later fishing and shipping became the mainstays of the local economy. The years between 1812 and the Civil War have been called Duxbury's "Golden Age of Shipping," and during this period some of America's wealthiest and most renowned shippers hailed from its port.

Today, Duxbury is perhaps best known for its prominent barrier beach. Relatively unaltered by development, this sandy spit stretches for several miles in the shape of an "L" from the Marshfield town line out into the Atlantic. The beach forms and protects Duxbury Bay which is a popular area for recreational boating and clamming. Landward, extensive saltmarsh and estuarine systems provide fine havens for birding and canoeing.

Only about 30 miles south of Boston, historic Duxbury — whether by car, bicycle, or on foot — is well worth a visit.

General Directions:

By Bus:

From Boston, P & B Buses (423-5810) leave from the Greyhound Bus Station on St. James St., or from South Station. Buses run several times daily, M-F;and on a reduced schedule weekends. (Duxbury is a "flag stop": a bus may be hailed from any point in Duxbury.)

By Car:

coastal route:

From Boston, take the Southeast Expressway south to the Neponset-Quincy exit. Follow signs for Rte. 3A south to Duxbury.

expressway:

From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 11 (Duxbury) and go east on Rte. 14 to Duxbury Center. Or — take Exit 10 (South Duxbury) and follow Rte. 3A north to the junction of Rtes. 3A and 14. Follow signs to Duxbury Center.

BEACHES

DUXBURY BEACH RESERVATION

Over five miles long and sandy, Duxbury Beach Reservation is one of Massachusetts' finest public swimming beaches.

Duxbury Beach was acquired in the early part of this century by foresighted residents who sought to protect the beach from development. Owned today by these "Trustees of Duxbury Beach Reservation" and leased to the town of Duxbury, the beach remains a fine example of a relatively natural and unaltered barrier beach.

Each spring a small army of volunteers does its part to protect the barrier beach by planting thousands of clumps of beach grass on sand dunes. Beach grass sends roots eight to ten feet deep into the sand. The grass traps blowing sand and anchors the dunes against ocean winds and waves. During the winter, residents also contribute discarded Christmas trees which are placed on the dunes to trap blowing sand, thus reducing erosion.

Duxbury Beach is long, clean, well-maintained, and one of the South Shore's most important and accessible coastal recreational resources. Lifeguards are on duty during summer. Amenities include: showers, restrooms, concession, and luncheon restaurant.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Duxbury. Get off at the corner of Washington St. and Powder Point Ave. The distance from this point to

WATERFRONT PARKS

the beach via Powder Point Bridge is a little over a mile.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Duxbury, turn left onto Rte. 139 north (Careswell St.) after crossing Duxbury town line. Turn right on Canal St. at Duxbury Beach sign. Follow to end.

expressway:

From Rte. 3 south, take Exit 11 (Duxbury). Go east on Rte. 14 and bear left onto Rte. 139 north (Church St.). Take a right at Duxbury Beach sign onto Canal St. Follow to end.

parking:

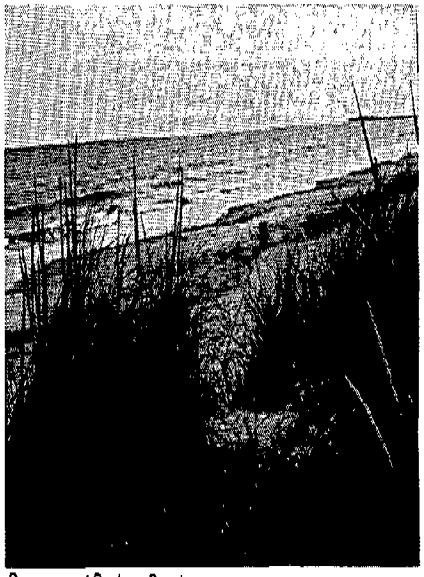
Public parking for 1,000 + cars. End of Canal St. Fee: $2 M-F, $4 wknds. & hols. Lot usually fills by noon on hot weekends. No parking restrictions during the off-season.

Also, parking available for 100 cars in gravel lot left side of Canal St. just before entrance to Duxbury Beach Park. Fee:

MYLES STANDISH MONUMENT RESERVATION

Originally part of a farm given to Myles Standish by an appreciative Plymouth Colony, this state park is a beautiful and peaceful thirty acres of hemlock, pine, and cedar upland overlooking Massachusetts Bay. A larger than life-sized statue of Myles Standish caps a 116' high monument on Captain's Hill and looks out across Duxbury and Plymouth Bays to Provincetown. Picnic tables are scattered throughout the pine groves, and an attendant is on duty in season. Open May-Sept. 10am-6pm. Admission: free.

*From Labor Day to Memorial Day, park is unattended and vehicular access to it barred; pedestrians and bicyclists, however, may enter the park.



Dunegrass at Duxbury Beach.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Duxbury. Get off at the So. Duxbury Ct. stop. From this point, it is a 2-mile walk or bike ride to the park.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Duxbury turn left on Depot Rd. (after passing Duxbury Town Hall). Proceed half-way around the So. Duxbury Ct. rotary. Continue on Standish St. and turn right onto Crescent St. Park entrance is on left.

expressway:

From Rte. 3 south, take Exit 10 (South Duxbury). Go north on Rte. 3A about 2 miles. Turn right onto Chestnut St. At the rotary, go almost half-way around and continue on Standish St. Turn right onto Crescent St. Park entrance is on left.

parking:

Free public parking for 40 cars on site.

STANDISH CELLAR HOLE

A small greenspace overlooking Kingston Bay, and the site of the original Standish homestead.

Transportation:

By Bus:

See directions to Myles Standish Monument Reservation, above.

By Car:

Follow directions to Myles Standish Monument Reservation except continue on Crescent St. to Marshall St. Follow Marshall St. to end, take a sharp right and then a left on Mayflower Ave. Follow to end.

BOATING

Duxbury's Snug Harbor and surrounding waters are popular areas for recreational boating.

SNUG HARBOR

This shallow and expansive body of water is separated from open sea by Duxbury Beach and Saquish Neck. The distance from open ocean to Town Landing through the channel is about five miles, and the channel is eight feet deep at mean low water. Most boating facilities are located at Town Landing Basin at Mattakeesett Court.

Snug Harbor boating facilities include:

public boat ramp:

Town Ramp – Town Landing Basin, Mattakeesett Court
40′ concrete ramp. Free. Adjacent all-day parking for 50 cars and 1-hr. parking for 20 cars, free.

public docks:

Town Pier – Town Landing Basin, Mattakeesett Court
Some free guest moorings.

boat yards/marine supplies:

Bayside Marine Corp. – Washington St. (934-2051)
Boat storage and repair. Gas and water available.

Duxbury Marine Corp. – Town Landing Basin, Mattakeesett Court (934-6544)
Repair, yacht brokerage . . .

Long Point Marine – Washington St.
Boat storage and repair.

Rowboat, Duxbury shoreline.

yacht club:

Duxbury Yacht Club – Town Landing Basin, Mattakeesett Court
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other yacht clubs. Sponsors public sailing races (see Special Events).

moorings:

permanent moorings –
Several hundred boats moor in Duxbury Bay. Contact the harbormaster at 934-2866 for information.

guest moorings –
Town Pier. Contact the harbormaster at 934-2866 for information.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Duxbury, and get off at Snug Harbor stop. It is a short walk from here to Town Landing Basin.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A south in Duxbury, turn left on Harrison Ave. and follow to end. Cross Washington St. onto Mattakeesett Court.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions (Exit 11) to Duxbury. Go east on Rte. 14. At intersection of Rtes. 14 and 3A, turn right (south) on 3A. Take a left on Harrison Ave. and follow to end. Cross Washington St. onto Mattakeesett Court.

The waters of Duxbury Bay are also accessible via several town landings in Duxbury. Small boats may land at or launch from these points, but established ramps and adjacent parking are usually not available.

Dog day afternoon, Duxbury.

town landings:

Shipyard Lane Landing – off Washington St.
Launching area for small boats. Parking for Duxbury residents only.

Howlands' Landing – off Crescent St., So. Duxbury
Duxbury's second most popular landing.

Landing Rd. – off Bay Rd. S. Duxbury
Launching area for small boats. No parking.

Hicks Point Rd. – off Bay Rd., S. Duxbury
Launching area for small boats. Parking for two cars.

CANOEING

Estuaries such as the Back, Pine Point, and Bluefish Rivers meander through Duxbury's vast saltmarsh and are pleasant waterways for canoeing and birdwatching.

BACK RIVER

canoe launches:

Old Cove Landing – end of Cove St., off George St.
Parking for 10 cars, free.

Powder Point Landing – Powder Point Ave., next to the Powder Point Bridge.
Parking for several cars.

BLUEFISH RIVER:

canoe launch:

Washington and Cove Sts. Landing – next to old fire station
Parking for several cars.

PINE POINT RIVER

canoe launch:

Pine Point Rd. Landing – off Canal St.
Ample parking available at Duxbury Beach Reservation or alternate parking area on Canal St.

SALTWATER FISHING

Duxbury's bay, rivers, and open waters provide excellent sport fisheries. Bay-fishing for flounder and cod from the Powder Point Bridge ("the longest all-wooden bridge in the world") has long been a popular and productive pastime. The Bluefish River is noted for an abundance of winter flounder and rainbow smelt, while surf-casting from Duxbury Beach* can yield plentiful catches of striped bass, bluefish, cod, and winter flounder, in season.

*Four-wheel drive vehicles are permitted along restricted portions of Duxbury Beach. An annual permit is required and may be purchased for a fee of $40 at Duxbury Town Hall. Call 934-6586 for information.

SHELLFISHING

Since colonial times the tidal flats of Duxbury Bay have been important shellfish producers. Today they are among the best recreational shellfishing areas in the region. Shellfishing permits for non-residents may be obtained at Duxbury Town Hall (934-6586), and are of two types: $2 permit entitling the bearer to dig only along Duxbury Beach, bayside; $25 permit entitling the bearer to dig anywhere that clamming is permitted in Duxbury. Call the town clerk's office (934-6586) for information.

MARITIME HISTORY

King Caesar House 120 King Caesar Rd. (934-2378)

A fine example of Federal-period architecture, the King Caesar House was built in 1807 by the shipping magnate, Ezra Weston II, (better known as "King Caesar" because his vast wealth was estimated by Lloyds of London to be the largest in America). The house features wallpaper from France and artifacts from the China Trade. It is presently the home of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. Open: mid-June to Labor Day, 2-5pm (closed Mons.). Admission fee.

Starting times vary according to the tides. Call the Yacht Club at 934-9188 for information.

Duxbury Beach Sandcastle and Sandbuilding Contest

Held annually in July. Call the Duxbury Free Library at 934-2721 for information.

William F. Clapp Laboratory
397 Washington St. (934-5682)

This internationally renowned marine sciences research laboratory gives public tours of the center during July and August, several times a week.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Gurnet Classic Beach Run

An annual family event and the only beach race of its kind in New England. This event features two simultaneous races: 10,000 meter and 3,000 meter runs. The race is held in July and is limited to 500 entries. Applications may be obtained from either The Gurnet Inn on Duxbury Beach or The Runnery running store in Hanover.

Duxbury Yacht Club Sailing Races:

The DYC sponsors public sailing races for Flying Scotts, Highlanders, and "420s" during the summer; and races for Lasers on many Sundays.

INFORMATION

Additional information regarding waterfront activities and sites may be obtained by contacting:

Selectmen's Office
Town Hall
Duxbury, MA
934-6586

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society
King Caesar House
120 King Caesar Rd.
Duxbury, MA
934-2378

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce
36 Miller Stile Rd.
Quincy, MA 02169
479-1111

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce
85 Samoset St.
Plymouth, MA 02360
746-3377

Abandoned house and Duxbury saltmarsh.

kingston

Quiet and unassuming, Kingston is an old seacoast town whose present modesty conceals a former eminence. This small town was originally part of Plymouth and acquired international fame during the 18th and 19th centuries through shipbuilding and maritime commerce. Hundreds of ships, including America's first naval vessel, "Independence," were built and launched on its Jones River.

Today the Jones River seems surprisingly small given its impressive past. It is used mostly for recreational boating, fishing, and access to the waters of Kingston Bay.

The Kingston coastline is only about two miles long, and rocky. Consequently, waterfront activities and attractions along this portion of coastline are comparatively limited. Kingston nevertheless, stands firmly in the tradition of historic South Shore communities, and quietly recalls its seafaring past.

General Directions:

By Bus:

From Boston, P & B Buses (423-5810) leave from the Greyhound Bus Station on St. James St., or from South Station. Buses run frequently all week long.

By Car:

coastal route:

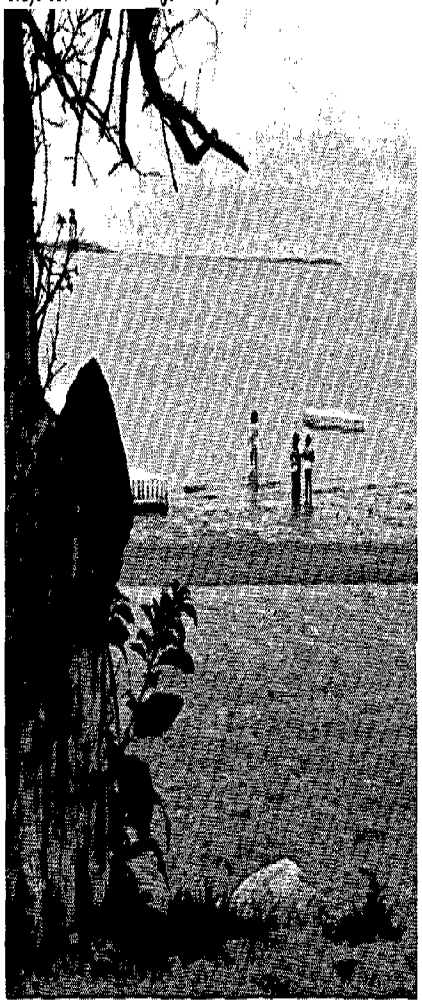
From Boston, take the Southeast Expressway south to the Neponset-Quincy exit. Follow Rte. 3A south to Kingston.

expressway:

From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 9 (Kingston) and go north on Rte. 3A to Kingston Center.

BEACHES

Grays Beach Park on Kingston Bay.



GRAY'S BEACH PARK

A very small bathing beach on Kingston Bay used mostly by town residents. Because of the shallowness of the bay, opportunities for swimming, especially at low tide, are limited. The adjacent park, however, offers several amenities including a playground, tennis court, basketball court, large play field, and picnic tables under the trees. Gray's Beach Park is very pleasant and especially suitable for families with young children.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Kingston. Get off at Howlands Lane stop. The beach is a short walk from this point.

By Car:

coastal route:

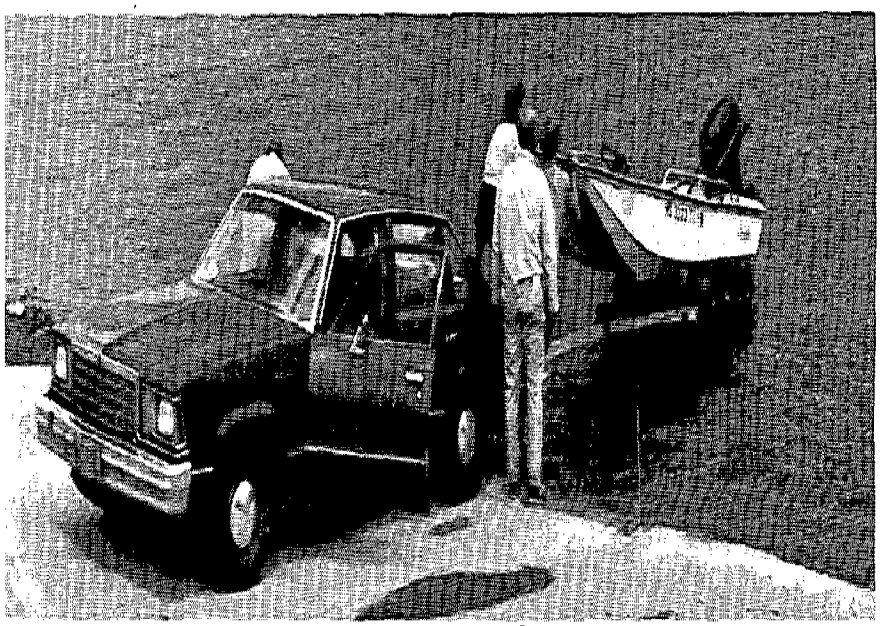
From Rte. 3A in Kingston, turn left on Howlands Lane and then a right onto Gray's Beach Rd.

expressway:

From Rte. 3 south, take Exit 9 (Kingston). Go south on Rte. 3A, following signs to Rocky Nook. Turn left on Howlands Lane and then right onto Gray's Beach Rd.

parking:

For 30 cars at the Park. $5/day.



Boat-launching on the Jones River.

WATERFRONT PARKS

GRAY'S BEACH PARK (See Beaches)

BOATING

JONES RIVER

The Jones River is a scenic meandering river flowing over a nine to ten mile course from Silver Lake to Kingston Bay. The river is the site of one of the earliest trading and fishing shipbuilding industries in Massachusetts, and several plaques along the river mark locations of its colonial shipyards. The Jones River is also one of the most important coastal spawning areas for rainbow smelt in the Commonwealth.

While not very deep, the Jones River can accommodate draggers up to 90′ long and is navigable by small craft for several miles in its lower reaches.

Jones River boating facilities include:

public boat ramp:

Town Landing — end of River St.
14′ asphalt ramp. Use of ramp is free. Parking for 110 cars and trailers is available; non-residents must obtain a parking permit ($25/year) from the selectmen's office at Kingston Town Hall (585-4445).

marine supply and repair:

Landing Marine — 51 Landing Rd. (585-6236)
Power, repairs, hardware . . .

moorings:

permanent moorings —
125 recreational moorings are located in the Jones River. Long waiting list. Contact the harbormaster for information.

Transportation (to Town Landing):

By Car

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Kingston, turn left on Landing Rd. Take first right on River St. and follow to end.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions to Kingston. Go north on Rte. 3A and cross Jones River, and turn right on Landing Rd. Take first right on River St. and follow to end.

SALTWATER FISHING

The waters of Kingston Bay and beyond are excellent fishing grounds for bluefish, winter flounder, striped bass, Atlantic mackerel, and Atlantic cod.

SHELLFISHING

Recreational shellfishing is permitted in Kingston. A $10 non-resident's permit entitles the bearer to clam in Kingston Bay. Shellfishing permit may be purchased at the selectmen's office, Kingston Town Hall (585-4445).

MARITIME HISTORY

Van Bael's Wharf Wharf Lane, off Howlands Lane, Rocky Nook section

Originally "Delano's Wharf," this stone structure was once used during prosperous fishing days for fitting out ships built on the Jones River. Only three such structures exist on the eastern seaboard, one of which is "Motif #1" in Rockport, Massachusetts. A 19th century home sits on the end of Van Bael's Wharf today.

Major John Bradford House corner of Landing Rd. and Maple St. (585-4652)

Kingston's oldest house was built in 1674 by Major John Bradford, grandson of Plymouth Colony's second governor, William Bradford. From this house John Bradford began the "Bradford Manuscript" adventures which form the basis of much of our present-day knowledge of the Pilgrims. The House is a typical 17th century farmhouse with authentic furniture and decor. Guides give cooking, weaving, and other early crafts demonstrations. Open: July-Labor Day. Wed.-Sun. Noon-5pm (1-5pm on Sun.). Admission: nominal fee.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Anadromous Fish Run

The Jones River is a major anadromous fish run for alewives (herring) and smelt. Each spring thousands of fish ascend the river from the ocean to spawn in fresh water lakes and streams. This migration is a fascinating phenomenon and may be best observed from the Elm Street pumping station.

INFORMATION

Additional information regarding waterfront sites and activities, accommodations and restaurants may be obtained by contacting:

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585-4445

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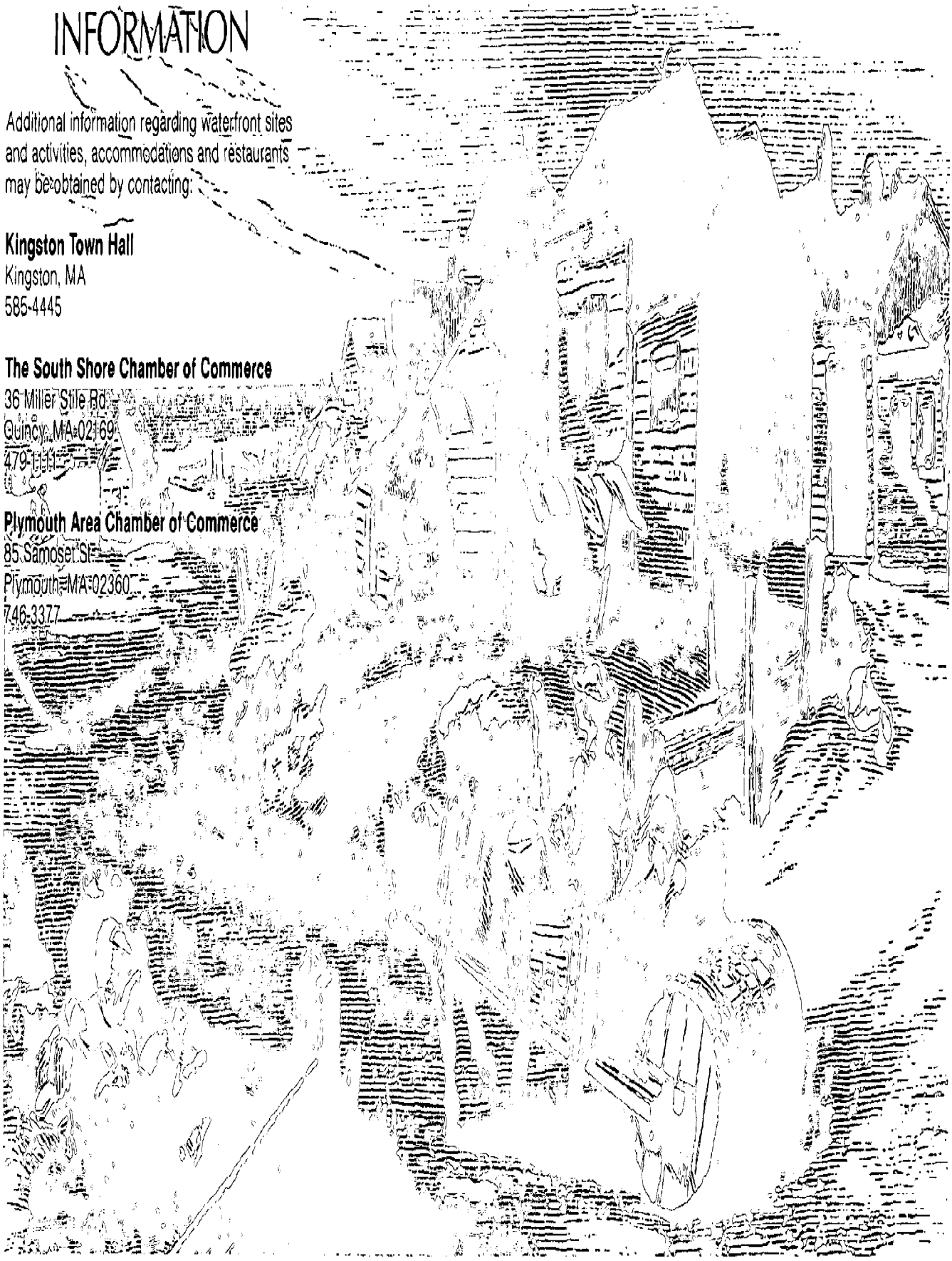
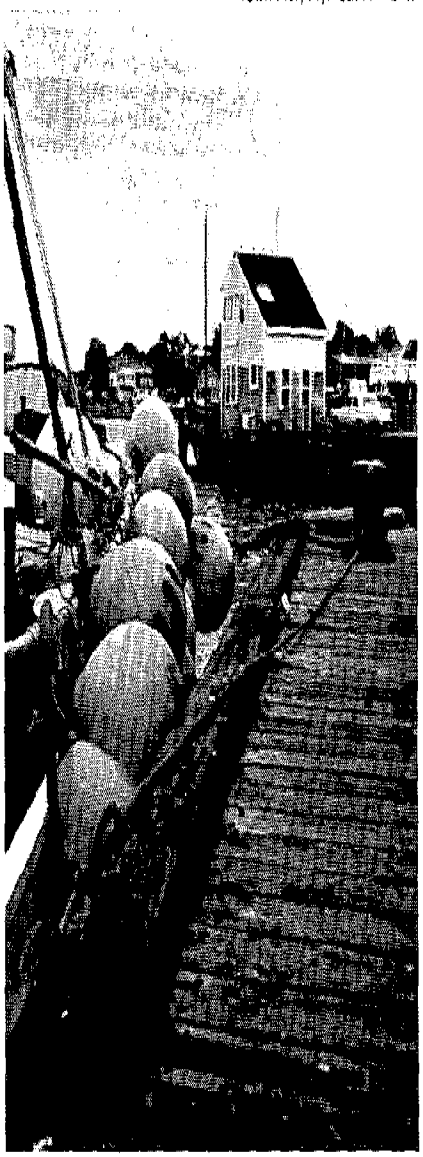


plymouth

The tale is a familiar one: one hundred and two settlers set sail aboard the tiny vessel "Mayflower" on an autumn Atlantic in 1620, toward an uncertain destiny. Those who survived that first bitter winter in Plymouth lived off the sea, learned to plant corn, and helped establish on the continent a form and tradition of government that endures today.

Pilgrim past and Plymouth present are inextricably linked. Annually, hundreds of thousands of history-seekers visit Plymouth's authenic, restored, and re-created sites such as Plymouth Plantation and "Mayflower II." But Plymouth is more than Pilgrims. A dynamic and growing community, it is Massachusetts' largest town. It has a coastline over twenty miles long of varied beauty and interest. Its bay is the South Shore's largest, with boating activity of nearly every persuasion occurring on its waters. Plymouth waterfront, too, is lined with parks, historic sites, seafood restaurants, shops, and beaches. Plymouth provides an abundance of things to do and see along the Massachusetts coast and is one South Shore seaside town that should not be missed.



Town Pier, Plymouth Harbor.

General Directions:

By Bus:

From Boston, P & B Buses (423-5810) leave from the Greyhound Bus Station on St. James St., or from South Station. Buses provide frequent service to Plymouth daily, including weekends; all seasons.

In Plymouth, the new Plymouth Rock Trolley Co. operates a "trolly" shuttle between waterfront historic sites and downtown. Frequent service daily, year round.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Boston, take the Southeast Expressway to the Neponset-Quincy exit. Follow signs for Rte. 3A south to Plymouth.

expressway:

From Boston, follow the Southeast Expressway (Rte. 3) south. Take Exit 6 (Plymouth Center) and then follow Rte. 44 east to Plymouth Center. (Most sites of interest are within a short distance of the Center.)

By Plane:

Plymouth has a municipal airport. Call 746-2020 for information.

BEACHES

Plymouth has four good, public beaches: Nelson Beach and Stephens Field beach are small,

bayside beaches; Plymouth and Whitehorse Beaches are long sandy stretches on the open ocean.

NELSON BEACH

Nelson Beach is a small bathing beach on Plymouth Bay. Because Saquish Neck northerly and Plymouth Beach to the south nearly enclose the bay, opportunities for swimming, especially at low tide, are limited.

Like Gray's Beach Park in Kingston, however, the park adjacent to the beach is an excellent recreation area, especially for children. The park offers picnic tables, two large playing fields, a playground, and fine views of Plymouth Bay and beyond. No concessions or lifeguards. Bathhouse is located at the park. Open year round. Admission is free except for parking.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Plymouth. Get off at the corner of Court St. and Knapp Terrace. It is a short walk from this point to the beach.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Plymouth, turn left on Nelson St. and follow to end.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions to Plymouth Center. Turn left on Court St. and right on Nelson St. Follow to end.

parking:

Public parking for 40 cars at the park. Free M-F; $5 wknds./hols.

STEPHENS FIELD BEACH

The beach at Stephens Field is comparable to Nelson Beach though somewhat sandier. The adjacent park also offers several recreational facilities including three tennis courts, ball fields, basketball courts, and bleachers. Concession and bathhouse on the premises. No lifeguards. Open year round. Admission is free except for parking.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Plymouth. Get off at the corner of Fremont and Sandwich Sts. It is a short distance from this point to the beach.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Plymouth, turn left one mile south of Plymouth Center at Stephens Field sign, 1 mile south of Plymouth Center.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions to Plymouth Center. Turn right on Sandwich St. Go one mile and turn left at Stephens Field sign.

parking:

Public parking for 100 cars at the park. Free M-F; $5 wknds & hols.

PLYMOUTH BEACH

Also known as Long Beach, this slender barrier beach extends northeasterly into Plymouth Bay. Like Duxbury Beach, Plymouth Beach is a good example of a relatively unaltered barrier spit, and is similarly protected from erosion and storm damage by dune and beach management efforts by the community.

Plymouth Beach is three and one-half miles long, sandy, on the open ocean, and one of the most publicly accessible swimming beaches on the South Shore. The beach affords remarkable views of Saquish Neck to the northwest and, southeasterly, Manomet Bluffs. Lifeguards are on duty during summer, and a concession and public restrooms are located at the beach parking area.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Plymouth. Buses stop at the beach during summer.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Plymouth, turn left into beach parking lot (just before Bert's Restaurant).

expressway:

From Rte. 3, bear left at Exit 4 (Plimouth Plantation Highway). Bypass first sign to Plymouth Beach. At intersection of highway and Rte. 3A, go north on Rte. 3A. Turn right into beach parking lot just after Bert's Restaurant on Warren Ave.

parking:

Public parking for 200+ cars. Admission: $3 M-F; $5 wknds./hols.

WHITEHORSE BEACH

Wide and long with fine white sand, Whitehorse Beach is probably the best public beach in Plymouth and also one of the best on the South

Shore. Lifeguards are on duty during summer. Restrooms and concessions are not available at the beach but small stores and snackbars are located nearby on Rte. 3A.

Transportation:

By Bus:

No public transportation.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Plymouth, turn left on Whitehorse Beach Rd., and right on Taylor Ave..

expressway:

From Rte. 3 in Plymouth, bear left at Exit 4 (Plimouth Plantation Highway). Go south on Rte. 3A for about 1½ miles. Turn left on Whitehorse Beach Rd., and right on Taylor Ave.

parking:

On-street parking (very limited) on Taylor Ave. and some adjoining sidestreets, except where posted otherwise.

BREWSTER GARDENS

These are lovely strolling and resting grounds in view of Plymouth Bay. Town Brook wends through this landscaped park, and herring may be observed here in spring during their annual migration up-river to freshwater spawning grounds.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take the P & B Bus to Plymouth and get off at the corner of Main and Leyden Sts. The park extends from Main St. to Water St.

By Car:

coastal route:

From Rte. 3A in Plymouth, turn left on Brewster St. and right on Water St. Park is on right.

expressway:

Follow General (expressway) Directions to Plymouth Center. Turn right on Main St., left on Brewster St. and right on Water St. Park is on right.

parking:

On-street parking is available on Water St.

Transportation:

See directions to Brewster Gardens, above. Coles Hill is adjacent to this park.

HOLMES FIELD

An 18th century meeting ground, Holmes Field is a 26-acre open meadow near Plymouth Bay. It is owned and maintained by the Trustees of Reservations.

Transportation:

By Bus:

Take P & B Bus to Plymouth and get off at the corner of Court St. and Robbins Rd.

By Car:

coastal route:

Field is on left side of Rte. 3A in Plymouth.

expressway:

Follow general expressway directions to Plymouth Center. Turn left on Court St. (at

Looking out to sea. Plymouth Harbor.

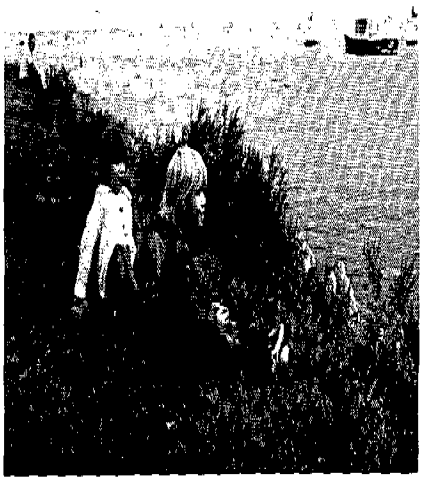
WATERFRONT PARKS

NELSON MEMORIAL PARK (see Beaches)

STEPHENS FIELD (see Beaches)

COLES HILL

The Pilgrim dead were buried secretly on this hill after the first harsh winter in Plymouth. The top of Coles Hill affords a panoramic view of Plymouth Bay, Saquish Neck, Plymouth Beach and beyond.



the end of Rte. 44). Field is four blocks ahead on right.

parking:

Limited on-street parking is available nearby.

BOSTON EDISON PILGRIM STATION SHOREFRONT

This three-acre landscaped park on the open ocean affords fine vistas of the Plymouth coastline and Massachusetts Bay. Fishing from the shore or from the 1800'-long breakwater is encouraged. Open: April-Nov. 8am-8pm.

Transportation:

By Bus:

No public transportation available.

By Car:

coastal route:

Follow Rte. 3A south through Plymouth Center. Turn left on Rocky Hill Rd. Entrance to Pilgrim Shorefront is on left.

expressway:

Follow Rte. 3 south. Bear left at Exit 4 (Plimouth Plantation Highway). Go south on Rte. 3A for two miles. Go left again on Rocky Hill Rd. Turn right at Pilgrim Shorefront sign.

parking:

Public parking for 150 cars at park, free.

BOATING

PLYMOUTH HARBOR

Plymouth Harbor is the focal point for a variety of boating activities including commercial fishing, recreational boating, partyboat fishing and excursions, to name a few. The harbor is the only deep draft shelter between Scituate and the Cape Cod Canal and the channel is 12'-13' deep at mean low water (18' deep when dredged). Though the harbor entrance is sometimes difficult to navigate, the course into shore is clearly marked.

Boating facilities on the waterfront include:

public boat ramp:

Plymouth Harbor Public Boat Ramp
Phoenix Court, off Water St.
70' ramp which can accommodate two boats at a time. Free parking for 105 cars and trailers on site.

informal boat launching areas:

Stephens Field (see Beaches)

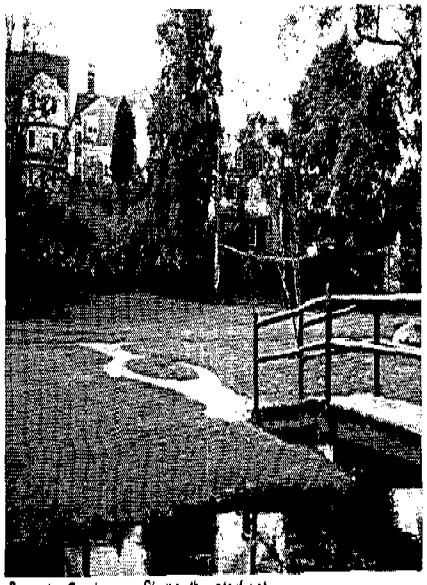
Nelson Memorial Park (see Beaches)

Plymouth Beach (see Beaches)

public docks:

Town Wharf — off Water St.
Home port for a large commercial fishing fleet and one of the largest partyboat fishing centers in the state (see Saltwater Fishing, Partyboat Fishing). Guest tie-ups.

State Pier — off Water St.
Departure point for cruises and tours of the bay and Cape waters (see Harbor Cruises/ Bay Excursions below). "Mayflower II" and other historic sites are located here.



Brewster Gardens on Plymouth waterfront.

marina/boatyard:

Plymouth Marine, Inc. — 14 Union St. (746-4500)
A full-service boatyard. Gas, diesel, power . . . limited dockage. (Marina to open in 1982).

marine supplies:

The Lazarette — 14 Union St. (746-4500)
Boating supplies, charts, etc.

yacht club:

Plymouth Yacht Club — Water St. (746-9824)
Accords reciprocal privileges to members of other yacht clubs.

moorings:

permanent moorings —
About 450 recreational moorings are located in Plymouth Bay. 2 to 3 year waiting list. Contact the harbormaster at 746-9731 for information.

guest moorings –
Town Wharf. Call the harbormaster at 746-9731 for information.

boat rentals:

Rent-A-Boat – Town Pier (746-2575)
Rents 16′ skiffs with motors for full day or half-day. Rents paddle boats by the half-hour.

Tripp's Boat Livery – Manomet Point, Manomet (224-2476)
Rents 16′ skiffs with motors.

harbor cruises/bay excursions:

Plymouth Ocean Tours – Town Wharf (746-4762)
Thirty-five-minute historic, narrated cruises of Plymouth Harbor, and 1¼-hour "Family Sunset Cruises" of the Harbor and Cape Cod Bay.
June-Sept., daily; spring and fall, wknds. only.

Plymouth and Provincetown Steamship Co. – State Pier (747-2400; 487-2274; or 1-800-242-1304)
Fourteen different types of day and evening excursions on the 94′, 379-passenger "Cape-Cod Princess," including: daily excursion service from Plymouth to Provincetown; daily whale watch cruises; evening dinner and music cruises with food and liquor service, and music ranging from classical and dixieland to blue-grass, jazz and disco.

Capt. John Tours – Town Wharf (746-2643)
Offers "Sunset Cruises" in July and August, and whale-watches from April to October.

partyboat fishing charters:
See Saltwater Fishing., Partyboat Fishing

SALTWATER FISHING

An excellent sport fishery exists in Plymouth's waters. Cod, flounder and mackerel are fished from spring to fall from the waterfront piers on Plymouth Bay. Flounder, stripers, blues and cod abound in open waters off Plymouth Beach between November and March, and many species are fished from the 1800′-long breakwater at Boston Edison's Pilgrim Shorefront (see Waterfront Parks). For the "sidewalk angler," Town Wharf is an interesting spot to observe commercial fishermen unloading their catch; afternoons between 4 and 6 p.m. are the best times to watch.

Partyboat Fishing

Plymouth's Town Wharf is one of the largest partyboat fishing centers in the state. The following boats leave from Town Wharf early mornings daily, in season, for full or half-day fishing trips:

"Capt. John and Son" (4 boats)	746-2643
"Andy Lynn"	746-4922
"Jeanette IV"	746-7538
"Nan Sue"	746-2756 or 9388
"Poly Dean"	746-4809

Boat Rentals

Tripp's Boat Livery – Manomet Point (224-2476)
Rents 16′ skiffs with motors.

Rent-A-Boat – Town Pier (746-2575)
Rents 16′ skiffs with motors by the half-day or full-day. Rents paddleboats by the half-hour.

Fishing Tournaments (see Special Events)

SHELLFISHING

Recreational shellfishing is permitted in Plymouth. A non-resident's shellfishing permit, covering a single adult and children under sixteen, costs $25. Permits may be purchased at Plymouth Town Office Building, Lincoln St. (747-1620 x32).

MARITIME HISTORY

Plymouth offers the visitor numerous sites of historic interest. Several maritime or seaside historical attractions are described below. For further information, contact the Visitor Informa-

tion Center or Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce (see Information).

Described below are several seaside or maritime historic attractions. For additional sources of information on Plymouth's historic sites, see Information.

"Mayflower II" moored at State Pier, off Water St.

A full-scale reproduction of the type of vessel on which the Pilgrims sailed for sixty-six days in 1620. Built in England, this replica was sailed across the Atlantic in 1957. Costumed guides give lectures and demonstrations. Open: April-Nov., daily, 9-5 (until 8pm during July and August). Fee.

Plymouth Rock Water St., near the "Mayflower II"

Probably New England's biggest tourist attraction, and the best known rock in the United States. Costumed guides recite the history of this now stone-canopied and enclosed rock.

First House and 1627 House next to "Mayflower II" at State Pier

Reproductions of the rough dwellings built by Pilgrims during their early days in Plymouth. Open: April-Nov., daily, 9-5. Nominal fee.

The Mayflower Experience 114 Water St.

This attraction features a ⅓-scale model of the "Mayflower," and electronic presentations recreating the original voyage. Open: March-Nov., daily, 9-5. Fee.

Pilgrim Hall 75 Court St. (746-1620)

Built in 1824, this is the oldest museum in America. Pilgrim Hall features a unique example of 17th century shipbuilding — a relic of the vessel "Sparrow Hawk." This ship was wrecked off the coast of Cape Cod in 1626; its remains were found in 1863 and later reassembled. Open year round, daily, 9-5. Fee.

Plimoth Plantation Rte. 3A, three miles south of Plymouth Rock (746-1622)

This famous living museum recreates many aspects of the 1627 Pilgrim Village, fort-meeting-house, and Algonquin Indian summer settlement. Open: April-Nov. Fee.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The following is a sampling of recreational events which take place on the Plymouth waterfront. For additional sources of information on special events, see Information.

Musical Events on the Boardwalk Cranberry World, Water St. (747-1000)

Symphonic and blue-grass concerts are held on the Plymouth waterfront throughout the summer. Free.

Whale-Watching Cruises

Several boats depart Town Wharf and State Pier on whale-watching excursions to Stellwagen Banks, the rich fishing grounds of Massachusetts Bay (See Boating: harbor cruises/bay excursions).

Cranberry World Water St. (747-1000)

A unique museum which traces the cranberry from colonial times to the present. The center features authentic and present-day artifacts, slide shows, 3-D displays, daily cooking demonstrations, demonstration cranberry bogs, and a scale-model cranberry farm. Free refreshments. Open: April-Nov., daily (closed Mons. in April, May, Oct., and Nov.). Admission is free.

Blessing of the Fleet Plymouth Harbor

A memorial service for those lost at sea. Event includes blessing of boats, viewing of ships, contests, and banquet following the service. Late June.

Sandcastle and Sandbuilding Contest

Held in July each year. Contact the Plymouth Public Library at 746-1927 for information.

Fourth of July Parade

Festivities begin at 9:15 am and continue throughout the day, culminating with fireworks at 9 pm at Stephens Field.

Pilgrim's Progress

A tribute to the Pilgrim founders with a reenactment of their church procession. Marchers dressed in costume proceed from Coles Hill to

the site of the Pilgrims' early church where psalms are sung and texts read. Every Friday during August at 5 pm.

Greater Plymouth Tuna Club Tournaments

Several types of fishing tournaments are held annually out of Plymouth Harbor: "Bass and Blue Derby Tournament," monthly; "Atlantic Blue Fin Tournament," 3 days in August; and "Bass and Bluefish Tournament," 3 days in September.

Manomet Bird Observatory Manomet Point (224-6521)

A research and educational center for the study of plant, animal, and marine organism ecology. The observatory offers group tours, lectures, and demonstrations. By appointment only.

Gliding/Sightseeing By Air

Plymouth's airport (746-2020) offers, glider, sightseeing, helicopter and charter flights of the region. The following companies provide air service:

Yankee Aviation	746-7337
Plymouth Air Services, Ltd.	746-9326
Plymouth Aviation	747-0465
Air Charter, Inc.	747-0111

Plymouth 160 International Power Boat Race

The largest power boat race in New England with racers running a 100-mile course. Concert, boat exhibits, and banquet for participants and the general public are held following the competition. September.

Pernod-Plymouth International Criterium

Olympic-calibre bicycle race beginning in downtown Plymouth. Held in September.

Thanksgiving Day Celebration

Many festivities are scheduled throughout this week. A program of events is available in October from the Chamber of Commerce.

INFORMATION

Additional information regarding activities, sites, restaurants, and accommodations in Plymouth may be obtained by contacting:

Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce
85 Samoset St.
Plymouth, MA 02360
746-3377

Visitor Information Center
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Plymouth, MA 02360
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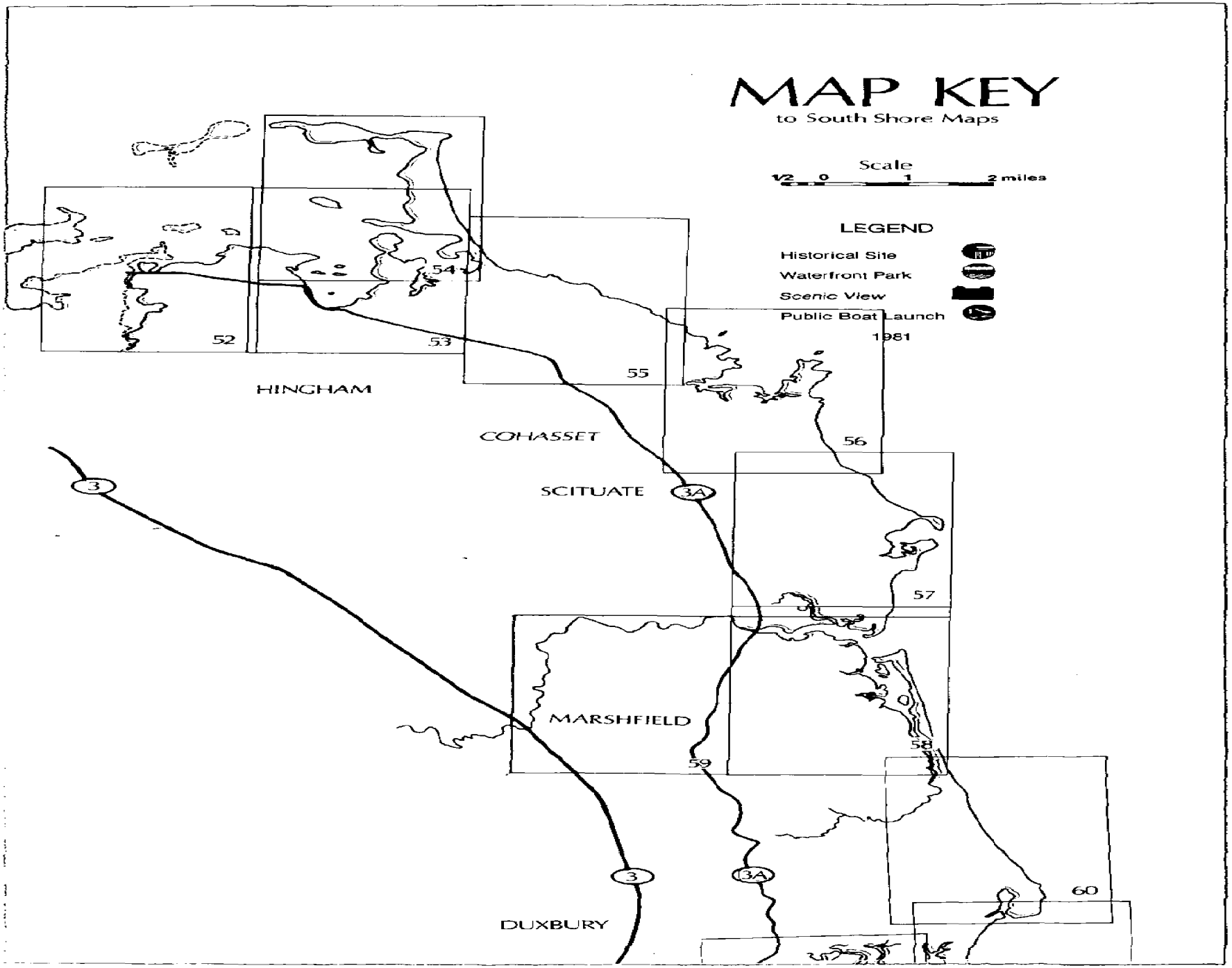
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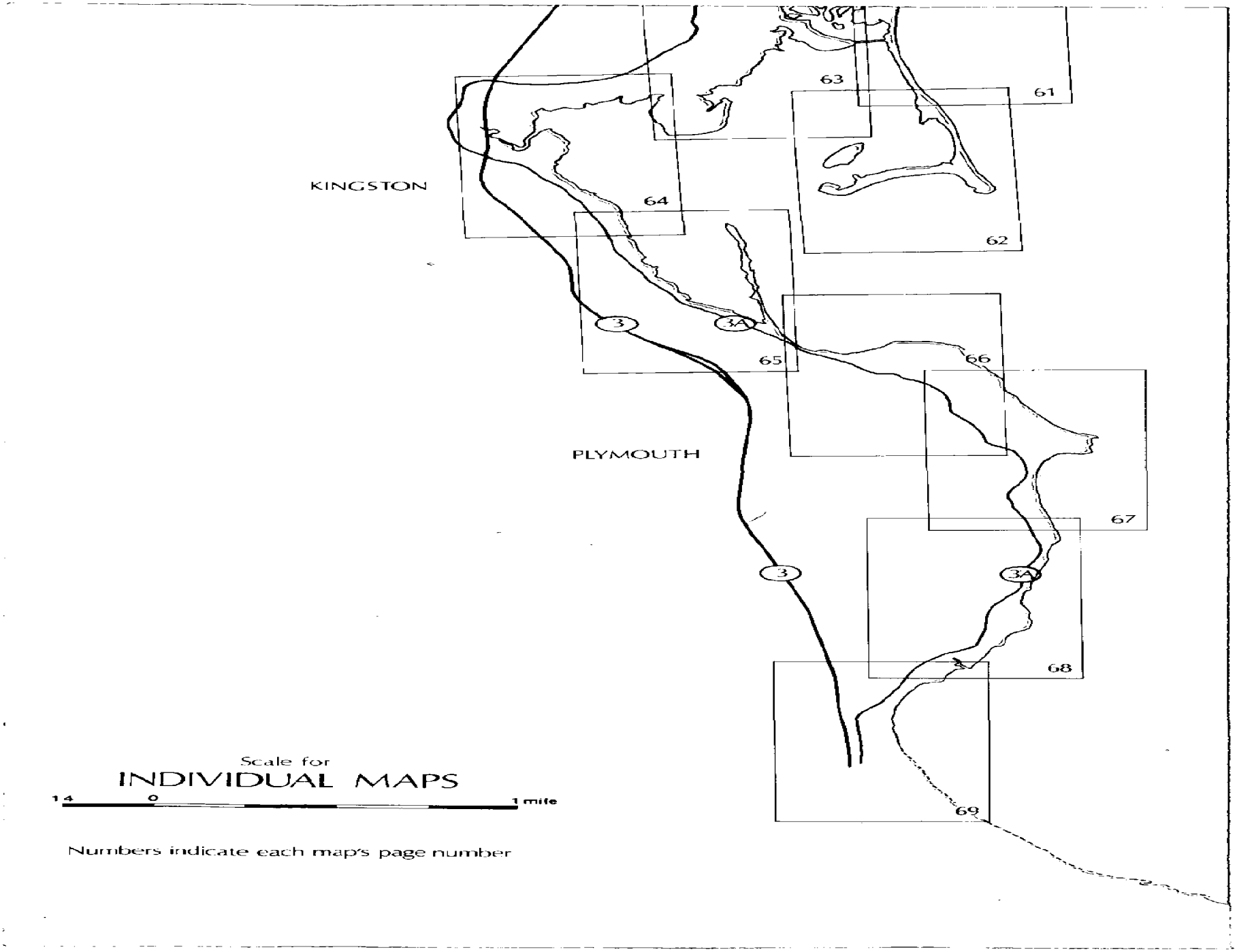
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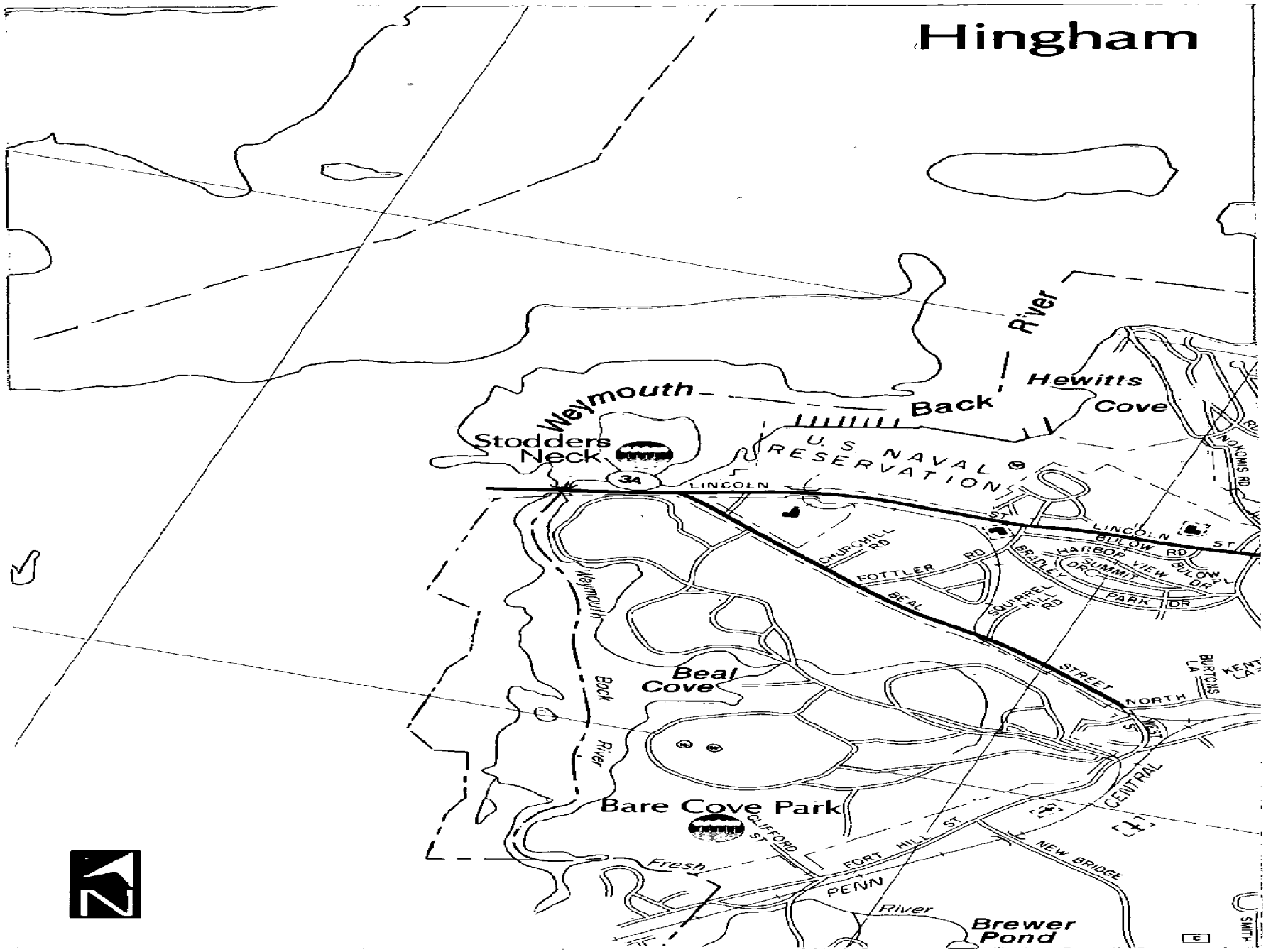
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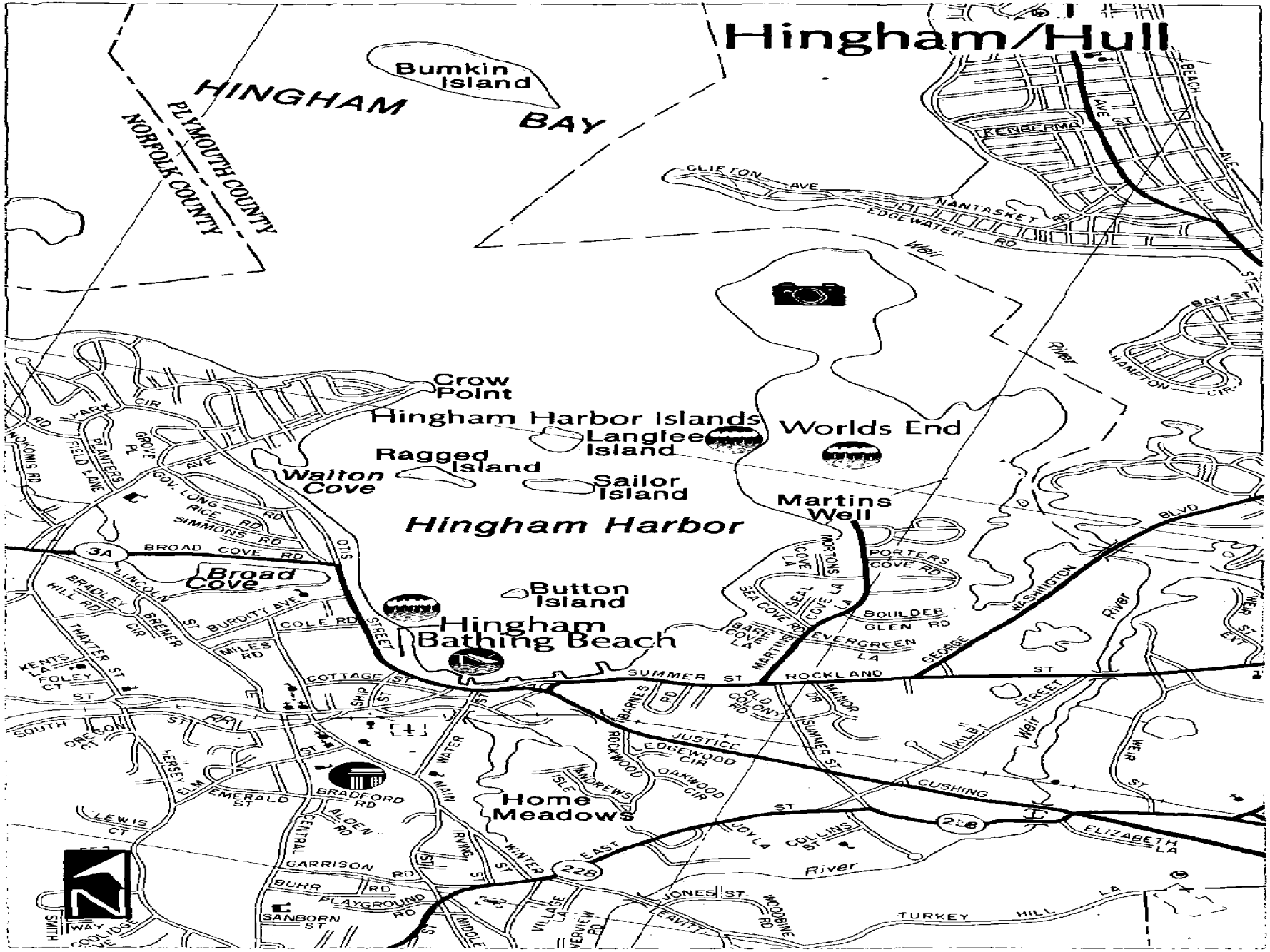
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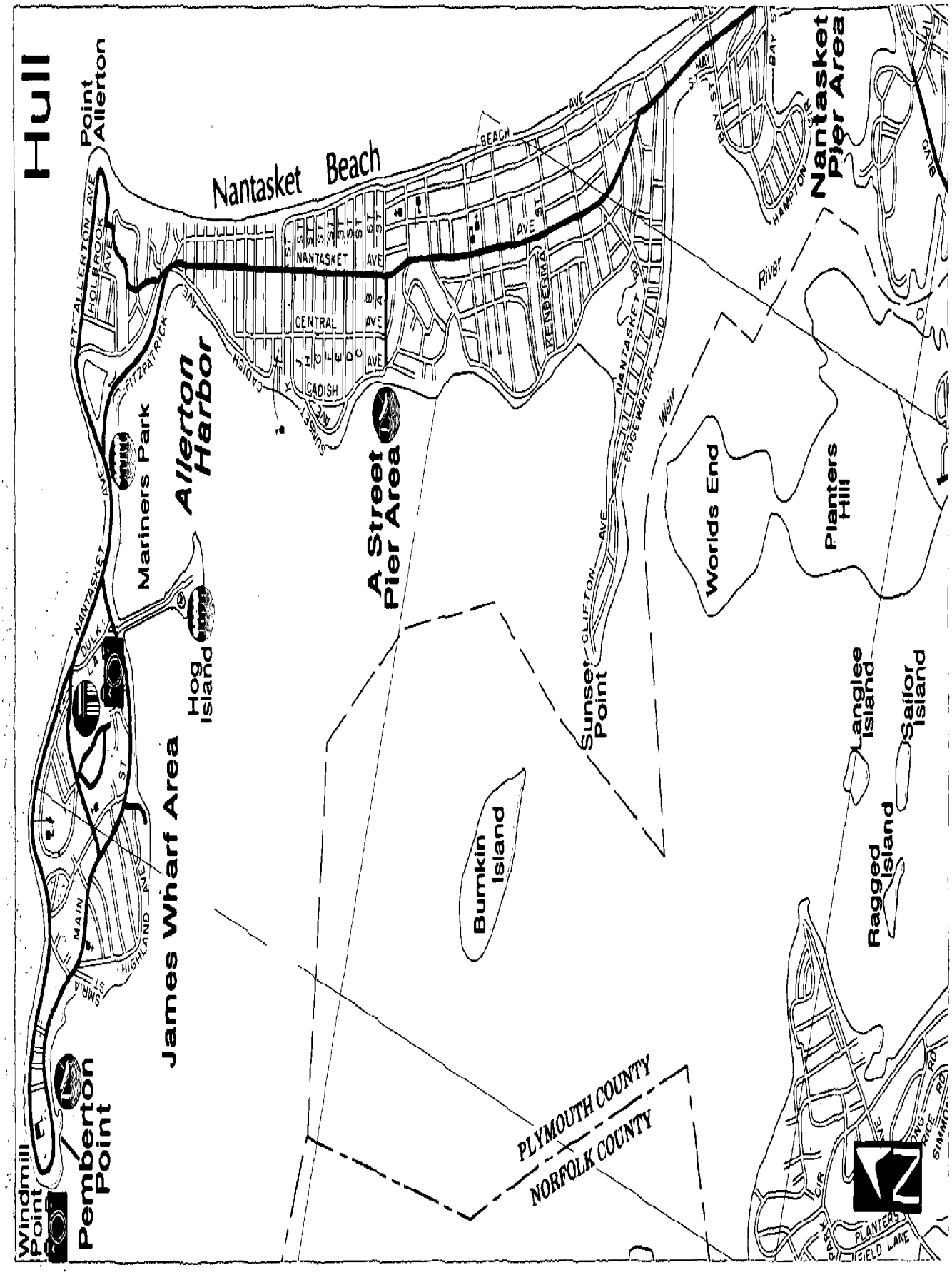
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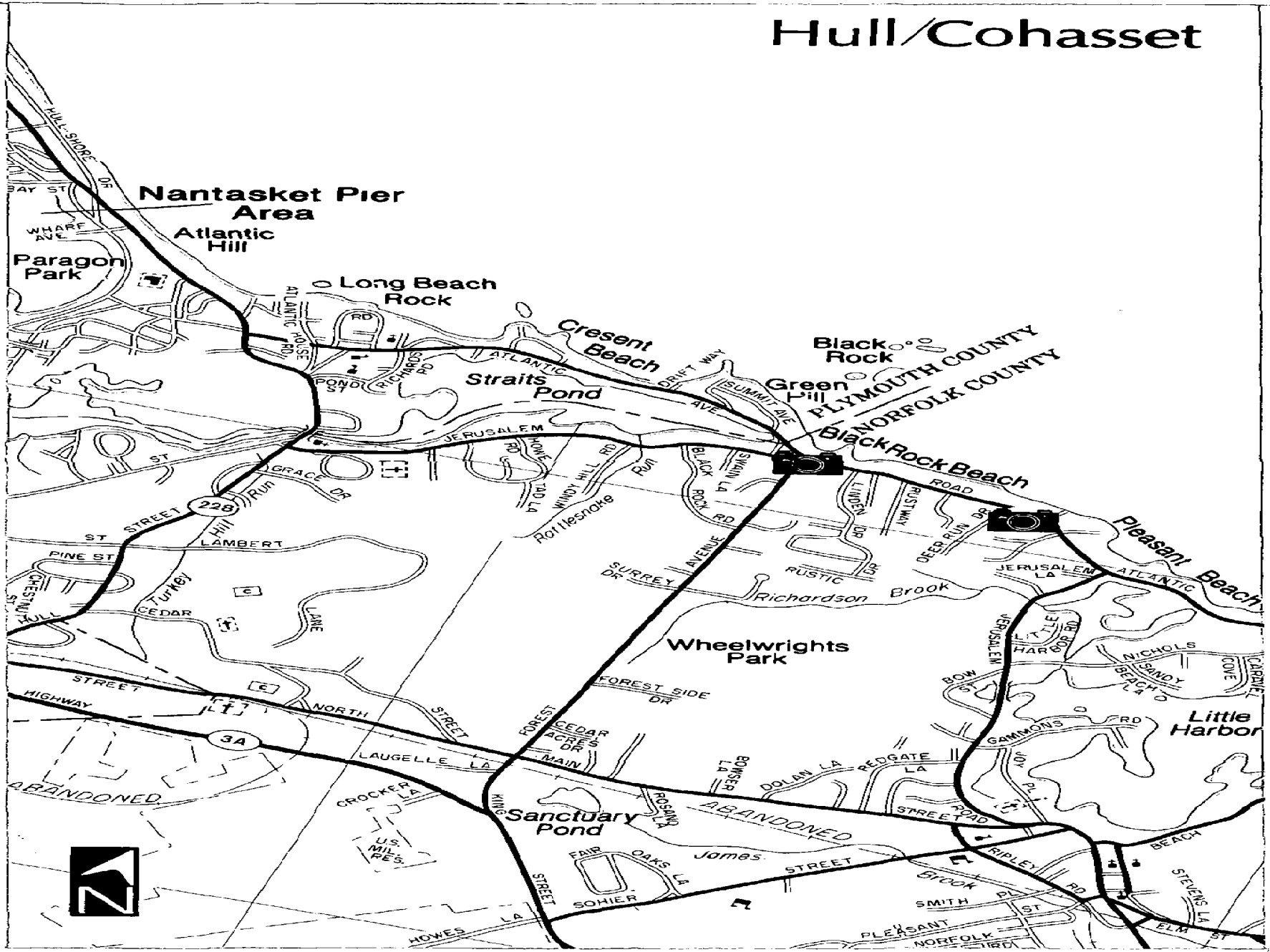

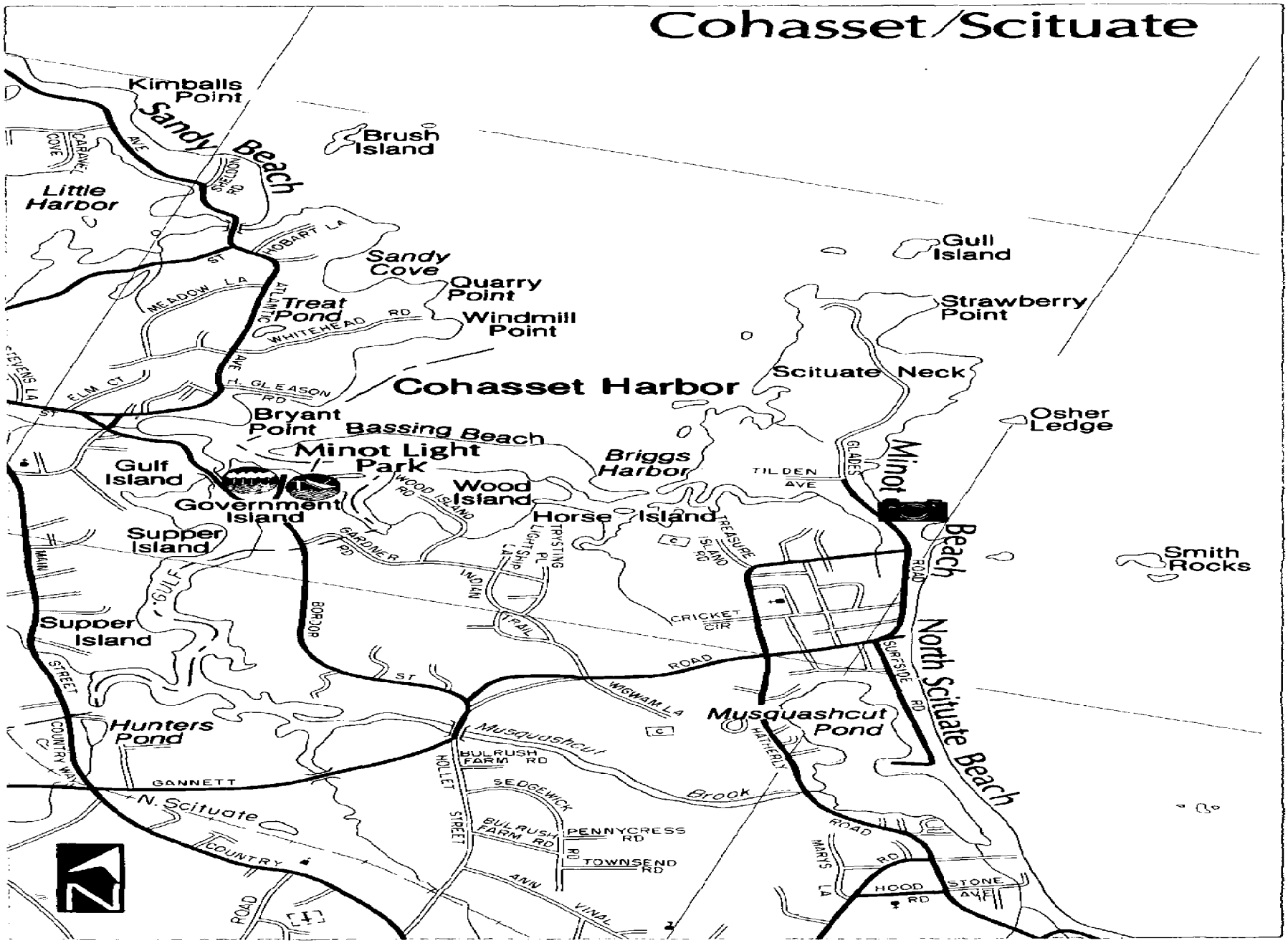
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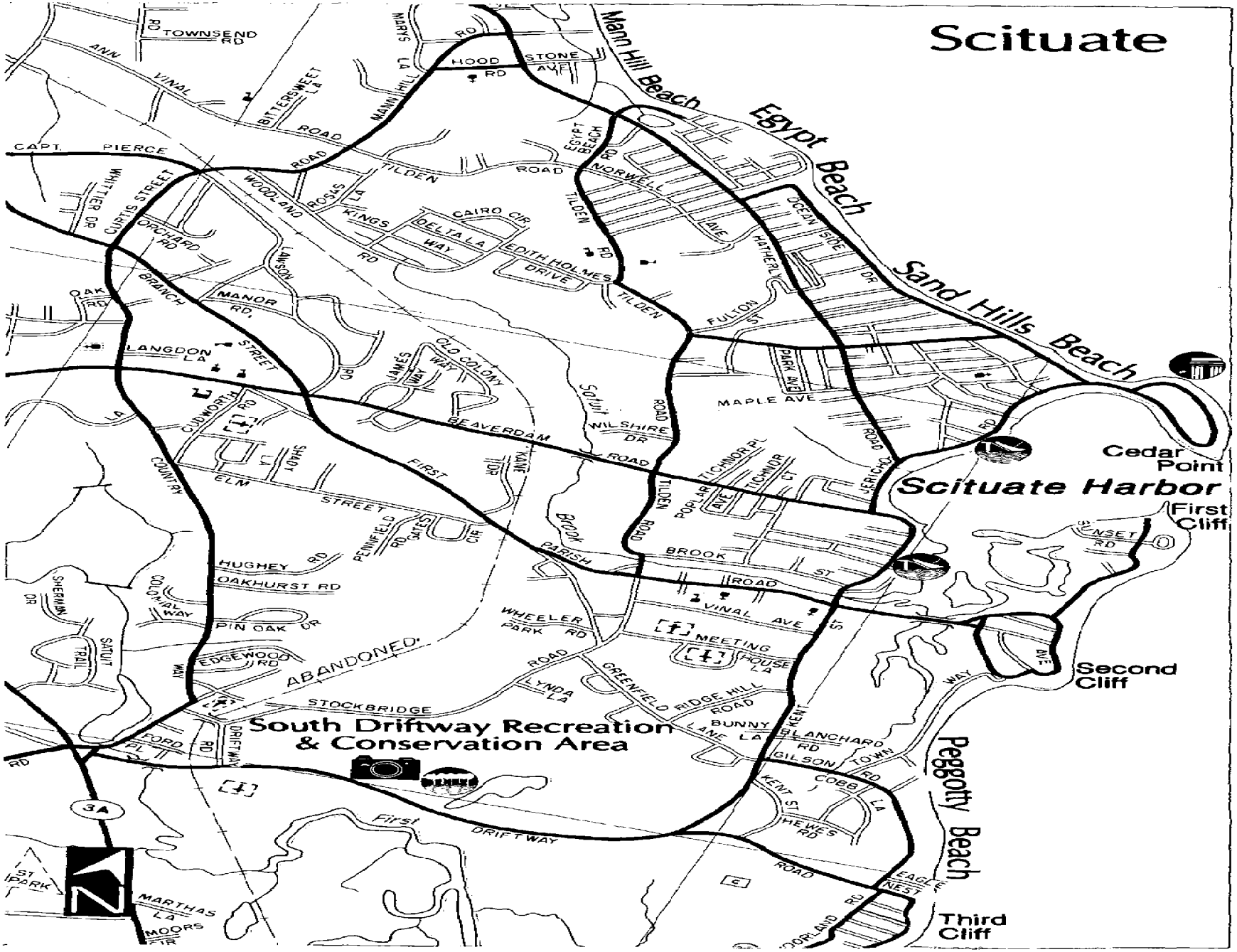
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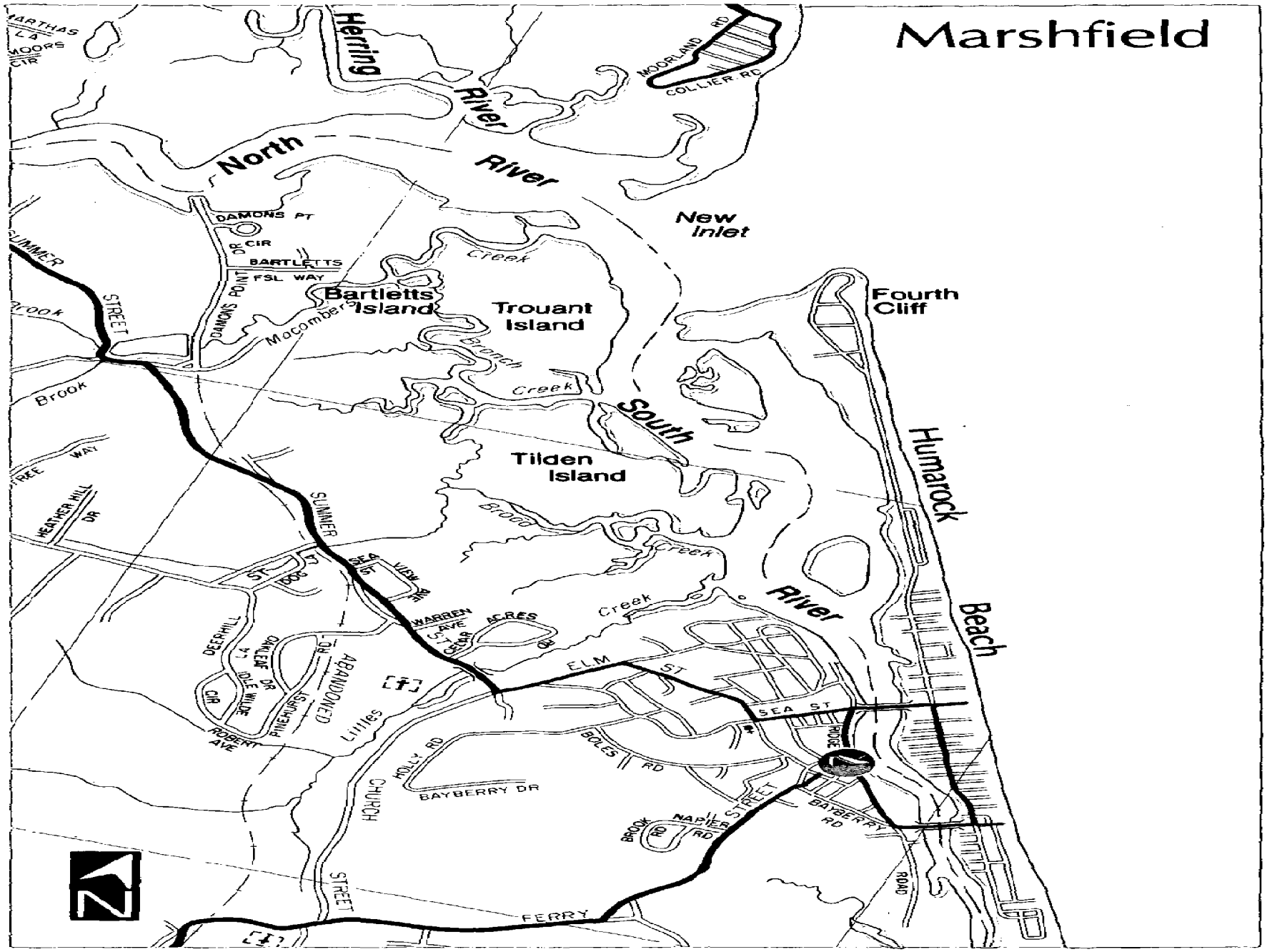
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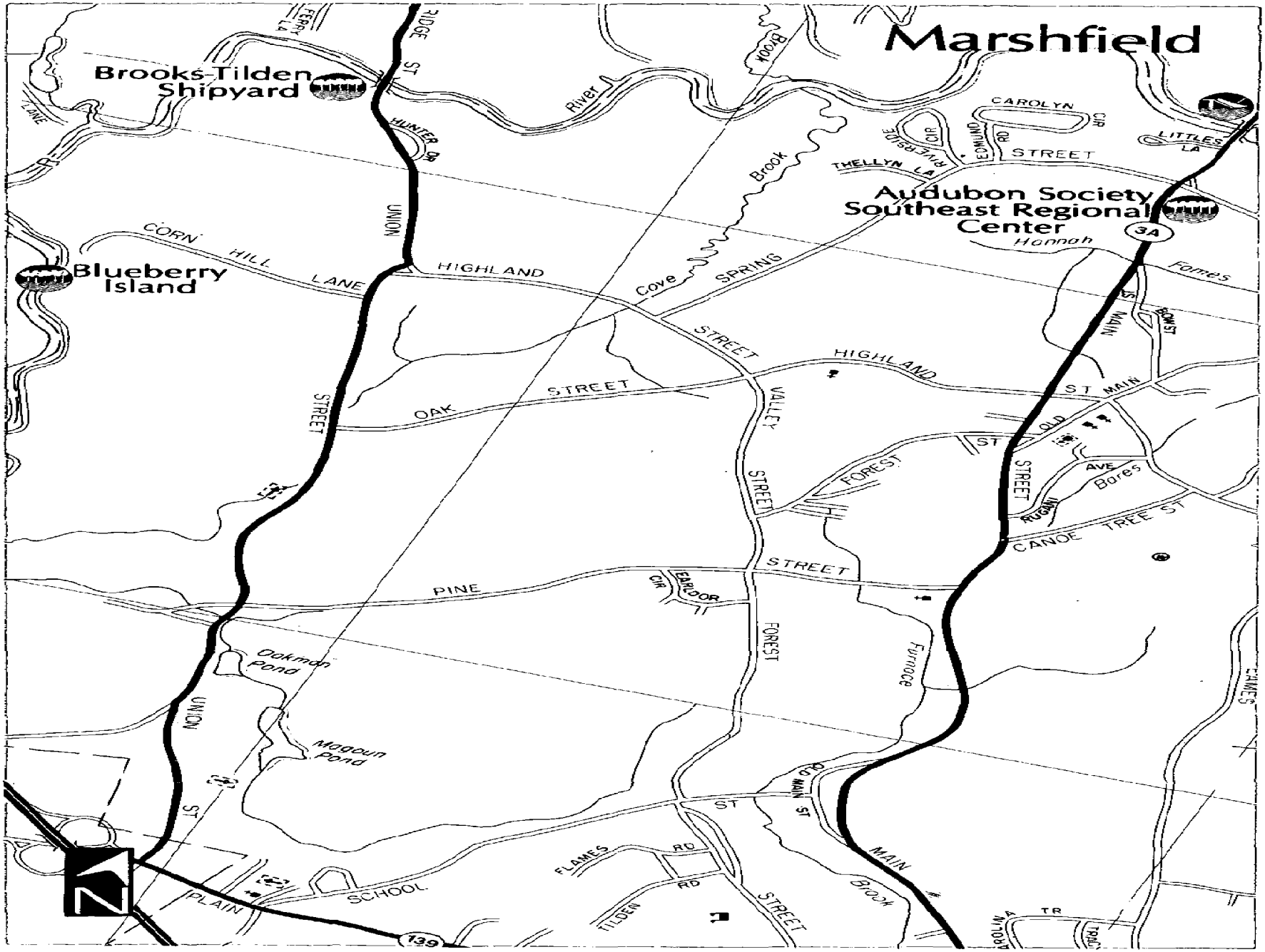
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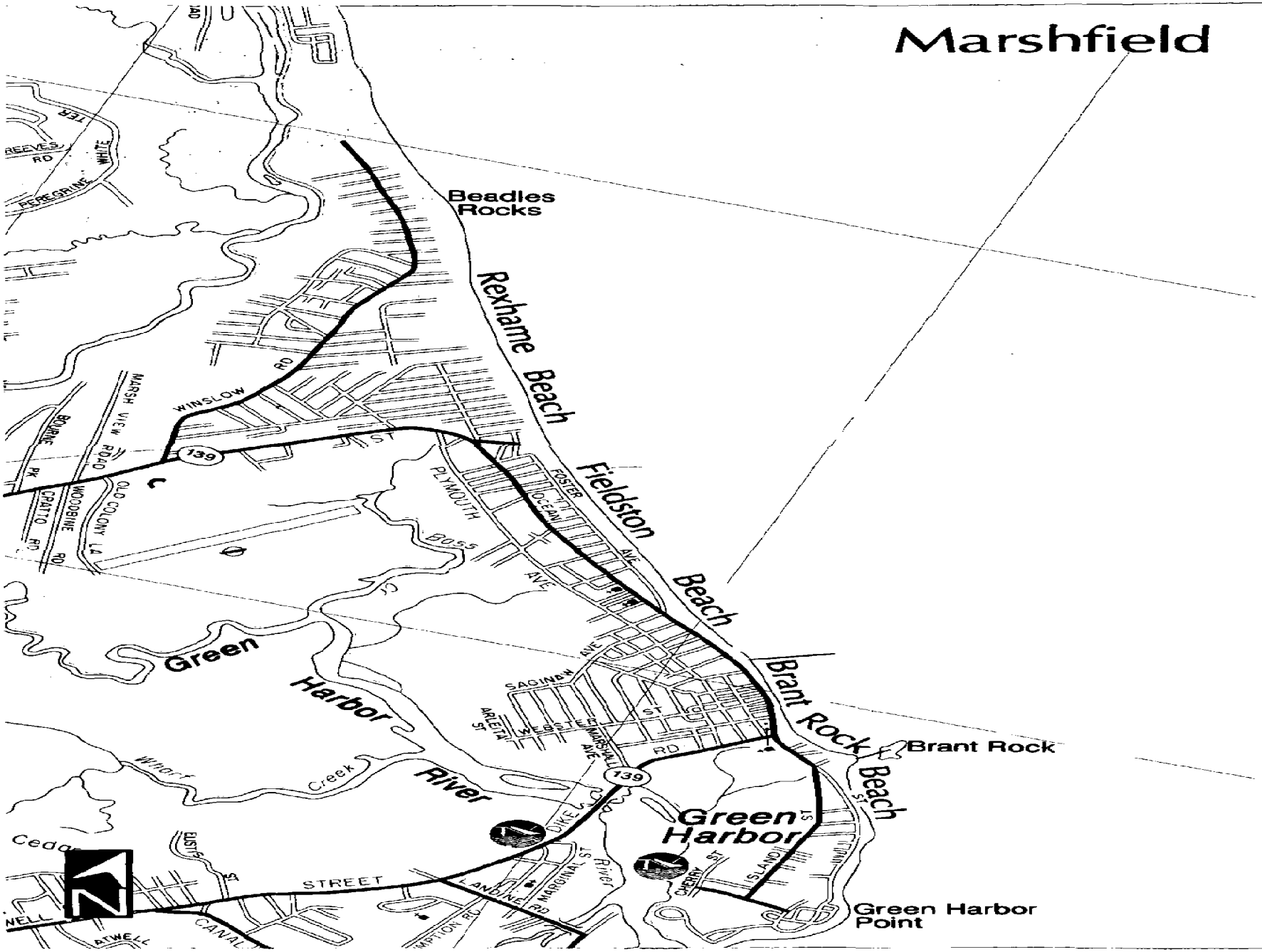
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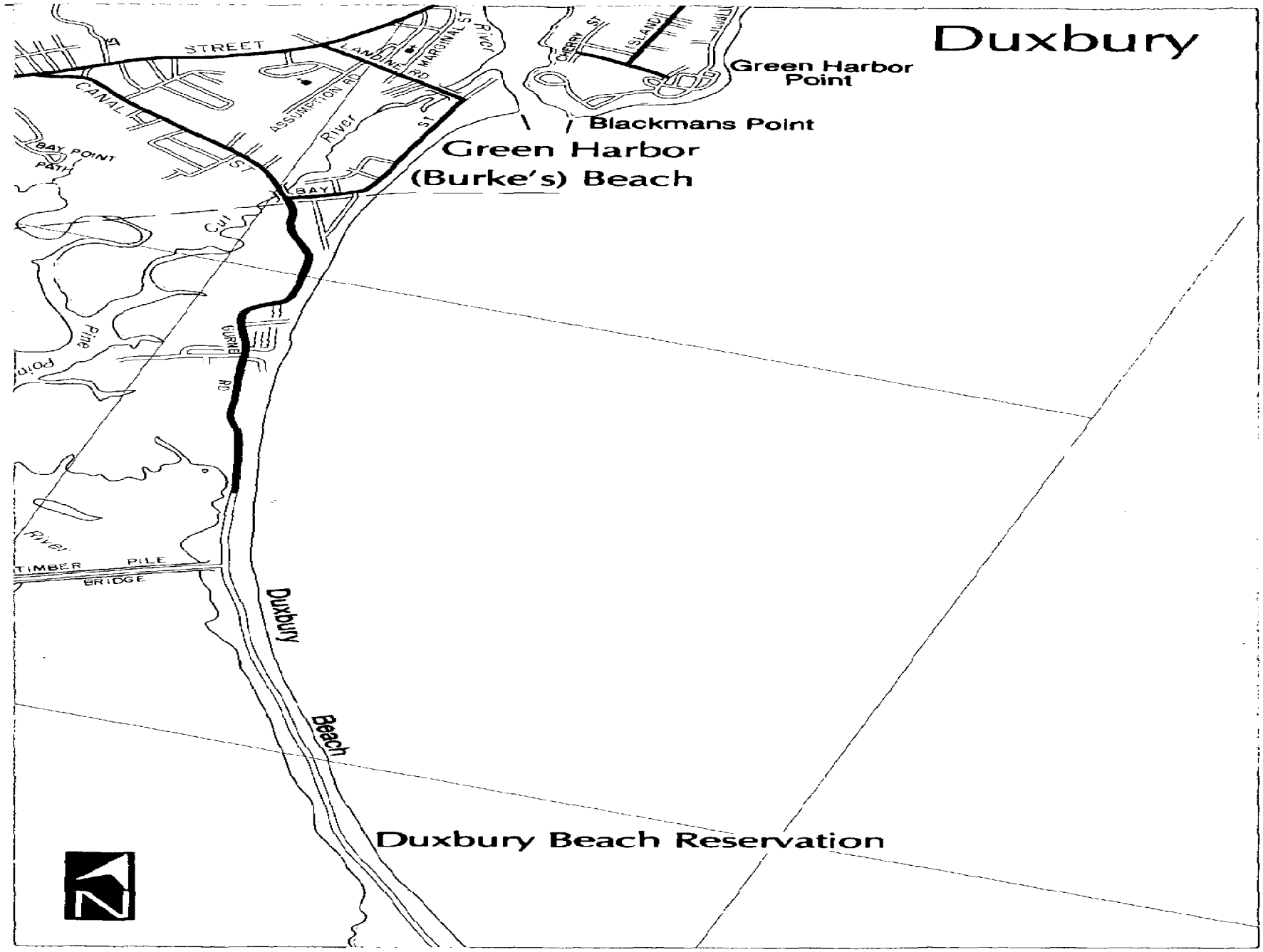
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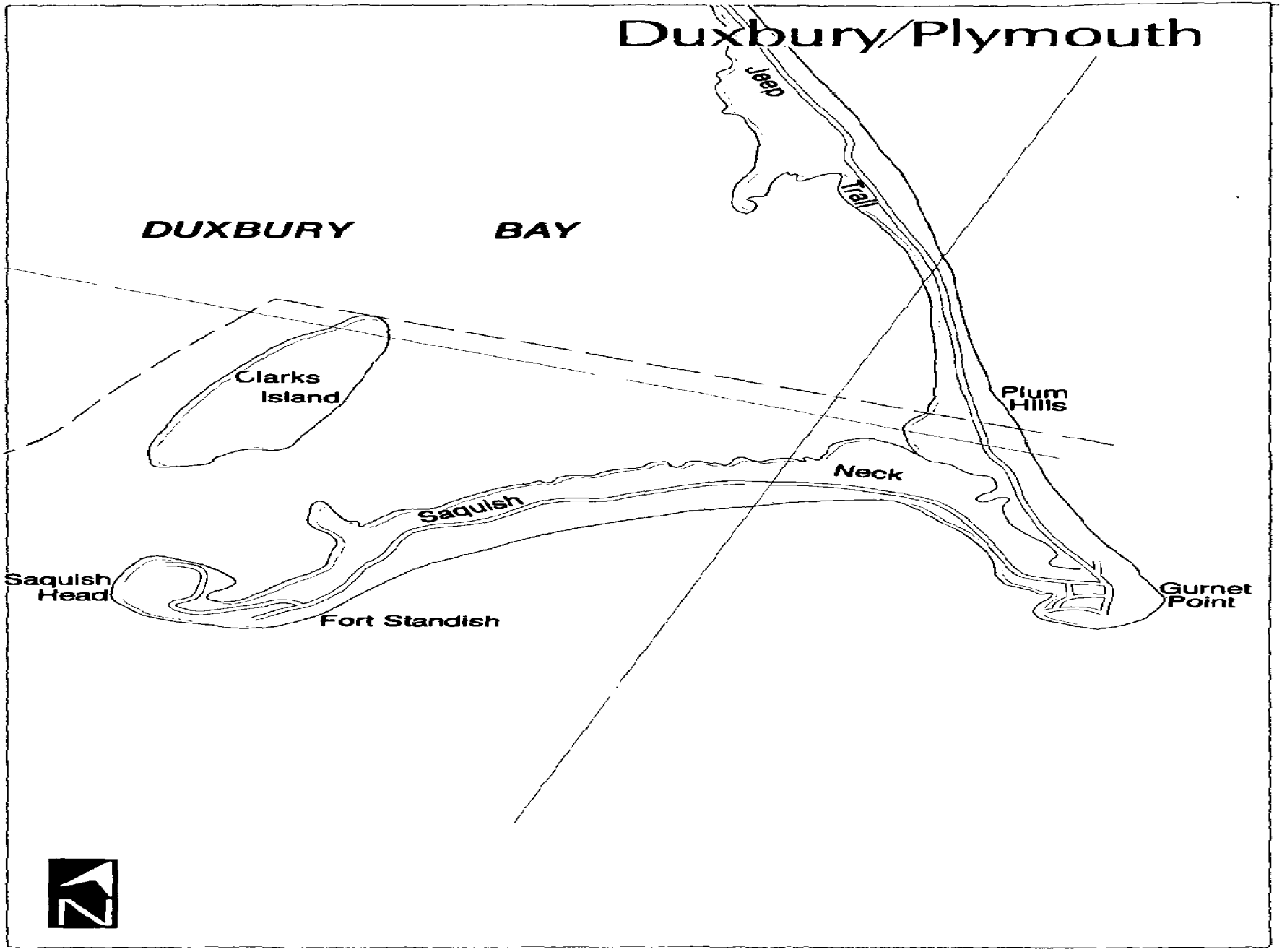
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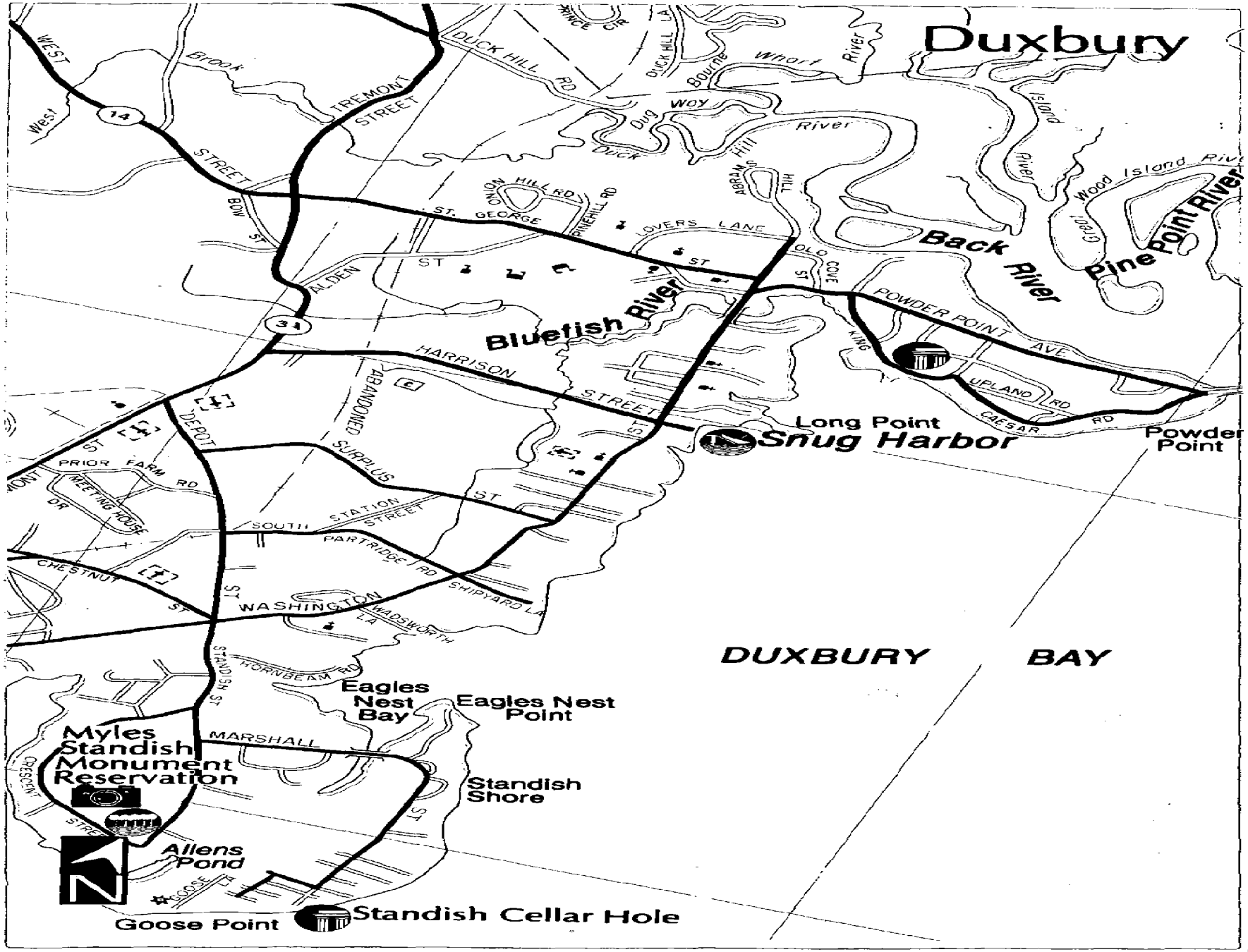
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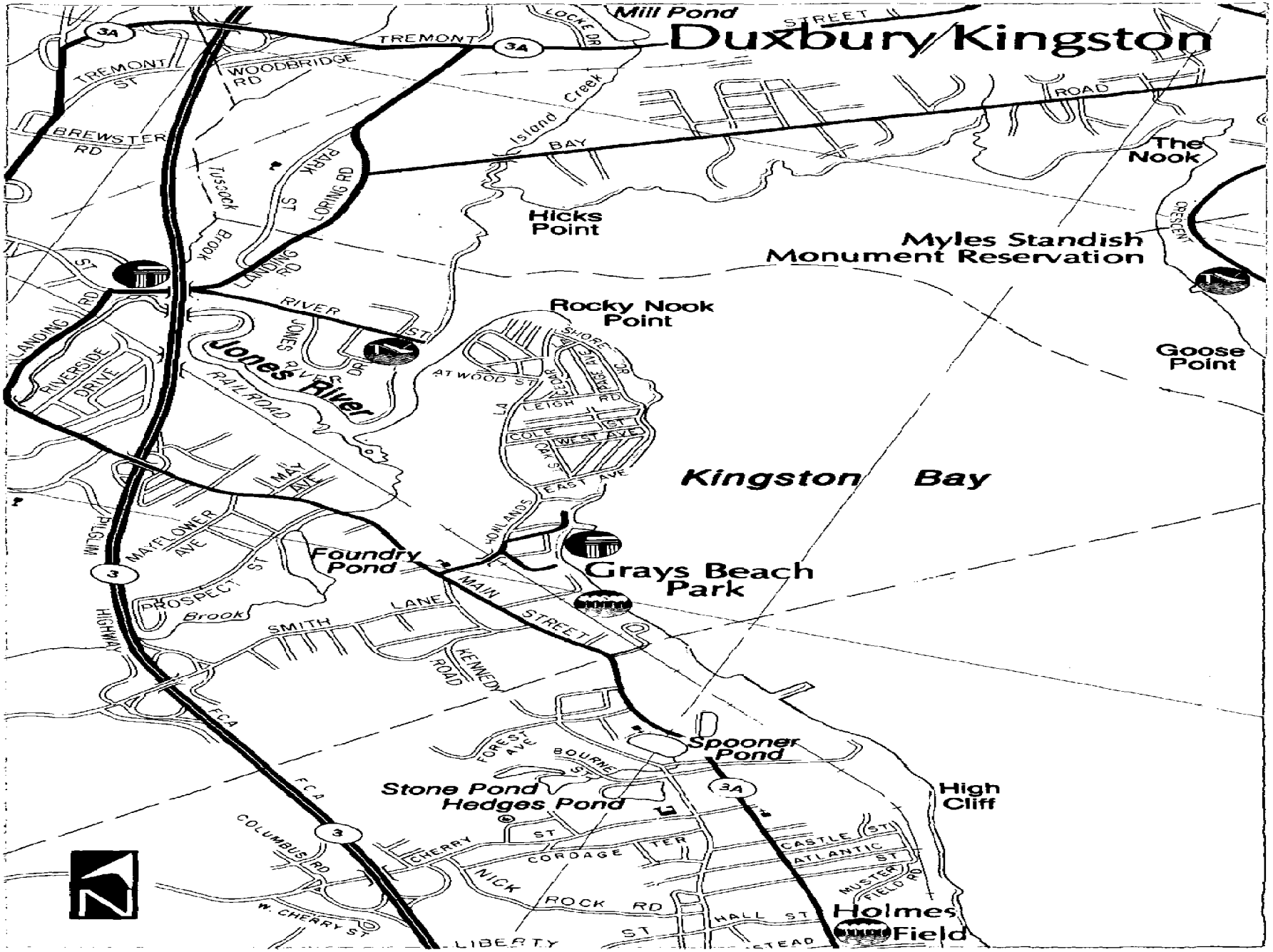
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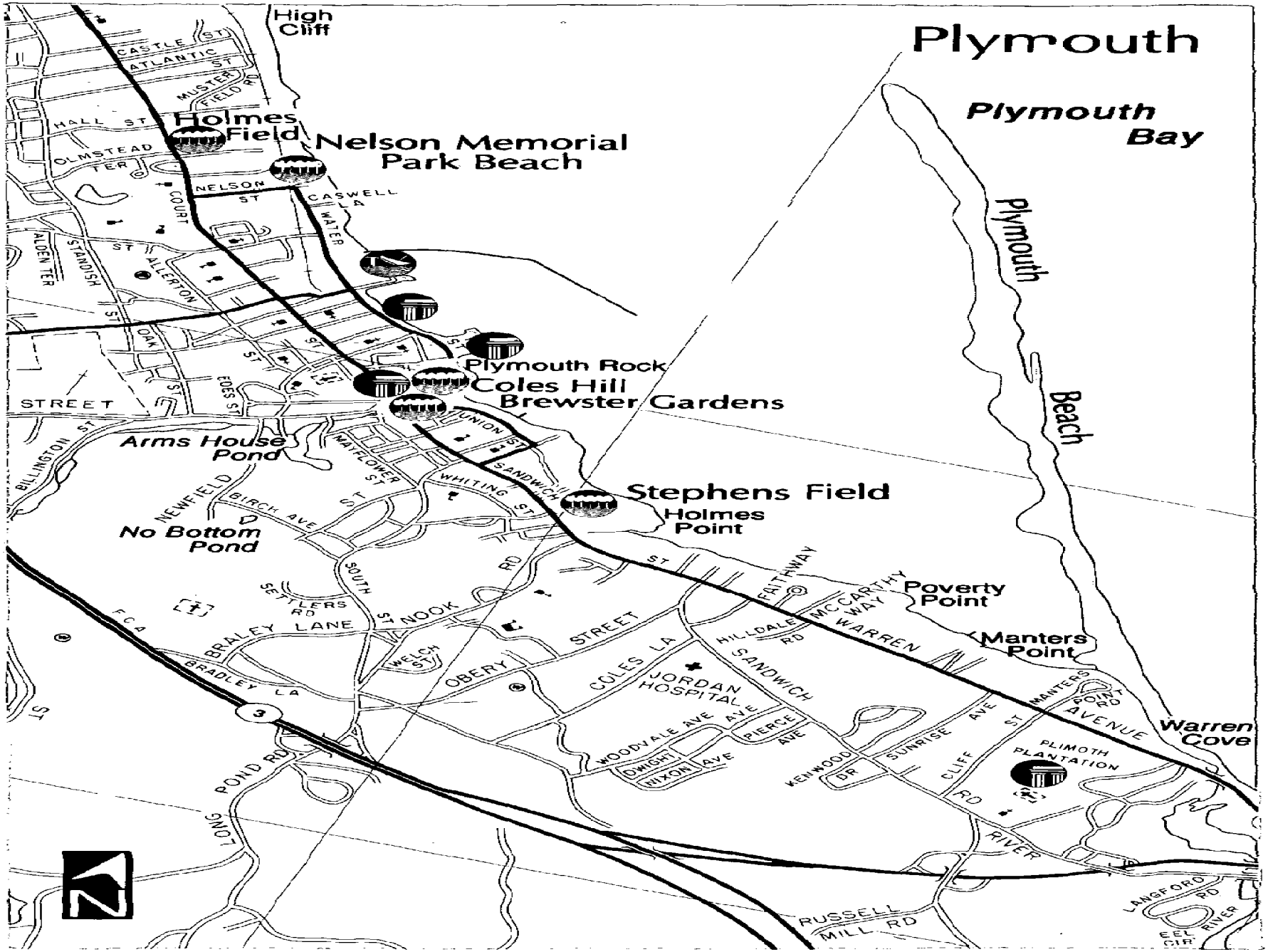
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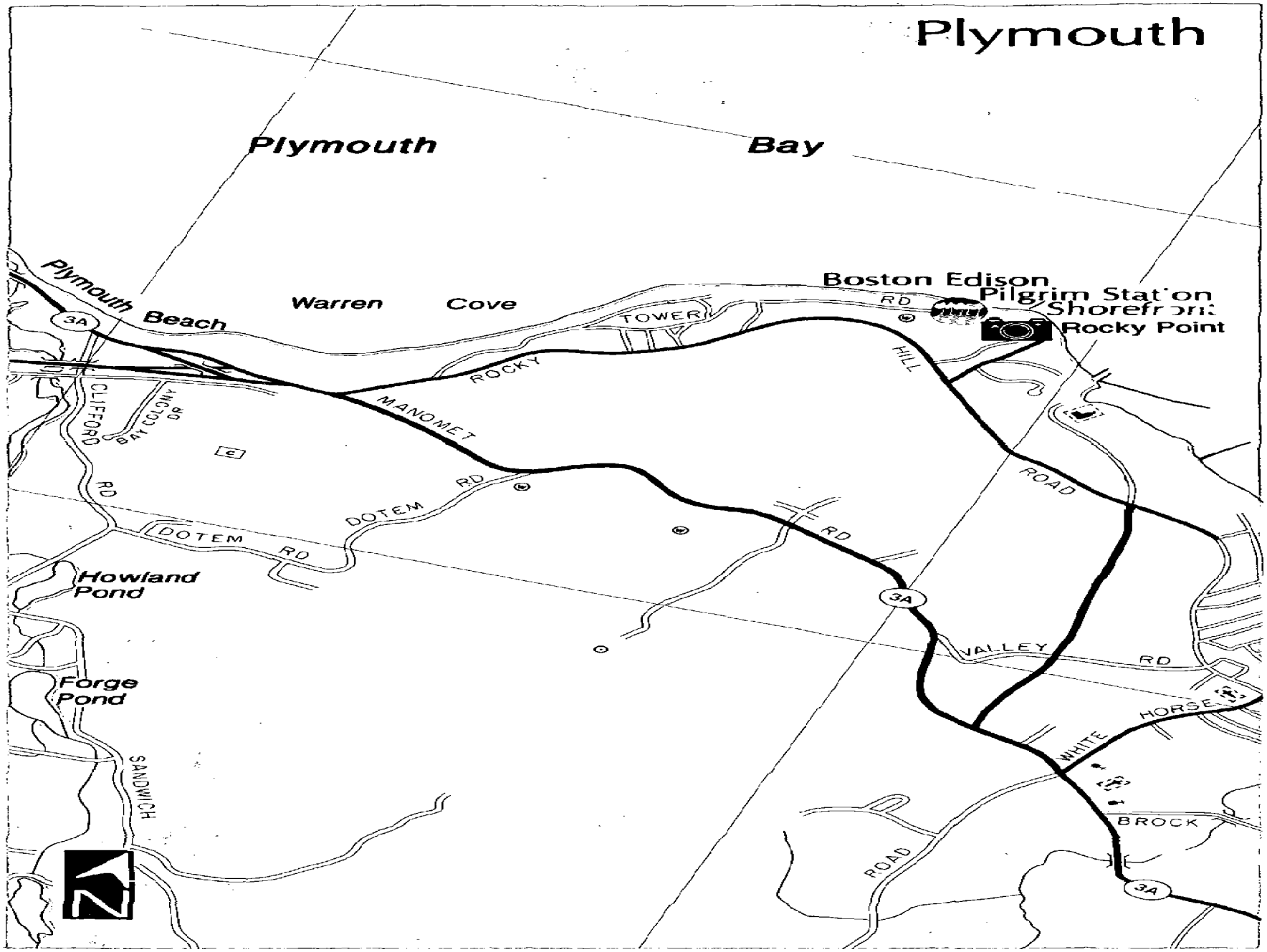
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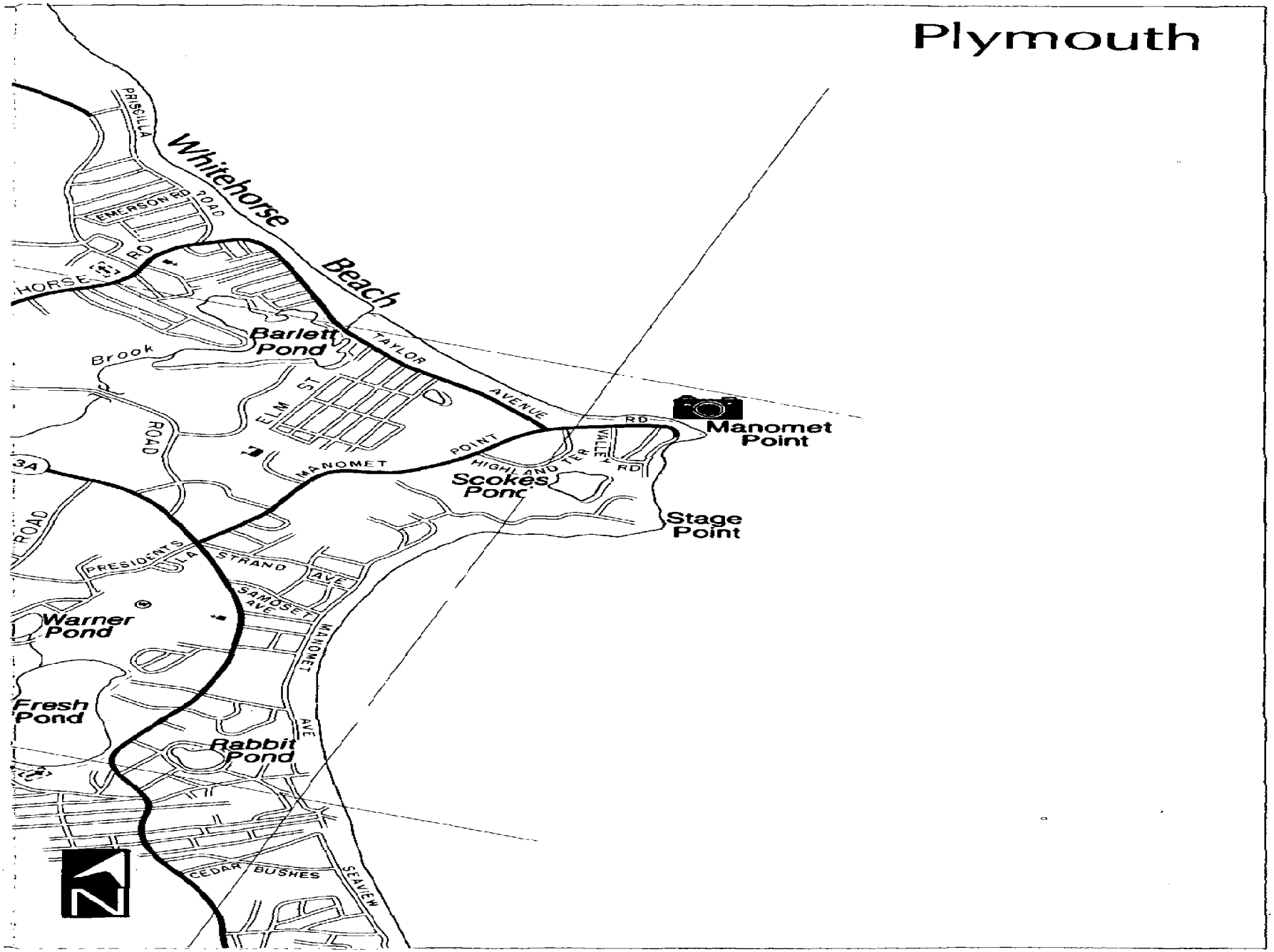

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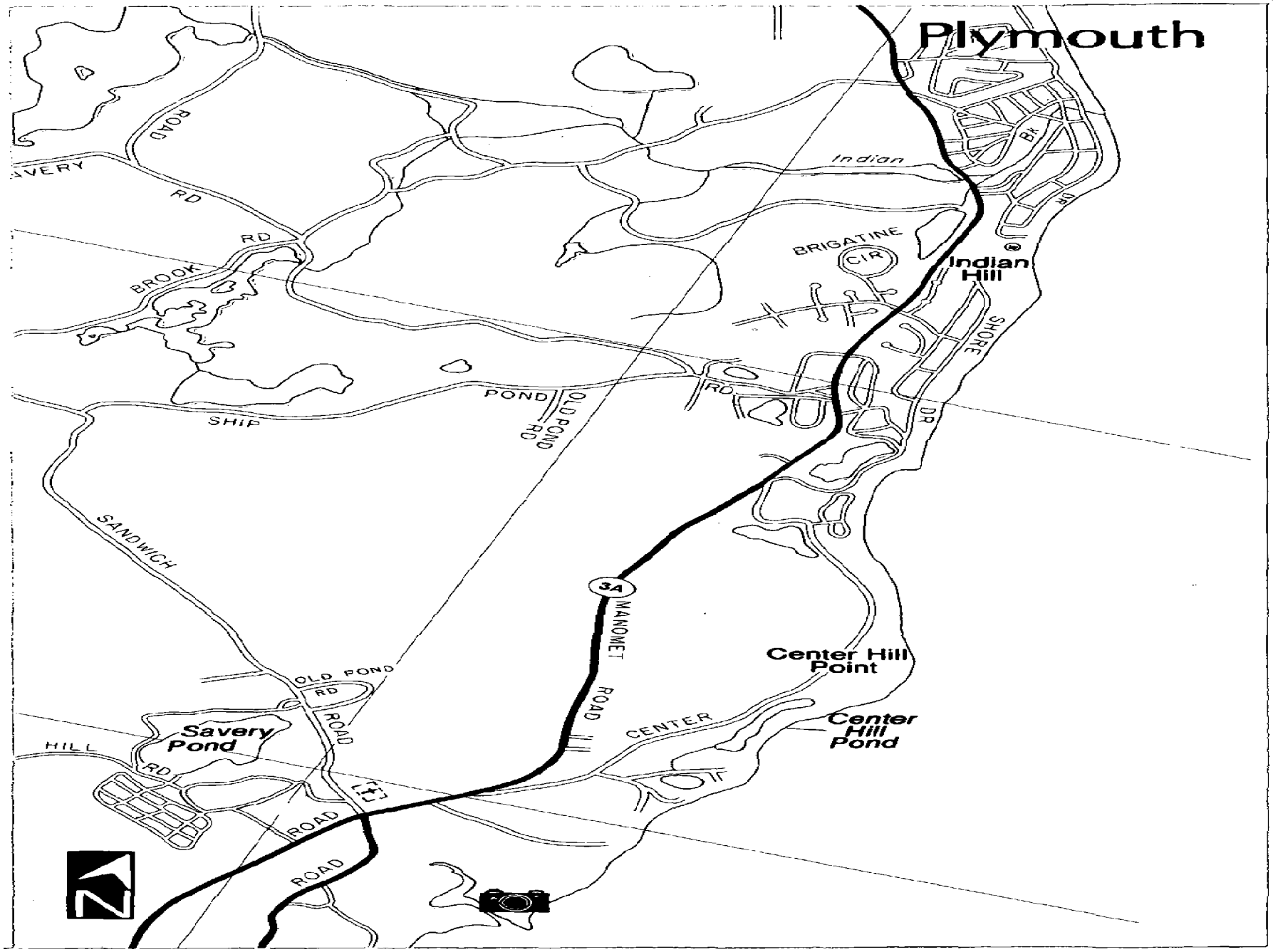
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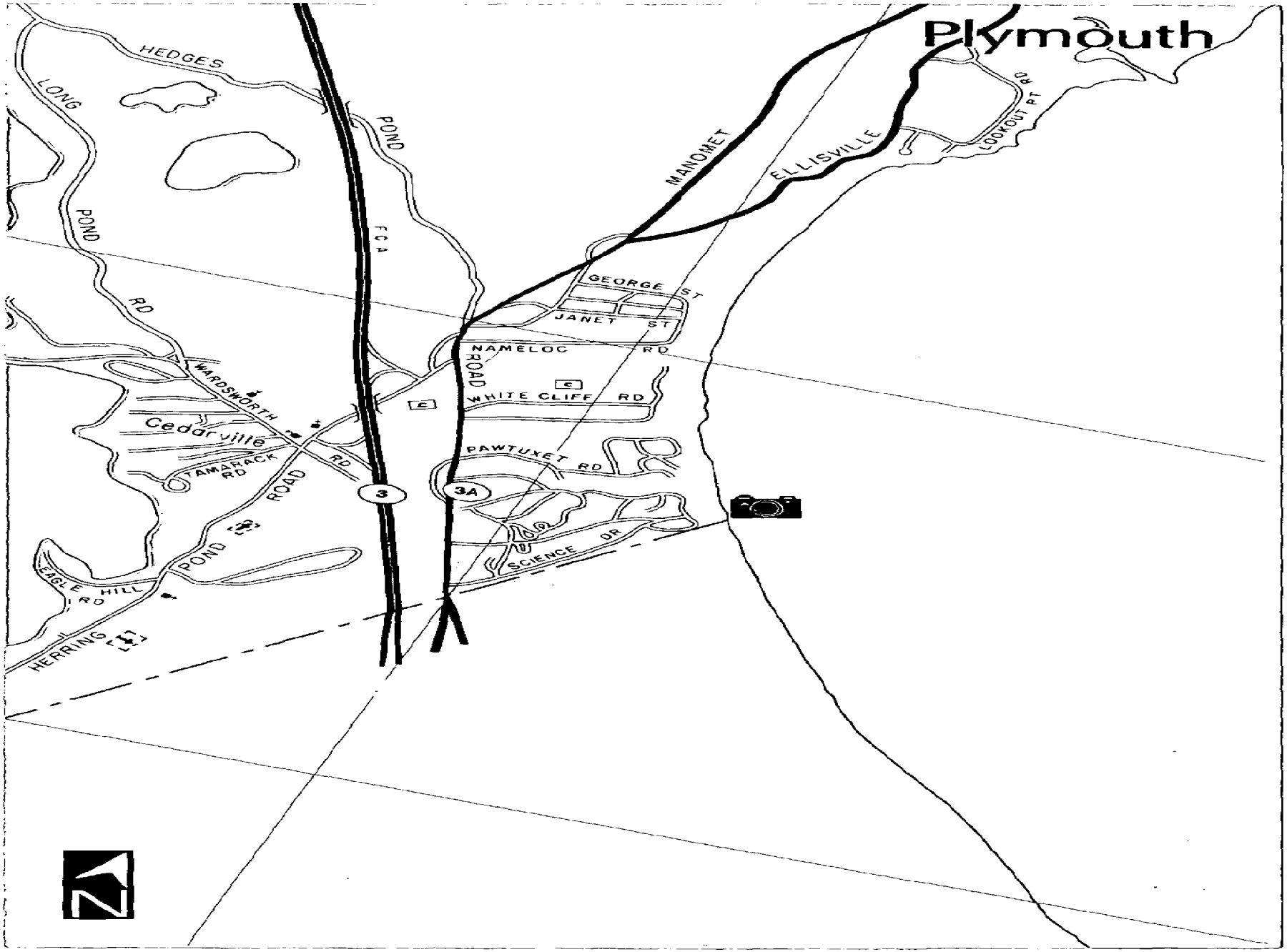
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Some Coastal Terms

anadromous fish: fish that enter fresh water from the ocean to spawn, such as alewives, shad, and salmon.

anadromous fish run: that area within estuaries, ponds, streams, creeks, rivers, lakes or coastal waters which is a spawning or feeding ground or passageway for anadromous fish.

barrier beach: a narrow strip of beach and dunes separated from the mainland by a marsh bay or river. Together the beach and dunes comprise a dynamic, low-lying system which provides a storm buffer for harbors, fertile estuaries, and mainland areas behind it.

coastal dune: hill, mound, or ridge of sediment landward of a coastal beach deposited by wind action or storm overwash.

drumlin: an elongate oval hill formed by a mixture of sand, clay, and boulders that accumulated beneath a slowly advancing glacier. The long axis of the hill and steeper frontal slope mark the direction of movement of the subsequently vanished glacier.

estuary: a confined coastal water body such as a harbor, bay, or tidal river that is affected by the rise and fall of the tide and contains a mixture of fresh and salt water.

estuarine system: the estuary and adjacent marshlands.

sand spit: a small, elongated point of land comprised mostly of sand that extends into a body of water.

shoaling: reduction of depth of a water basin due to the accumulation of sediment.

saltmarsh: a coastal wetland extending landward up to the highest tide line and supporting salt-tolerant vegetation. The saltmarsh is an extremely productive natural system that exports large volumes of organic material (detritus) to the ocean and estuaries. The detritus helps support marine food chains.

For Further Information

BEACHES, PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS (STATE-OWNED)

Division of Parks and Recreation
Dept. of Metropolitan District Commission (727-5250)

Brochures on MDC parks, beaches, and facilities; maps; schedules of events.

Division of Forests and Parks
Dept. of Environmental Management (727-3180)

Locational and natural history brochures; maps; camping and parkland rules and regulations.

BOATS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles
Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Recreational Vehicles (727-3900)

Boat and recreational vehicles licenses and registration; marine safety education.

SALTWATER FISHING

Division of Marine Fisheries
Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Recreational Vehicles (727-3195)

Saltwater fishing brochures; maps; educational programs; rod and reel licenses (for the sale of finfish lawfully taken by rod and reel).

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Division of Marine Fisheries
Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Recreational Vehicles (727-3195)

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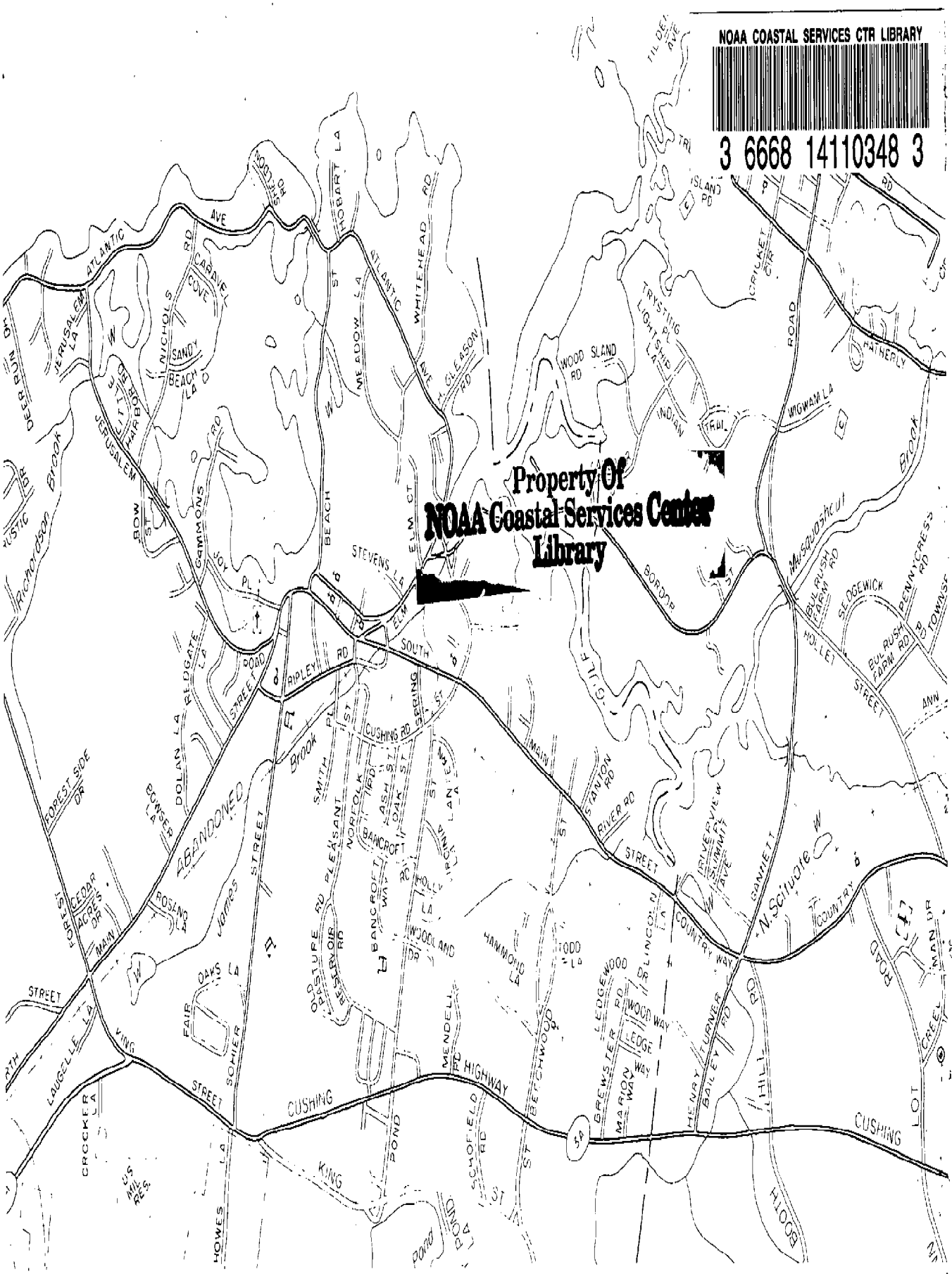
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