

“This Old House” Tour in Plymouth County

From Hull, just south of Boston to the Victorian town of Onset in Buzzards Bay at the entrance to the Cape Cod Canal, the following attractions are suitable for planning a daylong adventure, a quick getaway or a full week in Plymouth County. For more detail or a Plymouth County Group Tour Planner contact:

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Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House (Mattapoisett Historical Society)

5 Church Street, PO Box 535
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
T 508 758-2844
mattapoisett.museum@verizon.net
www.mattapoisetthistoricalsociety.org

Touring Time: 1 hour

Blacksmith shop, weaving and spinning exhibit, the 1890 kitchen, salt works, carpenter shop and changing displays about 18th-and 19th-century life; furniture, children’s items, maritime, and Native American artifacts.

1677 Harlow Old Fort House (Plymouth Antiquarian Society)

119 Sandwich Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
T 508-746-0012
pasm@verizon.net
www.plymouthantiquariansociety.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

Authentic Pilgrim-era homestead with hand-hewn beams and colonial furnishings, built by Sgt. William Harlow, local cooper, soldier, and farmer. Historic building dates back to 1677, and now is an operational museum and offers craft demonstrations, as well as tours hosted by costumed guides who relate the history of life in Old Plymouth.

1809 Hedge House (Plymouth Antiquarian Society)

126 Water Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
T 508 746-0012
pasm@verizon.net
www.plymouthantiquariansociety.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

Newly-restored Federal mansion on the waterfront. Visit the ostentatious early 19th-century home of the Hedge family, featuring unusual octagonal rooms, local furnishings and antique toys. Learn how one family kept up with the times.

Jabez Howland House (c.1667) (Pilgrim John Howland Society)

33 Sandwich Street

Plymouth, MA 02360
T 508 746-9590
(Out of Season 508 759-9156)
info@PilgrimJohnHowlandSociety.org
www.pilgrimjohnhowlandsociety.org

Touring Time: ¾ hour

The Jabez Howland House is the only existing house in Plymouth where Pilgrims actually lived. Original 17th century two-story timber framed house with authentic furniture and artifacts plus letters and documents from famous descendants.

Jenney Grist Mill

6 Spring Lane
Plymouth, MA 02360
T 508 747-4544
info@jenneygristmill.org
www.jenneygristmill.org

Touring Time: ½ hour for guided tour and/or 1 hour for walking tour (reservation necessary)

In 1636 John Jenney built a gristmill at the top of Town Brook, the beginnings of industry in New England. Step back in time with a costumed miller at this 17th-century living history museum; or learn little-known facts about Plymouth on a guided walking tour.

Mayflower II

State Pier, Water Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
Contact: Group Sales
T (508) 746-1622, Ext. 8367
jyoung@plimoth.org
www.plimoth.org

Touring Time: 1 hour

Mayflower II - a full-scale reproduction of the type of ship that brought the first colonists to Plymouth. Moored near Plymouth Rock, costumed interpreters and museum guides onboard tell the story of the 1620 voyage and the history of the reproduction built in 1956.

Mayflower Society House

4 Winslow Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
T 508 746-2590
judybythebay@comcast.net
www.themayflowersociety.com

Touring Time: 1 hour

Built in 1754 by Edward Winslow, descendant of Pilgrim Edward Winslow, third Governor of Plymouth Colony. Includes formal gardens and nine rooms with three centuries of authentic furnishings.

Plimoth Plantation

137 Warren Avenue, (Rte. 3A)
Plymouth, MA 02362
Contact: Group Sales
T 508 746-1622, Ext.8367

iyoung@plimoth.org

www.plimoth.org

Touring Time: 2-3 hours

Bicultural living history museum of 17th-century Plymouth Colony. Includes 1627 English Village, Hobbamock's (Native American) Homesite, Craft Center, and Nye Barn exhibiting rare-breed English farm animals. Visitor Center, indoor exhibits, museum shops, group tour menu and function facilities.

Plymouth Cordage Historical Society Museum

Mill #1, Tower Building

10 Cordage Commerce Center

Court Street, No. Plymouth 02360

info@plymouthcordagemuseum.org

www.plymouthcordagemuseum.org

Mysterious tools ... a gaggle or pressure gauges ... ID pins worn by Cordage workers ... visit the site where rope was made from 1824 to 1965.

Sparrow House (c.1640)

42 Summer Street

Plymouth, MA 02360

T 508 747-1240

lcatherton@aol.com

www.sparrowhouse.com

The oldest house in Plymouth open to the public. Today, reproduction and contemporary pottery are made on the premises. Area includes Jenney Grist Mill and Pond, shops and Town Brook pathway connecting to Plymouth's waterfront.

Spooner House (c.1749) (Plymouth Antiquarian Society) (Closed for renovation in 2010)

27 North Street

Plymouth, MA 02360

T 508 746-0012/8468

pasm@verizon.net

www.plymouthantiquariansociety.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

Visit the cozy 18th-century home of the Spooner family a few steps from Plymouth Rock. Learn how one family adapted to changing times over five generations.

1749 Court House

Town Square

Plymouth, MA 02360

T (508) 830-4075

Touring Time: ½ hour

Built in 1749, the oldest surviving wooden courthouse and the longest used municipal building in America. Featuring a variety of artifacts relating to Plymouth's history.

1714 Major John Bradford House (Jones River Village Historical Society)

Corner of Maple Street & Landing Road

Kingston, MA 02364

T 781 585-6300

(Out of Season 781-582-9459)

Norman@jrvhs.org

www.jrvhs.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

Home of descendants of Mayflower Pilgrim William Bradford. One-time resting place of Bradford's journal "Of Plymouth Plantation" now housed in the state archives. Open by appointment and for summer Sunday breakfasts.

Alden House Historic Site (c.1672)

105 Alden Street

Duxbury, MA 02332

T 781 934-9092

(Out of Season 617-962-3602)

aldenhouse@comcast.net

www.alden.org

Touring Time: 1 hour

Homestead of the famous *Mayflower* Pilgrims, John and Priscilla Alden. Late 17th-century house furnished with period antiques, occupied by Alden descendants until the 1920s.

Gershom Bradford House (c.1808) (Duxbury Rural & Historical Society)

931 Tremont Street

Duxbury, MA 02332

T 781 934-6106

aarnold@duxburyhistory.org

www.duxburyhistory.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

This house offers a glimpse of the home of a successful Duxbury mariner, much as he left it in 1840. It is fully furnished with family belongings.

King Caesar House (c.1809) (Duxbury Rural & Historical Society)

120 King Caesar Road

Duxbury, MA 02332

T 781 934-6106

aarnold@duxburyhistory.org

www.duxburyhistory.org

Touring Time: 1 hours

Home to Ezra Weston, "King Caesar," a merchant known for preeminence in shipbuilding and worldwide trade. Represented as it appeared in 1820, displays federal furnishings and maritime artifacts. Three galleries feature rotating exhibits.

Nathaniel Winsor, Jr. House (Duxbury Rural & Historical Society)

479 Washington Street

Duxbury, MA 02332

T 781 934-6106

sgallagher@duxburyhistory.org

www.duxburyhistory.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

Home of a shipbuilder, deemed by many to be the most architecturally significant building in Duxbury. Its high Federal style is unusual for the area.

Historic Winslow House (c.1699)

634 Careswell Street
Marshfield, MA 02050
T 781 837-5753
contact@winslowhouse.org
www.winslowhouse.org

Touring Time: ¾ hour

Homesite of *Mayflower* passenger and Marshfield founder, Edward Winslow. Built by his grandson, Isaac, it was considered a high-style mansion of its time period. Later owned by Daniel Webster.

Cudworth House (c.1797), Barn and Cattle Pound (Scituate Historical Society)

317 First Parish Road
Scituate, MA 02066
T (781) 545-1083
director@scituatehistoricalsociety.org
www.scituatehistoricalsociety.org

Touring Time: 1 hour

1797 Cape Cod home with rooms decorated in different periods. Collection of colonial documents displayed in Chief Justice Cushing room; 1691 cattle pound; barn with ancient farm equipment.

Mann Farmhouse (c.1825), Museum and Wildflower Garden (Scituate Historical Society)

108 Greenfield Lane
Scituate, MA 02066
T 781 545-1083
director@scituatehistoricalsociety.org
www.scituatehistoricalsociety.org

Touring Time: 1 hour

Cape Cod farmhouse built by a descendant of Richard Mann in 1825. Interesting stories connected with the property. Magnificent wildflower garden constructed and maintained by Scituate Garden Club.

While in Scituate, you might also want to visit the following sites:

1902 Lawson Tower (Scituate Historical Society)

330 First Parish Road
Scituate, MA 02066
T 781 545-1083
director@scituatehistoricalsociety.org
www.scituatehistoricalsociety.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

“The most photographed, the most beautiful, and the most expensive water tower in the country.” Bell tower constructed by Thomas W. Lawson in 1902. Architecture based on that of castles on the Rhine River in Germany.

Scituate Lighthouse (Scituate Historical Society)

100 Lighthouse Road
Scituate, MA 02066
T 781 545-1083
director@scituatehistoricalsociety.org

www.scituatehistoricalsociety.org

Touring Time: ½ hour

1811 lighthouse and its attached keeper's cottage, believed to be the oldest in the nation. Interesting runway exhibit of Scituate maritime events such as the wreck of the Etrusco.