

CAPE ANN Museum

Museum's outdoor walking tours look at the working lives of artists Edward Hopper and Fitz Henry Lane while in Gloucester

Tours planned from May through September 25, 2022



On Cape Ann, the name "Dogtown" conjures up many things – vast woodlands and trails; stone walls and cellar holes; tales of witches and widows; an ill-fated bullfighter; pastures, picnics and blueberries. A sea of rocks.

GLOUCESTER, MASS. (May 2022) – As spring gets underway, the Cape Ann Museum is offering its popular outdoor walking tours that focus on the city's architecture, history, and famous artists who called Gloucester home over the years. The 1½-hour tours in downtown Gloucester offer participants an engaging way to learn about the rich history of Cape Ann. Each tour, offered on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, is led by a knowledgeable Museum docent who will guide participants through the city. They are being offered from May through September.

Cape Ann's storied light, its natural beauty, and its rich cultural history had a significant impact on the many American artists who worked or lived on Cape Ann. On the Edward Hopper and Fitz Henry Lane tours, participants will visit places and observe the same views of the harbor, beaches, homes, and churches that each artist translated into remarkable works of art.

As part of the events leading up to Gloucester's 400+ Anniversary in 2023, the Cape Ann Museum recently published the fifth edition of the late Joseph E. Garland's book, *The Gloucester Guide: A Stroll through Place and Time*. The *Gloucester Guide* tours bring Garland's words to life as participants explore the downtown and waterfront neighborhoods close by the Museum. The "Evolution of Spiritual Communities" tour covers sites related to the religious and spiritual life of European settlers on Cape Ann since they established a colony in 1623.

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The two-hour walk into Gloucester's Historic Dogtown will look at the early settlements and the mystique of the large, forested area in the center of the city that has captivated visitors, hikers, writers, and artists since the last house came down there more than 200 years ago. The Bones of Homes walking tour explores the city's architectural styles that arose out of specific socioeconomic and cultural circumstances from the mid-18th to the mid-20th century.

Full descriptions of each tour and required online registration information can be found on the following links:

- [Joe Garland's Gloucester Walking Tour](#)
- [Hopper's Houses Walking Tour](#)
- [Historic Dogtown: A Walk Back in Time](#)
- [The Bones of Homes Walking Tour](#)
- [Fitz Henry Lane in Gloucester Walking Tour](#)
- [Evolution of Spiritual Communities Walking Tour](#)

Tours are held rain or shine. All participants must wear face masks, and dogs are not allowed on the walks. Most tours cost is \$10 for CAM members and \$20 for non-members, and it includes Museum admission. The Dogtown walk is \$15 for CAM members and \$25 for non-members. Advance [online registration](#) is required. Space is limited.

The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national, and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, three historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum opened the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the [Cape Ann Museum Green](#). The campus also includes three historic buildings – the White-Ellery House (1710), the recently acquired Babson-Alling House (c.1740), and an adjacent Barn (c. 1740), all located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester. CAM Green will re-open in the spring.

The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.00 adults, \$10.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors, and students. Youth (under 18) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on the second Saturday of each month. For more information please call (978)283-0455 x110 or visit www.capeannmuseum.org. For a detailed media fact sheet please visit www.capeannmuseum.org/press.

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