

Nantiquette

*A User Guide to
Island Etiquette*



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Welcome to Nantucket!



Welcome to
Nantucket, a
beautiful island located
30 miles out at sea.

We truly hope you enjoy
your visit. While you are
here, please remember that Nantucket
is a unique place with a proud history of
polite customs.



*Help maintain
Nantucket's unique
traditions & atmosphere.*



We islanders value gentle behavior, respect for our community, and preservation of our natural resources.

Please take the time to read this Nanetiquette brochure and become familiar with our customs.

We even hope that some of them might bring you a smile. Thank you, and enjoy!



*Please keep our streets,
roads and beaches free
of litter.*

Driving

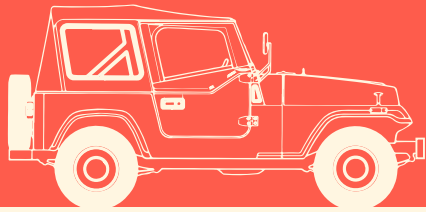
In keeping with our polite nature, driving on Nantucket is slower than you may be accustomed to off-island. There are no interstates. The closest we have to an Autobahn is the Milestone Road with a speed limit of 45mph.



While on Island, we ask that you slow down and take in the scenery. Give a friendly wave to passersby, pedestrians and cyclists. Remember the crossing ducks on lower Orange Street have the right of way so be extra careful to not have a quack-up! Here are some of Nantucket's helpful driving customs:



*“For fast acting relief,
try slowing down.”
- Lily Tomlin*



- Cars already in the rotary have the right of way. As you approach the rotary, please take note whether you have a Stop sign or a Yield sign, and respond accordingly.

- Unless there is a dire emergency, do not honk your horn!



- Please be aware, many of our streets in town are one way. Share the road with our cyclists.

- The same seatbelt and carseat laws apply on Nantucket as in America. Please keep everyone in your care safe and buckle-up.



- Rather not drive? Board our seasonal public transportation system - Ride the WAVE!
www.nrtawave.com.

Cars already in the Rotary always have the right of way.

Parking

We know it can be a bit of a challenge to find a suitable place to leave your car in town during the busy summer months. Here are some helpful tips for parking your car while you enjoy our charming downtown:

- Do not parallel park on Main Street, angle-in, otherwise we will definitely know you're not from around here!

- There are time limits to parking your car on our downtown streets. Please take note of our helpful but small signs.



- You can park all day for FREE in the Town Lot, located on Washington Street as you approach downtown. This is particularly handy if you work in town. Fills up fast, so get there early!

“You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen, it said “Parking Fine.”

- Tommy Cooper



- If it's too late there's always the Valet Parking at the old electric company on Candle Street. It will save you time and headaches if you are in a hurry. We don't want you to go round and round and round...



- If you plan to spend a good bit of time in town, please consider riding the WAVE. A bus will pick you up from locations across the island, and deliver you to the Greenhound building on Washington Street.



*“Safety isn't expensive,
its priceless.”
- Author Unknown
Lock your car.*

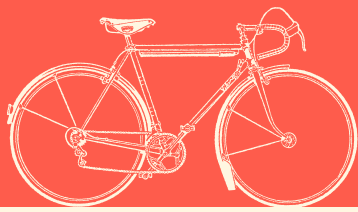
Bicycles

Perhaps the best way to get around Nantucket is to ride a bicycle. With miles of bike paths, you can explore the whole island at your leisure. Didn't bring your bike with you? Don't fret, there are many places to rent them, with bicycles suited for all ages. Some will even deliver them to your island home or hotel.



- Bikes must observe all traffic regulations.
- Do not ride your bike on the sidewalks, especially in Town. Yes, we know the cobblestones are bumpy—you may walk your bike on the sidewalk, being mindful of pedestrians.

*Bicyclists - please don't
ride on sidewalks;
and, please use bike paths
whenever possible.*



- Those little red Stop signs along the bike paths are just for you! They may be small, but they are just as important.

- Go the right way on a One Way Street. If you have to go in the wrong direction, please walk your bike. Drivers may not see you until it's too late!



Please do not wear white after Labor Day... But Nantucket Reds are always fashionable!



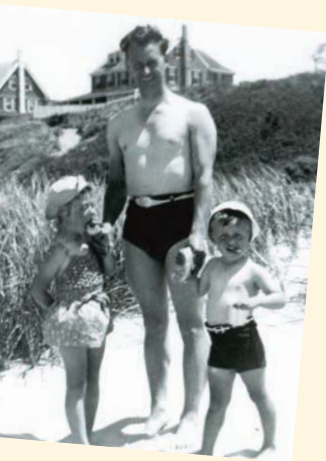
- When leaving your bike, please use the racks provided throughout town and at many of our beaches, and always lock it up.

*Always wear a helmet,
and obey all traffic
regulations.*

Beaches

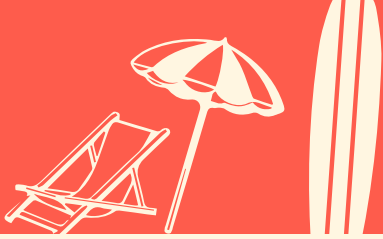
Is there anything more relaxing than a day at the beach? Nantucket boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, and we ask that you help us keep them that way by observing some basic beach etiquette, and exercising some good common sense:

- Beware of strong currents and surf, particularly along our south shore beaches.
- Please do not walk, play, run, jump or slide on the dunes, as it damages the beach grass habitat, which takes years to recover.



- You may drive on some of our beaches, but please be sure to purchase a beach sticker and map from the Nantucket Police Department or at the Wauwinet Gate House if you are going out to Great Point.

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- Remember to let some air out of your tires, and bring a shovel and 2x4, or your friends will be posting embarrassing photos of you on social media and you will be out at least \$150 to the tow truck driver.



- Watch for where endangered piping plovers might nest. Tread lightly or you will be fined for being a pest.



- Most importantly, do not leave any trash behind on the beach. If you find litter on the beach, kindly bring it with you as well. It's good for the environment, and it's just good karma.

*Please take your trash
with you - leave only
footprints.*

Dogs

Nantucket is a very dog friendly island. Whether walking in the woods, frolicking on the beach, or shopping in one of our pet boutiques, there are many ways to enjoy the island with your furry friends. Just practice some basic canine courtesy:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times, including while on the beach (but not inside your house).



*Help keep our island
clean. Always clean up
after your dog.*



- Clean up after your dog wherever you go. Even if taking a walk in the woods or on the beach... no one wants to stumble into your pooch's poop.

- Never leave your dog in the car on a hot, sunny day.



*"To err is human: To forgive, canine."
- Anonymous*



*Dogs must be leashed,
even on the beach.*

General Etiquette

- Please refrain from using cell phones in public places, especially when trading stocks or talking to your divorce lawyer!



- Ladies, you may want to rethink wearing stilettos on the cobblestones.

- If you are over the age of 10, you should not wear a bathing suit while riding a bike.

- Slow down, you're already here!



- Our respected older folk might literally need a hand crossing the cobblestones...be kind!



"Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness you have good manners, no matter what fork you use."

- Emily Post

*Make your own personal
investment in Nantucket.*



*When leaving on the boat,
throw two pennies from the
boat while passing Brant
Point. This historic tradition
ensures a return trip to
Nantucket.*





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