

PROVINCETOWN TO CELEBRATE TWO-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

Pageants, Sports, and Three and a Half Mile Art Exhibit Scheduled for Fete to Run Next Wednesday to Saturday; Route Suggested

Old Provincetown, the little fishing community and art colony at the very tip of Cape Cod, will, from Aug. 4 to Aug. 7, celebrate its 200th anniversary of incorporation as a town. The town fathers promise every consideration to those who will come and help them celebrate. Undoubtedly, many motorists from New Bedford and the vicinity will accept the invitation and flock over U. S. Route No. 6, the shortest from this city, to the quaint little town.

Historic Pageant Planned.

On Thursday afternoon there will be a pageant showing the rise of the town from the beginning of its history. Friday will be devoted to the reception of guests, among them Governor Fuller, Senator Walsh, and many other public officials. There will be a water pageant and fireworks at night. Field and water sports are scheduled for Friday and Saturday. An art exhibition three and one-half miles long will be one of the features.

Of course, the shortest route is not by any means the only route to Provincetown, which is approximately 90 miles away, and the motorist may as well select another which will bring in some of the other tradition-drenched villages. One such is recommended by the Automobile Club of America, New York.

Irresistible Allure.

Among the favorite vacation spots along the Atlantic, none has a stronger hold over its followers than Cape Cod. There is something about the Cape that takes hold the first time a visit is paid—the wish to return always remains. Whether the geographical advantages of "seas on four sides" and exposure to all the winds that blow, are the great factors in the lure of the Cape, is a question; some would lay it to the unique landscape—the sand dunes along the shore, the scanty vegetation struggling for life on the coast, contrasted with the luxuriant green of the inland farms; others would emphasize the small white, green-shuttered houses, the general air of the "early American" period, the devotion of the inhabitants to the old-time customs and old manners, described so eloquently by Joseph C. Lincoln in his notable series of Cape novels.

Of modern appointments, so important to the tourist, the Cape can boast of good hotels, of golf courses comparable with the best, and of a splendid automobile road system extending to every nook and corner.

Leaving New Bedford.

Going down the cape, says the Automobile Club of America, run toward the rising sun via Route 6 from New Bedford, famous old whaling center, now a hustling center of the textile industry.

Fairhaven is next, thoroughly worthy of its name, a good town to visit and explore. A series of fine public buildings, the inn, the library, the Unitarian church, were gifts of the late H. H. Rogers to his birthplace.

Buzzards Bay is the great body of water that forms the western boundary of the Cape, and one gets glimpses of this as he tours through Mattapoisett, Marion, Oakdale, Wareham, Onset and the town of Buzzards Bay. After crossing Cape Cod canal, he goes through the towns of Monument Beach, Pocasset, North and West Falmouth to Falmouth.

Falmouth and Woods Hole.

From Falmouth a short run to Woods Hole on the south shore provides contact with steamboat service to Marthas Vineyard. At the present time there is construction on this route for about three and one-half miles. The road is closed to travel. The detour is over town roads. Completion is expected about August 15.

Running east from Falmouth, go through Waquoit, Santuit, Cotuit, where the oysters come from, to Osterville. Here one finds a beautiful crescent beach, framed in pine, yachts and sloops dotting the harbor, and all the pleasing features of busy summer life.

After visiting here, continue east through Hyannis, South Yarmouth, West Harwich and South Chatham to Chatham on the outer elbow of the Cape. The landscape gardener has done some fine work here and has immeasurably improved the natural advantages of the site. The golf course, too, while distinctly a seaside course, is scenically attractive, and inviting as well as sporty.

On to Provincetown.

North from Chatham, the motorist finds his way through typical Cape landscape past South Orleans and Orleans. From Orleans there is but one main road and this runs straight through Eastham, North Eastham,

South Wellfleet, Wellfleet, which reminds of the "whalefleet" that of old sailed from this sleepy port.

Then Truro, North Truro, and after quite a swing around to the west, the motorist reaches everyone's objective, Provincetown, on the tip of the Cape.

See the view from the top of Pilgrims' tower if you have time for nothing else. This will give you a better idea of the Cape and its conformation than a whole armful of guide books. If you have the time to explore the town, look up the points of interest, historic and literary. Little theater companies perform here occasionally, art exhibits are held, and it is quite a center of artistic interest in mid-summer.

Turning back from the tip retrace the outward route along national route C through North Truro, Truro, Wellfleet, South Wellfleet, Eastham and Orleans. Here turn west and still following route 6 pass through East Brewster, Brewster, Dennis, Yarmouth, Barnstable, West Barnstable, and Sandwich to Sagamore.

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