

Gloucester, Massachusetts, USA

America's oldest seaport (est. 1623) still smells of salt and fish. Tender ashore to a working harbor town of maritime museums, whale-watch boats, Rocky Neck galleries, and the freshest clam chowder on the Eastern Seaboard.

Tender port

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

English

New England seafood

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender — ships anchor in Gloucester Harbor; 10–15 min boat ride to Cruiseport Gloucester (Rowe Square) downtown
- Best For:** Maritime history, whale watching, seafood, Cape Ann beaches
- Walk to center:** 2–5 min from the tender dock to downtown Main Street
- Don't Miss:** The Fisherman's Memorial (Man at the Wheel) on Stacy Boulevard

Getting around: Taxi \$5–\$15 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Man at the Wheel & Stacy Boulevard** — Walk the HarborWalk to Gloucester's most photographed landmark — the 1925 bronze Fisherman's Memorial honoring 10,000 fishermen lost at sea since 1623.
 - Stellwagen Bank Whale Watch** — Gloucester sits at the edge of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary — one of the world's top whale-feeding grounds.
- Cape Ann Museum** — A world-class regional museum housing the largest collection of maritime painter Fitz Henry Lane's work, alongside full-scale historic fishing...
 - Rocky Neck Art Colony** — America's oldest continuously working art colony occupies a little peninsula east of downtown.
 - Hammond Castle Museum** — Eccentric inventor John Hays Hammond Jr.

BEST WALKS

- HarborWalk to the Fisherman's Memorial** 2.5 km • ~45 min • Easy, flat — Walk west along the Stacy Boulevard HarborWalk from the Cruiseport Gloucester tender dock at Rowe Square, past the harbor gardens and Fitz Henry Lane House to the iconic...
- Downtown & Maritime Gloucester** 1.5 km loop • ~30 min • Easy — From the tender dock, stroll north on Rogers Street to Main Street, browse the historic downtown, then loop back via the Maritime Gloucester museum and the working harbor.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		56°	40°	9d
Jun		68°	53°	11d
Aug		69°	55°	12d
Sep		66°	52°	9d
Oct		59°	48°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:01AM–7:24PM · Jun 5:04AM–8:22PM · Aug 5:49AM–7:43PM · Sep 6:23AM–6:51PM · Oct 6:56AM–5:59PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (America/New_York). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

US Dollar (USD)

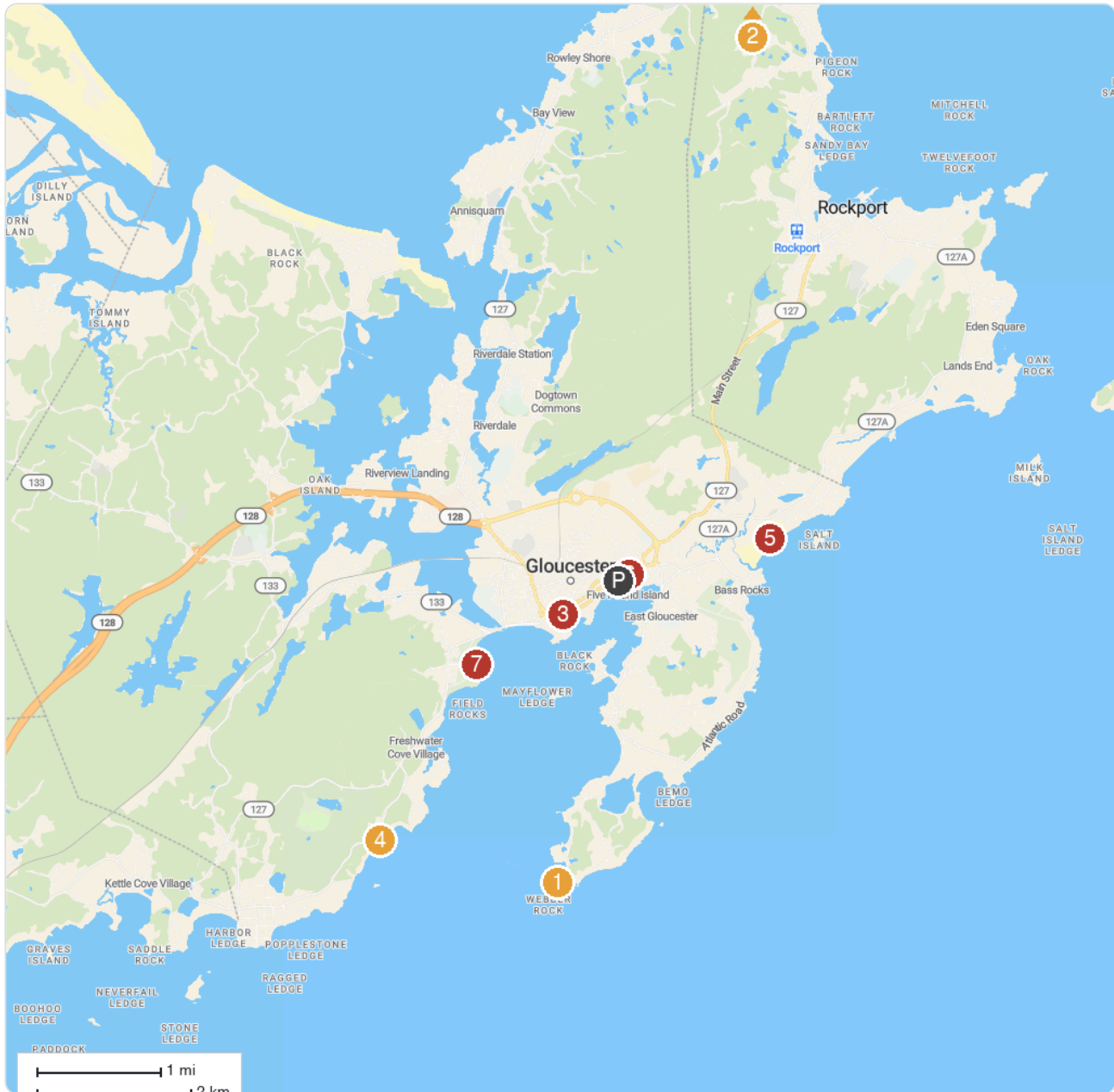
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Get tender tickets early. On peak fall foliage season calls (September–October), lines for tender boats can be long. Collect your ticket as soon as the ship announces boarding.
- Book whale watching in advance. 7 Seas and Cape Ann Whale Watch boats fill fast. Reserve before you sail — the dock is steps from the tender landing.
- Side-trip to Rockport. The neighboring village of Rockport (famous for 'Motif No. 1,' the most painted building in America) is a ~12-minute MBTA commuter rail ride from Gloucester station — under a mile from the tender dock.
- Bring layers. Even on sunny fall days, the harbor wind off the Atlantic is biting. A light jacket is essential.
- Eat the seafood. Fried clams were invented nearby in Essex. Order the chowder and lobster roll at any waterfront spot — The Gloucester House is right at the tender dock.
- Uber/Lyft can be unreliable. Rideshare availability is spotty in Gloucester. For beaches or Hammond Castle, pre-book a local cab or budget extra time waiting.

Gloucester, Massachusetts, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Eastern Point Lighthouse | Historic lighthouse guides ships into Gloucester Harbor. | 2 Halibut Point State Park | Coastal park with granite quarries, tide pools, and ocean views. |
| 3 7 Seas Whale Watch | Company offering boat tours to see whales in their natural habitat. | 4 Hammond Castle Museum | Medieval-style castle museum built by inventor John Hays Hammond Jr. |
| 5 Good Harbor Beach | Beautiful sandy beach perfect for swimming and sunbathing. | 6 Cape Ann Whale Watch | Boat tours to observe whales and marine life up close. |
| 7 Stage Fort Park | Historic park with beaches, playgrounds, and scenic harbor views. | P Cruise port / terminal | |