55

It is approximately 55 miles from Boston to the Sagamore Bridge and—for many—the start of their Cape Cod vacation.

101

Completed in 1914, the Cape Cod Canal celebrated its grand centennial with a lengthy party in Buzzards Bay Park in 2014.

SEVEN

Walk, bike or rollerblade along the seven miles of paved trail that run along the mainland side of the canal. Not to be outdone, the Cape side features 6.5 miles of trail. Great exercise and scenery!

90,000+

Since opening in 1999, the National Marine Life Center in Buzzards Bay has welcomed more than 90,000 visitors to the non-profit marine animal hospital and science education center, including thousands of local students.

3-hour tour

Get the full picture of the canal aboard one of Hy-Line's canal cruises. The boat departs from Onset and travels up and down the 17.5-mile canal, while a guide offers commentary on canal history and points of interest.

One

Serving classic Cape fare, famous mudslides and more, The Chart Room was named "Best Outdoor Restaurant" in *Cape Cod LIFE's* 2014 Readers' Choice awards. Overlooking Red Brook Harbor, it's a perfect spot for a meal—and a sunset.

1627

The Aptucxet Trading Post dates to 1627—the time of the Pilgrims. Once a key location for trade between Europeans and Native Americans, the original structure's foundation was excavated in the 1920s, and a replica was built upon it.

1891

Founded in 1891, Massachusetts Maritime Academy is the second-oldest state maritime academy in the nation. The academy prepares students for careers in maritime-related fields. Learn more at maritime.edu.

120

The park is alive with the sound of music—Buzzards Bay Park, that is. Different bands perform on Thursday evenings in July and August, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (120 minutes). Bring a beach chair and enjoy the melodies.

Eight

Spend the week in a retired lighthouse on the shore! Rent out the Wings Neck Lighthouse, built in the late 19th century. Just inches from the water, the light features 180-degree views and accommodations for eight.

61,000

The Massachusetts National Cemetery serves as the final resting place for more than 61,000 of the country's bravest men and women and their family members. The scenic 749-acre property offers a fitting tribute. Open daily, sunrise to sunset.

28

With 28 victories in the 2014 Cape League regular season, the Bourne Braves broke their own single-season record for wins. Can they do it again? The 2015 season kicks off Wednesday, June 10 at Doran Field.

200

Enjoy an authentic taste of Cambodia at Stir Crazy in Pocasset. Every week, Stir Crazy dishes up to 200 servings of *nhem shross*, a house specialty consisting of a rice shell filled with shrimp, vegetables, and angel hair noodles—with a peanut dipping sauce.

148

The town's largest marina, Taylor Point Marina in Buzzards Bay, has 148 slips and everything a boating enthusiast needs: a gas dock, bathrooms, showers, a public boat ramp, and a pump-out station.

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Bourne on the Fourth of July—that's where to be! Catch the annual July 4th parade as it floats along Main Street in Buzzards Bay, beginning at 10 a.m.