


## Welcome to Nantucket: An Island Guide Revisions

*The “Welcome to Nantucket: An Island Guide” is a tool the Town uses to deliver information on Nantucket’s customs and bylaws to new Nantucketers. As 2020 has been a tumultuous year, our team has made suggestions on how to update the guide to incorporate new pandemic information and data from our study to more accurately reflect the issues that need messaging.*

### Health and Safety

**This year, many aspects of life are a little different on Nantucket and around the world. In order to keep our island safe, we ask that you do a couple of things:**

- **Wear a mask** at all times when outside your residence, indoors and outdoors
- Follow **Social Distancing Guidelines** downtown, at the beach, even on bike paths



*We all need to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 so Nantucket can be enjoyed to its fullest!*

*This slide can be inserted anywhere near the beginning of the guide, for obvious reasons. In a 2020-2021 updated Welcome Guide, a slide addressing concerns of COVID-19 is essential.*

## Signs

On Nantucket, we take pride in our historic island atmosphere. Before it is put in place, please take a moment to consider how the tone of your sign aligns with the character of Nantucket.

- Signs are **not allowed** on public property without approval from the Historic District Commission. This includes sidewalks, bike paths, and downtown.



Photo credit: ReMain Nantucket

For resources on sign bylaws and approvals, contact the Historic District Commission Administrator at 508-325-7587.

*Due to the increased number of signs on the island, we recommend including a slide like this to emphasize their regulations. As the Town transitions back to “normal”, we recommend an increased attention to the sign bylaw; and this addition to the Welcome Guide could help.*

## **Downtown - Outdoor Dining (between pg. 11 and 12 in welcome guide)**

### ***Trash and Recycling***



Single-use plastic utensils, napkins and straw wrappers are not allowed on Nantucket, but if you find yourself using them when eating outdoors, please remember to throw them away so they don't become litter!

***We all need to do our part to keep Nantucket clean!***

*From our interviews, a concern identified with outdoor dining is the trash and litter it can cause. We recommend this slide be inserted between pages 11 and 12 in the 2016 Welcome Guide, after the other pages about Downtown.*

## Beaches (between pg. 13 and 14 of 2016 Welcome Guide)

### *A day at the Beach - Checklist*

- Enjoy beautiful ocean view
- Catch a glimpse of an endangered piping plover
- Throw out Trash and clean up!



➤ Please remember to take all trash with you when leaving the beach. Cleaning up after yourself is not only courteous but helps to preserve the environment!

*Our survey results indicate the majority of respondents feel trash and litter on the beach is a significant problem. As such, we recommend a slide dedicated to beach trash and litter be inserted into the Island Welcome Guide, between pages 13 and 14.*

## Bikes, Skateboards and Scooters (between pg. 7 and 8 on 2016 welcome guide)

Enjoy over 35 miles of  
beautiful bike paths and  
trails! →



→ Bicycles, Skateboards, Scooters, and all electric devices are not allowed on town sidewalks.  
→ Skateboards, rollerblades, and roller skates are also not allowed downtown between June 15 and September 15. But, make sure to check out the local Nantucket Skatepark at 6 Backus Lane, open daily!

Image source:: Town of Nantucket, MA Photo Gallery

*A main concern identified in our interviews and surveys was bicycles and other electric and non-electric devices on sidewalks. We recommend the Town insert a slide between page 7 and 8 of the 2016 Welcome Guide dedicated to keeping these devices off of the sidewalks.*



## Parties and Gatherings

**N**antucket is a wonderful place to vacation and escape the bustle of everyday life. But, is important to enjoy the island responsibly and courteously.

- Parties are allowed on Nantucket, but please be courteous of your neighbors: Excessive **noise** and **light** can disturb the peace of our residents.

***“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”***

*We recommend the Town insert a slide dedicated to responsible gatherings in an updated Welcome Guide. In a pandemic-changed world, this not only reflects common neighborly courtesy, but also its importance to public health and disease prevention.*