



**While staying on Plum Island, we would like to help make your stay fun and relaxing. Here are some suggestions for things to do on the Island and in Newburyport.**

#### **THINGS TO DO**

- **Paddle Board/Surf Board/Boogie Board/Kayak Sales, Rentals & Lessons** happen at Cottage Surf located right on Plum Island Blvd. Check out the website for more: [www.cottagesurfshop.com](http://www.cottagesurfshop.com). We offer 10% off if you pre-book your activity rental before your stay and mention you are renting with Plum Island Properties. We can have your board waiting for you at your cottage or delivered to you at the beach at no charge.
- **The Parker River Wildlife Refuge** is accessible via car, foot or bike and is at the southern end of the island. The southern two-thirds of this island has been designated as a haven for waterfowl in the Atlantic Flyway. Opportunities for bird-watching abound (more than 350 species have been sighted), especially during the spring and fall migrations. The observation tower at Hellcat Swamp offers panoramas of the island's 4,662 acres of dunes, marshlands and oceanfront beach. Birding hikes are offered frequently. There is a small fee for entrance. The northern end of the island offers charter boats and fishing along with a fun playground for kids.
- **Whale Watch Excursions.** Climb aboard the spacious, 106' Captains Lady III to begin your whale watching voyage! Their main vessel can comfortably carry up to 149 passengers to the whale feeding grounds. The journey departs from downtown Newburyport and heads out the Merrimack River into the Gulf of Maine where there is a variety of marine life including, but not limited to, Humpback, Finback, and Minke Whales as well as Porpoise, Seals, Sharks and an array of Sea Birds. Call to make reservations: 1-800-848-1111 or 1-978-499-0832. Charters depart from downtown Newburyport and from the northern end of Plum Island.
- **Sailing Charters.** The 9th Wave sailing charter is located at the West end of the "Boardwalk" on Newburyport's historic waterfront. Their public sails are two and a half hours long. They leave through the mouth of the Merrimack River and sail to no particular destination along the coastline or directly out to sea choosing the best wind angle for maximum speed. As conditions permit, they encourage passengers to take an active role in the handling of the boat: raise the main, trimming the sails or taking the helm under the tutelage of one of their experienced captains. Learn about the region's colorful past and experience a fun and relaxing sail aboard Newburyport's only fast sailing catamaran. Reservations for public sails are *strongly* suggested; please call 866-984-9283.
- **Obsessed Charters.** If you are looking to do charter fishing for Stripers or Blue's, look no further than Obsessed Charters, they are the best around. [www.obsessedcharters.com](http://www.obsessedcharters.com).



- **The Clipper City (Newburyport) Rail Trail & Harborwalk.** The Clipper City Rail Trail is a 1.1 mile trail between the Merrimack River and the MBTA Commuter Rail Station. The trail is open to non-motorized uses such as bicycling, jogging, and walking. There are 4 main trailheads located around the city: High Street, Low Street, Washington St. and the MBTA Commuter Rail parking lot.
- **Fishing.** Plum Island is a popular destination for fly fisherman. It's not unusual to see handfuls of people casting out from the beach or wading into the surf to catch striped bass. Surfand (28 Plum Island Turnpike) is a bait and tackle store only 100 yards away. They always have the latest news on where the fish are biting. In addition, The Cottage Island Market has a 24-hour bait machine outside on the east side of the property that carries all the basic fishing gear you might need and fresh bait at any hour of the day.

## **BEACHES**

- The main entrance to the Plum Island Beach is directly across Northern Avenue from the Plum Island Turnpike. All of our properties are no more than a 3-minute walk to the beach. Alternatively, there are a number of beaches in the Parker River Wildlife Refuge that are beautiful. Our favorite is at the southern end of the island, called Sandy Point. It's a terrific beach for kids as it offers generous sand bars during low tide and the waves are much more mild. There is limited parking, so get there early!
- Salisbury Beach offers a center, public beach as well as arcades and restaurant options.
- The Salisbury Beach Reservation is much less crowded and a very different vibe than the Salisbury public beach. Both are great options if you want to spend a day at the beach!
- Crane Beach is to our South in Ipswich. You can actually see it from Sandy Point beach here on the Island. It is a very beautiful beach but there are no restaurants or stores nearby. Don't let that deter you - once you arrive there you won't be looking for more. Just pack snacks, drinks and your beach toys for a great day at one of the best beaches in Massachusetts.
- Of course there are the New Hampshire beaches as you travel north on 1A. The NH coastline is gorgeous especially as you travel up near Rye.

## **RESTAURANTS on PLUM ISLAND**

- **Mad Martha's** here on Plum Island is the best breakfast around - and don't take our word for it! They consistently win "Best of" awards in an area spanning from here to NH to Boston. It's a quick 5-minute (or casual 10-minute) walk north at 51 Northern Blvd. They are open from 7-2 Tuesday-Sunday. In the summer, they also do a special \$30 three course meal on Thursday



nights. Reservations needed in advance to get a table. Its BYOB for Breakfast and Dinner! Bring a bottle of champagne and have mimosas!

- **The P.I. Beachcoma** is centrally-located among our properties on Plum Island Blvd. It is an institution on the island known for its family-friendly atmosphere and terrific bar scene. It is open for lunch and dinner and is a great spot for music, dancing and watching major sporting events.
- **The Plum Island Grille** offers an upscale dining option as well as a great semi-outdoor bar to watch the sunsets over the marsh. They have the best views on the island and fantastic food and drinks - all in a casual atmosphere. "The PIG" is located to your right as you get on the island at 2 Sunset Blvd.
- **Bob Lobster** is a great place for an authentic New England feast in an ultra-casual atmosphere. Located on the Plum Island Turnpike before you cross the bridge onto the island, Bob Lobster serves local seafood favorites like fried clams and lobster rolls for dine-in or take-out.

#### **RESTAURANTS in NEWBURYPORT**

- **The Grog:** A Newburyport institution and ideal for family-friendly pub food and great night life, including live bands on the weekends downstairs. \$\$
- **Ceia Kitchen + Bar:** An upscale restaurant with a Portuguese-inspired menu and impressive wine list. \$\$\$
- **Brine Oyster Bar:** An upscale oyster and crudo bar. \$\$\$
- **Agave Mexican Bistro:** An authentic Mexican restaurant featuring an expansive tequila and mezcal bar, and the best margarita's you can find. \$\$
- **The Black Cow:** A beautiful restaurant located right on the water with terrific dining and an expansive outside deck. \$\$
- **Michael's Harborside:** Another local favorite and located right on the water with good food and even better views. \$
- **The Port Tavern:** Perfect spot to watch any game and get the perfect pour of Guinness. All the floor-to-ceiling windows in the front of the restaurant are open all summer long making it a great place to hang out. Great spot for families too! \$
- **Loretta's:** a lovely new-American restaurant on Pleasant street downtown. \$\$
- **The Poynt:** A beautiful restaurant featuring a diverse menu, terrific beer list, and an infamous hand-crafted drink menu. Open for lunch and dinner in the summer. Patio seating as well. \$\$\$
- **Jewel in the Crown:** The best Indian food you can find anywhere. Great for take-out or dine-in. A hidden gem in the heart of downtown. \$\$



- **The Deck:** Known for its outdoor-*only* seating, The Deck is the place to be in the summertime. Good food, good drinks, amazing location on the water - all ingredients for a perfect day or night out. It is across the bridge from Newburyport in Salisbury. \$\$
- **The Paddle Inn:** One of the newest to the Newburyport restaurant landscape and one of the best around. Specializing in exceptionally done comfort food. \$\$
- **Brick & Ash:** Specializing in local craft beer and pub food in a cozy tavern-style atmosphere, Brick & Ash will undoubtedly become an institution in Newburyport. It was the former location for 10 Center Street & Molly's Pub which existed in town for many generations. It has returned to its former glory with experienced ownership. \$\$
- **Vasa:** Located just across the river from Newburyport and situated right on the water, Vasa features fresh, local cuisine, a raw bar and a rum bar. There is sure to be something for everyone. It boasts over 200 seats and expansive outdoor seating. \$\$
- **West Row:** Located downtown Newburyport in Market Square, they offer seasonal menu that is sure to please any palate. Warm hospitality, lively bar, craft cocktails and creative bistro style cuisine.

#### **ICE CREAM SPOTS:**

- **The Cottage Creamery:** Located right here on the island at The Cottage Island Market. Famous for the Plum Island Sandy and the only spot on the Island for cold brew iced coffee.

#### **GOURMET & LOCALLY-SOURCED FOOD STORES:**

- **The Cottage Island Market:** Located here on the island, The Cottage has a fantastic selection of local and craft beers, fine wines and liquor. The Market also carries the basic groceries you will need during your stay and features a gourmet area with local cheeses, dips, pate, and delicious meats for the grill! Any convenience/pantry items you may need or forgot to bring can be purchased at The Cottage.
- **Joppa Fine Foods:** Located at The Tannery on Water Street, Joppa is a premier provider of high quality food products, cheese, and fresh prepared foods.
- **Grand Trunk:** offers a fantastic selection of wine, beer, cheeses, sandwiches and other gourmet food items. Located on Pleasant Street.
- **Tendercrop Farms** (108 High Road Newbury, MA) is a charming local farm store selling fresh and local fruits, vegetables, meats and prepared foods.



### **GROCERIES/LIQUOR/SUNDRIES**

- **The Cottage Island Market** has liquor, beer, great wines, tobacco and convenience items. Any items you may need or forgot to bring can be purchased at The Cottage. Ice, pantry items, lottery, ATM, and pretty much anything else you need can be found at The Cottage!
- The main grocery stores in Newburyport are Shaw's and Market Basket. They are both located right off 95 on Rte 113.

### **SHOPPING:**

- Cottage Surf is a small boutique surf shop located right on Plum Island Blvd offering apparel, hats, footwear and accessories for men, women, and kids. Paddle boards, surf boards, boogie boards, and skate boards are also for sale. Loads of Plum Island apparel as well as major brands like Amuse Society, Vissla, Salty Crew, Mad Huey's, O'Neil, Maaji, Imsy, Rainbow sandals and so much more!

### **ARTS, ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT:**

- The Firehouse Center for the Arts is located in downtown Newburyport. Throughout the year you can find everything from concerts by famous artists, to independent films, to wonderful productions put on by our local Firehouse Theatre players.
- The Screening Room: The perfect place to see independent films. Located on State Street in downtown Newburyport, The Screening Room is one of the last vestiges of something truly unique about our town.
- Cinemagic Theatre for those rainy days. Located in Salisbury on Rte 110, this is a typical movie theatre where you'll find all of the most recent box office releases.
- The Kittery Premium Outlets. If you feel like doing a little shopping, you'll find everything you need just 30 minutes north on I-95 in Kittery, Maine. Apart from the usual major brands like JCrew, Eddie Bauer, Old Navy, Nike, and Banana Republic, you'll find an amazing store called the Kittery Trading Post. It's a can't-miss if you go up that way.
- MetroRock Climbing Gym. If you are into rock climbing or would like to try it for the first time, MetroRock is your place. They have personal and group instruction and provide all the gear you need to get started. They have camp options for kids as well!
- The Graf Arena. Looking for some ice time? Located on Low Street in Newburyport, the Graf has public ice time for free-skating.
- The tennis courts in Atkinson Common in Newburyport. Atkinson is a beautiful public park located at the split as High Street turns into Storey Ave. The courts aren't viewable from the



road but there is a small parking entrance specific to the courts located on Plummer Ave. There are 4 courts and are open year-round.

- Newburyport Tennis Club is located on Low Street and offers 6 indoor courts. It is a membership-based club but you can purchase court time as a non-member.
- Maudslay State Park is a beautiful place to run, walk, picnic or just play.
- There are always events happening in the area so check out the local papers and also Newburyport Chamber of Commerce websites to see what is going on.

#### **KIDS:**

- Toy Stores in Newburyport:
  - The Dragon's Nest on Market Square
  - Eureka! Toys in The Tannery on Water Street
- **PLAYGROUNDS:** We have young kids so are always on the look out for fun things to do with them. There is a playground on the north end of Plum Island, a local play ground on Beacon Street in Newburyport, downtown playground on Inn street, and a favorite playground in Cashman Park along the water front. You can also walk, bike, or scooter along the Clipper City Rail Trail which goes from the Merrimac river (enter at Michael's Harborside Parking lot) and runs to the Newburyport Commuter Rail line. Its free and a lovely place.
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#### **SERVICES**

Laundry – Newburyport Launderette (26 Water St Newburyport)

Bike Rental – Plum Island Bicycle Rental (Plum Island Turnpike next to PI Grill)

Bike Rental - Riverside Cycle (50 Water St Newburyport)

Kayak Rental – Cottage Surf Shop (14 Plum Island Blvd, PI) Entrance in rear of bldg

#### **WHAT WE PROVIDE YOU IN YOUR UNIT:**

We provide a reasonable amount of paper towels and toilet paper. If you need more you can purchase it at The Cottage or at a store of your choice. We provide linens, towels, hair dryer, small amounts of travel sized shampoo and soap, hand soap, two beach chairs, small number of beach toys, and an awesome place to stay! The kitchen is stocked with utensils, pots, pans, dishes, grill tools and items needed to cook a dinner at home.



#### **TV/INTERNET**

- The TV is a Roku box which has access to Amazon Prime Videos (which includes Starz on Demand and Showtime on Demand), Netflix, ESPN on Demand, Hulu and HBOGO.
- Cable is plugged into HDMI 1 and Roku into HDMI 2
- Every cottage provides WIFI. Your login info is in your Welcome Binder in your cottage.

**DURING YOUR STAY:**  
**Question? Concern? Something not working?**  
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