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Museum's socially-distanced walking tours look at the working lives of artists Edward Hopper and Fitz Henry Lane while in Gloucester

Tours planned from April 10 to May 29, 2021



Image credit: Edward Hopper, American, 1882-1967. *Universalist Church*, 1926. Watercolor over graphite on cream wove paper, 35.6 x 50.8 cm. (14 x 20 in.). Princeton University Art Museum. Laura P. Hall Memorial Collection, bequest of Professor Clifton R. Hall x1946-268. Photo: Bruce M. White.

GLOUCESTER, MASS. (April 2021) – As spring gets underway, the Cape Ann Museum is offering its popular outdoor walking tours that focus on the city's architecture, history, and famous artists who called Gloucester home over the years. With continued concerns about COVID-19, the 1½-hour tours in downtown Gloucester offer participants a safe and engaging way to learn about the rich history of Cape Ann. Each tour is led by a knowledgeable Museum docent who will guide participants through the city.

Cape Ann's storied light, its natural beauty, and its rich cultural history had a significant impact on the many American artists who worked or lived on Cape Ann. On the Edward Hopper and Fitz Henry Lane tours, participants will visit places and observe the same views of the harbor, beaches, homes, and churches that each artist translated into remarkable works of art.

A new three-mile, two-hour walk into Gloucester's Historic Dogtown will look at the early settlements and the mystique of the large forested area in the center of the city that has captivated visitors, hikers, writers, and artists since the last house came down there more than 200 years ago.

The "Bones of Homes" walking tour explores the city's architectural styles and history, and a new tour, focusing on "The Fort" section of the city is also planned. Tours are continually updated and added on the Cape Ann Museum's website: https://www.capeannmuseum.org/events/walking-tours-gallery-tours/

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Full descriptions of each tour and required online registration information can be found on the following links:

Sunday, April 11 at 1 p.m.: Fitz Henry Lane Walking Tour

Saturday, April 17 at 10 a.m.: Historic Dogtown: A Walk Back in Time

Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m.: <u>Joe Garland's Gloucester Walking Tour – The Fort</u>

Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.: <u>Hopper's Houses Walking Tour</u> Sunday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.: <u>Fitz Henry Lane Walking Tour</u> Sunday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m.: <u>Bones of Homes Walking Tour</u>

Sunday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.: Joe Garland's Gloucester Walking Tour – The Fort

Saturday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m.: Hopper's Houses Walking Tour

Tours are held rain or shine. All participants must wear face masks, and dogs are not allowed on the walks. Most tours cost is \$10 for CAM members and \$20 for non-members, and it includes Museum admission. The Dogtown walk is \$15 for CAM members and \$25 for non-members. Advance online registration is required. Space is limited.

For more information about the Museum, its programs, exhibits, and collections, visit www.capeannmuseum.org.

The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, three historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum will officially open the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the Cape Ann Museum Green. The campus also includes three historic buildings – the White Ellery House (1710), an adjacent Barn (c. 1740), and the recently acquired Babson-Alling House (c.1740), all located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester.

The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, operating hours have been reduced to better protect the safety and well-being of visitors, staff and volunteers. The Museum is currently open Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Timed tickets are required for all visitors at this time and can be reserved online at www.camuseum.eventbrite.com. Admission is \$12.00 adults, \$10.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors and students. Youth (under 18) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on the second Saturday of each month. For more information please call (978)283-0455 x110 or visit www.capeannmuseum.org.

For a detailed media fact sheet please visit www.capeannmuseum.org/press.

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