

## High Season Check In Directions May 1 through Sept. 30, 2023



### Bannister's Wharf Guestrooms

Welcome to Bannister's Wharf!

This letter serves as confirmation for your stay at Bannister's Wharf Guestrooms in historic Newport, RI. C

**\*\*Check in locations:** Check in 3 p.m. – 6pm (sunset) daily will be at the Bannister's Wharf Marina Dock Office (at the very end of the pier, through the white picket fence, photo below right). Check in after 6pm/sunset will be at the Clarke Cooke House restaurant host stand (pictured below left).

**\*\*Check Out: 11am.** Please leave your keys on the desk in your room, shut/lock the door behind you. Housekeeping will take care of the rest.

**Housekeeping:** will be limited to cleaning before and after your arrival. For continued covid safety, No staff will enter your room during your visit unless you request us to do so. Fresh towels, amenities will be delivered to your door upon request. If you would like trash removed, please let us know so we can pick it up before noon.

**Parking:** You *can* drive down Bannister's Wharf Pedestrian Way! Drive slowly past the Clarke Cooke House/Black Pearl. Parking is located at the end of the wharf on the left hand side, near the Black Dog store. We will provide you with one parking pass per room, spaces are regular size cars/suvs. **Cars must be moved by 11am.**

**WIFI:** you can connect to any Bannister's Wharf network (does not have to be your exact room# (i.e. Bannister's room 1, birdhouse or BWS2 3) - pw: yachting.

**After Hours:** If you lock yourself out/lose keys or need assistance – please go to the Clarke Cooke House and see management. They are available until midnight nightly.

For directions visit: [www.bannistersnewport.com](http://www.bannistersnewport.com) \*\*Cancellation Policy for BW Guestrooms is 14 days prior to reservation date for a full refund of your deposit minus 5% credit card fees. If reservations are made within 14 days of arrival, the reservation is 100% confirmed, should you cancel there is no refund of your deposit. Bannister's Wharf does not allow bachelor/bachelorette parties at our location. Please note that if disturbances occur at BW, we reserve the right to terminate your stay at any time with forfeit of deposit.

Best,

*Kelly*

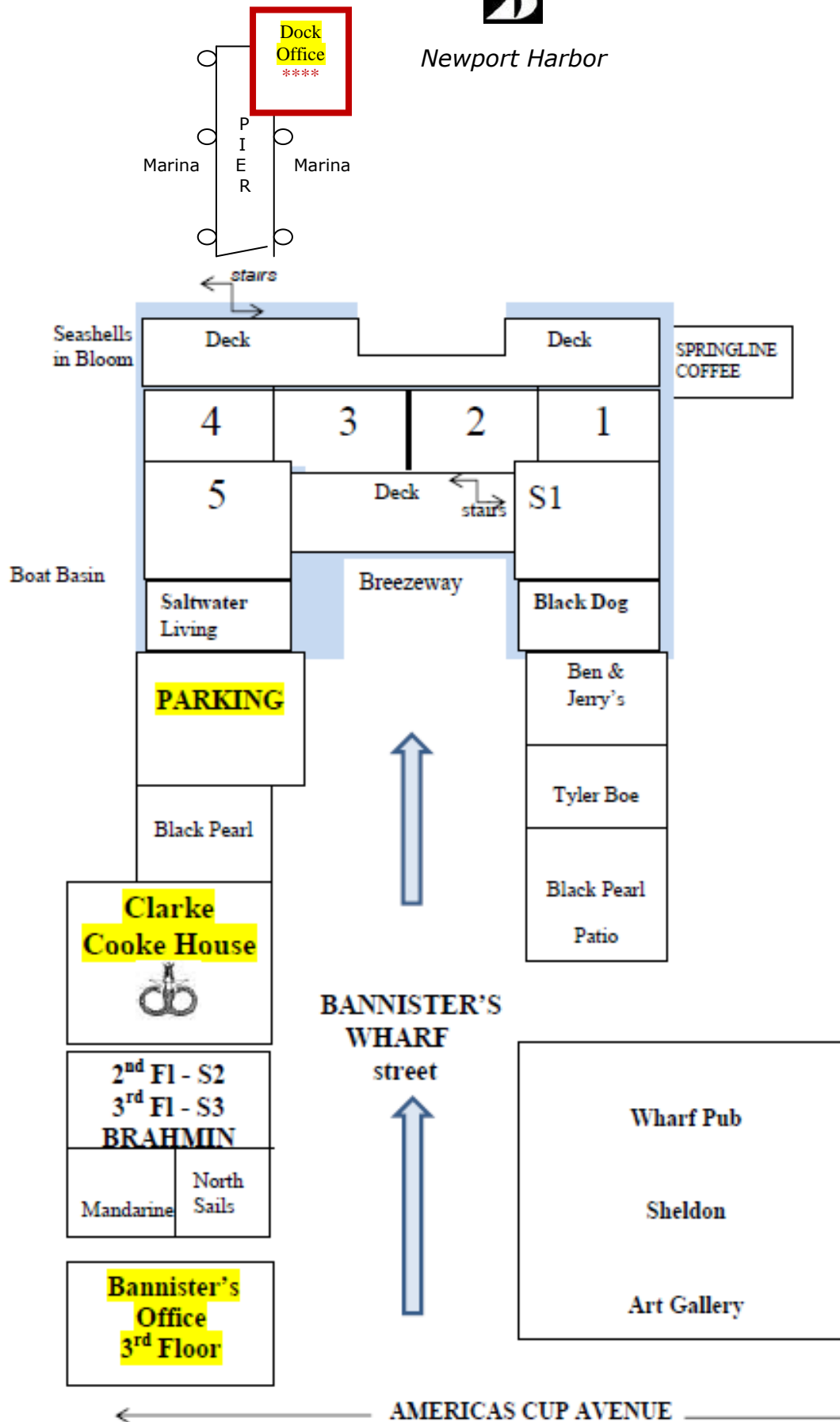
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Pass the Clarke Cooke House. Park on the left by the Black Dog Store, through the pickett gate. To the Marina Office.



Newport Harbor



Low Season Check in Oct - April 30, 2023



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Welcome to historic Bannister's Wharf!

**Check In:** is 3pm daily, check out is 11am. Check in location Mon. – Thurs. until 5 p.m. will be at the Bannister's Wharf offices, 3rd Floor - 1 Bannister's Wharf building (pictured below, just above the Kids Store/Photo Gallery). Check in Mon.–Fri. after 5p.m., AND Fri/Sat/Sun.will be at the Clarke Cooke House restaurant host stand.

**Housekeeping services** are limited to cleaning before and after your arrival. No staff will enter your room during your visit unless you request us to do so. Fresh towels, amenities will be delivered to your door in a sealed bag upon request. If you would like trash removed, please let us know so we can pick it up before noon.

**Parking:** You can drive down Bannister's Wharf Pedestrian Way! Parking is located at the end of the wharf on the left hand side, near the Black Dog store. We will provide you with one parking pass per room to put in your windshield. All cars must be moved by 11 am on check out day.

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**Check Out: 11 am,** we now offer a contact-free check out, just leave the keys in your room, lock/shut the door behind you and we'll take care of the rest.

**AFTER HOURS:** if you lock yourself out/lose keys, please go to the Clarke Cooke House and see management. They are available until closing nightly 12am.

Again, if you have any questions feel free to respond via email [bannisterswharf@aol.com](mailto:bannisterswharf@aol.com) or call @401.846.4500. Best,

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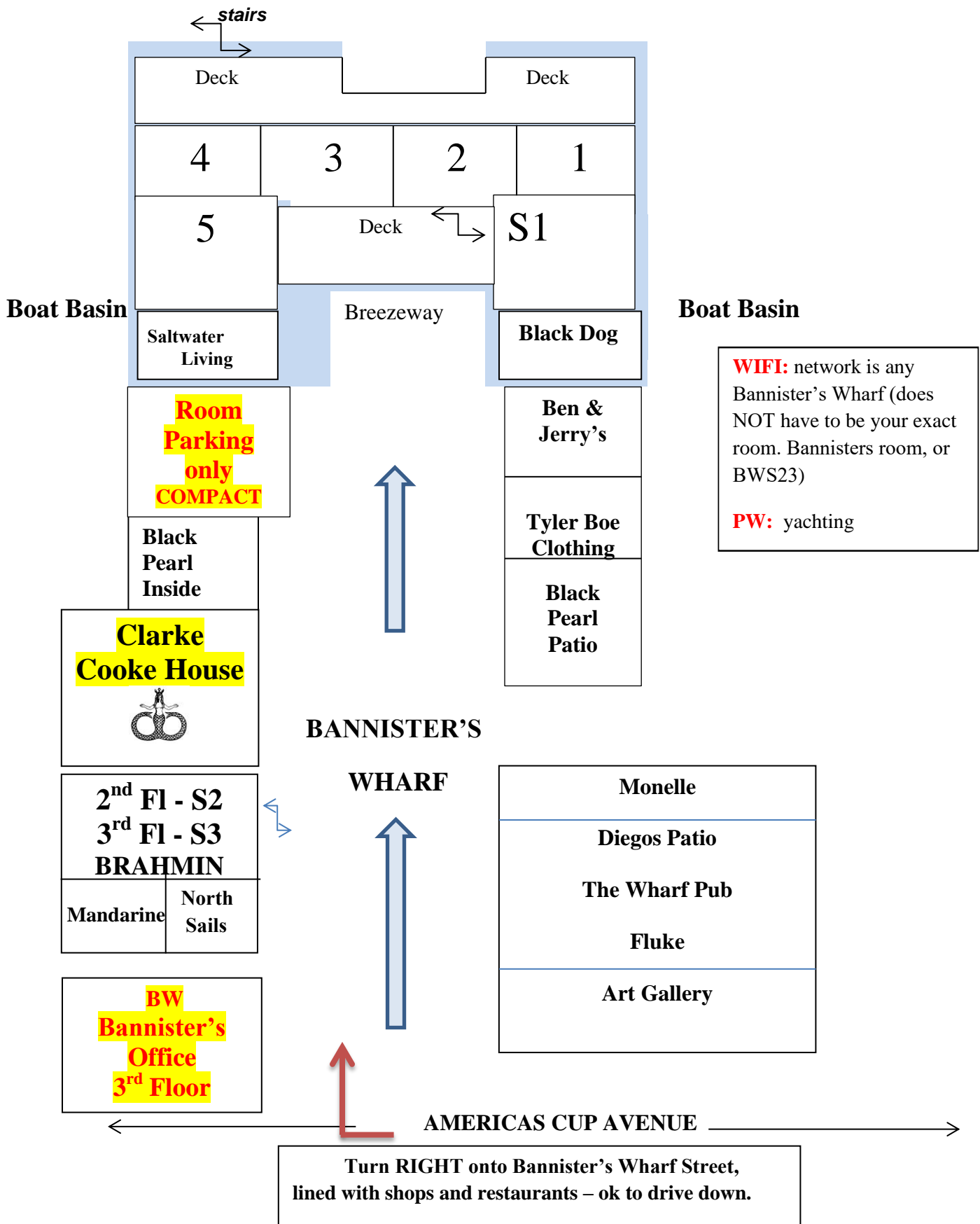
Clarke Cooke House Restaurant



Parking by Black Dog



## Bannister's Wharf & Guestrooms Map





## The History of Bannister's Wharf

The Wharf John Bannister built was the social and commercial lifeline to colonial Newport, the connector between an active harbor and an enterprising, young town. It was here that commodore Oliver Hazard Perry was received on his victorious return from the battle of Lake Erie in 1813 and it was Bannister's Wharf that hosted the successful 1977 America's Cup defender, Ted Turner. The history of Bannister's Wharf has been an exciting one. It has been home and hostelry, a place to buy bread and a place to break bread. Always it has celebrated a certain "joie de vivre". This is the place where people come to experience the ambiance that is expressly Newport.

A century and a half ago, the shops that lined the Wharf were the purveyors of life's necessities. Today, [twenty shops and galleries](#) offer a diverse selection of life's niceties. They are welcoming places where storekeepers have assembled the unusual, the distinctive, the very, very tempting.

At the focal point of Bannister's Wharf is the [Clarke Cooke House Restaurant](#), and some say it is the social and gourmet focal point of Newport itself. Here, serious diners and those in search of lighter fare or a purely social evening, gather. The chef is rarely referred to in less than reverent terms and the well preserved 18th century dining rooms provide the proper environment in which to enjoy his creations.

In the midst of all the eclectic dining and shopping experiences are the Bannister's [Wharf Guestrooms](#). Why not spend the night with us and give yourself the treat of viewing some of the world's most famous and glamorous yachts from the deck of your room!

The [Wharf's dockage](#) puts visitors and yachtsmen in the company of several of the fine racing and cruising yachts for which Newport has become justly famous. At one end lies Newport's Harbor; at the other end, the city. A short walk yields discovery of an abundance of carefully restored colonial homes or the elegant grandeur of the Bellevue Avenue mansions. Here there is much to share, to savor, to celebrate.





## Fun Facts about Newport, RI

### Newport Firsts

- 1657: Newport operated the first ferry service in the nation.
- 1673: The White Horse Tavern is built, the oldest tavern building in continuous use in the United States.
- 1687: Newport was the first city to pass a traffic ordinance.
- 1699: The Quaker Meeting House is built, Rhode Island's oldest house of worship.
- 1716: Schoolhouse in Portsmouth is built, and today is the oldest schoolhouse in the United States.
- Newport has the oldest military unit in continuous service under its original charter from 1741.
- 1745: The Redwood Library & Athenaeum is established, the oldest circulating library in continuous use in the United States.
- 1750: Newport was the site of the first duplex house, located at 57 Farewell Street.
- 1758: The Newport Mercury was founded, the oldest newspaper in continuous operation in the United States.
- 1759: Touro Synagogue built in Newport, the oldest in synagogue the western hemisphere.
- 1774: Newport hosted the first circus in the country.
- May 4, 1776: Newport, the colonial capital of Rhode Island, was the first of the thirteen colonies to declare its independence from England.
- 1781: Newport held the first notable celebration of George Washington's birthday, hosted by Count De Rochambeau of France.
- 1803: The first gas-illuminated streetlights in United States were lit on Newport's Pelham Street.
- 1819: BankNewport founded, the oldest mutual savings bank in the United States.
- 1854: The first New York Yacht Club Regatta, the oldest sailing regatta in the country.
- 1857-1911: Ida Lewis, the first female lighthouse keeper, operated the Lime Rock Light. Her many saves were legendary and she was visited by President Ulysses S. Grant and Vice-President Schuyler Colfax.
- 1866: Newport was the site of the first public roller skating rink in the United States, housed inside a see-and-be-seen resort hotel, the Atlantic House.
- 1866: Newport had the first photograph taken by electric light.
- 1886: Newport was home to the first International Polo Match.
- 1884: Newport is home to the oldest US Naval War College.
- 1895: Newport hosted golf's first Amateur Championship at Newport Country Club.
- 1895: Newport hosted golf's first US Open at Newport Country Club.
- 1895: Newport was home to the first auto race.
- 1899: Newport was home to the first National Lawn Tennis Championships.
- 1904: Newport was the site of the first automobile arrest in the country when the offender was charged with driving 15 miles per hour.
- 1930-1983: The prestigious America's Cup, the oldest trophy in international sport, was raced in the waters off Newport.
- 1975: The Cliff Walk became the first designated National Recreation Trail in New England.
- 1995 and 1996: Newport hosted the first two years of the ESPN X-Games.
- Newport was the site of the first airplane passenger line in the United States between Newport and New York City.
- Newport is home to the oldest typewriter in America which can be found at the Newport Historical Society.
- Trinity Church has the only three-tiered wineglass pulpit in its original location in the United States.
- Newport has more colonial homes in use than any other location in the United States.

## Recommended Newport Restaurants

We highly suggest making dining reservations ahead of time due to limited seating and covid restrictions.

**The Clarke Cooke House.** Bannister's Wharf. \$\$\$ Seafood, Classic New England Fare/ French Influence, fireplace, waterview.  
[www.clarkecooke.com](http://www.clarkecooke.com)

**The Mooring.** Sayer's Wharf next to Bannister's Wharf. \$\$\$ Seafood & Wine Bar.  
[www.mooringrestaurant.com](http://www.mooringrestaurant.com)

**Scales & Shells & ½ Shell.** Thames Street. \$\$\$ Seafood.  
[www.scalesandshells.com](http://www.scalesandshells.com)

**Pasta Beach.** Bellevue Ave. \$\$\$ Italian.  
[www.pastabeach.com](http://www.pastabeach.com)

**22 Bowen's Wine Bar.** Bowen's Wharf. \$\$\$\$ American (New), Wine Bar, Steakhouse.  
[www.22bowens.com](http://www.22bowens.com)

**Bouchard.** Thames Street. \$\$\$\$ French Restaurant, fine dining.  
[www.bouchardnewport.com](http://www.bouchardnewport.com)

**The Dining Room at Castle Hill.** Ocean Drive (10 min. by car) \$\$\$\$ Traditional American, fine dining. [www.castlehillinn.com](http://www.castlehillinn.com)

**Midtown Oyster Bar.** Thames Street. \$\$ Traditional American, Seafood, Bar.  
[www.midtownoyster.com](http://www.midtownoyster.com)

**Benjamin's,** Thames Street across from Bannister's Wharf. \$\$ New England, American. [www.benjaminsrestaurant.com](http://www.benjaminsrestaurant.com)

**Brick Alley Pub.** Thames Street near Long Wharf. \$\$ American, Pub.  
[www.brickalley.com](http://www.brickalley.com)

**Diego's.** Bowen's Wharf. \$\$ Mexican, Cocktail Bar.  
[www.diegosnewport.com](http://www.diegosnewport.com)

**Malt on Broadway.** Broadway. \$\$ American.  
<https://m.facebook.com/pg/maltonbroadway/menu/>

**Bar Cino.** Washington Square. \$\$\$ Italian.  
<https://barcino.com/newport/>



## Things to do in Newport during your visit:

- **Sailing & Harbor Tours**
  - [www.12Metercharters.com](http://www.12Metercharters.com), 401.851.1216. Sail on a traditional 12 Metre Americas Cup Yacht.
  - **Rum Runner, Smugglers Tour or Madeline Classic Sail.**  
[www.cruisewestport.com](http://www.cruisewestport.com). 401.847.0298
- **Mansion Tours – Guided Age Tours and Grounds**
  - [www.newportmansions.org](http://www.newportmansions.org)
  - Tickets can be purchased on site or at Newport Mansions Store on Bannister's Wharf. Parking on site at each location.
- **Beaches** (Easton's Beach/1st Beach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beach, 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach, Brenton Point, Hazards)
  - [www.cityofnewport.com](http://www.cityofnewport.com)
- **Hiking Trails**
  - Sachuest Point, hiking along the beach & wildlife refuge.  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/sachuest\\_point](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sachuest_point)
  - Norman Bird Sanctuary – hiking trails and wildlife/bird sanctuary, open daily 9-5.  
[www.normanbirdsantuary.org](http://www.normanbirdsantuary.org)
- **Cliff Walk**, walk along the National Rec. Trail est. 1975 3.5 miles, Cliffside ocean view and mansions. [www.cliffwalk.com](http://www.cliffwalk.com)
- **Bike Riding/Scooter Rental**
  - Scooter World 401.619.1349
  - Ten Speed Spokes 401.847.5609
  - Newport Bicycle 401.846.0773
- **Redwood Library and Athenaeum. (est. 1747)** [www.redwoodlibrary.com](http://www.redwoodlibrary.com)
- **Vineyards and Wine Tastings:**
  - **Newport Vineyards.** [www.newportvineyards.com](http://www.newportvineyards.com) – daily tours, large tasting and wine room. BRIX restaurant. \$\$\$ Upscale American.
  - **Greenvale Vineyards.** [www.greenvale.com](http://www.greenvale.com) – daily tours, tastings (jazz tastings nights May-December).
- **Walking Tours/Newport Historical Society**
  - Walking tours of Newport
  - Newport Historical Society Museum, rich with history and artifacts of Newport. Museum Shop. <http://newporthistory.org>
- **Spa Services on Island**
  - **Grace Vanderbilt Spa.** [www.gracehotels.com/vanderbilt](http://www.gracehotels.com/vanderbilt)
  - **Spa Fjor at The Hotel Viking.** [www.hotelviking.com](http://www.hotelviking.com)
  - **The Bohde Spa** <https://thebodhispa.com/>
- **Newport International Polo.** [www.nptpolo.com](http://www.nptpolo.com)
- **Cliffwalk Trail - by Eastons Beach off of Memorial Blvd.**
- **Fort Adams State Park -** [www.fortadams.org](http://www.fortadams.org)

Please be sure to check out the following websites when looking for social events during your stay: [www.discovernewport.org](http://www.discovernewport.org), [www.whatsupnewp.com](http://www.whatsupnewp.com).

Please let us know if there is anything we can assist you with.

Thank you,

Your Pre-Arrival Concierge Team at Bannister's Wharf 401.846.4500