

## Safety Tips

- Bicyclists should wear protective headgear.
- Roller skaters should wear helmets, kneepads and wrist guards.
- Ride in a straight line, single file.
- Always keep to the right, except when passing.
- Pass only on the left when safe to do so. Before passing always call out a warning signal.
- Speed should be reasonable and safe for weather and traffic conditions.
- At intersections, come to a complete stop and obey all traffic signs.
- When stopped, move off to the side of the path; do not block the path of others.
- Horses should be kept under control at all times.
- Motorized vehicles shall be kept off the path with the exception of motorized wheelchairs and motorized toys.
- Do not litter.
- Do not enter onto private property



## Fairhaven

**A LOVELY COASTAL TOWN** on the shore of Buzzards Bay, Fairhaven, MA, shares its harbor with the famed seaport New Bedford. The town is easily accessible from Interstate 195, at Exit 18, about halfway between Providence, RI and Cape Cod. There is also commuter bus service to Fairhaven from South Station in Boston via Dattco buses. Ferry service between Martha's Vineyard and New Bedford is just minutes away.

Historically, the town has been linked with the sea. Early ship building began here in the 1700s. The first naval battle of the Revolutionary War was fought off the Fairhaven shore. Revolutionary War era **Fort Phoenix** still guards our harbor entrance.

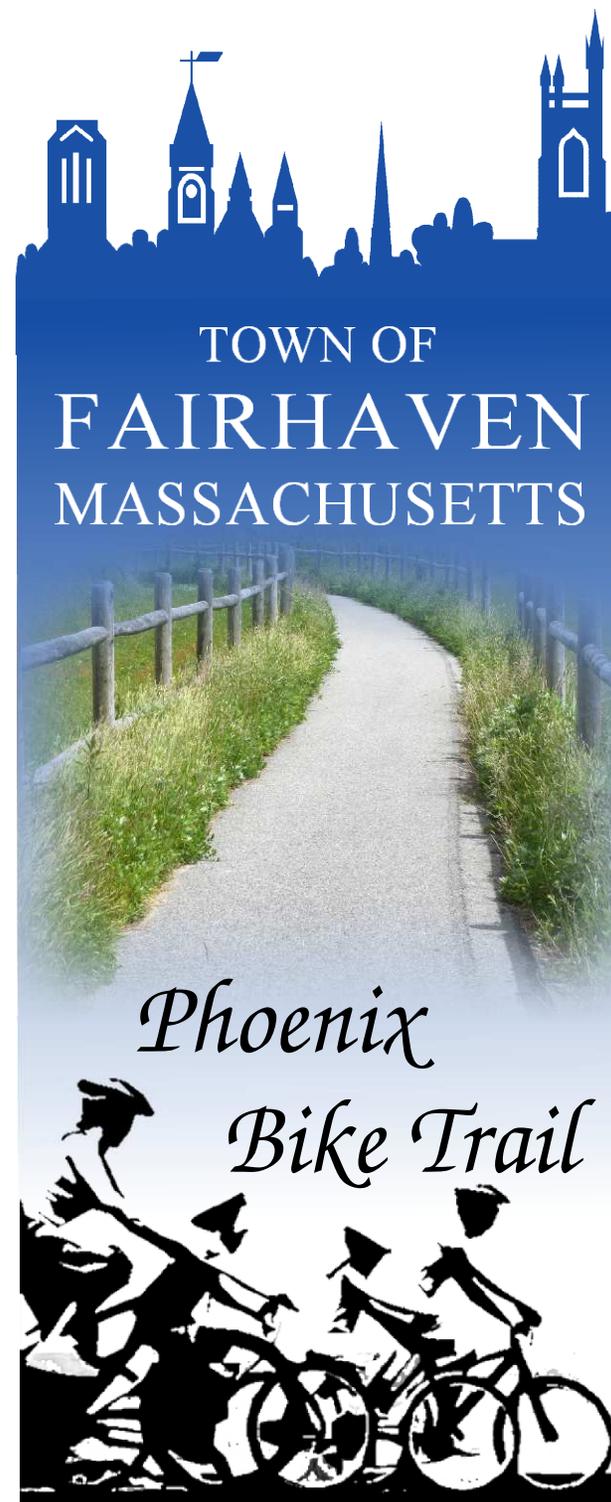
Our present waterfront was developed during the height of the whaling days. From 1893 to 1895, **Captain Joshua Slocum** rebuilt an old oyster sloop, *Spray*, in town before setting out to become the first man to sail alone around the world. During that time it was the home of **Manjiro Nakahama**, the first Japanese person to live in America. The house where Manjiro lived, the home of **Capt. William Whitfield**, is now a museum. Nearby another house museum is where **Joseph Bates Jr.** grew up before becoming the founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Besides its nautical heritage, Fairhaven also boasts some of the most beautiful public buildings in New England, gifts from Standard Oil millionaire **Henry Huttleston Rogers**, who grew up in town. Our Italian Renaissance-style library, French Gothic town hall, English Perpendicular Gothic Unitarian Memorial Church and the Elizabethan-influence high school are architectural gems, designed by noted New England architect Charles Brigham.

One may also see where author and humorist **Mark Twain** stayed on his frequent visits to his friend Henry Huttleston Rogers. **President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's** grandparents lived in town, and young F.D.R. visited often in his youth. The homes of these notable figures may still be seen today.

Fairhaven's restaurants, featuring fresh seafood, New England specialties and ethnic cuisine are too numerous to list. There are two hotels in town, some lovely bed and breakfasts and a few other accommodations. For those arriving by sea, a number of marinas are located along our shore. All over town you'll find unique shops selling antiques, gifts, fine art and crafts, locally manufactured handbags and chocolates, decorative home furnishings and more.

Fairs and festivals, an authentic Portuguese feast, outdoor concerts, walking tours, swimming at Fort Phoenix State Beach, boating, fishing, and bicycling are only some of the many activities you can enjoy when you visit Fairhaven. Your stay is sure to be a pleasant one!



# PHOENIX BIKE TRAIL

**To get there:** Take exit 18 off 1-195 then take Route 240 South to Rt. 6 West. At the intersection with Main St. (at Fairhaven High School.) take a left and head south. Continue south to intersection of Ferry and Main Streets. There is sufficient parking.

① **0.0mi. Start:** Leave Fairhaven Center passing hurricane barrier (constructed in 1966), heading towards Mattapoisett. You can take advantage of the many stores and restaurants at the Scotcut Neck Rd crossing

② **1.7mi. Little Bay Extention:** Turn right to continue down approx. 1mi. to Scotcut Neck Rd. Enjoy the great views of Little Bay to your left along the path. ③ When you leave the bike trail, turn left towards West Island and the beach.

④ **3.5mi. Fairhaven/Mattapoisett Line:** From the turn-off to Little Bay ② continue east to Mattapoisett, you will pass beautiful vistas of tidal estuaries and farmland.

⑤ **4.5mi. End of Trail:** This last mile crosses over into Mattapoisett, ending at Mattapoisett Neck Rd. Turning right takes you down to the bay. Turn left to get to Route 6.



Plans are underway to extend this bike trail through Mattapoisett and beyond toward the Cape Cod Canal.

For more information on the Fairhaven Bikeway Committee, please visit us at:  
[fairhavenbikeway.org](http://fairhavenbikeway.org)

