



# Cyclist's Guide to PIN 50

1973 + 2022

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Avery Dunavant



1898



1967



2022



Man Riding A 'Velocipede'  
1869



First "Safety" Bicycle Owned on Island  
1890's





Cycling Clubs on Island c. 1890's



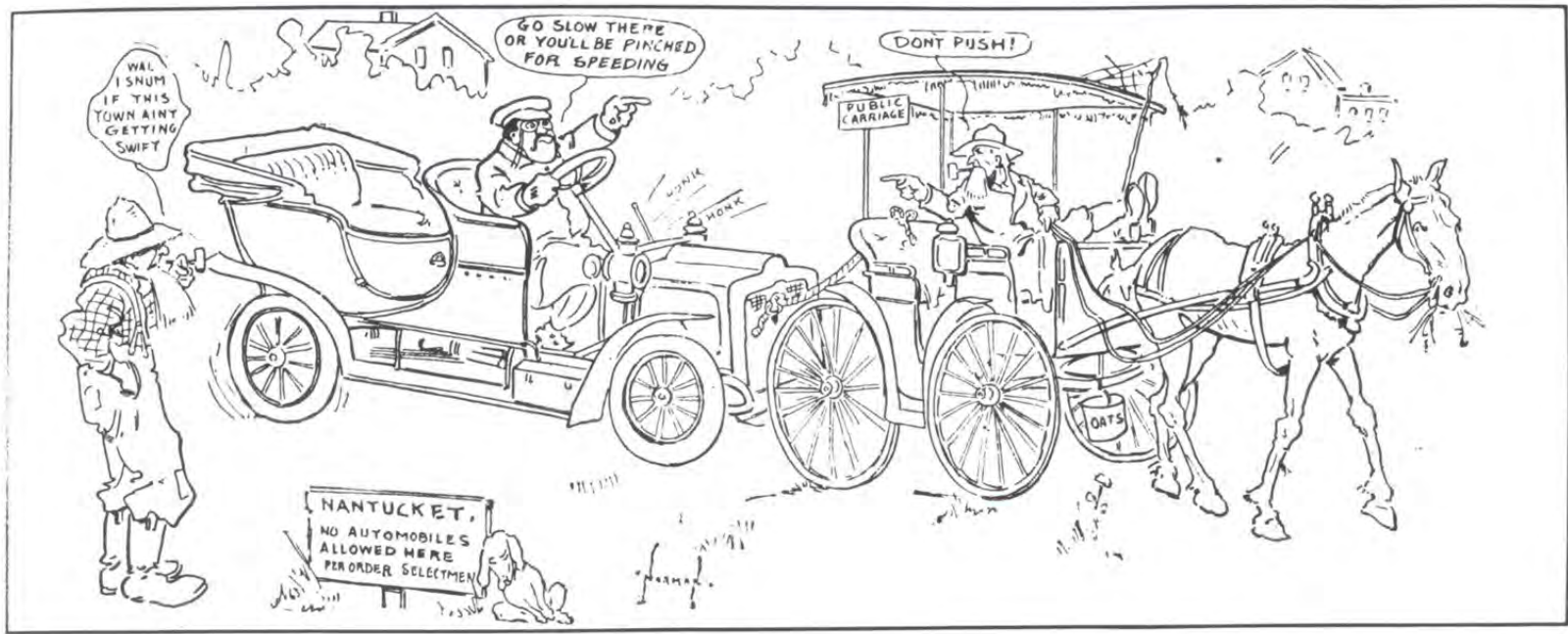


Surfside Hotel Collapse 1899



Circa 1900s





Clinton Folger's "Horsemobile"  
c. 1913

# Women Cyclists- Expanding the Narrative



1890s



1910



1930s



1935



1940s

# The Inquirer and Mirror.

VOL. 72.—NO. 6. NANTUCKET, MASS., SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8, 1891. PRICE 4 CENTS.

## Bring your Bicycles to Nantucket.

Nantucket has long been acknowledged to be THE place for boating, bathing and fishing, but because of the sandy roads it would be the last place a man would come to if he wanted to spend his summer vacation in bicycle riding. But with the invention of the pneumatic tire, the objections to the island, as a resort for wheelmen, are done away with. The rider, mounted on a machine with pneumatic tires, can ride over rough streets, car tracks, and through mud or sand with the greatest comfort and no material lessening of his speed. That fact alone would not make Nantucket especially suitable for cycling, but the advantages of the pneumatic are more than this: the tire is such that it is peculiarly adapted for wheeling on beach sand, and there is the secret of Nantucket's possible future popularity with the cycling

people. A moderately hard beach makes as good a road for the pneumatic as a concrete walk does for the hard tire machine. And what place can boast of longer or better beaches than Nantucket. The island is surrounded by a natural bicycle track without a hill. Could anything be more delightful than a moonlight run from Brant to Eel Point, with a straight, unbroken course stretching out for miles and all the way by the side of the ocean. The pneumatic tire is an improvement in bicycle manufacturing of very recent date, but already it has established itself as the tire of the future. The best racing records have been made on machines equipped with it, and for ease and comfort in riding, it has no equal. The pneumatic is an inflated rubber tube of three inches in diameter. It is because of the elasticity and the amount of surface which comes in contact with the ground that makes it suitable for riding on all kinds of roads.



Four men with bicycles, standing in front of the Inquirer and Mirror office sign. c. 1910



1896



Bike Map 1935

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1898



Bike Map 1935

# World War II



Boys on Pine Street Riding Bikes  
1950's





The old and the new, but both steeped in tradition - Nantucket, Massachusetts, and the 1969 Cadillac Coupe de Ville

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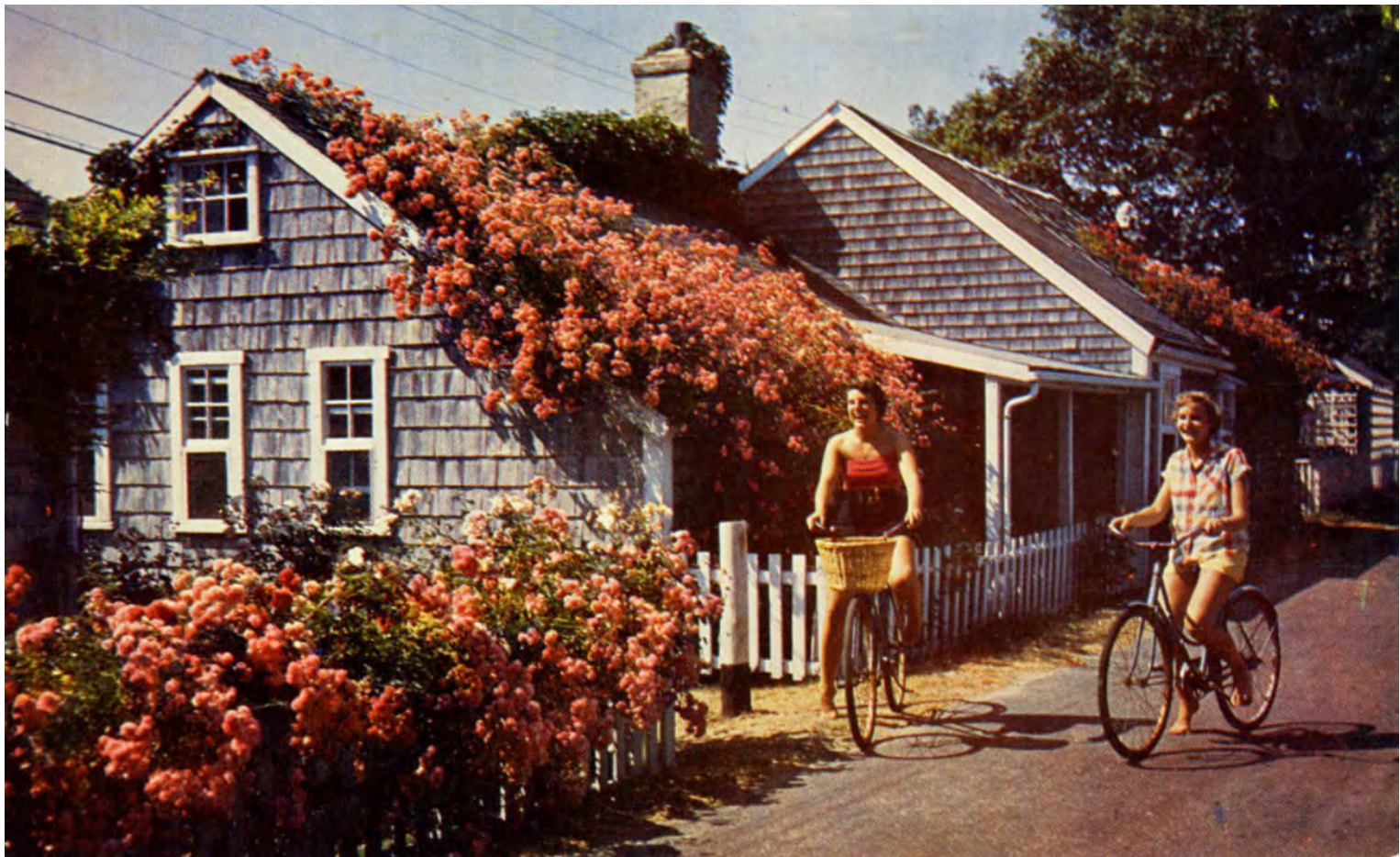
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1959





Center Street, Sconset, 1960s



# 1973 PIN Report

## Cyclist's Guide to Nantucket

“...introduce the short -term visitor to the predominance of historic architecture in the town of Nantucket.”

“...the observer will discover the richness and variety which lies within the major architectural styles of the area.”



# Summary of 1973 Report

A brief island history beginning with the 1641 sale of Nantucket to Thomas Mayhew, the towns move from Cappamet Harbor to its present site, through the whaling period and the eventual transition to a summer haven for visitors.

Brief Architectural history

## Forms

- Lean-To Houses
- Typical nantucket houses
- Gable roof houses

## Styles

- Greek Revival
- Federal





1968



2022



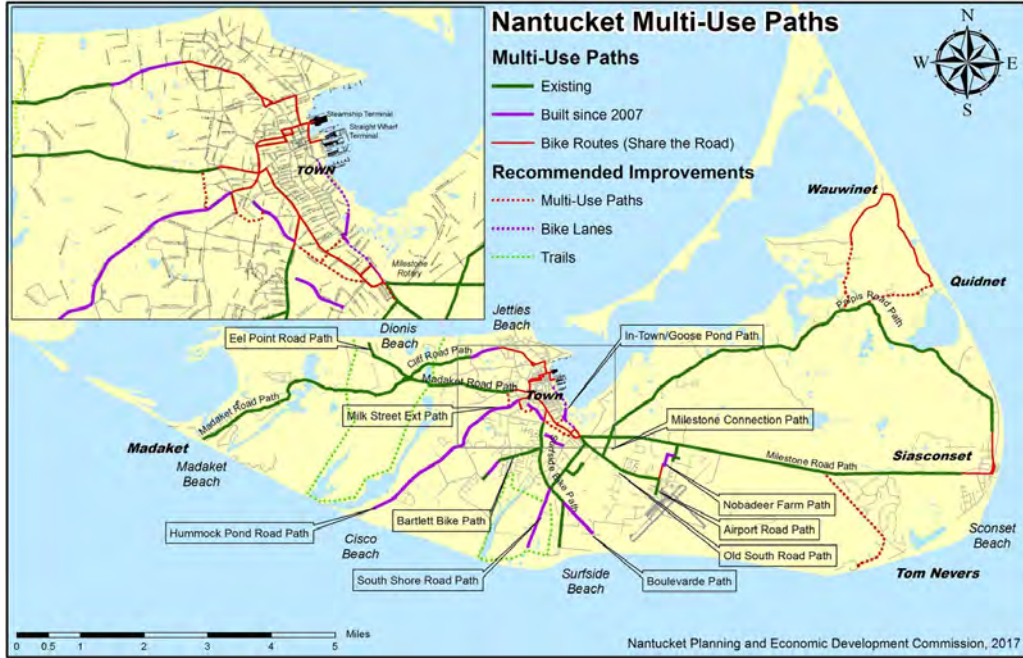
1970's



2022

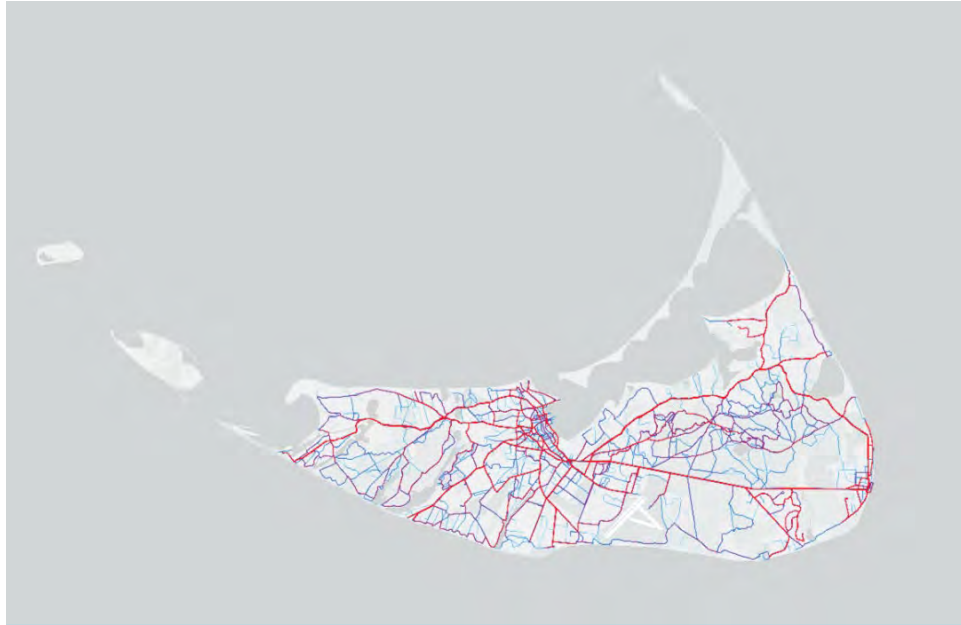


# Cycling on Nantucket Today





Heatmap: Cycling Activity on Nantucket  
2022  
Courtesy: Strava 2022



Cycling Activity 2021



Current Multi-Use Paths



# Personal Findings



Avery Dunavant Cycle Activity June - August 2022

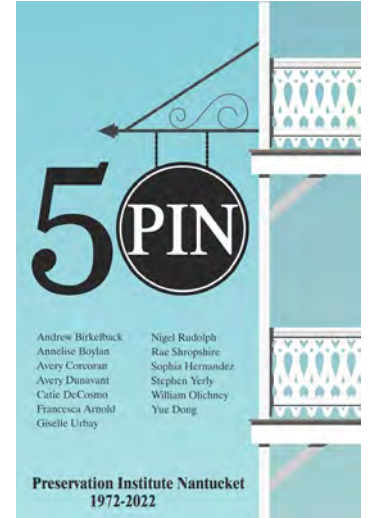


# 2022 PIN Report

## Cyclist's Guide to PIN 50

“Research and propose a cyclist's guide that ties together the diverse range of projects from PIN 2022, as well as many cultural landscapes and historic sites in Nantucket in order to examine underrepresented histories and construct new narratives on the everchanging island.”

# PIN 50: "New Narratives"







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Hidden in plain  
sight: the civil war  
memorial



Jetties Beach  
Pavilion



Climate Park,  
Washington St.



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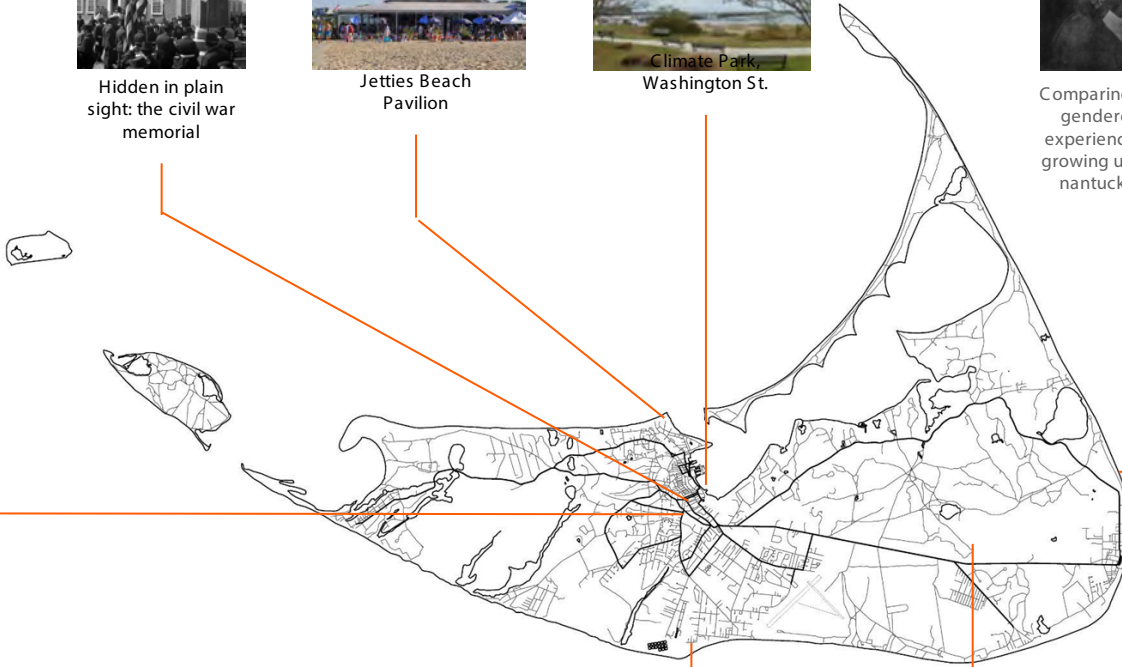
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Sankaty Head  
Lighthouse



# PIN 50 Tour Overview

## Main tour

- 8.21 miles
- 16 stops

## Spur to Surfside Lifesaving Station

- 5 miles
- 3 stops

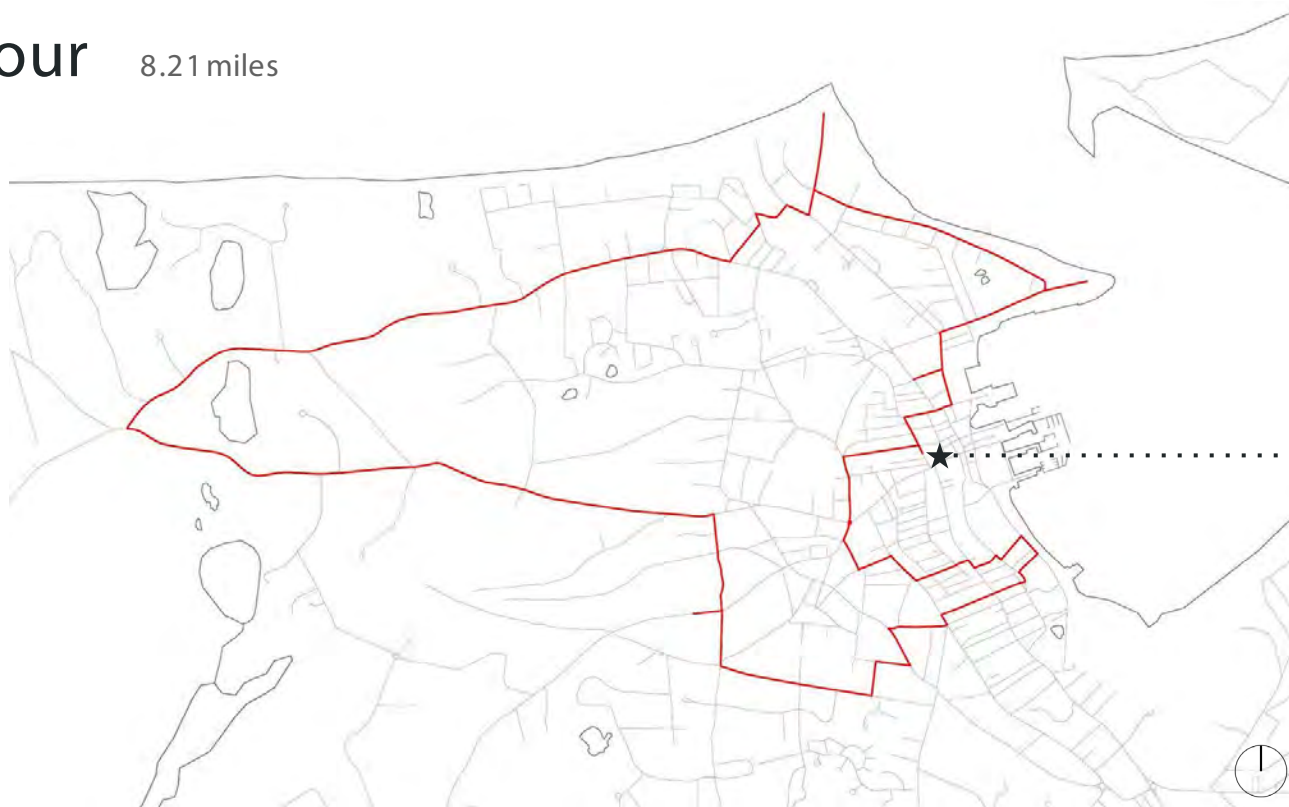
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You Are Here



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Jetties Beach

Brant Point

Veranda House

Sherburne Hall

Civil War Monument

Washington Street

African American Meeting House

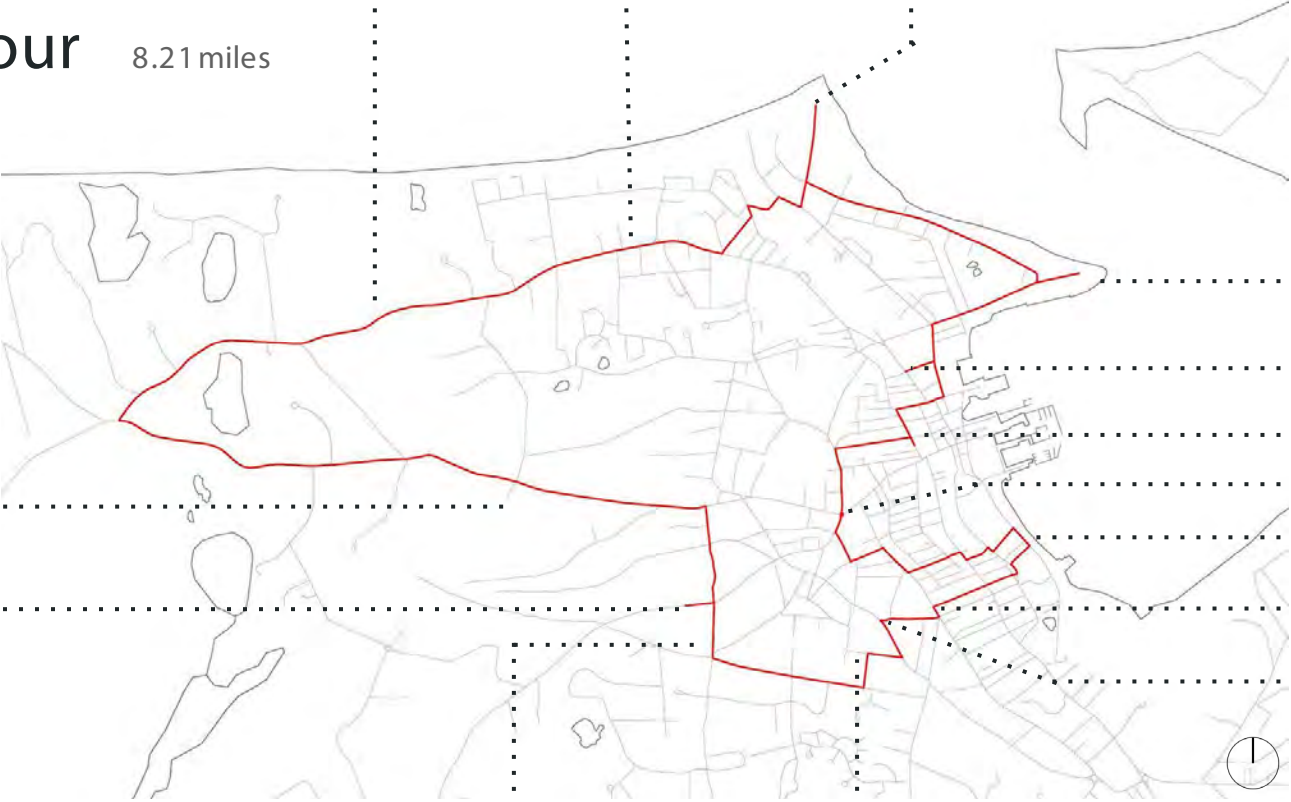
Old Mill

Bartlett Farm

Loines Observatory

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Historic Coloured Cemetery



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PIN 50 Projects



Cultural Landscapes



Historic Monuments



Sea Level Rise



Social Narratives

# Main Tour Sites

Sherburne Hall

Veranda House ●

Brant Point ●

Jetties Beach ●●

Cliff Road

**Tupancy Links** ●

Bartlett Farm ●

Loines Observatory

Prospect Hill Cemetery ●

**Coloured Cemetery** ●

The Old Mill ●

African Meeting House ●

Washington Street ●

Civil War Monument ●

Maria Mitchell House ●●

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## Tupancy Links ●

**Period of significance:** 1921-1953

**Owner/ Operator:** NCF

**Brief:** The Tupancy Links was originally part of the Nantucket Golf Course, established in 1921 as the first golf club on the island. This small operation consisted of a nine-hole course mowed by 200 sheep and 50 angora goats. It is now a 73- acre parcel between Nantucket Harbor and Cliff road with miles of walking trails.



## Historic Coloured Cemetery ●

PIN 50 Project - Nigel Rudolph

**Period of significance:** 1805

**Owner/ Operator:** Town of Nantucket

**Brief:** Located on Mill Hill, the cemetery was first mentioned in the Nantucket Registry of Deeds on May 5th, 1805, in which proprietors designated one acre of their land for the burial of colored people. After falling into mismanagement, the cemetery was restored and documented in the early 2000's, noting over 120 marked graves and an unknown number of unmarked graves.





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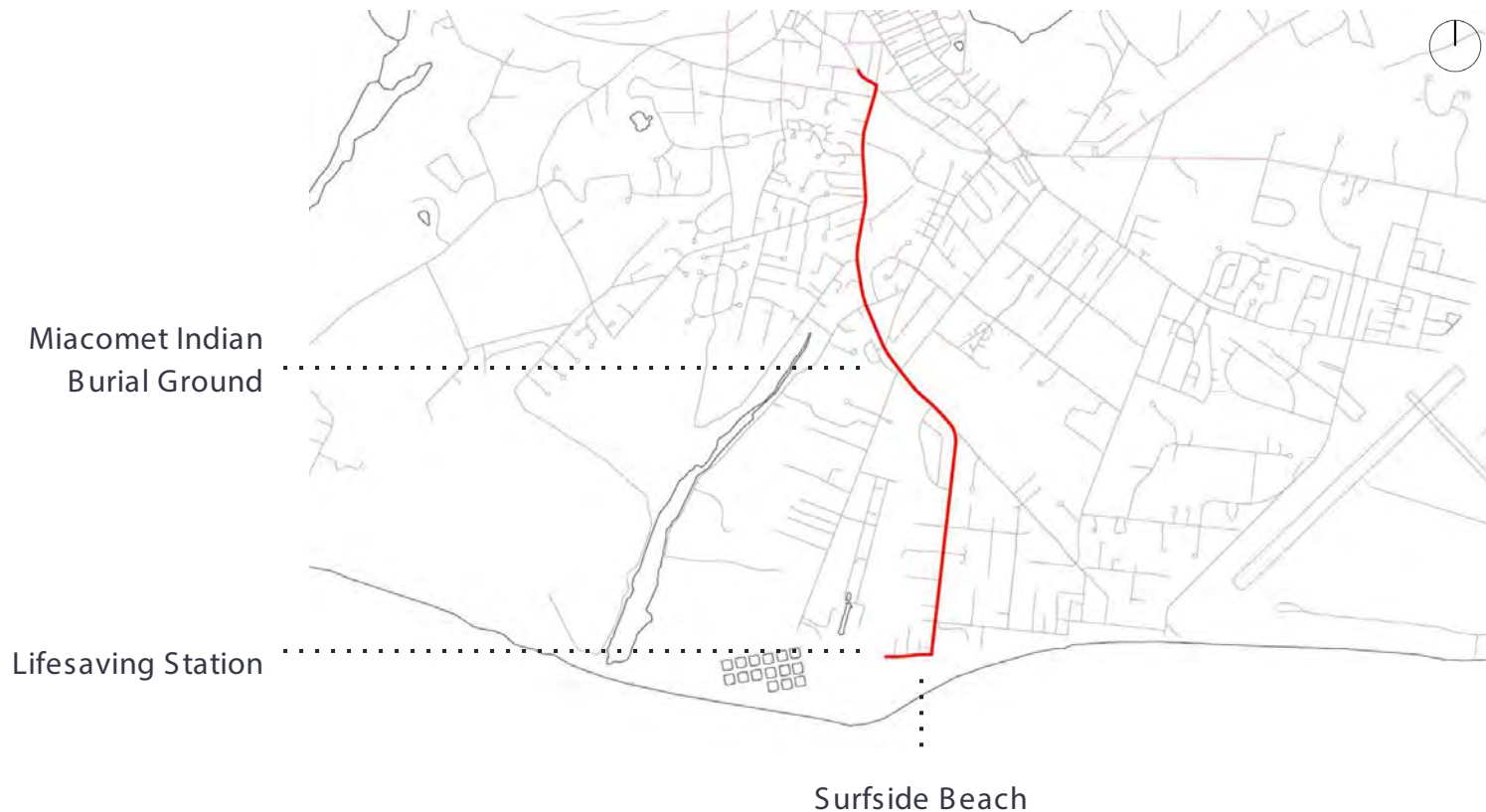


# Spur to Surfside Lifesaving Station 5 miles



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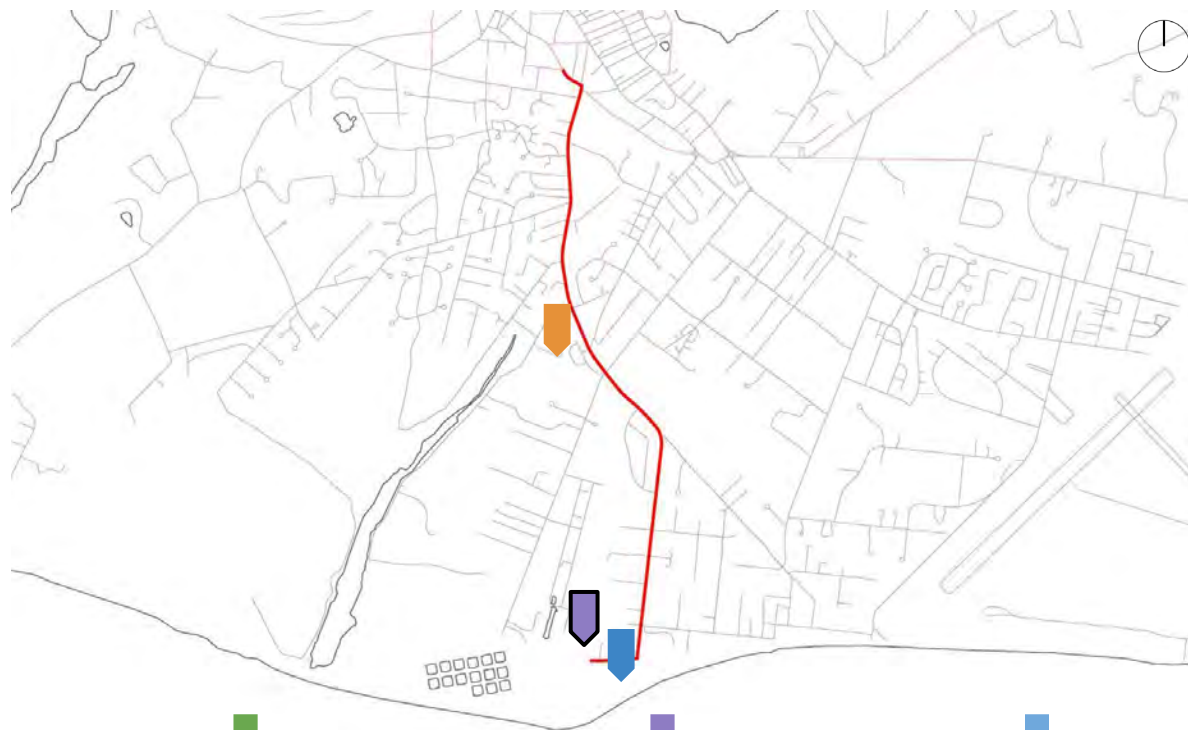
5 miles 3 Stops





# Spur to Surfside Lifesaving Station

5 miles 3 Stops



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Social Narratives

# Spur to Surfside Lifesaving Station

## Miacomet Indian Burial Ground ● ●

## Surfside Beach ●

## Lifesaving Station + Youth Hostel ● ●

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### Miacomet Indian Burial Ground ● ●

**Period of significance:** Early 1760s

**Owner/ Operator:** Town of Nantucket

**Brief:** Rediscovered in 1987 during excavation for the construction of new homes, this historic archaeological site was the burial ground for Christian Wampanoag tribespeople who died during an epidemic called “the Indian Sickness” The burial ground was likely used by the Native American Christian meeting house which once stood nearby. It contains the remains of some 222 individuals who died during this period.



### Lifesaving Station + Youth Hostel ● ●

**Period of significance:** 1874-Present

**Owner/ Operator:** Blue Flag Partners

**Brief:** Built in 1874, the Surfside Lifesaving Station was constructed by the U.S. Lifesaving Service to provide rapid response to the frequent shipwrecks off Surfside Beach. Following the creation of the U.S. Coast Guard in 1915, the station was abandoned, and had numerous periods of vacancy, other uses and additions, most recently as a Youth Hostel from 1963-2019. It was purchased in 2020 by Blue Flag Partners with intentions of use as a boutique hotel.



# Spur to 'Sconset 14 miles





# Spur to 'Sconset

14 miles 8 Stops



Shipwreck and Life Saving Museum



Sesachacha Pond

Sankaty Head

Light

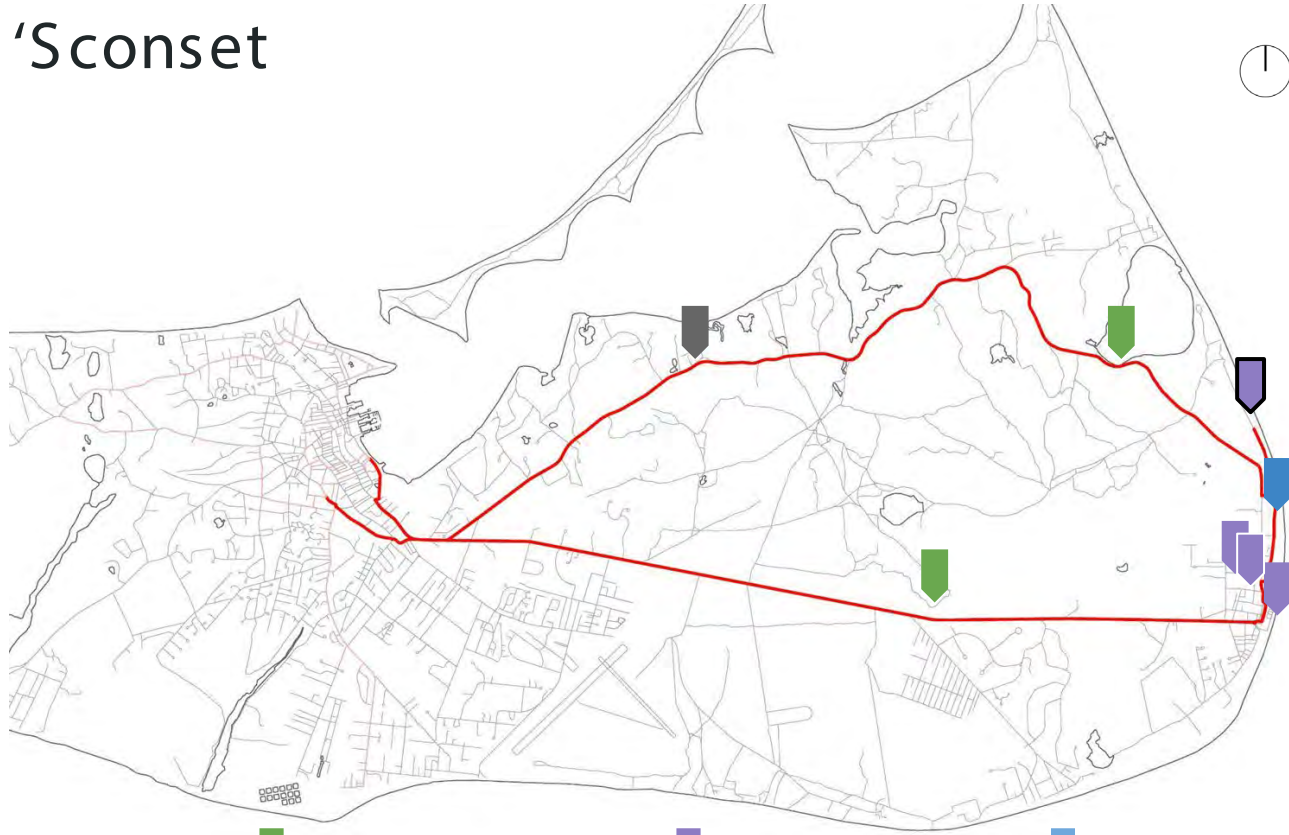
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Unitary Chapel +  
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Shipwreck and Lifesaving  
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## Nantucket Serengeti

**Period of Significance:** 18th-19th Century

**Owner/ Operator:** NCF

**Brief:** The Nantucket Serengeti makes up the largest portion of the inland island area known as the Middle Mors, which also includes Altar Rock and the Pout Ponds. The Serengeti is an expansive sandplain grassland and heathland that was used for grazing sheep in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. Today it has been restored to its natural form by the NCF and maintained through periodic prescribed burns to remove non-native species.



## Sankaty Head Lighthouse

**Period of Significance:**

**Owner/ Operator:** U.S Coast Guard, Sconset Trust

**Brief:** The Sankaty head lighthouse, located North of the town of Sconset, has continuously served as an aid to navigation since its original construction in 1849. The lighthouse sits on a bluff 158 feet above sea level and has been threatened by major coastal erosion since its inception. In 2007, the over 400-ton lighthouse was moved 405 feet from its original location, to where it stands today, 267 feet away from the edge of the bluff, which loses an estimated 3 feet annually.





# Full Loop

17 miles 10 Stops

Combines two spurs to create one large loop



# Overall



# Next Steps

## Wayfinding (Physical)

- Markers along path
- Interpretive signage at sites
- Pamphlet maps

## Wayfinding (Digital)

- Incorporation into digital platforms
- ACK Trails





Thank You.





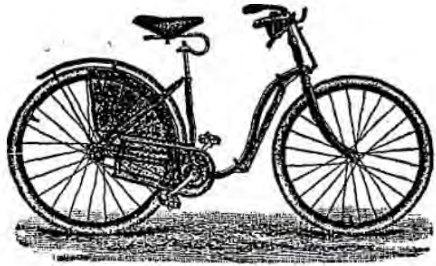
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## Other guides + themes to consider

- Add on to african american heritage trail
- Native heritage trail

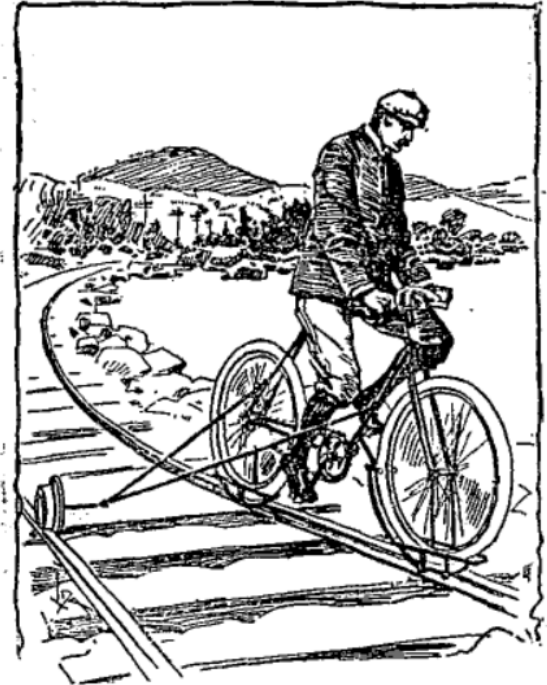






THE "VICTORIA."

1898



RAILROAD ATTACHMENT FOR BICYCLES.

What narrative does this tour tell?

- Nantucket is a fluid, ever changing landscape, both naturally and culturally
- Changing culture in the built environment
  - Intangible heritage is just as, if not more important than tangible heritage
- Changing culture in the natural environment
  - Attitude towards resilience, climate change, sea level rise
  - Attitude towards preservation being more than just buildings

The culture around preservation has changed as the island has changed

Progression of preservation beyond tangible resources

Tour provides historical context to cycling trail

Gives multi-use paths a purpose, not just a destination.

Using the multi-use path to provide historical context that enriches a visitor's understanding of the historical and natural context.

# PIN 50 Projects

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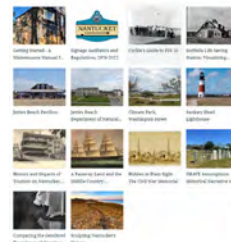
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# Existing Multi-Use Paths

