

17 Things to do this Weekend (July 31 – Aug 02)



A scorcher of a weekend is ahead for us. No rain, only heat is forecasted. Mid to upper 80s all weekend means, it's a solid beach weekend and one where you can partake in the many goings-on on the South Coast. Grab the sunscreen, that special someone, the kids, or your besties and head on out!

As always, click on the title for more or detailed information on the event. Most of the events were pulled from our [event calendar](#) where you can find hundreds of local area events each month. The event calendar is FREE, so if you are a local business, and not taking advantage of FREE publicity, shame on you! Are you a local business and want to sponsor this high traffic, weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details. Have an event to add? Check out our [tutorial](#). For more info, you can click on each title. Know of another event this weekend? Post a reply!

Friday, July 31st

A Day at Eaglesclaw: The American School of Witchcraft & Wizardry (11:00m-5:00pm)

Everyone has heard of Hogwarts by now since the defeat of "He-

who-shall-not-be-named” by the famous Harry Potter, but do you know the story of the American School of Witchcraft & Wizardry? Mastermind Adventures is having a beta test for this educational role playing event, and you are invited! Founded shortly after the American Revolutionary War, four friends from Hogwarts, Gretchen Grizzleheart, Sebastian Snowbeak, Leopold Lammasador and Madora Merdock founded the school to help young American witches and wizards face the challenges of the brave new world. Price \$30 – First Unitarian Church, 71 8th Street, New Bedford..

Housed in a three hundred year old stone building in the heart of New Bedford, Massachusetts, your witch or wizard will experience sorting, team building and educational activities, creative writing, science and art activities. Their critical thinking skills will be put to the test when they have to work together to find clues and solve an age old Eaglesclaw mystery*.

**Summer Sounds Series: Soul Shyne (Rhythm & Blues)
(6:00pm-8:00pm)**

and Members: John Ventura, Roy Viera, Steve Askew, Don Hunt, hometown New Bedford, playing Blues, Dance, Classic Rock, Seventies. On Pier 3. FREE.



*Don't miss the classic
come to life at the
"Z" all weekend long.*

Mary Poppins at the Z (7:00pm)

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Pictures in the Park: The Goonies (8:00pm)

'Pictures in the Park,' a new outdoor movie series being staged in New Bedford's Buttonwood Park, has partnered with Southcoast Health to present 'Goonies.' The movie begins at sunset and attendees are encouraged to arrive early and bring their own blankets and lawn chairs for seating. Before the movie, the Southcoast Health Van will be at the park to offer free blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose screenings to attendees.

Saturday, August 1st

Dollar-a-Bag book Sale (Fairhaven) (9:00am-1:00pm)

We welcome you to come and fill a bag of good reads for only a dollar! The Oxford Book Haven & Cafe is located downstairs in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 357 Main St., Fairhaven. There is a large selection to choose from. Home-made dessert, coffee, and other beverages available. 1 Temple Place, Fairhaven.



*Enjoy a FREE
scavenger hunt
with admission at
Buttonwood Park
Zoo.*

Art Fair 2015 (Fairhaven) (10:00am-4:00pm)

Members of Art on Center offer some of their best works, including jewelry, fine art, stained glass, photography, water color, mixed media, and books. Help support our local artists. For more information email info@artoncenter.org. 15 Center Street, Fairhaven.

Edaville USA (Carver) (10:00am-6:00pm)

We feature over 20 amusement rides including a Ferris Wheel, Carousel, Jumbo the Elephant, Tilt-A-Whirl, Scrambler, 2 mile narrow gauge railroad, two steam locomotives and one diesel locomotive and much more. We are also the home of Thomas Land, which will be opening in August of 2015. Thomas Land will feature 11 Thomas themed children's rides including Winston's Skyline Express, Troublesome Trucks Runaway Coaster, Toby's Tilting Tracks, Sodor Windmill, Sodor's Cranberry Carousel, Rockin' Bulstrode, Harold's Lift-Off, Firefighting Flynn, Diesel Derby, Cranky's Crane Drop and Bertie's Bus Tours. We offer daily admission tickets, two day passes, season passes, birthday parties, group sales and gift cards. 5 Pine St, Carver, Massachusetts.

FREE Historic Walking Tours (10:30am & 2:00pm)

Free tours last approximated 45 minutes and step off from the National Park Visitor Center. The tours take visitors through the cobblestoned streets of the park and waterfront, while exploring the many stories associated with the New Bedford's maritime past and present. Tour topics include: Risks and Rewards of Whaling, Unknown Heroes and Their Secrets: New Bedford's Underground Railroad, Herman Melville's New Bedford. Sturdy walking shoes recommended. Call the visitor center for more details.

Chess Club (Mattapoisett) (11:00am)

Are you a fan of the two-player strategy board game? Want to test your knowledge and mettle against others? Head to the Mattapoisett Library at 7 Barstow Street. Mattapoisett.

Safari Scavenger Hunt at Buttownwood Park Zoo (11:00am-3:00pm)

Join us this Saturday for Safari Scavenger Hunt Day! Free with zoo admission, those who successfully complete the scavenger hunt will receive a free ice cream in a keepsake safari hat dish with a color changing spoon!

Old Stone Schoolhouse (Fairhaven) (12:30pm-4:00am)

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Restored in the early 1970s, the schoolhouse is open to the public on Saturdays in June, July and August to teach about New England school days of long ago. Children may try writing with an old fashioned pen dipped in ink or try playing with period toys. The school is also available for class field trips by appointment. 40 North St. Fairhaven MA.

White Party (Fall River) (6:00pm-11:00pm)

A white-themed summer garden party with primarily white décor will take place on Fall River Historical Society's grounds – rain date Sunday, August 1. Guests are asked to dress partially or all in white, or to wear a white accessory. Wine, iced tea, and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and guitarist Bob Demers will perform. Tickets are \$45 and must be purchased in advance. All proceeds benefit the FRHS and its programs. Please join us for a fun and visually interesting evening! Fall River Historical Society, 451 Rock Street, Fall River.

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Bark in the Park (Fall River) (11:00am-4:00pm)

Please join us for a fun filled day for pets and their families. The event will be held at Kennedy Park in Fall River, MA. Rabies and Microchip Clinic, Demos, Vendors, Rescues and Doggie Fun Run. For more information on setting up a booth or doing a demo, please email Tammy at franimalawareness@yahoo.com. Kennedy Park, 315 Bradford Avenue, Fall River.

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