

NB to Feature Narrated Tours for Fridays in August



National Park's NB Line to offer narrated tours Fridays in August and Saturdays in September

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's shuttle, the NB Line, will now offer narrated tours on Friday afternoons on the Downtown Route in August from 11 AM-1 PM. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Southeastern Regional Transit Authority, and the City of New Bedford joined forces again this year to bring back the national park's shuttle system, the NB LINE.

The shuttle debuted last year, and visitors enjoyed seeing the city's many sites without having to navigate through traffic to locate their destinations. Visitors interested in these narrated tours may visit the national park's visitor center at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford, or look for the NB Line stop next door at 50 North Second Street.

"We have been getting the request from visitors and residents alike for this type of service on the shuttle," said Jen Nersesian, superintendent of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. "We are pleased to be able to offer this new way to tour our downtown while learning a little about its history and all that it has to offer today," she added. "If it is successful, we will look at expanding the number of shuttle tours next year. See you on Fridays aboard the NB Line!"

The NB LINE is a low-cost shuttle aimed at connecting the New Bedford community, providing easy access to New Bedford attractions, promoting the history of New Bedford, and creating a cohesive visitor experience for the hundreds of thousands of annual visitors to the whaling city. The shuttle system runs seven days a week, and has three routes starting from the National Park Visitor Center.

The Downtown Route, running every 20 minutes, connects the waterfront to museums, parking garages, local businesses, and other visitor destinations in the downtown area. Buttonwood and Fort Taber Routes, running every 70 minutes, connect other primary visitor destinations of the city such as Buttonwood Park Zoo, Fort Taber Park, antique shops, and beaches to the historic downtown.

The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A one day pass only costs \$1.00 for adults and is free for children and students with ID.

Information on shuttle routes and times can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/nebe/planyourvisit/nb-line.htm>
