

Park Rangers to staff a pop-up information station in downtown New Bedford historic district

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will begin staffing an essential information station in their visitor center garden on July 30, 2020.

In a first step toward increasing public access to National Park Service facilities, the essential information station will be staffed by park rangers from 10:00AM – 4:00PM Thursday through Sunday, weather permitting. Rangers will provide basic information about places to visit, shop, explore, and enjoy their day. “We are excited to invite visitors to New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and provide them with information on how to safely explore this timeless city,” said Park Ranger Andy Schnetzer.”

For now, indoor facilities such as restrooms, water fountains, exhibits, and the MakerSpace will continue to be closed. “We ask that visitors wear a mask, limit the time they spend at the essential information station, and respect social distancing guidelines,” said park superintendent Jen Smith. The station may be closed during extreme heat or adverse weather, but the park Facebook page and telephone message will have current information. Additionally, park rangers will not be offering walking tours, guided programs, or other in-person special events through this season. Virtual opportunities to learn about the park are available on their website, www.nps.gov/NEBE