

Inside the Rough

GOLFING CAPE COD



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Old Cape Cod*

- Recorded by Patti Page, 1995

Certainly, you may be fond of sand dunes and salty air; you may even thrill to quaint little villages here and there. But what if what really rings your bell are silken fairways of sweeping views, greens that are lightning-flash fast, and hazards – ah, the hazards!– that no matter how happily fearsome, can be as bracing as the brisk ocean winds? What if? Well then. This means you, true blue golfer, are especially sure to fall in love with Old Cape Cod. Never mind that this curling Massachusetts peninsula 70 miles or so long is all about all manner of history and glamour – you know, the landing spot for the Pilgrims' *Mayflower*, the source of inspiration for nature-writers like Henry David Thoreau, and the Hyannisport-Chappaquiddick scene of the Kennedy tales.

Tee-up for the Cape Cod Fun

For great golf and more to adore about a fly-in good time, get prepped by a visit to these sites:

Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

capecodechamber.org
(888) 33-CAPECOD

Pine Hills Golf Club, Plymouth
egolfcapecod.com (508) 209-3000

Siasconset Golf Club, Siasconset
sconsetgolf.com (508) 257-6596

Miacomet, Nantucket Island
miacometgolf.com (508) 325-0335

Cape Cod Country Club, Hatchville
capecodcountryclub.com
(508) 563-9842

Sandwich Hollows, East Sandwich
sandwichhollows.com
(508) 888-3384

Wequassett Inn Resort & Golf Club, Chatham
wequassett.com (800) 225-7125

The Clam Shack, Falmouth Harbor
(508) 540-7758

RooBar, Falmouth
theroobar.com (508) 548-8600

British Beer Company, Falmouth
britishbeer.com (508) 540-9600

Liam Maguire's, Falmouth
liammaguire.com (508) 548-0285

Puff the Magic Cigar Lounge, Hyannis
puffthemagic.com (508) 771-9090



Your fascination with this incredibly scenic spot is something else. Here, the Atlantic Ocean and Cape Cod Bay define a place where days tend to unfurl aimlessly – with a long laze on the beach, perhaps, or a just-caught lobster feast. But your m.o. – should you be true to your golfer's soul – will tend toward exploring some of the area's most wonderful play. With more than 50 courses within a 45-minute drive, Cape Cod golf is a full complement of conditions and hazards where layouts are as fun and diverse as they come. Whether your taste runs to a championship course, rugged links or a layout that is beginner-friendly, Cape Cod has got a challenging, well-conditioned and creatively designed course to get your bell absolutely clanging.

*If you like the taste of a lobster stew,
Served by a window with an ocean view,
You're sure to fall in love with
Old Cape Cod*

To Cape Cod golfer-in-the-know Lou Sullivan, the perfect golf weekend here consists not only of “more birdies than bogeys,” but also of jovial camaraderie, a memorable toast post-round, and a delectable dinner. “From the moment you cross Sagamore and Bourne bridges until you reach nearly the tip of the Cape in Wellfleet,” he writes in *Cape Cod Life*, “finding all this is easy.” Cape

Cod, it is said, is a spot where architects throw pretty much everything at the golfer, from the fine wide fairways of the Falmouth Country Club to the tree-lined routing of Dennis Pines; from the 64 pot bunkers of Ocean Edge to the bitsy-size greens of Bass River Golf Course. It is also a land where at least six courses have USGA-rated slopes of 130 from the back tees (this measure of difficulty puts 55 as a walk in the park and 155 as brutal). So how can a fly-in golfer command just the right game for his or her time while reveling in the joys so unique to the peninsula evocative of sandy beaches, lighthouses, sea captains' homes, fishing villages, lobsters, clams – all the images for which Cape Cod is known?

Leave it to Lou. He has the perfect golf weekend suggested, drinks and dinner included.

*Winding roads that seem to beckon you
Miles of green beneath the skies of blue,
Church bells chiming on a Sunday morn
Remind you of the town where you were born.*

Friday Evening: Start here, suggests Lou, at the **Pine Hills Golf Club** in Plymouth. “It's a public course with a private club feel,” he says. Two courses, by Nicklaus and Jones, respectively, offer heart-stopping elevation changes, testing par-3s and, says Lou, pretty “tree-lined layouts that remind

you of the North Carolina woods.” Relax after play on the club patio before heading for dinner in Falmouth at **RooBar** on Main Street. The cuisine is eclectic at this happening bistro where the fabulous hand-blown glass lights give away the Cape's longtime preeminence as an artisans' mecca. Have the sea scallop jambalaya, says Lou. Yum. Next, he suggests, enjoy Guinness on tap and a piano sing-along at **Liam Maguire's** authentic Irish pub, and occasionally check the pub clock: it counts down the hours to St. Patrick's Day.

Saturday: At Hyannis Harbor, catch the high-speed ferry to Nantucket Island for nine quick holes at **Siasconset**. Built in 1894, this is one of the country's oldest courses – a true links course, says Lou, where the challenge is hitting approaches to postage-stamp-size greens off fairways that are rough and uneven. Total thrill. There are no tee times here; just drop your ball in a wooden rack, and when it is up, so are you. Revved to play 18 holes instead? Try **Miacomet** on Nantucket. Here, the large sloping greens and rolling fairways are a joy, says Lou. For dinner back on the mainland, the Cape Cod golf experience is enhanced by a pop into the **British Beer Company**. At this cozy restaurant enveloped by the aura of London, dine on delectable bangers-and-mash, fish-and-chips, steak or, many say, the best pizza on the Cape. Lou suggests a post-meal brandy and/or cigar at **Puff the Magic** cigar lounge. Here you can sink into a manly leather sofa and swap reminiscences of your day of incredible play.

Sunday: On the Upper Cape awaits one of the area's most enjoyable layouts, says Lou: the Donald Ross-designed course of North Falmouth's **Cape Cod Country Club**. “Brute power never hurts but here the emphasis is on accuracy and a good short game,” says Lou, who loves the club's small sloped greens and the way that “approaches that fly long will always find deep trouble.” Alternatively, there is **Sandwich Hollows**, a wonderful, tree-lined, “not especially tight” course in East Sandwich. Here, enthuses Lou, “you get some of the most dramatic elevation changes and views of Cape Cod Bay” imaginable. “You'll be able to rip it with the driver on





most holes.” He adds: “Rent a cart. The hilly terrain might turn your legs to jelly.”

Post-play the world of Cape Cod is your oyster, says Lou and others who, like all golfers, love nothing so much as a great game followed by hundreds of options for play. Bike the swooping 25-mile Cape Cod Rail Trail from St. Dennis to Wellfleet. Admire the grand, historic homes once-upon-a-time built by whaling merchants that line beautiful Falmouth Heights beach. Overnight in exquisite luxury at the Wequassett Inn Resort & Golf Club in Chatham, where the tennis and sailing clinics are top-notch. Or experience quintessential Cape Cod life at The Clam Shack in Falmouth Harbor. Get the fried clams (with bellies!), squeeze into a picnic table to feast, and get ready to fall head over heels for this place.

Why? Why, because...

*If you spend an evening, you'll want to stay,
Watching the moonlight on Cape Cod Bay,
You're sure to fall in love with
Old Cape Cod*

BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – BOARDMAN/POLANDO FIELD (HYA)

AIRPORT DATA

Elevation:	55'
Runways:	6/24 5425' 15/33 5252'
Approaches:	ILS, RNAV, VOR
ASOS	508.862.2601

FIXED BASE OPERATIONS / FUEL / SERVICES

Griffin Aviation Services	508.771.2865
Air Cape Cod	508.771.5725

TRANSPORTATION

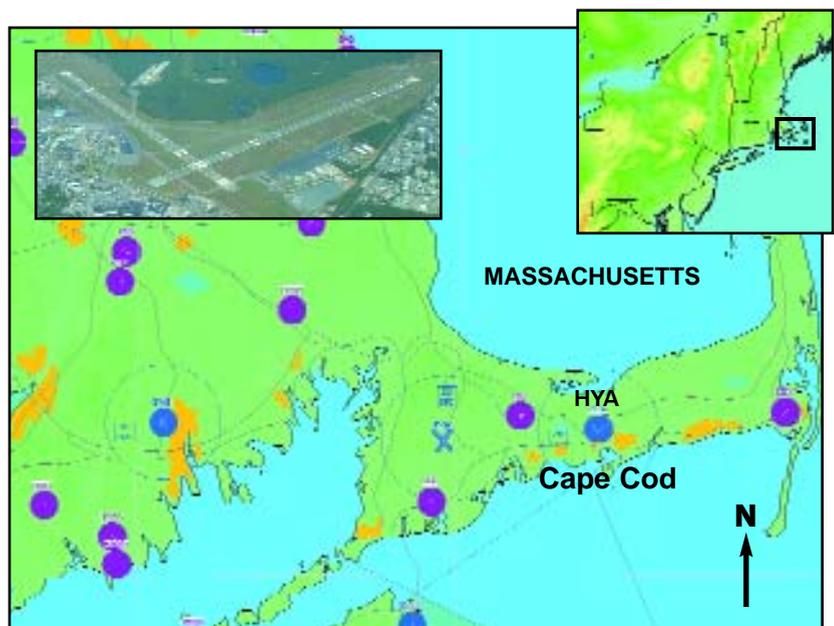
Avis	508.775.2888
All Cap Taxi	508.790.8008
Aristocrat Limo	508.420.5466

AIRPORT RESTAURANTS

Café at the Airport	508.775.7500
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AIRPORT LODGING

Wequassett Inn Resort & Golf Club	508.432.5400
Cape Codder Resort & Spa (1.6 mi)	508.771.3000
Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club	508.896.9000



Profile map viewed from the south looking north

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