

Fairhaven

Bristol County

Fairhaven is a unique blend of old and new with its nautical history balanced nicely with the amenities of today. From historical Fort Phoenix to the plethora of shops, restaurants, and commercial businesses along Route 6, Fairhaven truly offers something for everyone who chooses to make this town home.

Fort Phoenix provides a half mile of Buzzards Bay beachfront and a public beach, as well as a view of the Revolutionary War cannons still pointing toward the sea. The town's historic buildings, many of them donated by town benefactor Henry Huttleston Rogers, include the Rogers school, Fairhaven High School, the Millicent Library, Town Hall and the Unitarian Church. All of these buildings are outstanding examples of historic craftsmanship.



The busy waterfront section of Fairhaven continues to repair and unload fishing vessels and residents work together to preserve and promote the historical foundation of the community. Each summer walking tours lead visitors through the historic sites, and special events include the Victorian Holiday celebration in December, the Father's Day Road Race and Homecoming Day.

More than a dozen community organizations plan activities to beautify the town and support the community's high performing school system.

Real estate ranges from clapboard cottages on West Island to majestic Colonials near the historic town center. Centrally located, Fairhaven is flanked by New Bedford, Acushnet and Mattapoisett and is just 50 miles from Boston, Providence and Cape Cod.

Town Facts

INCORPORATED: 1812

POPULATION: 16,062

POPULATION DENSITY: 1,330 people per square mile

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:

Residential - \$10.93
Commercial - \$17.62

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Representative Town Meeting

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$52,298

NEAREST HOSPITAL:

St. Luke's in New Bedford

LIBRARY:

Millicent Library

SHOPPING FACILITIES:

small mall shopping on Route 6

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

90% of town receives water
65% of tow receives sewer.
100% of town receives trash pickup

PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

Superintendent's Office:

128 Washington Street
 Fairhaven, MA 02719
 508.979.4000

Integrated Cost Per Pupil: \$6,177

Children Attending Public Schools: 90%

% of students planning to attend a 4-year college: 44.2%

2-year college: 22.5%

Total student enrollment: 2,252

Teacher Average Salary: \$45,054

Fairhaven average SAT score: Math-494, Verbal-501

School District Organization

Four Elementary schools (PreK-5)
 One Middle school (6-8)
 One High School (9-12)

Private School: St. Joseph's School

Spring Street, grades pre.-8

Fairhaven – MCAS Test Results

MCAS Tests of Spring 2003 Percentage of Students at Each Performance Level					
Grade and Subject	Advanced	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Warning/ Failing	Students Included
GRADE 03 – READING	NA	63	30	7	165
GRADE 04 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	6	44	42	9	183
GRADE 04 – MATHEMATICS	7	28	51	15	184
GRADE 05 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	14	32	44	10	187
GRADE 06 – MATHEMATICS	4	25	38	33	211
GRADE 07 – ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	3	60	33	4	205
GRADE 08 - MATHEMATICS	3	19	36	42	221
GRADE 08 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	1	18	39	43	221
GRADE 10 - ENG. LANGUAGE ARTS	14	46	29	11	152
GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS	22	30	22	25	152

The use of average scaled scores was discontinued by the Department of Education in 2003.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES:

- Fort Phoenix State Beach-swimming, picnic facilities
- Town Beach - West Island
- Cushman Park - picnic sites, ballfields
- Livesey Park - north end, picnics, ballfields, tennis
- Macomber Pimental Park
- Sconticut Neck - picnic sites, ballfields

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

55 miles south of Boston, 35 miles southeast of Providence, RI and 2 miles from New Bedford. Principal highways are U.S. Route 6, Interstate Route 195. Buses: Fairhaven is a member of Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA), which provides fixed route service between New Bedford, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett.