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108 Bray Farm Rd., taylorbrayfarm.org, 774-251-1869
South of the bridge, the Bass River community transported goods, salt & the grains. Quaker Village became a bustling center of fishing, freighting, ropeworks & saltworks.

1740
161 Bass River Savings Bank/Cultural Center of Cape Cod
This beautifully preserved bank has a full art & entertainment center where there is always something exciting happening. 307 Old Main St., Cultural center: 508-394-7000

1750
76 Bray Farms Rd., 508-394-8361
Search out the picturesque birthplace of the Mayflower Compact, the site of the original settlement of what became the town of Yarmouth. The site is a designated National Historic Landmark.

1760
315 Old Bass River Rd., 508-778-1220
This was the original Watts family home. For extraordinary views & concerts, walk the boardwalk along the beautiful bay, marsh & ripple nets. Parking at the entrance or enclosed area. 400 Center St.

1760
1 Old Yarmouth Inn Today this early Cape-style inn is a popular watering hole with delicious food year round. 223 Rd. 6A, oldyarmouthinn.com 508-362-9962

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Historic Indian Memorial Dr., South Yarmouth
This is a sacred Indian burial ground. The monument on the far side of the cemetery is dedicated to the memory of the original owners of the land. The monument is solemn and moving. The monument was dedicated on August 5, 1931.

1770
1815 Smuggler’s Beach Where you could once run amuck, linting up Enemies, you can now see pelicans and seagulls at this popular beach. Center of South St. and S. Shore Dr.

1770
200 Capt. Farris House B&B
This lovely home is just a short walk from the beach. The house was once a pond where villagers dug clay for bricks, is a good place to start to explore the homes & imagine what life was like in this era.

1780
210 Captain Bangs Hallett House Museum
Enter the life of a Sea Captain Family. See how they dressed, dined & decorated. Learn about the Clipper ships. History at its best. 1971 W. Great Western Rd. For info on this or any event sponsored by the Historical Society, 71 Snowy Pine Rd., 508-394-2727

1790
2250 Compass Rose Inn One of many houses added to over the years that have been preserved as inn today. The Federal Restoration was later influenced by the French fashions of the day. See Captain’s Houses that are open today in privately owned sites. 377 Rd. 6A, 508-362-4354

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1810
2340 The Optimist Café/Capt. Frederick Howes House
Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at the family inn that is a replica of the Captain’s house. The site of the original Captain Howes family house has a fascinating & unique history. 234 Rte. 6A, optimistcafe.com, 508-362-1024

1820
2380 The Friends Meetinghouse Schoolhouse and Cemetery
A fine example of the simple Shaker architecture is open for special occasions. 305 Rd. 6A. For info on these events, contact Yarmouth Historical Society.

1830
2420 Packard’s Landing Park & Marine
Now overlooking Bass River at the bridge, this was the original waterfront of the Quaker community. It was once the site of what is now the first ferry in 1774, used to cross the river to what is now Dennis.

1830
2460 Barnstable Harbor
One of the oldest towns, founded in 1639, where farmers settled along the bay. Imagine the bay as a lively hub for fishing & trade back then, though you’re more likely to see kayakers & oarsmen today.

1840
250 The Whirligig Pirate Museum
See & touch real pirate treasure from ships captured by the Whirligig that sunk off the coast of Wellfleet in 1717. Discovered in 1975, its treasure was brought to Yarmouth, where you can watch conserving efforts to keep artifacts from the decorations of the sea. See the ship’s bell, walk through the galley replica, learn about Captain San Felipe & his crew. The only surviving replica of the original pirate ship. Call 508-349-9971.

1850
2540 Sea Captain’s Museum
Explore the span of history & enjoy the beaches of Yarmouth! The site of the original Captain’s house has a fascinating & unique history. 254 Rte. 6A, sea captainsmuseum.com, 508-362-9979

1860
2580 W. Great Western Rd. FREE Walking Tour of Sea Captains homes along Rte. 6A or go to hsoy.org & decorated. Learn about the Clipper ships. History at its best. 70 W. Great Western Rd. 

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2660 First Congregational Church of Yarmouth 508-362-6469

1890
2700 The Waldrup Million Dollar House
Enjoy the unique posts, the verandah, the porch on the east side. Built in 1815, this splendid Federal home is a wonderful example of 19th century architecture. 270 Rte. 6A, 508-362-1949

1900
2740 The New Church Playhouse
See & hear the talented actors present & perform at the 19th century restored Scotland Church. 274 Rte. 6A, themuseum.org, 508-362-6699

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