

# Cape Cod Junior Explorers!

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## Salt Pond Visitor Center Museum Scavenger Hunt No. 1

The answers to the following questions can all be found in the museum. Have fun!

1. Many people know beach wormwood by its garden name, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The soup of decomposing plants and animals that makes up the base of the salt marsh food chain is called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Cranberries are found in areas called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. With which plant would you find young bay scallops growing? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Because you can eat it, arrowhead is often called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Just like beach pea, bayberry enriches the soil with \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Dune wolf spiders line their burrows with \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A tool used to lift fish out of the water is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. How long could the wooden handle of a quahog rake be? \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Why do they think sailors made scrimshaw? \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Surfmen, or lifesavers, would exchange a check when they patrolled the beach. Draw a picture of a check:
  
12. A ship's compass was found in the \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The Lyle gun was shot for what purpose? \_\_\_\_\_.
14. What was a fid used for? \_\_\_\_\_.
15. In order to find a desired latitude while sailing, you would use an instrument called an \_\_\_\_\_.
16. What kind of lens was used in a lighthouse that used to be at Nauset Light Beach? \_\_\_\_\_
  
17. Draw a picture of a tool that a shipwright might use. Be sure to label it!
  
18. Name one of the hundreds of ships that have wrecked in the waters off Cape Cod. \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. dusty miller
2. detritus
3. bogs
4. eelgrass
5. duck potato
6. nitrogen
7. silk
8. gaff
9. 56 feet
10. Sailors made scrimshaw to fill the time between hunts and to relieve long hours of boredom.
11. (drawing of a lifesaver's check)
12. binnacle
13. Surfmen shot the Lyle gun to get the breeches buoy out to a wrecked ship.
14. A fid was used to splice rope and open grommets.
15. octant
16. fourth order Fresnel lens
17. (drawing of tools: chisel, plane, half hatchet, etc.)
18. *Somerset; Eldia*
19. August to May
20. 13 children in picture
21. The museum bike has many wooden parts; newer bikes have better brakes, etc.
22. 11 years old
23. (drawing of a top hat)
24. double flue harpoon; toggle iron, etc.
25. right whale
26. Whale oil produced brighter light and burned without smoke and less odor than anything else.
27. Baleen was used for corset stays, collar stays, umbrella ribs, buggy whips, hair brushes, fishing poles, etc.
28. clay pipe pieces; glass and pottery from drinking vessels; whale vertebra chopping block, etc.
29. dory

19. Lifesavers patrolled the shores of Cape Cod for shipwrecks from the months of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
20. How many children are in the picture of the Wellfleet School that was taken in the 1800s? \_\_\_\_\_.  
How does that compare with the number of children in your class? \_\_\_\_\_.
21. What is the difference between a bike you might ride today and the one found in the museum?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
22. How old was Captain Penniman when he first went to sea? \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Draw a picture of the hat that Captain Penniman wore:
24. One type of harpoon used in whaling was called a \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Which type of whale is rarest in the North Atlantic? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Why did people burn whale oil? \_\_\_\_\_.
27. What were some uses of baleen? \_\_\_\_\_.
28. What kind of things did archaeologists find at the Great Island Tavern site? \_\_\_\_\_.
29. A boat that is often used by fishermen is called a \_\_\_\_\_.