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Best Ice Cream on Cape Cod: Iconic Scoops from Legendary Cape Institutions

A free field guide from the people who actually live here.

There is a ritual on Cape Cod that has nothing to do with tides or traffic. It happens after the beach towels are shaken out, after the last wave has been caught, just before the sky turns pink over the Bay. Somebody says it — someone always says it — and the whole family climbs back into the car.

Ice cream.

The Cape has been doing this for a very long time. Long before social media, long before the highways filled up every July, long before the word “artisan” meant anything at all, there were screen doors swinging open and wooden screen porches and hand-packed quarts going into coolers. Some of these places have been scooping for nearly a century. They are not trying to be trendy. They do not need to be.

Here is where to go — and why it matters.

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