

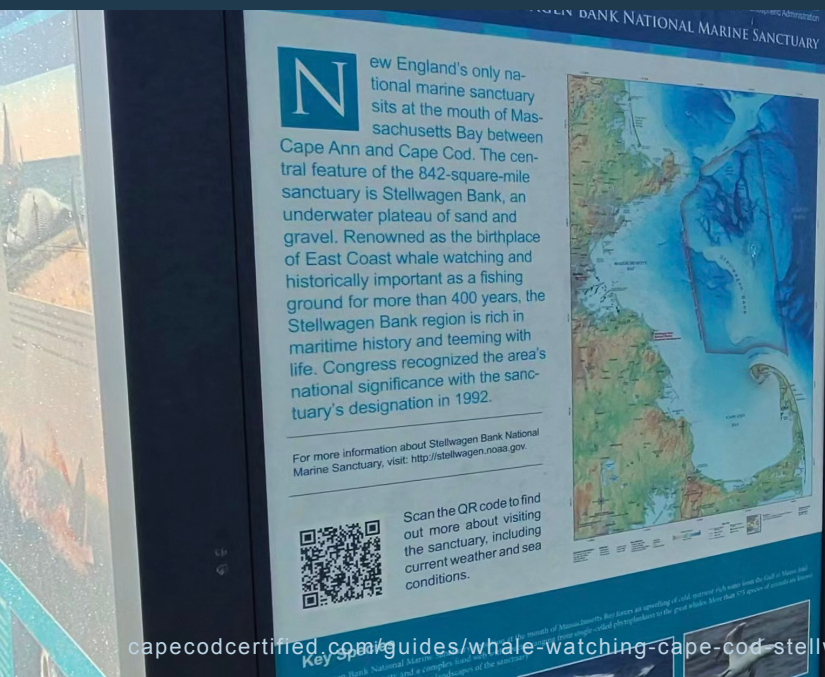


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Whale Watching on Cape Cod: Your Complete Guide to Stellwagen Bank

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What Makes Stellwagen Bank Different

Rising from the seafloor at the northern tip of Cape Cod, Stellwagen Bank is a shallow underwater plateau — roughly 19 miles long and 6 miles wide — surrounded by far deeper water. That topography is everything. When cold, nutrient-dense water upwells against the bank's edges, it triggers massive concentrations of sand lance, herring, mackerel, and krill. Those prey schools are what draw whales in extraordinary numbers.

The bank has been federally protected as a National Marine Sanctuary since 1992. Provincetown is the natural launch point — boats depart northeast from MacMillan Pier and typically reach productive whale waters within 45 minutes to an hour.

The season runs late April through October. Humpback activity peaks from late June through September, with July and August the undisputed high point.

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