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Cape Cod Beer Festival Guide

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

Cape Cod is known for its oysters, its lobster rolls, its salt marshes, and its lighthouses. What doesn't always make the postcard is the Cape's quietly thriving craft beer scene — a collection of independent breweries, seasonal tap takeovers, and festival events that have made the Cape one of the more underrated beer destinations in New England.

The Cape Cod Brewfest: The Anchor Event

The **Cape Cod Brewfest** is the flagship beer event on the Cape, drawing dozens of regional and local breweries to a single ticketed tasting event. The fall edition is the better-attended and more anticipated — the weather is ideal and the Cape takes on its best unhurried energy.

What to expect: - 40 to 60+ breweries represented - Unlimited tastings within your session window - Live music, food vendors, and often a VIP early-access hour

Tickets: General admission runs in the \$45–\$65 range; VIP tickets run higher. Tickets sell out — buy in advance.

Local Cape Cod Breweries to Know

Cape Cod Beer — Hyannis

The one that started it. Operating out of Hyannis since 2004. Their taproom is a genuine local institution. They offer **brewery tours** (check their website for current scheduling).

Devil's Purse Brewing — South Dennis

The brewer's brewery — the place serious craft beer drinkers point newcomers toward. Known for kettle sours, farmhouse ales, and barrel-aged seasonals. Their **Monomoy Lager** has become a Cape summer staple.

Cisco Brewers — Nantucket (Day Trip Worthy)

Cisco operates as a full food, beer, wine, and spirits campus. Best known for **Whale's Tale Pale Ale**. The Nantucket day trip — ferry over, afternoon at Cisco's outdoor campus, ferry back — is one of the best single-day itineraries in the region.

Chatham Brewing — Chatham

Small-batch, locally beloved, operating out of a converted barn. A natural stop between the lighthouse, the fish pier, and dinner on Main Street.

Truro Vineyards — Truro

Primarily known for wine but also produces beer under the same roof. One of the most scenic places to drink anything on the Cape.

Wellfleet OysterFest: The Beer Garden Factor

The **Wellfleet OysterFest**, held every October, is one of the most beloved events on the Cape calendar. The beer garden typically features Cape-area craft breweries on tap, and the combination of fresh oysters and cold, well-

chosen beer is about as good as outdoor eating gets.

Pairing Local Beer with Cape Cod Food

- **Oysters + dry stout or crisp lager** — the classic; roasted bitterness cuts through the salt
 - **Fried clams + session IPA or wheat ale** — carbonation and bitterness reset the palate
 - **Lobster roll + pale ale or pilsner** — clean, lets the lobster do its job
 - **Chowder + amber ale or brown ale** — caramel malt echoes the soup's sweetness
 - **Fish tacos + sour ale or saison** — acidity functions like a squeeze of lime
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Annual Cape Cod Beer Events Calendar

- **Spring:** Cape Cod Brewfest spring edition; taproom season reopenings
- **Summer:** Peak taproom season; Cisco live music; Offshore Ale programming
- **Fall:** **Cape Cod Brewfest fall edition**; **Wellfleet OysterFest** beer garden; harvest tap releases
- **Winter:** Holiday seasonal releases; Valentine's Day brewery events

Events, hours, and ticketing change year to year. Verify dates directly with the Cape Cod Brewfest, individual taprooms, and the Wellfleet OysterFest before making travel plans.

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