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Wareham Gatemen: Cape Cod Baseball at the Gateway to the Cape

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Just before you cross onto Cape Cod, in the town of Wareham at the head of Buzzards Bay, one of the Cape Cod Baseball League's most successful programs plays under the lights at Clem Spillane Field. The Wareham Gatemen have a championship pedigree and a long list of alumni who went on to the major leagues — and because Wareham sits right at the gateway to the Cape, a Gatemen game is one of the easiest CCBL nights to catch, whether you're heading onto the Cape or just over the bridge. Here's the guide.

What the Cape Cod Baseball League is

The Cape Cod Baseball League is the premier summer collegiate wood-bat league in the country — where the best college players in America spend the summer proving themselves against elite competition, in front of every MLB scout in the game. **A remarkable share of current major-leaguers played on the Cape.** Games are **free** (donations are collected by passing a hat), players live with local host families, and the season runs mid-June through early August with playoffs after.

The Gatemen and Clem Spillane Field

The Gatemen play at **Clem Spillane Field in Wareham**, competing in the CCBL's **West Division**. Wareham's program is one of the league's proud, tradition-rich franchises, with a strong championship history and a steady pipeline of players who reached the majors. The ballpark is classic Cape League — intimate, community-run, and close enough to the action to hear the infield chatter.

Detail	Info
Ballpark	Clem Spillane Field, Wareham
Division	West
League	Cape Cod Baseball League
Season	Mid-June to early August + playoffs
Admission	Free (donations)

The gateway location advantage

Wareham sits at the **head of Buzzards Bay, right before the Bourne Bridge** — the very gateway to Cape Cod. That makes a Gatemen game exceptionally convenient: easy to reach from off-Cape, from the Upper Cape towns (Bourne, Falmouth, Sandwich, Mashpee), or as your first or last stop on a Cape trip. If you want a taste of Cape League baseball without a long drive out-Cape, Wareham is the spot.

How to enjoy a Gatemen game

- **Bring chairs or a blanket** — Cape League seating is lawn and bleachers; arrive early for a good spot and to watch batting practice.
- **Cash for the donation bucket, snack bar, and 50/50 raffle** — the volunteer-run league depends on it.
- **Ball and marker for the kids** — foul balls to chase and autographs from future MLB stars after the game.
- **Come for the baseball** — Gatemen rosters are typically loaded with top college talent.

Pair it with the gateway area

- **The Cape Cod Canal** and its bike path are minutes away — a scenic pre-game ride along the water watching the big ships pass.
- **Onset Beach and Onset village** in Wareham — a charming, old-fashioned bayside spot.
- **Buzzards Bay village** just over the canal for a bite before the game.

Practical notes

- **Check the schedule** — the CCBL posts team schedules online; home dates vary through the season.
- **Rainouts happen** — confirm the game is on before you head over.
- **Early August playoffs** raise the stakes and the crowds; if the Gatemen are contending, it's a great time to catch them.

Don't miss: pairing a Gatemen game with a ride or stroll along the Cape Cod Canal. An afternoon by the water at the gateway to the Cape, then a free evening of future-MLB baseball at Clem Spillane Field, is one of the easiest and most rewarding summer nights in the whole Cape League — and the perfect bookend to a day on or off the Cape.

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