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Bourne Braves: Cape Cod Baseball League's Gateway Team — What to Expect at Doran Park

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Bourne is the first town you hit crossing onto Cape Cod — the gateway, straddling the canal with a bridge at each end. That makes the Bourne Braves the Cape Cod Baseball League’s most accessible team: you can catch a game at Doran Park without even committing to a full Cape trip, right off the bridges. For visitors staying on the Upper Cape — or day-trippers who want a taste of Cape League baseball — the Braves are the easy in. Here’s the guide.

What the Cape League is

The Cape Cod Baseball League is the premier summer collegiate wood-bat league in the country — the summer home of the best college players in America, watched by every MLB scout in the game. **A big share of current major-leaguers came through the Cape.** It’s **free** (a hat is passed for donations), players live with host families, and the season runs mid-June to early August plus playoffs.

The Braves and Doran Park

The Braves play at **Doran Park in Bourne** (at the Upper Cape Regional Technical School). Bourne’s position right at the canal and the bridges makes this the **most convenient CCBL park for anyone coming from off-Cape or staying on the Upper Cape** — Sandwich, Falmouth, Mashpee, and the bridge towns are all a short hop away.

Detail	Info
Ballpark	Doran Park, Bourne
Edge	Closest CCBL park to the bridges
League	Cape Cod Baseball League
Season	Mid-June to early August + playoffs
Admission	Free (donations)

How to do a Braves game

- **Bring chairs or a blanket** — Cape League seating is lawn and bleachers; arrive early for a good spot.
- **Watch batting practice** and stay after for autographs from future big-leaguers.
- **Cash for the donation bucket, snack bar, and 50/50 raffle** — the volunteer-run league needs it.
- **Kids chase foul balls** and collect signatures — the timeless Cape League evening.

Pair it with the canal and the Upper Cape

Bourne and the canal make a great pre-game afternoon: - **The Cape Cod Canal bike path** — flat, scenic, miles of paved riding along the water; watch the big ships pass. - **Scusset and Sagamore beaches** near the canal’s east end. - **Buzzards Bay village** for a bite before the game.

Practical notes

- **Check the schedule** — home dates vary; the CCBL posts them online.
- **Rainouts happen** — confirm the game’s on before you cross the bridge.

- **A great “toe in the water” option:** because Bourne is right at the bridges, a Braves game is the easiest way for an off-Cape family to sample Cape League baseball without a big drive.
- **Early August playoffs** raise the stakes and the crowds.

Don’t miss: pairing the game with a ride on the Cape Cod Canal bike path. An afternoon watching freighters glide through the canal, then a free evening of future-MLB baseball at Doran Park, is a perfect low-cost Upper Cape day — and the Braves make it the most accessible Cape League experience there is.

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