Explore Plymouth’s Past!

Discover Plymouth’s history beyond the Pilgrims on a road trip around town. Can you find these “hidden” sites? Take a selfie at one (or more!) of the sites and share something you learned.
Parting Ways Cemetery
Plympton Road, before Kingston town line
Site of the New Guinea Settlement established by African-American veterans of the Revolutionary War.

National Monument to the Forefathers
72 Allerton Street
Completed in 1889, this 81-foot memorial to the Pilgrims is the largest solid granite monument in the United States!

Plymouth Cordage Company
36 Cordage Park Circle
Founded in 1824, this company grew to be the world’s leading manufacturer of rope. The tower entrance for Mill 1, built in 1885, is still standing.

Town Brook
Spring Lane (Jenney Pond)
Cross the footbridge and follow the path west to Billington Sea. Interpretive panels highlight Plymouth’s industrial history and document the recent removal of dams to reopen the stream for migrating fish.

Bramhall’s Corner
2 Sandwich Road
Take a step back in time in historic Chiltonville, one of Plymouth’s rural villages. Bramhall’s Country Store opened in 1828 and is still owned and operated by the Bramhall family. A great spot for an ice cream break!

Sacrifice Rock
394 Old Sandwich Road
This ancient landmark was an important stop for Wampanoag wayfarers, who left small branches or stones atop the rock, perhaps to receive the blessing of safe passage. Located on Old Sandwich Road, the oldest unpaved road in the country.

Manomet Point Robert E. Lee Rescue Memorial
252 Manomet Point Road
On March 10, 1928 three men gave their lives while attempting to rescue stranded passengers on the steamship Robert E. Lee, which ran aground on the Mary Ann Rocks about a mile offshore. A small memorial honors their bravery.

Ellisville Harbor
1861 State Road
This state park encompasses the 17th-century farmstead of the Harlow family. Take a walk through the red pine forest to visit the beach, a great place to spot seals.

For map of sites visit https://goo.gl/maps/xRKAsFPSpLs9mB7.
We recommend exploring sites 1-4 and 5-8 on separate days. There is limited free parking at all of these sites.
Remember to stay safe! Follow all state and local COVID-19 guidelines while exploring Plymouth.
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