

## Cape Ann, Massachusetts

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Located about 30 miles northeast of Boston, Cape Ann includes the town of Rockport and city of Gloucester. The area was a fishing and shipping port, and became known in the 1830s for its high quality granite; the stone was mainly cut into paving blocks.

Finnish immigrants began to arrive at Cape Ann in large numbers in the 1870s,

[Click here](#) for a story written in 1919 about Finnish immigrants to Cape Ann.

### [An invitation from Cape Ann Finns](#)



With advanced notice, as possible, Cape Ann Finns members will lead tours of Lanesville and/or Rockport that take in sites

and worked the granite quarries until the Depression and popularity of concrete doomed the industry.

They had an active and thriving community, and between the 1920s and 1940s there were about 5,000 people of Finnish descent living on Cape Ann.



related to the Finnish heritage of the area. These may include the Carlson Quarry (painting, left, by local artist Jana Matusz); the stone house nearby at which many arriving Finnish immigrants boarded; the handiwork of Finns who built walls and foundations and even houses of locally-sourced granite; two of the four Finn halls now repurposed; Finn churches, saunas, Finns' homes and more.

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Photo gallery at [capeannfinns.com](http://capeannfinns.com)

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### [Cape Ann Museum](#)

This museum covers the art, history and culture of the area.

[Click here](#) for the museum's information about the granite quarries, which were worked by Finnish immigrants.

Check out how "[The Finnish Effect](#)" is the reason that so many figurative artists were drawn to Cape Ann.

[Click here to learn about the Folly Cove Designers](#), a guild of self-taught artists that worked together from 1938 to 1969. Members of Finnish descent included painter and graphic artist Hilda ~~Kaiblaen~~.

### [Halibut Point State Park](#)



The northern coast of Cape Ann was the site of the Babson Farm Granite Quarry, which employed many Finns and Swedes in the 19th century. It is now [Halibut Point State Park](#), and the visitors center features exhibits about the granite industry. To download a self-guided walking tour [click here](#).

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