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THE FALL RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Downtown)

Location: 451 Rock Street, Fall River, MA 02720

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Website: www.need.org

Located in a granite mansion built in 1843 and once a link in the Underground Railroad, The Fall River Historical Society's mission is to preserve artifacts relating to the city's rich history. Included in the many collections is an exhibit relating to the gruesome hatchet slayings of Andrew and Abby Borden and the trial of the accused – Andrew's daughter "Lizzie" Borden. The case continues to intrigue hundreds of legal scholars and devotees of the still unsolved murders of 1892 and is the subject of movies, plays, and numerous books offering views on the identity of the murderer. Call or visit the web site for dates and hours of operation.

THE LIZZIE BORDEN BED & BREAKFAST HOUSE& MUSEUM (Downtown)

Location: 230 Second Street, Fall River, MA 02721

Voice: 508.675.7333

Website: www.lizzie-borden.com

On the hot summer morning of August 4, 1892, wealthy businessman Andrew Borden and his wife, Abby, were brutally slain by a hatchet-wielding murderer in this beautifully restored Greek-revival home. Andrew's youngest daughter, "Lizzie", was accused of the crime and subsequently acquitted of the grotesque double murder. The history of the case and famous trial has fascinated legal scholars, writers and thousands of criminal history fans from far and wide. Now a classic bed & breakfast, the owners invite all to view their collection of both Fall River and Borden memorabilia. Tours are offered daily. Check the website for hours and rates. Special arrangements are made for group tours of ten or more people.

KENNEDY PARK (Downtown)

One of three Olmstead Parks in Fall River, this large, beautifully designed park is located on the Southern-most side of the historic Downtown area bordered by westerly side of South Main Street across from the double-domed Saint Anne's Shrine and Church. Formerly known as "South Park", it's name was changed to "Kennedy Park" in honor of the late President who was a frequent visitor to Fall River during his term in the United States Senate. The Park is home to athletic events, a Farmers' Market, concerts, and numerous other festivals and events including the internationally known "Feast of the Holy Ghost", an annual festival embodying the religious and social traditions of people of Portuguese descent. This festival draws visitors from all over the United States, Canada, and Portugal and features Portuguese cuisine, music, and exhibits.

PORTAS DA CIDADE (GATES OF THE CITY) (Waterfront)

This imposing monument is a replica of the 18th Century "Gates of the City" of Ponta Delgada on the Portuguese Island of San Miguel, Azores. Constructed of stone from the island, dismantled, and sent to Fall River as a gift from the people of Ponta Delgada to the people of Fall River as part of its "Sister City" cultural exchange, this monument serves as

a reminder of the immigration by the Portuguese-Azorean people to the Fall River area. Thousands of visitors each year enjoy this tranquil and nostalgic setting a short walk from Battleship Cove.

THE MARINE MUSEUM (Waterfront)

Location: 70 Water Street, Fall River, MA 02721

Voice: 508.674.3533

Website:

Situated in the Historic Waterfront area near Battleship Cove, this museum features an excellent collection of ship models and nautical memorabilia. Featured are models, photographs, and other artifacts of the golden age of majestic and elegant paddle-wheel steamships of the Fall River Line which carried passengers on overnight journeys between Fall River and New York City on the 228 mile journey along Mount Hope Bay, Narragansett Bay, and Long Island Sound beginning in 1845. Call for hours and dates of operation.

USS MASSACHUSETTS (Waterfront)

Location: Battleship Cove

Voice: 508-678-1100

Website: www.battleshipcove.org

The Naval exhibits at Battleship Cove provide the visitor with the opportunity to live history and to experience what life for the U.S. Sailor was like during World War II! Major exhibits include the USS MASSACHUSETTS, the official war memorial of the Commonwealth. This mighty Battleship sailed the dangerous waters of enemy submarines and surface ships during the days following America's entry into the War. You can tour her teakwood decks, climb into her large gun turrets, visit the wardroom, berthing and other areas of this internationally known Battleship and museum. The Submarine, USS LIONFISH, the Destroyer, USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR., PT Boat Exhibits, and the Soviet Missile Ship Corvette, and Army Helicopters, are among the interesting vessels and military artifacts of Battleship Cove and the City's Waterfront.

THE CAROUSEL at BATTLESHIP COVE (Waterfront)

Location: Battleship Cove

Voice: 505.324.4300 (recorded message) or 508.678.1100 ext. 101 or 102
(information and reservations)

Website:

Built by the Philadelphia Toboggan Company in 1920, this beautifully restored Victorian-era carousel was the centerpiece of the Midway at the former Lincoln (Amusement and Theme) Park in Dartmouth, Massachusetts for 70 years. Soon after Lincoln Park closed in the early 1990's the citizens of the City of Fall River gathered and worked to restore this antique treasure to its former glory and to provide a new home in a Victorian Pavilion. It provides hours of fun for young and old alike and is the setting for majestic views of Mount Hope Bay, Heritage State Park, and Battleship Cove on the City's Waterfront. Available for children's birthday parties and other events or outings.

HERITAGE STATE PARK

Location: Waterfront

Voice: 508.675.5759

Website:

Located next to the Fall River Carousel, on a scenic 8.5 acres overlooking Battleship Cove and Mount Hope Bay, The Heritage State Park offers a Visitors' Center, benches, groves of trees, public sailing programs, accessible restrooms, and a three-acre meadow where summer concerts, picnics, and festivals are held. A beautiful boardwalk stretches north where visitors can walk along the shore of the Bay and Taunton River to Bicentennial Park and the Iwo Jima Monument.

BICENTENNIAL PARK (Waterfront)

A twenty minute stroll along the Boardwalk hugging the easterly shores of Mount Hope Bay and the Taunton River will lead the visitor to the Bicentennial Park and the bronze statue depicting the five U.S Marines and Navy Corpsman raising the flag on Mount Surbachi on the island of Iwo Jima during the final days of World War II. This statue, about two-thirds the size of the famous Marine Corp War Memorial, is the original work of famed sculptor, Felix DeWeldon. The plaster castings of this statue served as the models for the larger original memorial created for the U.S. Marine Corp by DeWeldon. They were donated to the City of Fall River by distinguished trial attorney, Brian Cunha, who acquired them as part of his purchase of the DeWeldon estate in Newport, Rhode Island, and were later bronzed and placed where it stands today at Bicentennial Park. Bicentennial Park also offers tennis courts, tree groves, and parking for visitors.



Tourists board the ships on the waterfront throughout the year at Bicentennial State Park and Battleship Cove

FALL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY (Downtown)

Location: 104 North Main St., Fall River, MA 02720

Voice: 508.324.2700

Website: www.sailsinc.org/fallriver (incorrect)

Known as the "*People's University*" this main branch of the Fall River Public Libraries is housed in a period-detailed building in the North Main Street Sector of the Downtown. It features a Children's Library section, reference room where college and university students study, and a helpful staff to guide library visitors.

LAFAYETTE-DURFEE HOUSE (Downtown)

Location: 94 Cherry St., Fall River, MA 02720

Voice: 508.821.5946

This circa 1750 authentically restored colonial residence was first-owned by Benjamin Durfee and his descendants. The Durfee name was prominent in Colonial and Victorian era Fall River and was associated with early economic development and education. The Lafayette-Durfee House derived its name from frequent visits made to the home by the Marquis de Lafayette who served in Gen. George Washington's Continental Army as a Major General. As Lafayette traveled from his headquarters in nearby Tiverton, Rhode Island to Boston, he was hosted at this home by Thomas Durfee and his son, Major Joseph Durfee who was a Commander of a revolutionary cadre in an encounter with the British forces that became known as the "Battle of Fall River". The home has been lovingly restored to its original 1750 detail by Miss Caroline Durfee, a direct descendant of Thomas Durfee, and a dedicated group of preservationists. It features authentic period artifacts. For more information, contact lafayettedurfee@yahoo.com