



Exploring the Hamptons from A Butler's Manor: an informal South Fork Itinerary



Turn left out of our driveway onto North Main Street, go approx. 1/4 mile to the stop sign, turn left and continue into the village of Southampton. The main shopping streets are Main Street and Job's Lane.

Fun to wander through: Hildreth's Department Store, the first department store in the United States. No clothing unless you're below Kindergarten age, but lots of housewares and gifts.

Good places for antiquing: Thrift shops and consignment shops, such as Colette's on Hampton Road.

Good lunch choices: [Le Chef](#) on Job's Lane. More casual lunch: [Southampton Publick House](#), good for hamburgers, sandwiches and pasta dishes, or Citarella (Hampton Road). Some choices for a

grab-and-go sandwich: Schmidt's Greengrocers (North Sea Road), the Golden Pear or Village Cheese Shop (both on Main Street).

Of interest: The estate district. Continue on Job's Lane to the stoplight. (Agawam Park is on your left.) The street becomes Hill Street. Continue past the movie theatre and take the first left turn onto First Neck Lane. Wind your way through the streets south of Hill Street towards the ocean. (Example: turn right onto Ox Pasture, left on Captain's Neck, left on Great Plains, right on Cooper's Neck, left on Meadow Lane, left on First Neck.)

On the corner of Meadow and First Neck Lanes: The huge property behind the hedges is the (very private) [Meadow Club](#), boasting 36 grass tennis courts (nearly as many as Wimbledon!).

Drive down Meadow Lane to take a peek at some of the oceanfront summer “cottages.” (The large black box of glass is Calvin Klein’s house.) A stroll on the beach will allow you to view their ocean faces but be aware that there are parking restrictions in place from Memorial Day through mid-September. **Unrestricted free beach parking, year-round, is available at Road D.**

Stargazing? Check out this gossipy article that names names and gives addresses: [Curbed Hamptons Billionaires](#)

Returning to Southampton village from Main Street: Turn east (right) onto Hampton Road. It joins Rte. 27 (Montauk Highway) approx. 2 miles farther on. You’ll see Silver Lining diner on the right. Continue east.

Of interest: [Duck Walk Winery](#), on the north side of Montauk Highway, approximately 1 mile from where Rte. 27 meets CR 39, and the [Parrish Art Museum](#), next door.

Don’t let Water Mill’s diminutive size fool you: there’s a couple of good restaurants here, such as Suki Zuki and [Bistro Ete](#). The water mill for which the hamlet is named is located immediately on the left as you enter the village, about 100 yards up Old Mill Road, which often features arts and crafts shows.

Of interest: [Channing Daughters Winery](#). From Water Mill, continue on Rte. 27 roughly 1.5 miles. Just past the Speedway gas station, turn left onto Scuttle Hole Road. Take this road about 3 miles. The winery is just past Lumber Lane, on the right.

Turn left out of the winery and take Lumber Lane to get back onto Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton.

From Water Mill, continue east to the village of Bridgehampton. Some nice shops and lots of restaurants! For high-end cookware, or just to browse all the things you’ve ever dreamed of having in your kitchen, Loaves & Fishes is fun to peruse.



Good for lunch: [Pierre's](#), which feels like dining in Paris. More of a “scene,” known for its great steaks and wonderful seafood dishes, is [Bobby Van's](#). The Candy Kitchen is an old-fashioned soda fountain with homemade ice cream (try the banana)!

Continue east through Bridgehampton toward Sagaponack & Wainscott. Just west of Sagg Main Street, on the north(left) side of the street, there is a great thrift shop called Thrift & Treasure run by ARF (Animal Rescue Fund).

Of interest: [Wolffer Vineyards](#) and tasting rooms, approx. 2 miles east of Bridgehampton. Turn left at the stoplight at Sagg Road. The tasting rooms are one-half mile north of Rte. 27, on the right. Reservations are almost always required. In the summer, Wolffer also opens The Wine Stand at Wolffer, a few hundred yards past Sagg Road on the north side of Montauk Highway. Live entertainment is featured on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Got any bread, man? Goldman's Bagels and Levine's in Wainscott, across from the post office.

Back on Rte. 27, continue approx. 4 miles to East Hampton. The village itself is just east of the traffic light at Town Pond.

Of interest: East Hampton Main Beach and the estate district. Turn right at Town Pond onto Ocean Road (Main Beach is at the end of the road). Turn right onto Lily Pond Lane



and wander the streets south of the highway. Just for fun, check out Martha Stewart's house at 58 Lily Pond Lane. “Grey Gardens,” formerly the home of Big & Little Edie Beale and subject of the documentary and Broadway show by the same name, is on the SE corner of Apaquogue and Lily Pond Lane.

Returning to Rte. 27 into the village

of East Hampton, the primary shopping streets are Main Street and Newtown Lane, though two well-known restaurants, [East Hampton Grill](#) and [Nick and Toni's](#), can be found slightly farther along on North Main Street (to the left just past the stoplight at Main and Newtown Lanes, when heading east on Rte 27).



Good for lunch: Citerella's (upscale deli, corner of Main Street and Newtown Lane), or [Babette's](#) (Newtown Lane), which features lots of great vegetarian choices. About a mile farther east on Pantigo Road, [Bostwick's Chowder House](#) has great casual seafood options (try their lobster rolls) and soft serve ice cream

Beware!! Public parking lots in East Hampton require a ticket from a machine, and all roadside parking restrictions are strictly enforced.

After exploring East Hampton, you can choose to continue east towards Montauk, or to cross the island to Sag Harbor.

Continuing to Montauk:

At the intersection of Newtown Lane and Main Street, continue straight (slightly to the right) on Rte. 27 (Pantigo Road). Approximately 2 miles along is the hamlet of Amagansett, home to the venerable Stephen Talkhouse, a venue for live music year-round.

Continue down the Napeague Stretch towards Montauk. Here is the place to grab some fried clams -- try [The Clam Bar](#). Or stop for lunch at Lunch, a.k.a. the [Lobster Roll](#), and have...a lobster roll. Lunch is proud to be a location for "The Affair" TV show.

Montauk can be reached via either Rte. 27 or Old Montauk Highway – we suggest taking Old Montauk Highway in, and the newer road back out.



There are three “sections” of Montauk: the downtown area (around the round Plaza), good for mini golf, tee shirt shops, souvenirs and cotton candy; the Lighthouse (commissioned by George Washington) at the very end of Montauk Highway (fee to park as well as a fee to tour); and the fishing docks around [Gosman’s Dock](#) on the north end of town. Find the latter by going $\frac{3}{4}$ around the Plaza and heading north to the end of the road. This is the fishing capital of the East End, and surrounding restaurants take full advantage of their ability to serve the freshest seafood you can find. If you pre-book, there are fishing charters that range from private boats to the Viking fleet charter company which operates 100-person

party fishing boats.

[Viking Lines](#): .631- 668-6668

[Uihlein’s Boat Rentals](#): 631- 668-3799

Continue to Sag Harbor: Return to the flagpole near the East Hampton Library (western end of the village, on Main Street) and turn right onto Rte. 114 North (Buell Lane).

Just for Fun: Fan of the Barefoot Contessa? Look for Ina Garten’s houses and garden at both 23 and 99 Buell Lane, just north of the library on the left.

Take Rte. 114 approx. 8 miles. It will end on Bay Street, Sag Harbor. Turn left. Primary shopping area: Main Street and Long Wharf. (There’s a great consignment shop, Ava’s Around Again, on



Long Wharf). The bookstore [Canio's](#) on lower Main Street is always good to visit.

Good eats: Best wine list, bar none, on Long Island (maybe in NY state!): [American Hotel](#) (Main Street), known for its fine dining. Also good for dinner and a waterfront view: [The Beacon](#), West Water Street (summer only).

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Time to come home and put your feet up! Easiest way back to Southampton: Take Sag Harbor Main Street south, staying to the right at the split of Main and Madison streets. Continue via the Sag Harbor/ Bridgehampton Turnpike approx. 8 miles to the monument in Bridgehampton. Turn right on Rte. 27, and retrace steps through Water Mill. Follow the signs for Rte. 27 towards New York at the intersection with the car dealerships. One mile further on, just past Mecox Gardens, turn left at the stoplight (North Main Street) and we're on the left.

