

The mile south of Condon's Hollow, the eighth valley, is Snow's Hollow. It is smaller than the last. West from the shore, at the distance of a quarter of a mile, is the county road, which goes round the head of Blackfish Creek. Passing through this valley to the fence, which separates the road from the upland and marks at the head of the creek, a house will immediately be found, by turning to the right hand, or north. There are houses also on the left, but more remote.

The High Land gradually subsides here, and, one mile and a half south, terminates at the marsh valley called Fresh Brook Hollow, in which a house is to be found, a mile from the shore, west of the line of the river, a house here to be mentioned with regard to a side and border of the High Land.

Between these two valleys is the Table Land.

After this there is no hollow of importance to Cape Malabar.

From Fresh Brook Hollow to the commencement of Nauset Beach, the bank next the ocean is about sixty feet high. There are houses scattered over the plain open country, but none of them are nearer than a mile to the shore. In a storm of wind and rain, they might be discerned by daylight, but in a snow-storm, which rages here with excessive fury, it would be almost impossible to discover them either by night or by day.

Not far from this shore, south, the trustees have erected a third hut, on Nauset Beach. Nauset Beach begins in latitude 41 deg. 51 min., and extends south to latitude 41 deg. 41 min. It is divided into two parts, by a breach which the ocean has made through it. This breach is the mouth of Nauset or Stage Harbour; and, from the opening, the beach extends north two miles and a quarter, till it joins the main land. It is about a furlong wide, and forms Nauset Harbour, which is of little value, its entrance being obstructed by a bar. This northern part of the beach may be distinguished from the southern part by its being of a less regular form. Storms have made frequent irruptions through the ridge, on which beach-grass grows. On an elevated part of the beach stands the hut, about a mile and a half north of the mouth of Nauset Harbour. Eastham meeting-house lies from it W.S.W. distant a mile and three-quarters. The meeting-house is without a steeple; but it may be distinguished from the dwelling-houses near it by its situation, which is between two small groves of locusts, one on the south and one on the north, that on the south being three times as long as the other. About a mile and a quarter from the hut, W. by N., appear the top and arms of a windmill. The Rev. Mr. Shaw and Elisha Mayo, Esq., of Eastham, have engaged to inspect this building.

The southern part of Nauset Beach, most commonly called Chatham Beach, and by a few persons Potanumaquint Beach, begins at the mouth of Nauset Harbour, and extends eight or nine miles south to the mouth of Chatham Harbour. It is about fifty rods wide. A regular well-formed ridge, which, in the most elevated part of it, is forty feet high, runs the whole length of it; and, with the exception of a few spots, is covered with beach-grass. This beach forms the barrier of Chatham Harbour, which, from Strong Island, north, receives the name of Pleasant Bay. A mile south of the entrance of Nauset Harbour it joins the main land of Orleans, except in very high tides, when the sea flows from the north-eastern arm of Pleasant Bay into the harbour of Nauset, completely insulating the beach. By those who are acquainted with the shallow, it may be safely forded at any time; but strangers must not venture to pass it when covered with water, as below the channel is seven feet deep. On this beach, about half-way between the entrances of Nauset and Chatham Harbours, the trustees have erected a fourth hut. The spot selected is a narrow part of the beach. On the west, the water adjoining it is called Bass Hole. Salt-marsh is north and south of it next the beach, but it is here interrupted. Orleans meeting-house lies from it N.W. The meeting-house is without a steeple, and is not seen; but is very near a windmill placed on an elevated ground, a conspicuous object to seamen coming on the coast. It may be necessary to add, that there are three windmills in Orleans, forming a semi-circle; that the mill referred to is on the right hand, or N.E. point; and that the mill in the middle point of the semi-circle stands on still higher ground. The meeting-house of Chatham is situated from it S.W. This meeting-house is also without a steeple, and is concealed by Great Hill, a noted land-mark. The hill appears with two summits, which are a quarter of a mile apart. The hut lies east from Sampson's Island, in Pleasant Bay. Timothy Bascom, Esq., of Orleans, has undertaken to inspect this hut.

2 Last seamen should miss this hut, by striking to the leeward of it, the trustees have erected another on the same beach. It stands a mile north of the mouth of Chatham Harbour, east of the meeting-house, and opposite the town.

Another spot on the same beach would be a proper situation for a hut. It is north of the fourth hut, and east of the middle of Pochet Island. The highest part of the ridge is near it, south. A break in the ridge, over which the sea appears sometimes to have flowed, divides this high part from the northern portion of the beach.

On the beach of Cape Malabar, or the Sandy Point of Chatham, the trustees have built a sixth hut. This beach stretches from Chatham, ten miles into the sea, towards Nantucket; and is from a quarter to three-quarters of a mile in breadth. It is continually gaining south: above three miles have been added to it during the past fifty years. On the east side of the beach is a curve in the shore, called Stewart's Bend, where vessels may anchor with safety, in 3 or 4 fathoms.