To Route Buzzards Bay - The Canal is to route in tides between Cape Cod Bay & Plymouth & Boston.

The Cape Cod Canal is the widest manmade canal in the world. Started in 1909 by Augustus F. Belmont, it opened in 1914 on August Perry Belmont, started in 1909 by the US Government in 1933-1935. The Canal allows shipping to avoid dangerous shoals off Cape Cod. The canal area is a popular recreation area for fishing, walking and camping.

The Canal is also an important barriers beach and wildlife habitat. Popular fishing, swimming and camping destination.

In earlier times the Marshes were used for grazing. The tracks along the Great Marsh have stone cow tunnels under the tracks.

Because of the difference in tides between Cape Cod Bay and Buzzards Bay - the Canal is like a river which changes direction four times a day.

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In the Marshes, the curving creeks are natural, the straight trenches are man made to control Mosquitoes.

During your trip, be sure to watch for the many species of birds you may encounter, especially near the Marshes. You may see Hawks, Osprey blue heron among others along the canal. You may see various gulls, Terns, Cormorants & others. The species vary by the season.

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Our other trains follow along the canal but do not cross it.