

Why didn't the Pilgrims stay on Cape Cod?

Some of the Pilgrims wanted to stay. The Indians had cleared the land for planting. There were ponds of fresh water. There was plenty of fish.

These men said they should not waste another day looking for a better place. It was almost winter. Many people were sick. Food was almost gone. They must start building homes before it got too cold.

Other Pilgrims said no. The water along the shore was not deep enough for ships to come and go. There were too many Indians. The fresh water was in ponds, and ponds dry up in summer. Surely there must be a better place than Cape Cod.

Back and forth went the arguments. At last the Pilgrims decided to make one more exploring trip. This was to be the last chance.