

A night-time photograph of the Boston skyline, featuring several illuminated skyscrapers and buildings reflected in the water. A large, light green speech bubble with a dark green border is overlaid on the image, containing text.

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Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Rapid Transit/Key Bus Routes Map



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- RL** RED LINE
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 - GL A** Terminates at Park St
 - GL B** Terminates at Gov't Center
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 - GL E** Terminates at Kenmore
- BL** BLUE LINE
- SL** SILVER LINE and branches
 - SL 1** E
 - SL 2** G
 - SL 3** E
 - SL 4** E
 - SL 5** E
- CR** COMMUTER RAIL
- MB** MATTAPAN LINE
- KB** KEY BUS ROUTE (Request service)
- TR** Rapid Transit transfer station
- TR** Commuter Rail transfer station
- F** FERRY
- A** Accessible station (All MBTA and Massport bus and ferry services are accessible)
- Amtrak** Amtrak service (Back Bay, North & South stations)
- FA** Free Logan Airport shuttle bus
- CC** Customer Communications & Travel Info (617-222-3200, 800-388-6100, www.mta.com)
- TP** MBTA Transit Police: 911 (TTY 617-222-1200)
- E** Elevator/escalator/lift updates: 800-392-6100

*Boylston: Accessible for Silver Line only

GETTING TO KNOW BOSTON

WALKING

Boston enjoys the reputation of being among the most walkable of major U.S. cities, and has thus earned the nickname “America’s Walking City.” In good weather, it’s an easy walk from Boston University’s campus to the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Public Garden/ Boston Common, downtown Boston and even Cambridge.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: THE T

If you want to venture out a little farther or get somewhere a little faster, most of the city’s popular attractions are within easy reach of our all-purpose method of public transportation, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), or “T” for short. The T offers service by bus, subway, above-ground trolley and commuter rail. The Green Line Boston College – or “B” – train runs directly through BU’s campus, and stops right in front of Warren Towers. Take it inbound to all points in Boston and to transfer to any other lines. For more detailed information on destinations, routes, fares and schedules, visit the T’s website at www.mbta.com or refer to the map on the previous page.

FARES: The T subway train costs \$2.75 with a paper Charlie Ticket or cash-on-board, or \$2.25 with a plastic Charlie Card

BIKE RENTAL

Boston is a bicycle-friendly city with a dense and richly interconnected street network that enables cyclists to make most trips on relatively lightly-traveled streets and paths. Riding is the perfect way to explore the city, and there are numerous bike paths and trails, including the Esplanade along the Charles River.

Urban AdvenTours

Boston-based bike company that offers bicycle tours seven days a week at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. as well as bikes for hire, which includes a lock, helmet, and Boston bike map. Urban AdvenTours provides every rider with a bicycle fitted to each rider’s specifications. You can reserve online or by calling. Bikes can be delivered to your location for an extra fee.

HOURS: Daily 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

RENTAL: \$35.00 – \$100.00/day (depending on the type of bike)

TOURS: \$50.00 (avg)/tour including bike rental

PHONE: 800-979-3370 or 617-670-0637

ADDRESS: 103 Atlantic Ave (near the Boston Harbor)

WEB: www.urbanadventours.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Park St, transfer to Orange Line (twd Oak Grove) and get off at State St. Transfer to Blue Line (twd Wonderland) and get off at Aquarium.

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TROLLEY TOURS

For a guided tour of Boston or Cambridge, trolley cars are a favorite way to become acquainted with the area. Each narrated trip adds local color to the famous sites scattered around Boston, including Beacon Hill, Newbury Street, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Charlestown, Bunker Hill Pavilion, and more. Most of the tours are continuous loops, have many pick-up/drop-off locations on each route, and allow you to hop on and hop off unlimited times at your own pace. Call ahead or visit their websites for maps and details.



Beantown Trolley Tours

Tour Boston on the San Francisco-style Red Beantown Trolley and choose from 20 stops with more than 100 points of interest. Once aboard you can enjoy a two hour narrated tour or hop on and off at your leisure. Beantown Trolley is the only trolley with direct service to the MFA and the Seaport District. Your ticket price includes a Harbor Cruise from the New England Aquarium or the U.S.S. Constitution.

HOURS: March-Nov daily from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.,
Dec-Feb daily from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.,
departs approximately every 30 minutes

TICKETS: \$36.00/adult for an all day pass

PHONE: 781-986-6100

ADDRESS: There are several stops with ticket sales, but the most convenient from BU is the Gray Line Gift Shop & Ticket Office/Back Bay Hilton. You board at the front entrance of the Hilton Hotel. See the website for more locations.

WEB: www.bostontours.us

Old Town Trolley Tours

Old Town Trolley Tours show you the Best of Boston and has carefully selected numerous stops with unlimited re-boarding for your convenience. Tours also include a free 45-minute Boston Harbor Cruise, free discount coupons to area attractions and restaurants (\$50 value), and free admission to the Old State House Museum. You can also choose their Ghosts and Gravestones tour.

HOURS: Daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,
departs approximately every 15 – 20 minutes

TICKETS: \$34.97/student; \$36.89 if you book online;
Ride the next day for free!

PHONE: 617-269-7010

ADDRESS: The main ticket booth is located on the Boston Waterfront next to the New England Aquarium. However, there are 19 boarding stations, so refer to their website or call to determine the best location.

WEB: www.trolleytours.com/boston

NOTE: Reservations are not required. Patrons with eTickets can board at any Old Town Trolley boarding location.

GETTING TO KNOW BOSTON

In addition to the fun things we have planned for you on and off campus, there's a lot to do away from Commonwealth Avenue. Boston is a city rich with history and culture, and we encourage you to explore all the treasures Beantown has to offer.

There are numerous local print and online resources that offer ideas for public events, activities and popular destinations. Many of these resources provide some sort of calendar that lets you know what is going on around Boston on any given month, day or weekend, as well as ongoing events, exhibits or activities.

ONLINE RESOURCES

These web-only resources serve as a great guide to find out about events and happenings in the city and may be useful to you.

- **About** <http://boston.about.com>
Featured events, sponsored links, essentials and more
- **BostonUSA** www.bostonusa.com
From the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors bureau, search for festivals, dining, attractions, and more
- **Chowhound** <http://chowhound.chow.com>
Online community of message boards with tips for dining and food shopping destinations in Boston.
- **Citysearch** <http://boston.citysearch.com/guide/boston-ma>
Local search service with editorial profiles and user reviews
- **Phantom Gourmet** www.phantomgourmet.com
Find out where to get the best burgers, BBQ, burritos, seafood and more in the Boston area
- **Search Boston** www.searchboston.com/happenings.html
Browse their Boston Happenings Calendar or search their database
- **Yelp** www.yelp.com/boston
"The fun and easy way to find, review and talk about what's great – and not so great – in your area."

PRINT RESOURCES

The Boston Globe

Boston's largest daily newspaper, The Boston Globe, is ranked one of the top 15 newspapers in the country. The Globe, now run by the New York Times Company, offers news, arts and entertainment, business, sports, travel and life sections. Boston.com, which is run by the Globe, offers an online version of the print edition as well as breaking news stories, online chats, searchable food, travel and entertainment sections, photo galleries, etc.

The Boston Herald

The Herald, Boston's other major daily newspaper, is a tabloid paper with a history that dates back to 1846. Popular with commuters because of its tabloid size and layout, the paper reports on local/regional news, sports, business and the inside track, as well as national and international events. You can also read the Herald online at www.bostonherald.com, where breaking news and special features augment the print edition.

Boston Phoenix

The Boston Phoenix is an alternative weekly magazine in Boston that claims to have the most comprehensive arts-and-entertainment listings in New England. Although its focus is on entertainment and the arts, the Phoenix also offers news coverage and alternative political viewpoints. You can easily browse events online in the listings section of their webpage, www.thephoenix.com.

Boston Magazine

"Your insider's guide to the good life, AKA shopping, dining, browsing, hanging, and, well, living in Boston." Boston Magazine is a local monthly magazine that gives an in depth look at local news, politics, events, fashion, travel, home and health. Named among the three best city magazines in the nation seven times in the last eight years by the City and Regional Magazine Association, their "Food & Drink section is the city's restaurant bible; their City Journal section, its chronicle of politics, art, and personalities." Boston Magazine also presents their "Best of Boston" awards for everything including which restaurants, stores, and services are truly the best. Also check out their website, www.bostonmagazine.com, where they offer online guides and free searches of restaurants, events and their "Best of Boston" picks.

Improper Bostonian

"Boston. What's happening. What's hot. Every 2 weeks." This fun entertainment and lifestyle glossy comes out every two weeks. It is a great source for what's hot around town, from tastings to theater, from fashion to performing arts. The Improper Bostonian is a guide to art, activities, culture, and society events in Boston. Pick up a copy in free newsboxes or at various retail locations throughout the city. Be sure to check out the two-week forecast in the Calendar section. There's not much to find on their website, but if you want to visit anyway, go to www.improper.com.

MOVIE THEATRES

Boston is a film aficionado's paradise, with summer blockbusters available at large commercial theatres and independent films screened at smaller theatres. For detailed listings and times, pick up one of Boston's daily/weekly publications, or visit [Fandango.com](https://www.fandango.com).

Boston

- Mugar Omni Theatre, Museum of Science
- Regal Fenway 13
- Loews Theatres, Boston Common
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Boston Public Library, West End Branch
- MIT Film Series

Brookline

- Coolidge Corner Theatre

Cambridge

- Brattle Theatre
- Harvard Film Archive
- Kendall Square Cinema
- Loews Fresh Pond Cinema
- Loews Harvard Square

Closest theatres to Boston University:

Regal Fenway 13

401 Park Drive, Boston

617-424-6266

TRAVEL (BY FOOT): Regal Fenway is just around the corner from Kenmore Square. Take a right on Brookline Avenue and walk a few blocks (just past Fenway Park).

Loews Boston Common

175 Tremont Street, Boston

617-423-3499

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Boylston

Coolidge Corner Theatre

290 Harvard Street, Brookline

617-734-2500

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line "C" Train to Coolidge Corner

Loews Harvard Square

10 Church Street, Cambridge

617-864-4580

TRAVEL (BY T): Red Line to Harvard Square

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

AM	680	WRKO	Talk
	850	WEEI	Sports
	1030	WBZ	News Radio
	1090	WILD	Urban/Contemporary
	1330	WRCA	Ethnic
	1550	WNTN	Talk/Contemporary
FM	89.7	WGBH	Public Broadcasting
	90.9	WBUR	NPR Affiliate
	92.9	WBOS	Adult Alternative
	94.5	WJMN	Hip Hop and Hit Music
	98.5	WBZ	The Sports Hub
	99.5	WCRB	Classical
	100.7	WZLX	Classic Rock
	102.5	WKLB	Country
	104.1	WBMX	Hot Adult Contemporary
	105.7	WROR	60's, 70's and 80's
	106.7	WMJX	Soft Rock
	107.3	WAAF	Hard Rock
107.9	WXKS	Hit Music — Top Chart	



ATTRACTIONS



BOSTON COMMON

The Boston Common is the oldest public park in the country, with a history that dates back to the early 1600s. Almost 50 acres in size, the Common has been used for many different purposes throughout its long history: British troops used it as a camp prior to the American Revolution, public hangings took place in the Common until 1817, and cattle grazed the grounds until 1830. Now, the “Common” is the anchor for the Emerald Necklace, a system of connected parks that winds through many of Boston’s neighborhoods, and is the official starting point for the Freedom Trail. Full of activity, the Common provides an uninterrupted view of green expanse and historic city buildings, and hosts concerts, plays, political demonstrations, baseball games, tennis and more. The Common contains walking paths, open green spaces, a refreshing “frog pond” perfect for hot steamy days, play areas, a historic graveyard and a war monument.

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Boylston or Park Street

NOTE: The Common’s visitor info center is in the park 146 Tremont street, right outside the Park St T.

BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN/SWAN BOATS

Nearly adjacent to the Boston Common (only separated by Charles Street), the formal Public Garden was established in 1837 and was the first public botanical garden in the US. The 24-acre landscape contains a pond and a large series of formal plantings, including the picturesque weeping willows. During the warmer seasons, the Garden's four-acre pond is usually the home of one or more swans and is always the site of the Swan Boats, a famous Boston tourist attraction since 1877. For a small fee, tourists can sit on a boat ornamented with a splendid white swan at the rear. A tour guide sitting within the swan pedals the boat around the lagoon for a peaceful 15 minutes.

SWAN BOAT 10am-5pm (Open seven days
HOURS: a week, weather permitting.)

TICKETS: \$3.00/Adults; \$1.50/15 & under.
Tickets are purchased at the Swan Boat dock, no reservations req

PHONE: 617-522-1966

WEB: www.swanboats.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Arlington

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The central branch of the city's library system is an architectural and intellectual monument. The original 1895 building, a National Historic Landmark designed by Charles F. McKim, is an Italian Renaissance-style masterpiece that drips with art. The lobby doors are the work of Daniel Chester French. The murals are by John Singer Sargent and Pierre Puvis de Chavannes, among others. Visit the lovely courtyard or the changing exhibit in the main lobby. The courtyard restaurant serves lunch and afternoon tea Monday through Friday, and the Map Room Café is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

HOURS: Mon – Thurs 9am-9pm
Fri & Sat 9am–5pm
Closed Sundays

ADMISSION: Free

PHONE: 617-536-5400

ADDRESS: 700 Boylston Street

WEB: www.bpl.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Copley

CHARLESTOWN/U.S.S. CONSTITUTION

The Charlestown Navy Yard was established in 1800 and remained in service until 1974, after nearly 175 years of serving the U.S. Navy. Now, 30 acres of the old Navy Yard is part of Boston National Historical Park and the last stop on the Freedom Trail. It is also home to the U.S.S. Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world that earned the nickname "Old Ironsides." Not far off is the Bunker Hill Monument, a 221-foot granite obelisk that marks the site of the first major battle of the American Revolution, where American officer William Prescott is believed to have ordered "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes."

HOURS: Guided tours Tue-Sun 10 am–6 pm
tours leave every 30 minutes &
the last tour starts at 5:30 pm
The museum is open 9am – 6pm
Bring a photo ID.

ADMISSION: Free, but suggest \$5 donation

PHONE: 617-426-1812

WEB: www.usconstitutionmuseum.org

TRAVEL (BY T): MBTA Bus Route 93 or
Green Line to North Stat.

ATTRACTIONS

COPLEY SQUARE

Located in the heart of the Back Bay, surrounded by restaurants, shopping, and bustling nightlife, Copley Square is probably best known for its architectural landmarks, including the Boston Public Library, Trinity Church, three John Hancock buildings, the historic Copley Plaza Hotel and the New Old South Church. The lush green space and fountain in front of Trinity Church make for an inviting spot for locals to take in the sun during lunch and for tired shoppers from Boylston Street, nearby Newbury Street and the Copley and Prudential malls to take a break. On Tuesdays and Fridays, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Copley Square hosts its own Farmer's Market, where local farmers and vendors offer fresh produce, baked goods and even homemade specialty soaps.

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Copley

ESPLANADE/MEMORIAL HATCH SHELL

The scenic Charles River Esplanade, officially known as the Charles River Reservation, is a beautiful 17-mile stretch of land along the Charles River. The Esplanade is a popular path for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists, and also a great place to people watch, sunbathe and do homework. The Esplanade is home to the Hatch Shell, where a variety of free concerts take place all summer. But be careful! When the sun goes down, the Esplanade is not very safe! Some of the fun and free events at the Hatch Shell include:

- **WBZ-TV Free Friday Flicks:** The name says it all! Films usually start at sundown, but try and get there early for the best seating.
- **Music Concerts:** Music styles from jazz and rock to classical and international are represented at these summer performances. Times vary.
- **The Pops at the Hatch Shell:** The Hatch Shell is also home to the summer performances of the Boston Pops. Concerts begin at 8 p.m., but, again, the early bird gets the good spot!

WEB: www.mass.gov/dcr/hatch_events.htm

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Arlington

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

Also known as Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall has played an integral role in the life of Boston residents for over 250 years. It was established in the heart of downtown Boston as a market for merchants, fishermen, and vendors, and is nicknamed the Cradle of Liberty because of the number of revolutionaries and abolitionists, including Samuel Adams, who delivered important speeches there. Faneuil Hall Marketplace, which actually constitutes five separate buildings, opened in 1976 as the first “festival marketplace” in the U.S. There are now more than 100 shops and carts, 17 restaurants and pubs, and the Quincy Market Colonnade has over 40 eateries. Jugglers, musicians, mimes and other street performers provide free entertainment daily. With perhaps the best variety in Boston, there is certainly something for everyone.

HOURS: Mon – Sat 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Restaurant hours vary.

WEB: www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Park Street.
5 minute walk to Quincy.

FENWAY PARK

The historic Fenway Park lies just around the corner from the College of Communication. Home to the 2004 and 2007 World Champion Boston Red Sox and the legendary Green Monster, Fenway Park first opened on April 20, 1912. Other than a few additions over the years, the Park is virtually unchanged. With its manually operated scoreboard, its geometrically peculiar shape (including the only ladder in play in the majors) and the stories of the legends that have played there for more than eight decades, Fenway remains a link to the legends of baseball's past. The Boston Red Sox can be found many summer days and nights around the diamond at Fenway, and tours leave from the souvenir store across Yawkey Way seven days a week.

PHONE: 877-733-7699

ADDRESS: 4 Yawkey Way

WEB: www.redsox.com

FREEDOM TRAIL

The famous Freedom Trail, "where everything Boston began," is a 2.5-mile red brick or red painted line that travels through Beacon Hill, downtown Boston, the North End and Charlestown. In addition to being a great way to be outside and experience Boston as it truly is, the trail leads you through 16 nationally significant historic sites. Some of the major points of interest on the Freedom Trail include: The Boston Common, Old State House, site of the Boston Massacre, Faneuil Hall, Paul Revere House, Old North Church, USS Constitution, Granary Burying Ground and Old South Meeting House. Boston's self-guided history tour (you can also opt for a guided or audio tour for a nominal price) officially begins at the information kiosk in the Boston Common near the Park Street T stop. Pick up information packets and maps there – then just follow the red brick road!

ADDRESS: 147 Tremont St (Boston Common)

WEB: www.thefreedomtrail.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Park Street

HARVARD SQUARE

Not just the backyard of America's oldest college, Harvard Square is a popular shopping, dining, cultural and historical destination. With more than 350 years of history, the area features an eclectic mix of students, street performers, chess players, tourists and locals. At the center of the Square is an old subway kiosk that was converted into Out of Town News, a newsstand that stocks newspapers and magazines from around the world. The Square also has a noteworthy independent movie theater, more bookstores per square block than any other place in America, and its street performers may rival those of Faneuil Hall (in fact, Tracy Chapman is said to have performed here while she attended college at the nearby Tufts University). While here, it is definitely worth a visit to the ivied Harvard Yard and the various Harvard museums, and for music enthusiasts, the original House of Blues is not far off.

WEB: www.harvardsquare.com

TRAVEL (BY T) Red Line to Harvard Square

MUSEUMS

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

The 72-acre Franklin Park Zoo is located within Boston's historic Franklin Park, long considered the crown jewel of Frederick Law Olmsted's "Emerald Necklace" park system. The zoo was founded in 1911, and today is home to more than 220 species of animals. Highlights at the zoo include the Giraffe Savannah, the Kalahari Kingdom, and Butterfly Landing, where you can walk amidst 1,000 delicate and vibrant butterflies in free flight.

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

NOTE: Last entry 1/2 hour before closing.

ADMISSION: \$17.95/adults

PHONE: 617-541-LION (617-541-5466)

ADDRESS: 1 Franklin Park Road, Boston

WEB: www.zoonewengland.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Orange Line to Forest Hills, then #16 bus to zoo
or Red Line to Andrew, then #16 bus to zoo

THE INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART (ICA)

The Institute of Contemporary Art, or ICA, was founded in 1936 as The Boston Museum of Modern Art. It was conceived as a laboratory where innovative approaches to art could be championed, and for more than a half century, the ICA has presented contemporary art in all media—visual arts, film, video, performance and literature—and created educational programs that encourage an appreciation for contemporary culture. On December 10, 2006, the ICA unveiled its new home on Boston's waterfront. The first building designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro to be built in the United States, the ICA's new home offers dramatic and dynamic views of the water throughout. The museum has also expanded its offerings to include performing arts, more diverse exhibitions and programs, and, for the first time in its seventy-year history, a permanent collection featuring art of the 21st century. The museum's Water Café is run by Wolfgang Puck Catering, featuring the legendary chef's cuisine.

HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sun 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday and Friday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm (Closed Mon)

ADMISSION: \$15.00/adults; \$10.00/students; Free/kids under 17
Free for all on Thursdays 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

PHONE: 617-478-3100

ADDRESS: 100 Northern Avenue, Boston (On the waterfront)

WEB: www.icaboston.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Red Line to South Station, at South Station take
the Silver Line to World Trade Center

THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is one of Boston's greatest art treasures that displays one of the world's most impressive private art collections and has remained virtually unchanged since it first opened to the public in 1903. Housed in a stunning 15th-century Venetian-style palace surrounding lush courtyard gardens, the museum was once the private residence of wealthy socialite and philanthropist Isabella Stewart Gardner. The Museum's preeminent collection contains more than 2,500 paintings, sculptures, tapestries, furniture, manuscripts, rare books and decorative arts, and includes works by some of the most recognized artists in the world, including Titian, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Manet, Degas, Whistler, and Sargent.

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Sunday 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 11:00 am – 9:00 pm (Closed Tuesdays)

ADMISSION: \$15.00/adults; \$5.00/students (with valid college ID);
Free with BU ID; Free for visitors under 18.

PHONE: 617-566-1401/info; 617-278-5156/box office

ADDRESS: 280 The Fenway, Boston

WEB: www.gardnermuseum.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line "E" Train to Museum of Fine Arts

THE JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The nation's memorial to President John F. Kennedy sits on a 10-acre waterfront site on Columbia Point, offering panoramic views of Boston's skyline and Harbor Islands. The Museum itself was designed by renowned architect I. M. Pei, and includes twenty-five multimedia exhibits and period settings from the White House. The museum creates a stirring account of President Kennedy's numbered days in office, but also presents President Kennedy's enthusiasm and love for the American system of politics and government. The museum is a must-see for anyone interested in Kennedy and his family, life in America during the early 1960s, and Boston's connection to both.

HOURS: Daily 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

ADMISSION: \$14.00/adults; \$12.00/students (with valid college ID)
\$10/children; Free for visitors under 12

PHONE: 617-514-1600

ADDRESS: Columbia Point, Boston

WEB: www.jfklibrary.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Red Line to JFK/UMASS. Take the JFK shuttle bus to the museum, runs every 20 minutes beginning at 8:00 am and running until Museum closing.

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THE MUSEUM OF AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY

The Museum of Afro-American History is New England's largest museum commemorating the history and contributions of African Americans. The museum has locations in both Boston and Nantucket, and has preserved four historic sites and two Black Heritage Trails. In Boston, the African Meeting House is the oldest black church building still standing in America, and the adjacent Abiel Smith School, the first public school for black children, has galleries featuring rotating exhibits and a Museum Store. One of the two Black Heritage Trails weaves through Boston's Beacon Hill. Starting at the Shaw Memorial in the Boston Common, the trail explores the history of Boston's 19th Century African American community.

HOURS: Monday - Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

ADMISSION: \$5.00/adults; \$3.00/ages 13-17

PHONE: 617-720-2991 (x214 for updates)

ADDRESS: 46 Joy Street, Boston

WEB: www.afroammuseum.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Park Street

THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS (MFA)

The Museum of Fine Arts is one of the world's great art museums with a collection that encompasses nearly 450,000 works of art. Also one of the country's oldest art museums, the stellar collection of early American paintings and decorative arts brings the history of the American Revolution to life. Whether you're interested in French impressionism, Asian ceramics, Egyptian mummies, or cutting-edge contemporary art, the MFA has it all under one roof. Some highlights include superb 19th-century French paintings such as Renoir's *Dance at Bougival*, one of the largest collections of works by Monet found outside of France, and Egyptian and Japanese collections that are unrivalled anywhere in North America. Daily activities offer something for everyone, including guided tours, films, concerts, artist lectures, and family programs. Check the web site for info on events and current exhibitions.

HOURS: Saturday – Tuesday 10:00 am – 4:45 pm

Wednesday – Friday 10:00 am – 9:45 pm

ADMISSION: \$25.00/adults; \$23.00/students age 18 and older
Free/ages 7-17 on weekdays after 3 pm & weekends
(otherwise \$10/ages 7-17)

PHONE: 617-267-9300

ADDRESS: 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

WEB: www.mfa.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line "E" Train to Museum of Fine Arts

THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

With more than 600 interactive exhibits, Boston's only 180-degree wraparound movie screen, an IMAX, the Charles Hayden Planetarium, the Theater of Electricity, and more, science comes alive at the Museum of Science. Meet the updated 39-foot long T. Rex and its scaly-skinned friends at the dinosaur exhibit or experience the world's largest Van de Graaff generator as it creates a lightning storm so close you can smell the ozone. Be sure to check the museum's web site for Hayden Planetarium and the Mugar Omni Theater show times.

HOURS: The museum is open daily.
Saturday – Thursday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

ADMISSION: \$23.00/Exhibit Halls; \$10.00/Omni shows

TICKET ADD-ONS: \$6.00 each for Omni, Planetarium, Butterfly Garden and 3-D Digital Cinema

PHONE: 617-723-2500

ADDRESS: One Science Park, Boston

WEB: www.mos.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Science Park

THE NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

Opened in 1969, the New England Aquarium has more than 70 exhibits featuring aquatic animals from around the world. Watch sharks, sea turtles, moray eels, and colorful tropical fish in a four-story, 200,000-gallon coral reef exhibit. Greet the penguins, cradle a sea star or horseshoe crab, say hello to the harbor seals and sea lions, find adventure on a whale watch, and marvel at the captivating sea dragons. And don't miss the exciting IMAX Theatre film presentations, offering unparalleled 3-D experiences on New England's largest movie screen.

HOURS: Sunday –Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Friday and Saturday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

ADMISSION: \$24.95/adult aquarium; \$9.95/adult IMAX Theatre
\$29.95/adult aquarium and IMAX Theatre
\$47.00/adult whale watch

PHONE: 617-973-5200

ADDRESS: Central Wharf, Boston

WEB: www.neaq.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Blue Line to Aquarium

SHOPPING

The Boston area truly has some of the best shopping in the country with a tempting blend of classic and contemporary, alternative and high end. Boston and Cambridge both feature an array of tiny boutiques and sprawling malls, esoteric bookshops and national chain stores, classy galleries and snazzy secondhand-clothing outlets. One of the best aspects of shopping in Massachusetts is that there is no sales tax on clothing priced below \$175 or on food items.

You can find great shopping spots all over the city, but here are some of the hottest spots and best bets to satisfy your shopping needs.

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA

A “hip urban center” located on the Cambridge-side bank of the Charles River offering more than 120 stores ranging from Macy’s to Best Buy to the Apple Store. The galleria also has a food court with 13 different vendors and three casual dining restaurants including California Pizza Kitchen, Cheesecake Factory and P.F. Changs.

HOURS: Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

WEB: www.cambridgesidegalleria.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Lechmere

CHARLES STREET

Charles Street, “the antiquing center of Boston,” is a short but commercially dense street at the foot of Beacon Hill. Running from the Boston Common to the Charles River along the western edge of Beacon Hill, the street has not been taken over by chain stores the way so many other shopping districts have. Noted for its excellent gift shops, boutiques, art galleries and antique stores, Charles Street is also home to an eclectic range of restaurants and specialty food stores.

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Arlington

COPLEY PLACE

Attached to the Prudential Center by Skywalk, this high-end mall has everything from home furnishings to jewelry, from high fashion stores to health and beauty. Copley features 75 fabulous stores including Tiffany & Co., Gucci, Jimmy Choo, BOSS Hugo Boss, Christian Dior, Williams-Sonoma, Neiman Marcus and Barneys New York. It also includes more mainstream stores such as Gap and Banana Republic.

HOURS: Monday – Saturday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

PHONE: 617-262-6600

WEB: www.simon.com/mall/copley-place

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Copley

DOWNTOWN CROSSING

One of Boston's oldest shopping areas and at one time considered the premier shopping district, Downtown Crossing boasts more than two million square feet of restaurants and shopping destinations. Today, Downtown Crossing is the best place to go for discount shopping, with stores like Macy's, the trendy but cheap H&M, Marshall's, T.J. Maxx, DSW Shoe Warehouse and more. A traffic-free pedestrian mall, Downtown Crossing also attracts a variety of street vendors and food carts.

WEB: www.bostonbid.org

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Park Street

FANEUIL HALL

Faneuil Hall has more than 100 shops of all descriptions, including national chains like Ann Taylor, Urban Outfitters, and Victoria's Secret. However, the real shopping attraction at Faneuil Hall is its diverse mix of independent merchants, artisans, and pushcart vendors, which also makes it the best place for souvenir and gift shopping in town. The "Bull Market" pushcarts sell unique collectibles and clothes from our New England neighbors and merchants from all over the world.

HOURS: Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sundays 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Restaurants open late

WEB: www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Government Center

NEWBURY STREET

Newbury Street is inarguably Boston's trendiest shopping strip. The street's stores range from the super high-end to the mainstream and even has some of the best bargain shopping around. The eight blocks are also filled with upscale art galleries, boutiques, salons, novelty gift stores, restaurants, cafes and home furnishings. Starting at Mass. Ave, Newbury Street stretches two miles to the Public Garden. Just one block over, Boylston Street has some good shopping of its own, including a three-story Apple retail store.

WEB: www.newbury-st.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Hynes, Copley, or Arlington

PRUDENTIAL CENTER

The Shops at the Prudential Center include Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord and Taylor, Lacoste, Sephora, and Barnes & Noble. The center also has a large food court and several popular restaurants including Cheesecake Factory, Legal Sea Foods, Wagamama, and 5 Napkin Burger. Called the "Pru" for short, The Pru Tower is the second largest building in Boston, has a visitor's center, a 360 degree skywalk observatory on the 50th floor, and the romantic Top of the Hub restaurant on the 52nd floor.

HOURS: Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PHONE: 1-800-SHOP PRU

ADDRESS: 800 Boylston Street, Boston

WEB: www.prudentialcenter.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Copley

DINING

BACK BAY

Located just beyond Kenmore Square, The Back Bay area has some of the best restaurants in Boston. Specifically, parallel Newbury and Boylston streets are crawling with trendy restaurants and cafes that offer great outdoor seating when the weather is nice. However, be prepared to pay a little more for the privilege of mingling with the ultra chic. For more affordable meals, try Charlie's Saloon or Joe's American Bar and Grill, both located on Newbury Street. They specialize in American fare (think nachos and burgers) but still have some of the best al fresco seating in town. For a quick bite, Upper Crust has excellent pizza by the slice, Boloco has delicious "inspired" burritos, and Deluca's has some of the best overstuffed sandwiches in the city. Also check out the food court at the Prudential Center (entrance on Boylston Street) for a large variety of cheap eats.

THE NORTH END

If you like Italian food, you simply cannot miss a trip to the North End, Boston's "Little Italy." Home to Italian immigrants for decades, the North End has an undeniable European feel and is booming with authentic Italian restaurants, cafes and bakeries. Hanover Street, considered the area's main street, boasts the most restaurants and is home to the famous Mike's Pastries and Modern Pastry. Be sure to explore some of the side streets for some real Italian gems, like Pizzeria Regina, "Boston's original pizzeria." Restaurants vary in price, but it is easy to find affordable, delicious Italian fare anywhere in the North End.

WEB: www.northendboston.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to North Station

QUINCY MARKET

Faneuil Hall's Quincy Market is one of the most visited food halls in the world. With more than 40 eateries to choose from, ranging from seafood to hot dogs to Cajun cuisine to Greek, you can basically satisfy any food craving imaginable. There are also 17 different restaurants and pubs in the area, including McCormick & Schmick's, Durgin Park, Cheers and Kingfish Hall. On weekend mornings, check out the nearby Haymarket, a large open-air food market tucked between the North End and Faneuil Hall that lets you haggle with stall owners and suppliers over the freshness and price of fish, fruit and finger foods of all sorts.

WEB: www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

TRAVEL (BY T): Green Line to Gov Center

AROUND CAMPUS

Beijing Café

Chinese comfort food with lunch specials.

728 Commonwealth Avenue

617-536-1616

Mon-Fri 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sat-Sun 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Bertucci's

Famous brick oven pizza, fresh sandwiches, pastas and salads.

Lunch specials until 3 p.m. including unlimited insalata.

533 Commonwealth Avenue (Kenmore Square)

617-236-1030

Mon – Thurs & Sun 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Friday – Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Boca Grande

Cheap but healthy made-to-order Mexican.

Burritos, tacos, quesadillas, enchiladas and Mexican plates.

642 Beacon Street (Kenmore Square)

617-437-9700

Daily 11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Bread Winners

Prepared sandwiches, salads, sushi, soups served in bread bowls.

595 Commonwealth Ave (Questrom School on the second floor)

617-353-1524

Weekdays 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Bruegger's Bagels

Bagel sandwiches, salads and soup.

644 Beacon Street (Kenmore Square)

617-262-7939

Weekdays 5:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Weekends 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Campus Trolley

Falafel, wraps, kabobs, hot dogs and more.

665 Commonwealth Avenue

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

DINING

Chipotle

Super-sized gourmet burritos, tacos, salads, burrito bowls.

876 Commonwealth Avenue

617-232-1360

Daily 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Pavement

Alternative coffee shop with bagel sandwiches and fresh pastries.

736 Commonwealth Avenue

617-277-8737

Weekdays 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Weekends 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fin's

Japanese sushi, noodles and grilled items in a casual atmosphere.

636 Beacon Street

617-267-8888

Mon – Thurs 11:30 a.m. – 10:30 pm

Fri – Sat 11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

George Sherman Union (GSU)

GSU food court includes: Aesop's Bagels, Charles River Bread Co., Pinkberry, Loose Leafs, Panda Express, Rhett's and Starbucks.

775 Commonwealth Avenue

Weekdays 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Closed weekends.

NOTE: Starbucks and Rhett's open at 8:00 a.m.

Jamba Juice

Assortment of fresh made smoothies, fresh squeezed juices, hearty or warm sandwiches and baked items.

700 Commonwealth Ave.

617-358-5813

Mon – Sun 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

McDonald's

Burgers, fries, salads.

540 Commonwealth Avenue (Kenmore Square)

617- 867-9524

Daily 6:00 a.m. – 12 midnight

Noodle Street

Create your own Thai and Asian soups, noodles, curries, entrees.

627 Commonwealth Avenue

617-536-3100

Mon – Fri 11:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sat - Sun 12:00 noon – 10:30 p.m.

Nud Pob

Traditional Thai dishes – soups, salads, noodles, fried rice with meat, vegetable and seafood entrees.

738 Commonwealth Avenue

617-232-9992

Weekdays 11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Weekends 12 noon – 11:00 p.m.

Panera Bread

Bakery and cafe with fresh oven-baked breads, bagels, pastries, as well as sandwiches, soups and hand-tossed salads.

888 Commonwealth Avenue

617-738-1501

Mon – Sat 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Pizzeria Uno

Chicago-style pizza, pasta, steaks, burgers, salads, seafood.

1 Brookline Avenue (Kenmore Square)

617- 262-4911

Mon – Sat 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

Sunday 12 noon – 12:30 a.m.

Popeye's

Cajun fried chicken, catfish, shrimp, biscuits, salads, sides.

645 Beacon Street (Kenmore Square)

617-262-1687

Mon – Thurs 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Fri – Sat 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Qdoba

Fresh burritos, tacos, nachos, quesadillas and salads.

540 Commonwealth Avenue

617-437-1930

Daily 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

DINING

Sunset Cantina

Mexican-American food, nachos, appetizers, burgers, melts.

916 Commonwealth Avenue

617-731-8646

Weekdays 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

T. Anthony's Pizzeria

A BU institution with delicious pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salads.

1016 Commonwealth Avenue

617-734-7708

Mon – Sat 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

U Burger (location one)

Specialty burgers, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, fries, frappes.

636 Beacon Street (Kenmore Square)

617-536-0448

Mon – Sat 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sun 12 noon – 11:00 p.m.

U Burger (location two)

Specialty burgers, chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, fries, frappes.

1022 Commonwealth Avenue

617-487-4855

Mon – Wed 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Thurs – Sat 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

University Grille

Pizza, subs, triple-decker sandwiches, salads, pita roll-ups, baked pasta, burgers, hot dogs and frozen yogurt.

712 Commonwealth Avenue

617-247-7120

Mon – Sat 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.




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