

## "Best Parks in Boston"

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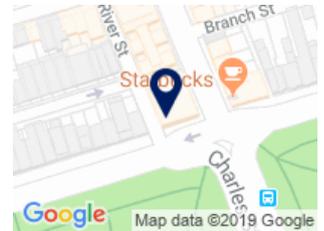
 7 Locations Bookmarked



### Public Garden

#### "Boston's Central Park"

Just across Charles Street from the Boston Common, Public Garden is elegantly landscaped with flower beds, lagoons, walking paths and statues, including a notable monument of George Washington on a horse. Admire the natural beauty and watch as couples pose for their wedding photographs on most summer weekends. The children's story 'Make Way for Ducklings' took place here, and there is a popular sculpture of the ducklings in the northeast corner of the park. A ride on their famous Swan Boats is an essential experience for visitors.



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 69 Beacon Street, Boston MA



### Back Bay Fens

#### "Urban Oasis"

Tucked away on winding roads behind the Museum of Fine Arts, is a beautiful park of manicured lawns, bridges, ponds and flower beds. In the summer, the gated Rose Garden explodes into aromatic pink, white, yellow and red. More varied horticulture can be found in the Victory Gardens, a community garden with hundreds of well-tended plots. Cross a few bridges and you will discover the running track, basketball courts and softball fields. No green space in Boston offers a more peaceful oasis than the Back Bay Fens.



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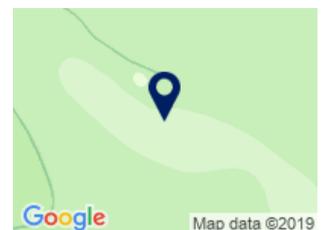
 Emerald Necklace, Boston MA



### Franklin Park

#### "Historic Park"

Established in 1885, Franklin Park is one of the city's biggest public parks, and also among the most beautiful in the Emerald Necklace. The park's beautiful layout, with its ponds and gardens is the work of the legendary Frederick Law Olmsted, who considered parks, a vital component of any thriving city. The lush expanse spans 527 acres (213.27 hectares) and comprises the Franklin Park Zoo, William J. Devine Golf Course, numerous sports facilities as well as expansive wooded areas for picnics. Apart from this, the park also has a Playhouse, an open air venue hosting occasional concerts and cultural events. Check website for more.



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 1 Circuit Drive, Boston MA





## Middlesex Fells Reservation

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### "Leisure Park"

Established in 1894, Middlesex Fells Reservation is a popular leisure getaway in Massachusetts. It spreads across 2575 acres (1042 hectares) over Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham and Winchester. Locally

referred to as the Fells, this state park offers visitors a plethora of recreational activities like hiking, biking, rock climbing, boating and fishing. Unwind with a picnic, follow trails to admire the natural beauty, and visit the observation tower for great views.

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[www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/middlesex-fells-reservation.html](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/middlesex-fells-reservation.html)

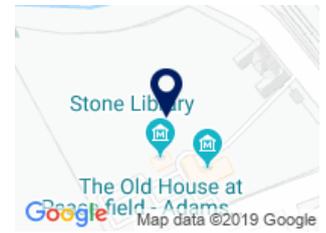
Cross Fells Trail, Medford MA



## Adams National Historical Park

### "Adam's Family"

Preserving the grounds and home of former Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, this historical park offers a variety of activities for visitors. Don't miss a chance to learn about its heritage by touring the former homes, browsing the bookstore or taking in the various exhibits. Enjoy guided tours of the family home and discover a library with about 14,000 volumes carefully stored and preserved. The park also features both birthplaces of 2nd U.S. President John Adams and 6th U.S. President John Quincy Adams.



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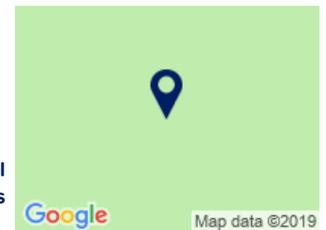
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## Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area

### "Archipelago of Nature and Heritage"

Spread out around the picturesque Boston Harbor, this acclaimed national recreation area is made up of 34 independent islands and peninsulas. This pristine area covers roughly 1482 acres (599.7 hectares) and allows visitors to truly absorb Boston's underrated natural beauty. An outdoor enthusiast's dream come true, the park offers an impressive selection of activities from beachside camping and hiking to kayaking, swimming and fishing. The islands are also home to a myriad of heritage sights like the Fort Warren, dating back the times of the Civil War and the oldest lighthouse the country, the 18th-century Boston Light. To access the recreational area, just hop on the harbor ferries that depart from Quincy, Hingham, Downtown Boston and Hull. Park rangers are usually on board the vessels and will be more than happy to assist you with your trip.



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Boston Harbor Islands, Boston MA



## Salem Willows!

### "Family Park"

A favorite summer and holiday hangout of the locals, the Salem Willows! has something for everyone. You can simply sit in the lovely park and enjoy the beach view or indulge in people-watching. Sport lovers can head to the playground, where a host of sports like football, volleyball, frisbee throwing and other games are played. If all the activity leaves you famished, Willows has different outlets like Peppy's Pizza and E. W. Hobbs that serve excellent local cuisine. Gaming enthusiasts need not feel left out as this park is equipped with an arcade that features games like skee-ball, air hockey, pin-ball, video games and more. During the summer, visitors can enjoy one of their many outdoor summer concerts.



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