

"Best Free Sites in Boston"

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Freedom Trail

"Walking Down American History"

An integral artery of downtown Boston, Freedom Trail is a winding path coursing through some of the most significant landmarks of the country. Dotted along the trail's course is a troupe of sites which have been the brewing grounds for iconic events like the Boston Tea Party and Paul Revere's Midnight Ride. Upheld by the Boston National Historic Park and the Freedom Trail Commission, it is dotted by a tracery of churches, graveyards and buildings commanding monumental significance. Some of the important sites studied on the trail are the Old State House, Faneuil Hall, Old North Church, Old South Meeting House, USS Constitution, Copp's Hill Burial Ground and Paul Revere's House. The trail often commences from Boston Common, meandering up to the Bunker Hill Monument. Voyaging proudly through the city's expanse, the Freedom Trail tells stirring tales of the country's glorious past.



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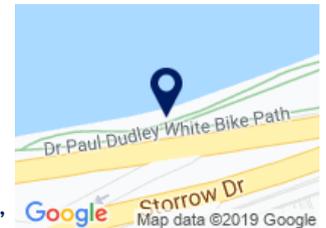
 204 Freedom Trail, Boston MA



Charles River Esplanade

"Riverside Recreation"

Get a feel for Boston with a stroll along 17 miles of riverside paths and parks. Watch sailboats and racing college crews on the Charles River Esplanade. On summer evenings, there is free music at the Hatch Memorial Shell, and there are always hundreds of walkers, joggers, bikers, dog-walkers and sunbathers enjoying the view. The best way to reach the river is via the Arthur Fiedler footbridge, which is close to the intersection of Beacon and Arlington Streets in the Back Bay, or via the pedestrian bridge near the Charles/MGH T station.



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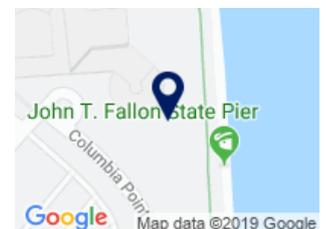
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Commonwealth Museum

"From the State Archives"

Commonwealth Museum exhibits some interesting documents and legal records belonging to the State. The museum's education department offers lectures encouraging the use of material from the archives. A special exhibit entitled 'Highway to the Past' is dedicated to the archeology of the Big Dig. Many of the artifacts uncovered during the digging are also on display.

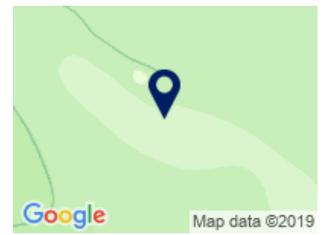


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Franklin Park

"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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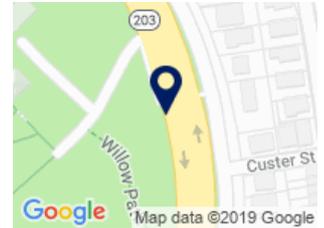
1 Circuit Drive, Boston MA



Arnold Arboretum

"Acres Of Botanical Marvels"

Arnold Arboretum, a botanical garden, located in Jamaica Plain, is the crown jewel in Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace, which is the chain of Boston parks that he created. The manicured grounds, under the management of Harvard University, are filled with exotic flora that are tagged with species and genus names for the eager amateur botanist. The annual 'Lilac Sunday' during the second week of May draws thousands of visitors to enjoy the beauty of over 500 lilac bushes.



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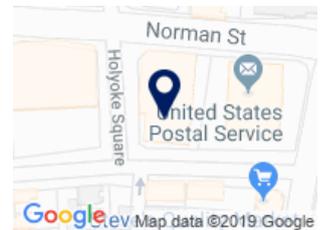
125 Arborway, Boston MA



Salem

"More than the Witch City"

Salem is more than witches, goblins, ghosts and New Age and Wiccan shops; the town has a rich maritime and literary history that has left a valuable impression on the entire country. The town is home of one of the region's leading art museums, the Peabody Essex Museum, that hosts exhibits of art and artifacts from around the world and hosts numerous cultural events throughout the year. Nathaniel Hawthorne, author of *The Scarlet Letter* and *The House of the Seven Gables*, called Salem home. The real House of the Seven Gables is located in Salem and was once owned by Hawthorne's cousin. Come fall, many visit Salem for the beautiful shoreline foliage and amazing number of witch-themed museums, exhibits, parades, show and then some. Even those the witch hysteria occurred in Salem Village (in what is now the town of Danvers), that doesn't stop thousands of tourists from visiting this quaint, seaside town at Halloween.



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