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# Walk the Freedom Trail® through history!

Experience more than 250 years of history along the Freedom Trail – Boston’s iconic 2.5 mile red line leading to 16 nationally significant historic sites. The Freedom Trail is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers.

Learn about the people who lived here, their courage, and what they risked striving for victory and freedom. *Walk Into History*® on the Freedom Trail with 18<sup>th</sup>-century costumed Freedom Trail Players® or at your own pace. Step INSIDE the places where the American Revolution was launched, from pews and pulpits, private homes and public offices, with fiery speeches and midnight rides.

Boston is the territory of the Massachusett and their neighbors the Wampanoag, and Nipmuc Peoples, who have stewarded this land for hundreds of generations. They dwelled on the Shawmut peninsula (what became the Town of Boston), fishing, hunting, growing food, trading, and thriving off the fresh springwater. Today, the City of Boston is home to thousands of Indigenous people.

For more information visit the Freedom Trail Foundation website at [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org) or call 617-357-8300.



## **Welcome to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

### **William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth**

We hope you leave plenty of time to explore our history – especially on foot – as you travel the Freedom Trail from the magnificent Massachusetts State House to the Bunker Hill Monument. There’s a proud story in every step.

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and the Freedom Trail Foundation*

*in partnership with the 16 official Freedom Trail historic sites.*

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*Cover Image: Old South Meeting House*

*For Old South Meeting House information, please see page 4*

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On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Karyn and I send warm greetings as you embark on the historic Freedom Trail.

Massachusetts is rich with history and no other

organization celebrates the Commonwealth's past quite like the Freedom Trail and the Freedom Trail Foundation. Since its establishment in 1951, the Freedom Trail has helped to preserve 16 historically significant sites that attract millions and millions of people to the Bay State to retrace the steps of the brave men and women who shaped our nation.

These two and a half miles of red brick are a historical treasure – showcasing Boston's pivotal role in establishing our independence.

We hope that you have fun learning about Massachusetts history and enjoy the Trail.

**Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts**

**Karyn Polito, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts**



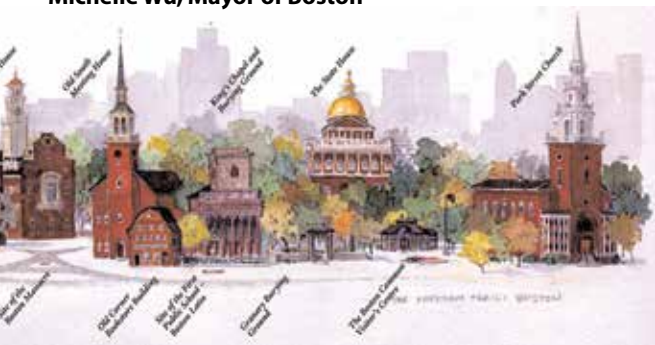
On behalf of the City of Boston, I'm pleased to welcome you to the historic Freedom Trail. The iconic red bricks that wind their way through cobbled streets, sprawling parks, and grassy cemeteries tell the story of more than 250 years of Boston history. We're home to the spaces and places where some of the most critical moments in our nation's struggle for freedom were

decided. And we're proud of how those ideals live on today. We continue to be a city of revolutionary ideas and innovations, a city honored to welcome people from all over the world to our shores.

We're known as the Cradle of Liberty for our role in the Revolutionary War, but also for our role in pioneering many public services. Along the Freedom Trail, you'll find the nation's oldest public park and first public school: testaments to the fact that liberty is born from community as well as conflict.

I hope your journey on the Freedom Trail, and through Boston's—and our nation's—history, brings you even closer to your community and ours.

**Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston**



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The Preservation Fund helps to support preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration for official Freedom Trail sites. These projects help avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects of the elements and man-made wear and tear on Boston's precious 17<sup>th</sup>-, 18<sup>th</sup>-, and 19<sup>th</sup>-century sites. Established in 2009, the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund issues grants which benefit Freedom Trail sites and whose expected outcomes fulfill its mission.



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# Freedom Trail Sites

**Open Year-Round** (please see descriptions for hours of operation, dates and times are subject to change). Please see page 10–11 for sites' ongoing tours and programs.

## Boston Common

America's oldest public park, the Boston Common, began as a common grazing ground for sheep and cattle. Eccentric Anglican William Blackstone settled on Beacon Hill with only his books for company in 1622. In 1630, Puritans from Charlestown joined him to share the area's potable springs, but by 1635 Blackstone bristled at the increased population, sold his property to the townspeople of Boston, and moved to roomy Rhode Island to satisfy his reclusive nature. Each household was assessed six shillings for the purchase of the 44 acres of open land; it was held in common by the people and used as a pasture. The Common later became a "trayning" field for the militia and was utilized as a British Army camp during the occupation of Boston. The Common's varied uses also included a place to hang pirates and witches and publicly pillory criminals. It has also served a higher purpose as a place for public oratory and discourse – Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke here, Pope John Paul II said Mass here, and Gloria Steinem advanced the feminist revolution on these grounds. Today, visitors to the Common may enjoy a concert, a performance of Shakespeare, or a simple, calm respite from the bustle of city life.



Boston Common Visitor Information Center – 139 Tremont Street  
Daily, 8:30 am – 4:45 pm  
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day  
1-888-SEEBOSTON • BostonUSA.com

## Massachusetts State House

Designed by Charles Bulfinch, the "new" State House was completed on January 11, 1798. Its golden dome was once made of wood, and later overlaid with copper by Paul Revere. It was covered with 23-karat gold leaf for the first time in 1874. The land for the State House was originally used as John Hancock's cow pasture. Today, the State House is one of the oldest buildings on Beacon Hill, and its grounds cover 6.7 acres of land. It is under the golden dome that senators, state representatives, and the governor conduct the daily business of the Commonwealth.





Massachusetts State House – Beacon Street  
Office of William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, State House Tours Division  
Mondays – Fridays, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Closed on weekends and holidays  
617-727-3676 • sec.state.ma.us/trs



## Park Street Church

The 217-foot steeple of this church was once the first landmark travelers saw when approaching Boston. Its lofty architecture, designed by Peter Banner, reflects an even loftier mission of human rights and social justice. Prison reform began in this church, women's suffrage was strongly supported here, and some of the first and most impassioned protests against slavery were delivered inside these hallowed walls. This church was founded in 1809. The site of Park Street Church

is known as "Brimstone Corner," perhaps because the church building once housed brimstone (a component of gun power) in its basement during the War of 1812. Or maybe it's because old-school ministers delivered many "hell-fire and brimstone" sermons here. "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)," by Samuel Francis Smith, was first sung at Park Street Church on July 4, 1831. Many important organizations were founded here, including the Boston Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Animal Rescue League of Boston, Handel and Haydn Society, and National Association of Evangelicals.  

Park Street Church – Corner of Park and Tremont Streets  
Late June – August, Thursdays – Saturdays, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm  
Worship services: Sundays, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm  
Closed: Wedding ceremonies  
617-523-3383 • [parkstreet.org](http://parkstreet.org)



## Granary Burying Ground

Some of America's most notable citizens rest here. An elaborately embellished obelisk marks the site of John Hancock's tomb. Benjamin Franklin's parents, along with

Revolutionary heroes such as Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, James Otis, all five of the Boston Massacre victims, and Peter Faneuil are also buried here. There is a discrepancy between the number of headstones and people buried in the Granary. Although there are only 2,345 markers, it is estimated that at least 5,000 people are buried here. Over 400 children have been buried in the Infant's Tomb. Since headstones were expensive it was common to put several members of one family under one headstone with one name on it. There may be several possible explanations why groundskeepers arranged the stones in neat rows: to facilitate maintenance, shape the grounds more into a mold of the new "trendy" garden-style cemetery, or encourage people to stroll in the site instead of having sheep grazing on the "unorganized," old-looking burying ground.




Granary Burying Ground – Tremont Street  
Daily, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
617-635-4505 • [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks)

## King's Chapel & Burying Ground

Founded as New England's first Anglican Church in 1686, King's Chapel offers visitors more than 330 years of history through self-guided exploration, guided tours, talks, and special programs. From the earliest English arrivals, through the Revolution and the



story of slavery in Boston, to the present day, King's Chapel explores the roles of religion, tolerance, and justice in American history. The 1754 Stone Chapel, on the site of the original 1688 wooden chapel, is considered the finest example of Georgian Neoclassical architecture in North America. It contains original box pews, a 1717 wineglass pulpit, an 1816 Paul Revere bell that still rings today, a "Governor's Pew" where George Washington sat, and one of the few colonial crypts in the United States. Its congregation experienced many events of the Revolutionary War first-hand. After the Revolution, King's Chapel became, under the ministry of James Freeman, the country's first Christian Unitarian Church, still active today. 

King's Chapel – Corner of Tremont and School Streets


May – September, Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

October – March, Fridays – Saturdays, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Worship services: Sundays, 11:00am, live and streaming/Zoom

(Sundays 9:00 am, Parish House Chapel, 64 Beacon Street)

617-227-2155 • [kings-chapel.org](http://kings-chapel.org)


**King's Chapel Burying Ground** was the only burying place for nearly 30 years in Boston proper. John Winthrop, Massachusetts' first governor, and Mary Chilton, the first woman to step off the *Mayflower*, are buried here. Joseph Tapping's stone in the front of the burying ground (a skeleton and Father Time battling over the eventuality of death) may be Boston's most beautiful headstone! 

King's Chapel Burying Ground – Tremont Street

Daily, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

617-635-4505 • [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks)

## Boston Latin School Site / Benjamin Franklin Statue

America's first public school offered instruction to boys – rich or poor – free of charge; girls were limited to what they were taught at home. The boys-only tradition finally ended in 1972 when girls were permitted to attend Boston Latin. It is fabled that on April 19, 1775, word of shots fired in Lexington circulated rapidly throughout Boston with, "Close your books. School's done, and war's begun!" A mosaic marks the spot where the school once stood, and where one of its most famous students, Benjamin Franklin, attended classes not long before he dropped out of school. Boston Latin School is still in operation in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston. 

Benjamin Franklin Statue/Boston Latin School – School Street

617-635-3911 • [boston.gov](http://boston.gov)

## Old Corner Bookstore

Constructed in 1718, the Old Corner Bookstore is downtown Boston's oldest commercial building. Over its 300-year existence, the building has been a residence, an apothecary, a cigar emporium, a tailor's shop, and a pizza parlor. However, it is most renowned for its place in American literary history,



as home to the 19<sup>th</sup>-century publishing giant Ticknor and Fields. From 1832 until 1865, Ticknor and Fields produced dozens of great American authors and their works, including Thoreau's *Walden*, Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poetry, including the *Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*, and *The Atlantic Monthly* in which many notable works, such as Julie Ward Howe's *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, were first released. Local leaders formed Historic Boston Inc. in 1960 to purchase and save the building from planned demolition. Today, the building continues as a place of commerce, and proceeds from its leases help Historic Boston restore similar buildings throughout Boston.

Old Corner Bookstore – 3 School Street  
617-442-1859 • [historicboston.org](http://historicboston.org)



## Old South Meeting House

“The Body of the People” in Boston: Built in 1729 as a Puritan house of worship, the Old South Meeting House was the largest building in colonial Boston. Its size and central location made it the site of the most dramatic and stirring mass meetings leading to the American Revolution, from outraged protests following the Boston Massacre to

the night of December 16, 1773, when 5,000 colonists, a third of the population of Boston, gathered here to protest British policies. When compromise failed, the Sons of Liberty marched down to Griffin's Wharf to dump 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor. As a church, Old South Meeting House was the spiritual home to Bostonians from all walks of life, from political leaders like Samuel Adams to artists like Phillis Wheatley, an enslaved poet who became the first African-American woman to publish a book of poetry. Today, it continues its legacy of the free exchange of ideas as one of the historical sites under the care of Revolutionary Spaces, presenting exhibits, tours, panels, and performances that connect people to our shared history.



Old South Meeting House – Museum and Historic Site – 310 Washington Street  
Daily, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Day  
Admission fee (includes Old State House)  
617-720-1713 • [RevolutionarySpaces.org](http://RevolutionarySpaces.org)





## Old State House

Seat of Power in Colonial Boston: Built in 1713, the Old State House was where the royal Governor and his advisers served as direct representatives of the King's rule. In the years leading to the Revolution, the building was the center for passionate debate, as Boston patriots including Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and James Otis, Jr. fomented the spirit of rebellion and asked the essential questions of

self-government that we still grapple with today. In 1770, directly outside the Old State House, soldiers opened fire on a crowd of unarmed protesters in the incident known as the Boston Massacre, and when the people of Boston first heard the Declaration of Independence in July of 1776, it was read from the Old State House balcony. After the Revolution, the ideals of that document were tested here as women, indigenous people, African-Americans, and propertyless citizens petitioned for their rights in the face of disenfranchisement. Today the Old State House is one of the sites under the care of Revolutionary Spaces, and presents exhibits, tours, panels, and performances that invite all people to join in the fundamental debates at the heart of American life.

Old State House – Museum and Historic Site – 206 Washington Street

Daily, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm


Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Day

Admission fee (includes Old South Meeting House)

617-720-1713 • RevolutionarySpaces.org



## Boston Massacre Site

On March 5, 1770, at this site, a deadly skirmish erupted between nine British "redcoats" and a large crowd of Boston residents. Angry over the town's occupation by British forces, local toughs threw snowballs, rocks, and hard words at a lone sentry outside the nearby Custom House. The sentry was reinforced, the crowd became a mob, and the soldiers opened fire, fatally wounding five Bostonians. What British officials called the "Unhappy Disturbance at Boston," Paul Revere labeled a "bloody massacre." His widely circulated illustration of the event was a model of propaganda and did much to stir up anti-British sentiment in the colonies. The British soldiers were tried for murder and were defended by John Adams, a young Boston lawyer who was as loyal to the idea of justice as he was to the Patriot cause. 





Boston Massacre Site – Corner of State and Congress Streets

617-635-3911 • boston.gov



## Faneuil Hall

Often referred to as “the home of free speech” and “the Cradle of Liberty,” Faneuil Hall was one of America’s first public meeting venues. Built by wealthy merchant Peter Faneuil in 1741, this imposing structure is the place where the citizens of Boston proclaimed their dissent against Royal oppression. Faneuil Hall has served as an open forum meeting hall and marketplace for more than 270 years and has continued

to provide a platform for debate on the most consequential issues of the day. The first floor served as a marketplace for the local townspeople to sell their goods. Today, Boston National Historical Park operates the Faneuil Hall Visitor Center and the City of Boston holds naturalization ceremonies in the Great Hall on the second floor. Explore the Great Hall where Bostonians protested the taxation policies of the British Empire and set the doctrine of “no taxation without representation” through talks and living history programs where visitors join in the debate.  

Faneuil Hall – Boston National Historical Park

Mondays – Saturdays, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm; Sundays, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day




Group tours 617-242-5689

617-242-5642 • [nps.gov/bost](http://nps.gov/bost) • [boston.gov](http://boston.gov)

## Paul Revere House

Built around 1680, the Paul Revere House is the oldest remaining structure in downtown Boston and is the only official Freedom Trail historic site that is a home. Paul Revere purchased this former merchant’s dwelling in 1770, when he was



35 years old. He and his family lived here when Revere made his famous messenger ride on the night of April 18 – 19, 1775. For most of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century, the home served as a rooming house and tenement for some of the thousands of Irish, Jewish, and Italian immigrants who lived in the North End. Restored in the early 20<sup>th</sup>-century and opened to the public in April 1908, the Paul Revere House today serves as a museum and historic site where visitors can learn about Paul Revere’s life and times, and experience what home life was like in 17<sup>th</sup>- and 18<sup>th</sup>- century Boston.   

Paul Revere House – 19 North Square

April 15 – October 31, Daily, 10:00 am – 5:15 pm;

November 1 – April 14, Daily, 10:00 am – 4:15 pm

Closed: Mondays during January – March, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day

Admission fee

617-523-2338 • [paulreverehouse.org](http://paulreverehouse.org)

## Old North Church

“One if by land, and two if by sea”! With two lights shining from its steeple on April 18, 1775, Old North Church lit the way for the American Revolution. This signal, arranged by Paul Revere, launched a network of riders, including Revere, on a mission to warn people the British troops had begun their march to Concord and Lexington. These events were later immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow’s poem, “Paul Revere’s Ride,” and have become an enduring example of active citizenship. Explore Old North’s unique box pews, 17<sup>th</sup>-century angels and their connection to privateering, and stories of the early congregants and free and enslaved Black parishioners. Tour the 1723 church – the oldest in Boston – and its crypt, a powerful war memorial, the gift shop in the former St. Francis Chapel, as well as the historic Clough House – Boston’s second oldest brick building. The Printing Office of Edes & Gill, housed in the Clough House, offers live demonstrations of colonial printing alongside a shop dedicated to artisanal New England-made products.



Old North Church & Historic Site – 193 Salem Street  
April 1 – November 30, Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sundays, after Church service  
Visit website for December – March, holidays,  
and Sundays’ visiting hours and worship information  
Closed: Tuesdays during January – February, Thanksgiving, Christmas  
Admission fee. Worship service free.  
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com



## Copp’s Hill Burying Ground

Copp’s Hill Burying Ground is the final resting place of merchants, artisans, and craftspeople who lived in the North End. Some notables buried in Copp’s Hill are fire and brimstone preachers Cotton and Increase Mather, Old North Church sexton Robert Newman - the man who hung the lanterns on the night of Paul Revere’s ride, and countless free African-Americans buried in a potter’s field on the Charter Street side of the site. Because of its height and panoramic vistas, the British used this vantage point to train their cannons on Charlestown during the Battle of Bunker Hill. The epitaph on Captain Daniel Malcolm’s tombstone at Copp’s Hill is riddled with the marks of vengeful British bullets.



Copp’s Hill Burying Ground – Hull Street  
Daily, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
617-635-4505 • boston.gov/parks

# USS Constitution “Old Ironsides”



Launched in Boston in 1797, America’s Ship of State earned her nickname “Old Ironsides” during the War of 1812 when she fought the British frigate HMS *Guerriere*. During the historic battle, cannonballs fired at her appeared to bounce off, causing a *Constitution* sailor to exclaim ‘Huzzah! It’s as if her sides are made of iron!’, to which Captain Isaac Hull responded, ‘Ironsides, aye.’ In fact, the hull of *Constitution* is constructed of a three-layer wooden sandwich comprised of live oak and white oak. Today, 222 years later, she is still a commissioned United States Navy warship with a crew of naval officers and enlisted personnel, and is open to the public for on-board visits.

USS *Constitution* – Charlestown Navy Yard

November – March, Wednesdays – Sundays, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm;

April, Wednesdays – Sundays, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm;

May – October, Daily (closed Mondays), 10:00 am – 6:00 pm;

Saluting battery firing: Daily, 8:00 am & Sunset (observed from Charlestown Navy Yard)

Guests ages 18+ must have a federal or state-issued photo I.D. or passport to board ship

Open: Presidents Day, Patriots’ Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans’ Day


Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day

617-593-2025 • [navy.mil/local/constitution](http://navy.mil/local/constitution)

## USS Constitution Museum

brings “Old Ironsides” and her history alive through award-winning interactive exhibits and hands-on programs for all ages. Design a ship, furl a sail, and fire a cannon. Experience the life of a sailor in 1812, meet real sailors from USS *Constitution* through



the multimedia Today’s Crew exhibit, explore rare artifacts from the Ship’s history, and enjoy daily staff-led programs. 

USS Constitution Museum – Charlestown Navy Yard

April 1 – October 31, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; November 1 – March 31, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day



Admission by donation

617-426-1812 • [usscm.org](http://usscm.org)



# Bunker Hill Monument



“Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes!” This legendary order, believed to have been uttered at the battle, has come to immortalize the determination of the ill-equipped Colonists facing the powerful British Army during the famous battle fought on this site on June 17, 1775. The Battle of Bunker Hill marks one of the first times Colonial forces held their own against the British army. Today a 221-foot granite obelisk denotes the site of the first major battle of the American Revolution. Located across the street, the Bunker Hill Museum’s exhibits and dioramas tell the stories of the battle and the monument.  

Bunker Hill Monument & Museum – 43 Monument Square, Charlestown  
Museum: Wednesdays – Sundays, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Monument: Visit website for current hours of operations  
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day  
Group tours: 617-242-5689 or [bost\\_rsvp@nps.gov](mailto:bost_rsvp@nps.gov)  
617-242-7275 • [nps.gov/bost](http://nps.gov/bost)





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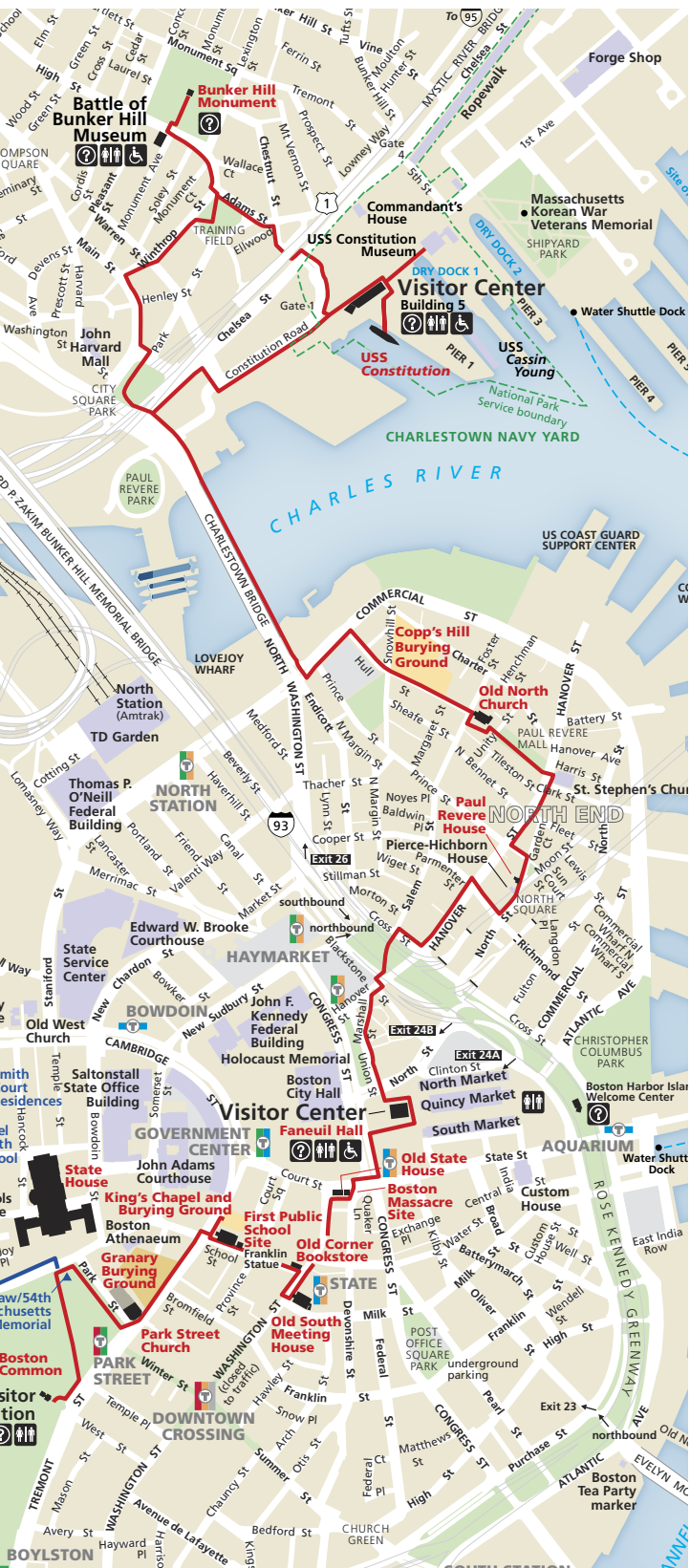


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# Ongoing Tours & Programs

Dates and times subject to change. All tours and programs are available for groups.

\* Indicates official Freedom Trail historic site.

## **Freedom Trail Foundation**

Walking tours of the Freedom Trail® with 18<sup>th</sup>-century costumed guides for individuals, groups, and schools. Tickets available at various locations and online. Times & locations vary (see page 20). 617-357-8300 • TheFreedomTrail.org

## **Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co. Museum & Armory**

Celebrating over 380 years!  
Exhibits, tours & programming  
Wednesdays–Fridays, 11am–3pm  
Faneuil Hall (4th Floor), Boston  
617-227-1638 • ahac.us.com

## **Commonwealth Museum**

Interactive exhibits & programming  
Mondays–Fridays, 9am–5pm  
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester  
617-727-9268 • commonwealthmuseum.org

## **King's Chapel\***

Exhibits, activities, events & concerts  
Guided tours: Daily, hourly  
“Till Death Us Do Part” Valentine Crypt  
Tours, February, Dates & times vary:  
Halloween Crypt Tours,  
October, Dates & times vary  
Concerts: Tuesdays, 12:15pm;  
Select Sundays, 5pm  
history@kings-chapel.org

## **Massachusetts Historical Society**

Seminars & lectures: Times vary  
1154 Boylston Street, Boston  
617-536-1608 • masshist.org

## **Massachusetts State House\***

Celebrating over 150 years!  
Mondays–Fridays, 9am–5pm  
Tours: Mondays–Fridays, 10am–3:30pm  
Please call in advance to schedule a tour  
617-727-3676 • sec.state.ma.us/trs

## **Museum of African American History – African Meeting House & Abiel Smith School**

Exhibits, talks, tours & programs  
Tuesdays–Saturdays, 10am–4pm  
Visit website for summer hours, seasonal  
Black Heritage® Trail tours, group  
reservations & more  
46 Joy Street, Boston  
617-725-0022 • maah.org

## **Old North Church\***

Crypt tours, gallery tours, live Colonial  
printing demonstrations, and digital  
speakers series, Times vary; Worship  
services, Sundays  
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

## **Old South Meeting House & Old State House\***

Tours include two-site admission.  
Boston History Tours, June–August,  
Daily, 10:30am & 2:30pm; September,  
Fridays–Sundays, 10:30am & 2:30pm,  
Mondays–Thursdays, 10:30am. Massacre  
& Memory Tours, June & September,  
Fridays–Sundays, 12:30pm;  
July –August, Daily, 12:30pm  
617-720-1713 • RevolutionarySpaces.org

## **Paul Revere House\***

Self-guided tours & special events  
Groups by reservation  
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

## **USS Cassin Young – National Park Service**

Open for on-board main deck visits  
Visit website for current programs  
information  
Charlestown Navy Yard  
617-242-5601  
nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm

## **USS Constitution\***

Open for free visits and tours  
Government ID Required for visitors over 18.  
Winter Season:  
Wednesday–Sunday, 10am–4pm  
Summer:  
Season Tuesday–Sunday 10am–6pm;  
Saluting battery fires (view from  
Constitution Wharf):  
Daily, 8:00 a.m. and sunset  
617-799-8198 • navy.mil/uss-constitution

## **USS Constitution Museum**

“Old Ironsides” War of 1812 Discovery  
Center, All Hands on Deck: A Sailor’s Life in  
1812, and Forest to Frigate  
Daily gallery programs  
April 1–October 31, 9am–6pm;  
November 1–March 31, 10am–5pm  
Admission by donation  
617-426-1812 • usscm.org



## National Park Service – Boston National Historical Park

### Faneuil Hall\* Visitor Center

The Great Hall, Wednesdays–Sundays,  
11am–4pm  
Visit website for current programs  
information

617-242-5642

[nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm](http://nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm)

### Ranger-led Black Heritage Trail® Tours

Wednesdays–Sundays, 10am & 2:30pm  
Reservations on Eventbrite required  
Visit for current programs information

617-742-5415

[nps.gov/boaf/planyourvisit/boaf-know-before-you-go.htm](http://nps.gov/boaf/planyourvisit/boaf-know-before-you-go.htm)

### Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center

Exhibits, orientation film & information  
Tuesdays–Sundays, 10am–5pm  
Visit website for current programs  
information

617-242-5601

[nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm](http://nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm)

### Bunker Hill Monument\* & Museum

Wednesdays–Sundays, 10am–5pm  
Visit website for current programs  
information

617-242-7275

[nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm](http://nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm)



[Bostonharborfest.com](http://Bostonharborfest.com)

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# Events/Celebrations

Special events and celebrations are held throughout the year. The following is a list, however more anniversaries and celebrations are celebrated on the Freedom Trail.

## **Black History Month – February**

## **Presidents’ Day – February School Vacation Week**

## **Women’s History Month – March**

## **Boston Massacre – March 5**

## **Evacuation Day Anniversary – March 17**

## **Patriots Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April & April School Vacation Week**

Celebrations, re-enactments including Paul Revere’s Ride (Monday), Boston Marathon and more. April school vacation week activities at select historic sites.

## **Preservation Month – May**

## **Freedom Trail Anniversary June 11 (Established 1951)**

## **Bunker Hill Day – June 17**

## **Juneteenth – June 19**

## **Harborfest & Independence Day – July 4**

Commemoration and parade, readings, USS Constitution underway, and more.

## **Holidays Celebrations – late November – December**

## **Boston Tea Party Anniversary – December 16**



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# Walking Tours

## Freedom Trail Foundation Tours

Official Freedom Trail® walking tours – led by 18<sup>th</sup>-century costumed Freedom Trail Players® – are offered as 90-minute public tours and group tours for families, organizations, businesses and schools of any size. Public tour tickets are available at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center and Old Town Trolley booths, or online at [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org) \$16 adults, \$14 seniors/students, \$8 children unless otherwise noted. Group groups tours may be reserved by calling 617-357-8300.

Tour times and pricing are subject to change.

Visit [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org) for current tours schedule.

### Walk Into History® Tours



Highlights history that took place at official Freedom Trail historic sites.

Departs: Boston

Common Visitor Information Center, April–November, Daily, 11am–3pm (every hour on the hour), and Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth, May–October, Daily, 10:30am–2:30pm (every hour on the ½ hour)

### African-American Patriots® Tours

History comes alive along this tour featuring the contributions and tales of African-American Bostonians who played a significant role in the Revolution and beyond. Departs: Boston Common Visitor Information Center, February, select Saturdays–Sundays, 12:45 pm



### Revolutionary Women Tours

Explore four centuries of Revolutionary women who changed history and shaped America. Departs: Boston Common



Visitor Information Center, March, select Saturdays–Sundays, 12:45pm

### Lantern Tours

Experience the Freedom Trail® after dark on the new lantern-lit tour and hear the historic tales too dark and macabre for day-time! Fatal duels, witch hangings, scandalous murders, brutal beatings, and other true stories. Departs: Boston Common Visitor Information Center, September–October, select Thursdays–Saturdays, 7:00pm



### Historic Holiday Strolls

Stroll through history of Christmas and the holidays in Boston, from the viewpoint of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century Dickensian guide. Includes Freedom Trail sites' shop discounts and signature beverages and Boston cream pie at the Omni Parker House Hotel. Reservations required – \$29 adults; \$19 children. Departs: Boston Common Visitor Information Center, November–January, select Fridays & Saturdays, 3:30pm



### Historic Pub Crawls

Enjoy a tour of four 18<sup>th</sup>-century historic taverns and pubs that played a major role in 'fermenting' revolution. Refreshments included at local taverns and pubs. Departs: Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth. Available Mondays–Thursdays for group tours by reservation.



### Pirates & Patriots® Tours

Experience the stories and struggles of the men and women who lived and worked in America's largest port city, and actions they took to create a new nation. Skullduggery in Boston's busy harbor! Available for group tours by reservation.



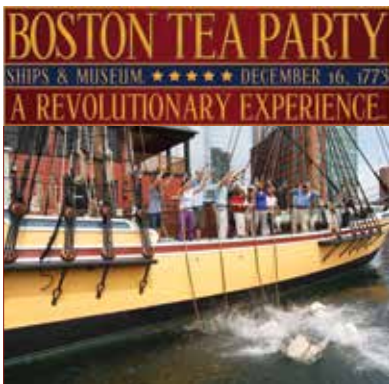
# Steps Off the Trail

## **Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum**

The Boston Tea Party, “the single most important event leading up to the American Revolution,” occurred the night of December 16, 1773. Step inside the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum for an incredible journey back in time, where you become part of that fateful night. Actors in period clothing, high-tech interactive exhibits, authentically restored 18<sup>th</sup>-century cargo ships and a stirring multi-sensory film are just a taste of what you will see, feel and hear on our floating museum overlooking Boston Harbor.

\$31.95 adults; \$23.95 children 5-12; free-children under 4

Visit [bostonteatartyship.com](http://bostonteatartyship.com) or call 617-338-1773 • 306 Congress Street



## **Museum of African American History**

Walk in the footsteps of Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Maria Stewart, and all the black and white abolitionist giants who rallied for freedom and equality across the nation from the Colonial period through the 19<sup>th</sup>-century. Experience the beautifully



restored African Meeting House, built by free black craftsmen in 1806 and the oldest black church still standing in the United States. Explore the Abiel Smith School, the oldest public school building for African-American students, now featuring galleries of rotating exhibits, a museum gift store, and hourly tours led by interpretive rangers of

the National Park Service, Boston African-American National Historic Site. The Museum welcomes visitors from around the world to the nation's most important African-American National Historic Landmarks to hear incredible stories of organized free black communities, and experience Park Ranger-led Black Heritage Trail® tours.

For more information about the Boston and Nantucket campuses, visit [maah.org](http://maah.org) or call 617-725-0022 • 46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill

# Along the Trail

## **Ride through Boston with Old Town Trolley & Walk Into History® Tours**

Take an Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston! Hop on/off and immerse yourself in history with the best views of the iconic Freedom Trail. Join in on a brand new 90-minute evening Summer Nights Trolley Tour as the sun sets over the Charles River and the nighttime comes to life. Joint tickets for Trolley tours and Freedom Trail Foundation-led walking tours available at all Old Town Trolley ticket outlets.

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# News & Technology!

## Freedom Trail Website & Store

In celebration of the Freedom Trail's anniversary on June 11, the Freedom Foundation has launched a new website and store. This online platform welcomes people to the City of Boston, Freedom Trail, 16 official Freedom Trail historic sites, and beyond. The modern, responsive, branded-destination website offers an easy to use experience and tool for users at home and on the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail store offers one of a kind souvenirs, books such as the *Freedom Trail Guide*

and *A Kid's Guide to the Freedom Trail*, in addition to other student-friendly and grownup-intriguing books and items. Visit [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org) or call 617-357-8300.



## Preserving the Freedom Trail



The Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund was established in 2009 to help support preservation, rehabilitation, restoration and capital projects for the 16 official Freedom Trail historic sites. Since its inception, the Preservation Fund has awarded \$525,000 to assist official Freedom Trail historic sites with their extensive independent fundraising efforts for necessary restoration and maintenance projects to help preserve Boston's treasures. King's Chapel Burying Ground's landscaping improvements restoration, Old South Meeting House's energy efficiency climate control system, Old State House's south façade and energy efficiency, and Paul Revere House's masonry and exterior façade and electrical upgrade projects were recently completed. More restoration and preservation projects are underway!

## Hear History: Audio Guide of the Freedom Trail!

Walk on your own and listen to the stories of the Revolution with the Freedom Trail Foundation's MP3 player audio guide. The 3-hour self-guided tour presents the 16 official Freedom Trail sites, with ambient sounds and music of the times. Download or purchase it to brush up on American Revolutionary history and beyond, for your visit to the Freedom Trail, or as a souvenir! Available online at [TheFreedomTrail.org](http://TheFreedomTrail.org).



# Freedom Trail Hotel Packages

## Create Your Own Freedom Trail Get Away

Take in the tales of Revolutionary heroes while creating a great getaway in Boston, America's Walking City.

### Fairmont Copley Plaza

138 St. James Ave., Boston 02116

617-267-5300

Boston's iconic Fairmont Copley Plaza hotel celebrates the city's rich history with its Freedom Trail Discovery offer. The package includes a one night stay in an elegant guestroom and a copy of The Freedom Trail: An Artists View. Rate: Varies • [www.fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston/offers/freedom-trail-discovery/](http://www.fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston/offers/freedom-trail-discovery/)



### Hilton Garden Inn Boston Brookline

700 Brookline Avenue, Brookline, MA 02466

877-782-9444

Enjoy the vast history of Boston through the Freedom Trail and America's oldest and most beloved ballpark, Fenway Park. The package includes upscale accommodations and a Walk Into History® Tour of the Freedom Trail with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player® (one ticket per adult guest). Experience fine service as well as the indoor pool, outdoor terrace and on-site restaurant. Steps from the Brookline Village T Stop which is just a few stops from Downtown Boston and one mile from Fenway Park. Rate: Starting at \$209 • [www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bosbrhw-homewood-suites-boston-brookline-longwood-medical](http://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bosbrhw-homewood-suites-boston-brookline-longwood-medical)



### The Revolution Hotel

40 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116

617-848-9200

This special Freedom Trail package includes modern accommodations for a two-night stay for two adults and one child, muffin and coffee or juice from KOHI Coffee Co. in the lobby, and tickets for Old Town Trolley, Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, and Walk Into History® Tour of the Freedom Trail with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player®. History awaits you at The Revolution Hotel and in Boston! Rate: Varies Call 617-848-9200 to reserve the package!



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Hours are subject to change due to inclement weather or emergencies. Most locations except the automated public toilets are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

## **\*\* Indicates Automatic Public Toilets (\$)**

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### **Boston Common Visitor Information Center**

139 Tremont Street  
Daily, 8:30am–4:45pm,

### **Boston Common Frog Pond**

Daily, 10am–6pm

### **Massachusetts State House**

23 Beacon Street  
Mondays–Fridays, 9am–5pm  
Closed: Massachusetts holidays

### **Park Street Church**

Corner of Park and Tremont Streets  
Late June–August, Thursdays–Saturdays,  
9:30am–3pm

### **Boston City Hall**

One City Hall Plaza  
Mondays–Fridays, 8:30am–5pm  
Closed: City of Boston holidays

### **City Hall Plaza, Congress St. \*\***

Congress Street across from Faneuil Hall

### **Faneuil Hall**

Wednesdays–Sundays, 11am–5pm

### **Long Wharf North, Christopher Columbus Park \*\***

2 Long Wharf

### **Central Wharf at New England Aquarium \*\***

206 Atlantic Avenue

### **Old North Church Gift Shop**

193 Salem Street  
April–November,  
Tuesdays–Saturdays, 10am–5pm  
For December–March, holidays and Sunday visiting hours, visit [oldnorth.com](http://oldnorth.com)  
Donation suggested

### **Commercial Street at Popuolo Park, North End \*\***

35 Commercial Street

### **Charlestown Navy Yard, National Park Service Visitor Information Center**

November–April,  
Wednesdays–Sundays, 10am–4:30pm  
May–October, Tuesdays–Sundays,  
10am–5pm

### **Charlestown Shipyard Park, Constitution Pier \*\***

197 Eighth Street

### **USS Constitution Museum**

Charlestown Navy Yard  
April 1–October 31, 9am–6pm  
November 1–March 31, 10am–5pm  
Donation suggested

### **Bunker Hill Monument & Museum**

43 Monument Square  
November–April,  
Wednesdays–Sundays, 10am–4:30pm  
May–October, Tuesdays–Sundays,  
10am–5pm



# Access Information

## Freedom Trail Accessible Routes

### **Boston Common Visitor Information Center to State House**

Travel up Tremont Street (toward Park Street MBTA Station), turn left onto Park Street, continue to Beacon Street, the State House is located on Beacon Street

### **Massachusetts State House accessible entry**

Ashburton Park entrance, Bowdoin Street: from Park Street, turn right on Beacon Street, turn left onto Bowdoin Street

### **Granary Burying Ground accessible entry**







From Massachusetts State House – Ashburton Park entrance – turn right onto Bowdoin Street, turn left on Beacon Street, take first right into the alley (across from Somerset Street), the accessible entrance to the Granary is located at the end of the alley

### **Paul Revere Mall to Old North Church**

From Paul Revere Mall at Unity Street, turn right on Unity Street, turn left on Charter Street, left on Salem Street to Old North Church

## Key

(Please see each site description for site-specific access information)

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|  | BATHROOMS   |
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