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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 18th-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** 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.

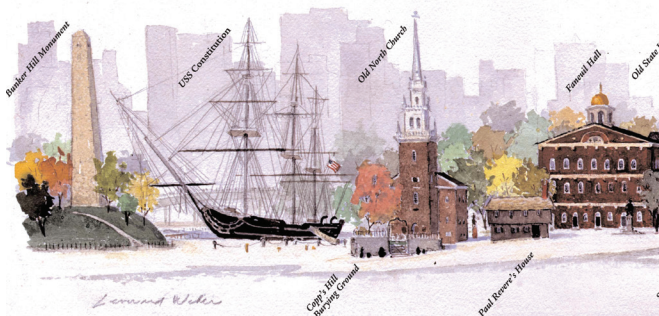
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Cover Image: Paul Revere House

For more information about the Paul Revere House, please see page 6.

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On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we welcome you to the Freedom Trail. As we begin our celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in Massachusetts, the Freedom

Trail offers the perfect portal to our rich and living history.

Since 1951, the Freedom Trail Foundation has meticulously preserved 16 significant sites, allowing millions to retrace the steps of the revolutionaries who shaped our nation. These two and a half miles of red brick are a true historical treasure, showcasing Boston's pivotal role in the fight for American independence. We invite you to explore these iconic landmarks, learn about the stories they hold, and discover how Massachusetts helped shape the course of history. Enjoy your exploration of the Freedom Trail!

Maura Healey, Governor of Massachusetts

Kim Driscoll, 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 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-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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Review the Trail



Freedom Trail Sites

Open Year-Round (please see descriptions for hours of operation, dates and times are subject to change). Please see page 12–13 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, 8:45 am – 5:00 pm
Closed on weekends and holidays
617-727-3676 • sec.state.ma.us/tours



Park Street Church

Founded as a beacon of Trinitarian congregationalism in a city swept by the Unitarian movement, Park Street Church was established in 1809 by 26 people, with an edifice designed by architect Peter Banner. The iconic 217-foot steeple was the tallest structure in the United States when it was completed. The site is known as “Brimstone Corner” because the basement housed gunpowder during the War of 1812. Here on July 4, 1829, William Lloyd Garrison gave his first major anti-slavery address. “America” (My Country ‘Tis of Thee)

was first sung here on July 4, 1831. The church commissioned the first missionaries to the Sandwich Islands in 1819, and today has missionaries serving all over the world. Organizations founded here include the Boston chapter of the NAACP, the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and the National Association of Evangelicals. Park Street continues to serve the people of Boston today, through ESL classes, outreach to refugees, and meals to our most vulnerable neighbors. After more than two centuries, this active church still preaches the same Trinitarian faith that animated its founding.  

Park Street Church — Corner of Park and Tremont Streets

July — August, Hours vary


Worship services: Sundays, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

617-523-3383 • 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

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

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

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

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 19th-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



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




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

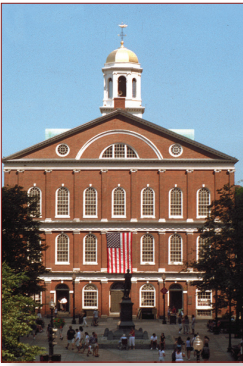
Boston Massacre Site

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. Opened 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, 10:00 am — 7:00 pm; Sundays, 10:00 am — 6:00 pm

Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day, Easter

Group tours 617-242-5689

617-242-5642 • nps.gov/bost • 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 19th-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 20th-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 17th- and 18th- 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

Old North Church

"One if by land, and two if by sea!" With two lanterns shining from its 191-foot steeple on April 18, 1775, Old North Church lit the way for the American Revolution – sending a coded warning from Paul Revere that British troops were headed to Lexington and Concord "by sea" across the Charles River and not by land. This momentous event ignited the American Revolution. Built in 1723, Old North Church (formally known as Christ Church) is Boston's oldest surviving church building. Experience its 300+ years of history and explore the bell chamber, where Revere rang bells as a teenager; the sanctuary's unique box pews; and a newly uncovered mural from the 18th century. Hear stories of Patriots, Loyalists, and free and enslaved Black congregants. See the historic crypt where 1,100 people were laid to rest and the Clough House – Boston's second oldest brick building – which is home to a free, family-friendly exhibit. 



Old North Church & Historic Site – 193 Salem Street
Mid-February – December, days and hours vary
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! 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, 227 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 free 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 the ship. Security screening required for all guests, no knives or weapons allowed.

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

Indigenous People’s Day, Veterans’ Day

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

617-593-2025 • 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 Navy 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



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
617-242-5641 • nps.gov/bost



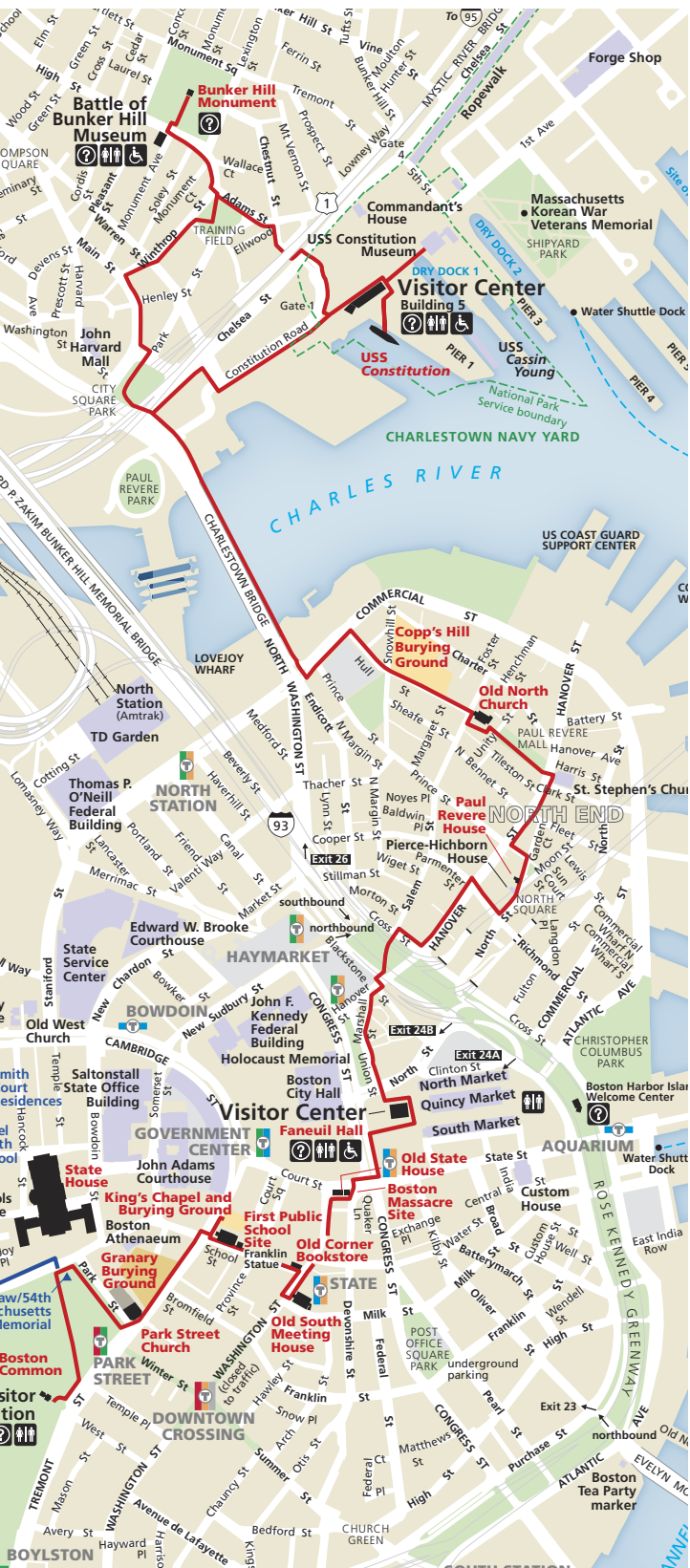
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Ongoing Tours & Programs

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 18th-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, 8:45am–5pm
Tours: Mondays–Fridays, 10am–3:30pm
Please call in advance to schedule a tour
617-727-3676 • sec.state.ma.us/tours

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

Exhibits, talks, tours & programs
Tuesdays–Sundays, 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, archeology
exhibit, scavenger hunts, audio tours, and
digital speakers series, Times vary; Worship
services, Sundays
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Old South Meeting House & Old State House*

Exhibits, gallery talks, Massacre & Memory
tours, Slavery & Resistance tours, and
Family Hours included with two-site
admission. Visit website for upcoming
public programs
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
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
617-593-2025 • navy.mil/uss-constitution

USS Constitution Museum

“Honor, Courage, Commitment” Navy
Exhibit, All Hands on Deck: A Sailor’s Life in
1812, and Forest to Frigate
Daily gallery programs
May 1–October 31, 9:30am–6pm;
November 1–March 31, 10am–5pm
Admission by donation
617-426-1812 • usscm.org

National Parks of Boston – Boston National Historical Park

Faneuil Hall* Visitor Center

The Great Hall, Wednesdays–Sundays,
10am–5pm
Visit website for current programs
nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm

Ranger-led Black Heritage Trail® Tours

Wednesdays–Sundays, Reservations on
Eventbrite required
Visit website for current programs
617-742-5415
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
617-242-5601
nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm

Bunker Hill Monument* & Museum

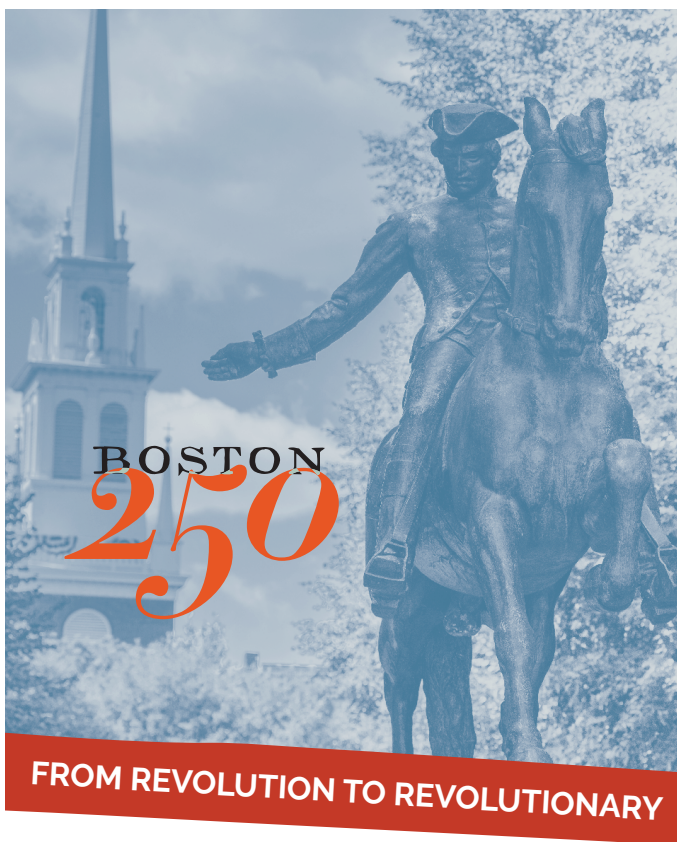
Wednesdays–Sundays, 10am–5pm
Visit website for current programs
617-242-5641
nps.gov/bost/bost-know-before-you-go.htm



Bostonharborfest.com

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Commemorate 250 Years of Courage and Revolution

Be a part of history and immerse yourself in the 250th anniversary commemorations across Boston and the Commonwealth — from Paul Revere's midnight ride and the Battle of Bunker Hill to Knox's Noble Train, Evacuation Day, and Independence Day. **Scan the QR code for 250th anniversary resources or visit boston.gov/250.**

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COMMEMORATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH – FEBRUARY

**PRESIDENTS' DAY – 3RD MONDAY IN FEBRUARY
& FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION WEEK**

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH

BOSTON MASSACRE ANNIVERSARY – MARCH 5

EVACUATION DAY ANNIVERSARY – MARCH 17

**PAUL REVERE MIDNIGHT RIDE ANNIVERSARY –
APRIL 18**

**PATRIOTS' DAY – 3RD MONDAY IN APRIL & APRIL
SCHOOL VACATION WEEK**

FREEDOM RALLY ANNIVERSARY – APRIL 25

PRESERVATION MONTH – MAY

**BATTLE OF CHELSEA CREEK (EAST BOSTON)
ANNIVERSARY – MAY 27**

FREEDOM TRAIL ANNIVERSARY – JUNE 11

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL ANNIVERSARY – JUNE 17

JUNETEENTH ANNIVERSARY – JUNE 19

**INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY &
HARBORFEST – JULY 4**

BOSTON TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY – DECEMBER 16

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Official Walking Tours

Freedom Trail Foundation Tours

Official Freedom Trail® walking tours — led by 18th-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, Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth, Samuel Adams Taproom Downtown Boston, and Old Town Trolley booths, or online at TheFreedomTrail.org \$17 adults, \$15 seniors/students, \$8 children unless otherwise noted. Group tours may be reserved by calling 617-357-8300.

Tour times and pricing are subject to change.

Visit 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, 10am–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

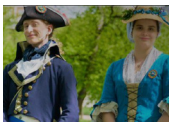


Explore four centuries of Revolutionary women who changed history and

shaped America. Departs: Boston Common Visitor Information Center, March, select Saturdays–Sundays, 12:45pm

NEW! Rainbow Revolutionaries Tours

Illuminate the lives, loves, and fights for liberty of Boston's LGBTQ+ community, and explore how queer individuals have been making history for centuries. Departs: Boston Common Visitor Information Center, June, select Saturdays–Sundays, 10:45pm



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, 6:00pm



Historic Holiday Strolls

Stroll through history of Christmas and the holidays in Boston, from the viewpoint of a 19th-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

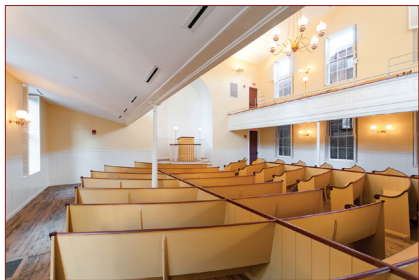
Enjoy a tour of four 18th-century historic taverns and pubs that played a major role in 'fermenting' revolution. Refreshments included at local taverns and pubs. Departs: Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth. Available Mondays–Thursdays for group tours by reservation.



Steps Off the Trail

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 19th-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.

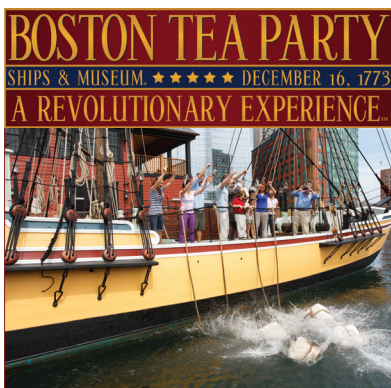
For more information about the Boston and Nantucket campuses, visit maah.org or call 617-725-0022 • 46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill

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 18th-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.

\$36 adults; \$26 children 5-12; free-children under 4

Visit bostonteapartyship.com or call 617-338-1773 • 306 Congress Street



Along the Trail

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

Take an Old Town Trolley Tour of Boston! Hop on/off and immerse yourself in history with the best views of the iconic Freedom Trail. Or, enjoy a fully-narrated, exclusive 2-hour Summer Nights Trolley Tour and Charles River Cruise, around Boston and



across the river as the sun sets on a private hour-long river cruise, finishing back on the trolley as the night life of Boston comes to life. Joint tickets for Trolley tours and Freedom Trail Foundation-led walking tours available at all Old Town Trolley ticket outlets.

617-269-7150 • TrolleyTours.com

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This little neighborhood bar was discovered by Producers from Hollywood in 1981 to be the inspiration for the setting of their new TV sitcom named *Cheers*

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(Across from the Public Garden)

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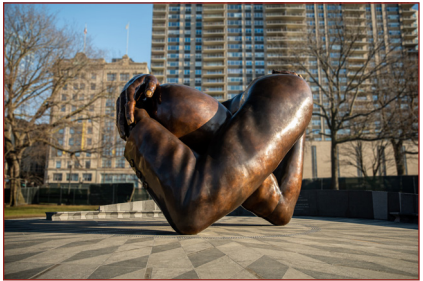


Preserving the Freedom Trail

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 over \$725,000 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 historic fence restoration, Old South Meeting House's Washington Street entrance restoration, Old State House's energy efficiency maintenance project, Paul Revere House's roof and attic preservation, and Old North Illuminated's crypt restoration were recently completed. More restoration and preservation projects are underway!

The Embrace

Boston Common's newly unveiled Embrace memorial is a permanent 20-foot tall by 40-foot-wide bronze monument, representing the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King's love and powerful presence in Boston — a time that helped shape their approach to an equitable society. It's surrounding Freedom Plaza



honors 65 local leaders who continued the couple's work paving the way for Civil Rights through the 50s, 60s and 70s. Learn more on the official memorial app (stories.embrace-boston.org). 139 Tremont Street (Boston, MA 02111) • embraceboston.org

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.



Freedom Trail Hotel Packages

Create Your Own Freedom Trail Get Away

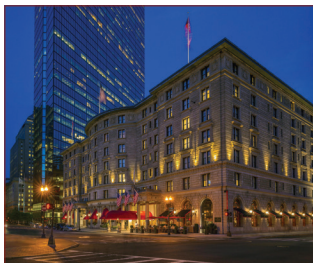
Take in the tales of Revolutionary heroes while creating a great getaway in Boston, America's Walking City.

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/



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



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!



Restrictions: Cannot be combined with any other offer, subject to availability, tax and gratuities not included, and some blackout dates may apply. Rates are based upon double occupancy, listed in US Dollars. Packages may be discontinued at any time..

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Public Restrooms

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. For additional restrooms information, visit boston.gov/departments/311/public-restrooms-city-boston

** Indicates Automatic Public Toilets (\$)

Fully-accessible, fully-automatic, state of the art, self-cleaning amenities available daily, 24 hours at \$.25 cents per 15 minutes (instructions for additional time options posted on unit front panel). If automatic public toilets are not functioning, please call the Mayor's hotline at 617-635-4500 to report the issue.

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, 8:45am–5pm
Closed: Massachusetts holidays

Park Street Church

Corner of Park and Tremont Streets
July–August, hours vary

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

Mondays–Saturdays, 10am–7pm
Sundays, 10am–6pm

Faneuil Hall Marketplace

4 S Market Street
Mondays–Saturdays, 10am–9pm
Sundays, 11am–7pm

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–Sundays, 10am–5pm
Donation suggested

Commercial Street at

Popuolo Park, North End **

35 Commercial Street

Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Information Center

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

Charlestown Shipyard Park, Constitution Pier **

197 Eighth Street

USS Constitution Museum

Charlestown Navy Yard
May–October, 9:30am–5pm
November–April, 10am–5pm
Donation suggested

Bunker Hill Museum

43 Monument Square
May–October, Tuesdays–Sundays,
1pm–5pm
November–April,
Wednesdays–Sundays, 1pm–4:30pm



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)

	WHEELCHAIR
	BATHROOMS
	LARGE PRINT
	ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICE
	BRAILLE
	SIGN LANGUAGE <i>(per request, two weeks in advance)</i>

Wheelchair rentals available:

Gary Drug Company
59 Charles Street, Beacon Hill • 617-227-0023

Boston Orthopedic & Respiratory Equipment
175 Main Street, Charlestown • 617-337-5133

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