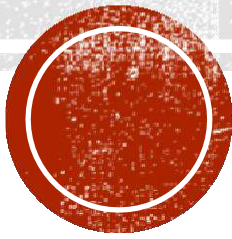




DISCOVER BOSTON

Created by ISCHO, May 2019
Revised by ISO, September 2019
Revised again by ISO, June 2021
Revised again by ISO, March 2022





TALK TO PERSON NEXT TO YOU

1. Introduce yourself

2. What activities have you already done in Boston that you recommend?

OR

3. What activities do you enjoy in general?





USE ISO WEBSITE AS RESOURCE

[“Life at MIT” website](#)

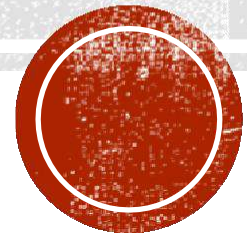
- Connect with student cultural groups
- Understand tipping in the US
- Learn about Cultural Adjustment
 - Americanisms
 - Idioms

[Transitioning to MIT](#) also includes info on Housing, Furniture, Weather, Groceries, Transportation, Banking ...and more!



5 IMPORTANT THINGS

1. Use your MIT ID to get into some museums for FREE!
2. Look for reduced-fee tickets at MITAC (MIT Activities Committee) for movies, museums, etc.
3. Use the MIT & your local public library system to check out FREE movies, books, & museum passes
4. Buy \$10 MBTA Commuter Rail weekend passes for unlimited travel outside Boston on Saturdays & Sundays
5. Follow thebostoncalendar.com for more ideas of cheap/fun things to do in Boston





DISCOVER THE MIT COMMUNITY





MITAC

MIT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The MIT Activities Committee ([MITAC](#)) offers discounted tickets to the MIT community for local arts and culture, sporting events, movies, & family activities. To purchase, you must have an MIT ID (you can buy multiple tickets). *Spouses/partners can also purchase if they have MIT ID.

Stata Center (32)

T-F, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.





Photo credit: MIT spouse and Partners

LANGUAGE CONVERSATION EXCHANGE

1. Find a conversation partner on the [website!](#)

2. [Find dates and times in our LCE Community Slack Space and by subscribing to our newsletter.](#)

3. OR come to an event to meet a language partner:

- Small group language meetups ([Link to interest Form here](#))
- Larger campus LCE events



Anyone who is affiliated with MIT can participate in the LCE to improve their language proficiency in English or another language
(Open to students, scholars/postdocs, faculty, staff, and spouses/partners)

Event sponsored by



all graduate students welcome

Photo credit: GSC

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC)

Subscribe to the weekly
GSCAnno newsletter for
upcoming events in the
summer/academic year:

<https://gsc.mit.edu/anno/>

The GSC exists to enhance the overall graduate experience at MIT by promoting the general welfare and concerns of the graduate student body, creating new programs and initiatives to provide opportunities for growth and interaction, and communicating with the MIT Administration and Faculty on behalf of graduate students.





Photo credit: MIT Spouse and Partners



Visit website for all info:
<https://spouses.mit.edu/>

There is something for everyone:

- Newcomers connect
 - Social Connect
 - Parent Connect
 - Career Connect

Upcoming Events

- 50th anniversary events!
- Weekly Wednesday Meetings
- English Conversation Group
- Monthly Crafternoons
- Career Connect events & consultations





Halloween@ISO; Photo credit: ISO

MIT



Website:

<https://iso.mit.edu/>

Upcoming Spring Events:

- Navigating MIT Series
- Celebrating American holidays
- Co-sponsor of LCE
- Co-sponsor of Empowerment Series
- Co-sponsor of career events



The International Students Office (ISO) assists students in maintaining their legal status in the United States, provides support for their dependents, & promotes interaction with and integration into the MIT community.

Weekly [e-newsletters](#) are sent out with info about events & important immigration reminders. You are automatically subscribed when you start your program at MIT.

Introducing the Clothing Cube!



As part of the Women's League's ongoing commitment to support our student community, we're proud to announce the opening of the Clothing Cube! A spin-off from the ever-popular Fall Fashion Free-For-All, we now have a dedicated space on campus for students in need to stop by, year-round, if they need warm clothes or an interview-appropriate outfit, free of charge. We've partnered with **Career Advising & Professional Development, Class, Awareness, Support & Equality, the First Generation Program, the International Students Office** and **Student Support Services** to help get the word out. If you or someone you know would benefit from a trip to our free closet, ask for a referral from one of these departments.

Thank you to **Mary DesPrez, Noreen Hagerty-Ford, Elaine Kweicien, Sis de Bordenave** and **Kate Baty** and for getting the Cube up and running!

We can't do this without you! We're always looking for donations for the Clothing Cube and the FFFFA - particularly warm clothes and interview-ready threads in smaller sizes. Email wleague@mit.edu for more information.

Chorale Spring Concerts

The MIT Women's Chorale will hold its spring concert on May 11, our last concert under the baton of our inspired and inspiring Music Director, Kevin Galiè. Sadly, Mr. Galiè will be leaving the Chorale after 11 years with us, and he will be sorely missed. Our main work will be the beautiful Stabat Mater of the 18th century Maltese/Neapolitan composer, Girolamo Abos, with string ensemble and organ. The program will also include three French opera choruses, and an example of Gregorian chant.

Our main concert will take place at on May 11th at 5pm at Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Ave.,



Both events are free and open to the public. Parking suggestions will be posted on our website:

WOMEN'S LEAGUE A CENTER OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

<http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/>

Upcoming events:

- English Conversation Classes
- Book Discussions
- Fiber Crafts Group
- Speaker Series

Download a PDF of our latest newsletter, "In League"

There are ways to:

- MEET people you may not otherwise meet
 - LEARN something new
- HELP one another and the community
- DISCOVER ways to make a difference
 - SERVE on a committee or board
 - LEAD an interest group or project
 - EXPLORE ideas
- PARTICIPATE in a variety of programs



MIT GYM RECREATION

MIT Employee

Workout closer to where you get your work done for maximum efficiency. You will gain access to the benefits of a world-class facility, convenient services and discounted classes without traveling too far. Explore health insurance reimbursement opportunities through most health care plans for potential rebates.

Postdoc Fellows with an "Affiliate" ID require a certification letter to qualify. Please complete the [letter request form](#) and a representative will contact you.

*All 12 Month Faculty/Staff and Faculty/Staff Family memberships automatically renew at the end of the membership term.

	Term (months)	Monthly Dues
Individual	12	\$41.92
	6	\$55.17
Family	12	\$65.83
	6	\$87.17



Photo credit: <http://www.mitrecsports.com>

Check the website for up-to-date pricing:
<http://www.mitrecsports.com/join/memberships/>



MIT LIBRARIES

SAVING THE WORLD, BIT BY BIT.

Use your MIT ID to check out free books & movies.

Enjoy listening to music at the Lewis Music Library.

HAYDEN LIBRARY:
Humanities & Sciences

BARKER LIBRARY: Engineering



LEWIS MUSIC LIBRARY

ROTCH LIBRARY:
Architecture &
Planning

Photo credit: <http://news.mit.edu>

DEWEY LIBRARY:
Management & Social Sciences

**INSTITUTE ARCHIVES
& SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS**





EDX & LINKEDIN LEARNING

Take free or discounted courses with Kerberos ID.

[EdX](#)

[LinkedIn Learning](#)



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Upper-Intermediate English: Technology Today

Current
Self-Paced



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UPValenciaX
Upper-Intermediate English: Globalization

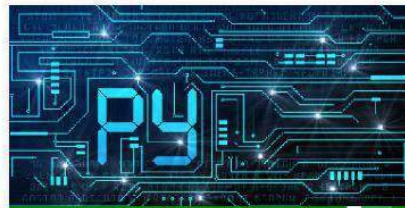
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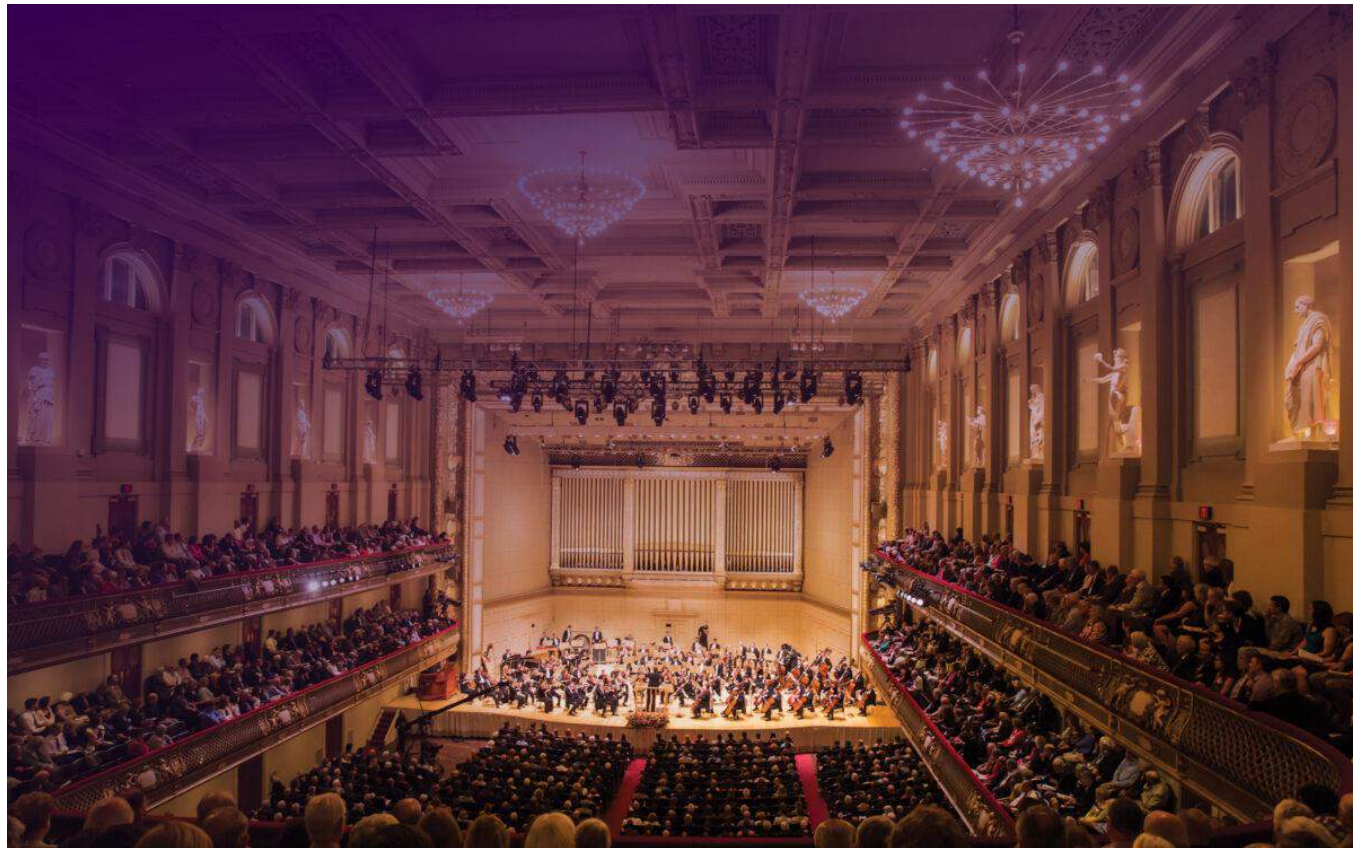


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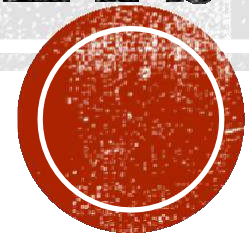
Boston Symphony Orchestra Discounts

Subsidized \$5 [BSO College Cards](#) are now available for MIT students! This program is supported by the Bobko BSO Ticket Fund. With a BSO College Card, students can reserve **free** tickets to Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts each week during the entire season.





DISCOVER INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Russian/Eastern
European Food:

BAZAAR onCAMBRIDGE

424 Cambridge St.
Allston, MA 02134





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Indian Food:

India Market

315 Moody St.

Waltham, MA 02453

Make sure to check out the
food court in the basement!





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Hispanic, Caribbean &
African Food:

Tropical Foods (El Platanero)

450 Melnea Cass Blvd,
Roxbury, MA 02119





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Asian Food:

H-Mart

581 Mass Ave
Cambridge, MA

&

3 Old Concord Rd,
Burlington, MA





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Asian Food:

Super 88 Market

1095 Commonwealth Ave,
Boston, MA 02215-1022

&

188 Commercial St,
Malden, MA 02148





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Asian Food:

Jia Ho Market

692 Washington St,
Boston, MA 02111





WEBSITE: <https://www.boston-discovery-guide.com/haymarket-boston.html>

HAYMARKET

Affordable produce & other groceries

Hours: Fridays & Saturdays, 8 AM to 5 PM

**Bring Cash!*

If you go by the T:

Haymarket line

- If you go by car:
 - You can ask sellers to **validate** your parking ticket; your parking rate will be \$1 per hour; you can park for 3 hours maximum.
- Haymarket Garage (Parcel 7)
136 Blackstone St



DAILY TABLE



GROCERY STORES

More info found under “Food” on Transitioning to MIT website:

https://iso.mit.edu/how_to_guides/food/

GROCERY SHUTTLE

MIT Parking and Transportation Office has been sponsoring a shuttle to transport MIT students to and from Trader Joe's and Whole Foods Market

[More information here](#)





SIGNATURE BOSTON DISHES

Clam Chowder, Lobster Rolls, Oysters, Fish & Chips, Boston Cream Pie, Baked Beans, Cannolis, etc

Check Out: [DOLLAR OYSTERS](#)

Take advantage of Boston
“Dine Out” Restaurant Weeks

Every March and August, enjoy discounted ‘pre-fixe’ lunch and dinner menus

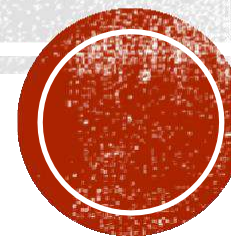
- <https://www.bostonusa.com/dine-out-boston/>

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DISCOVER THE CITY





Tours start
at 148 Tremont St

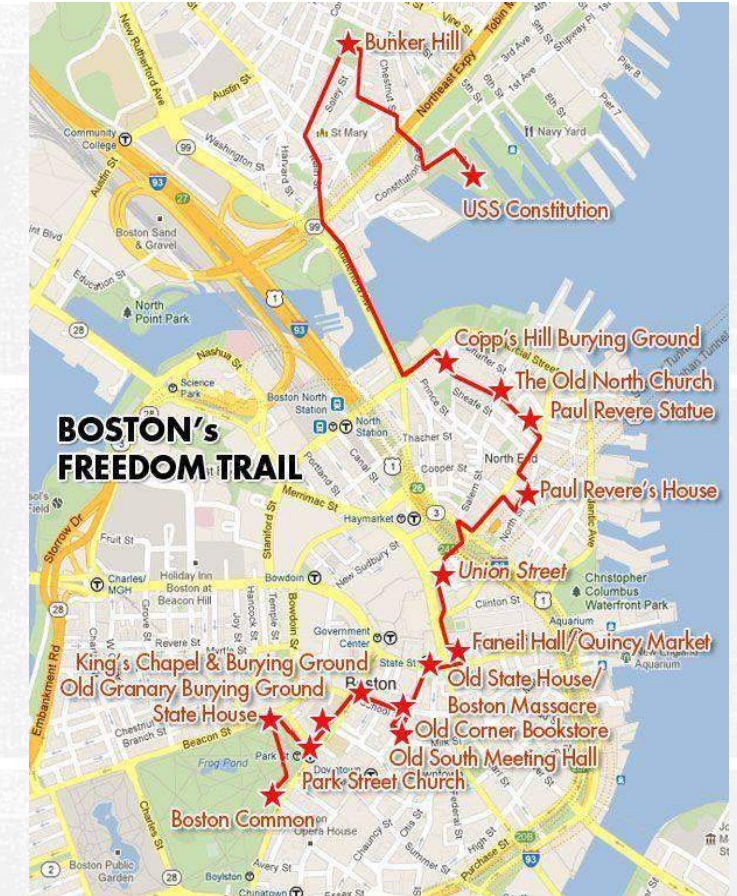
Or FREE tour at
Faneuil Hall
National Park
Service

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FREEDOM TRAIL

A walking tour of historic Boston





Experience the
Swan Boats!

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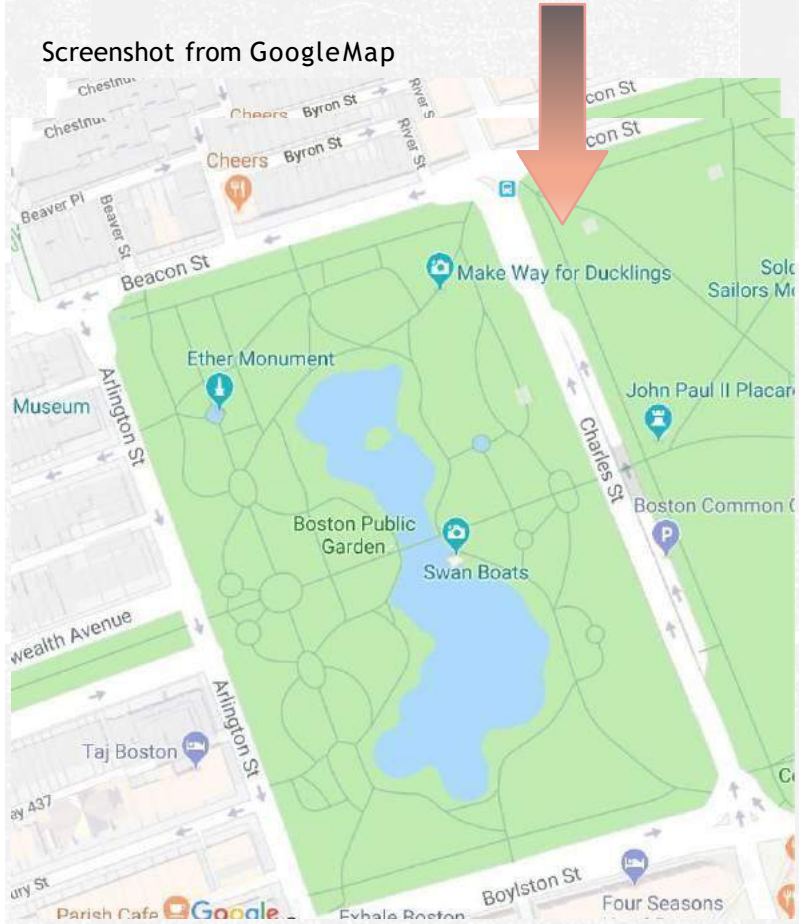
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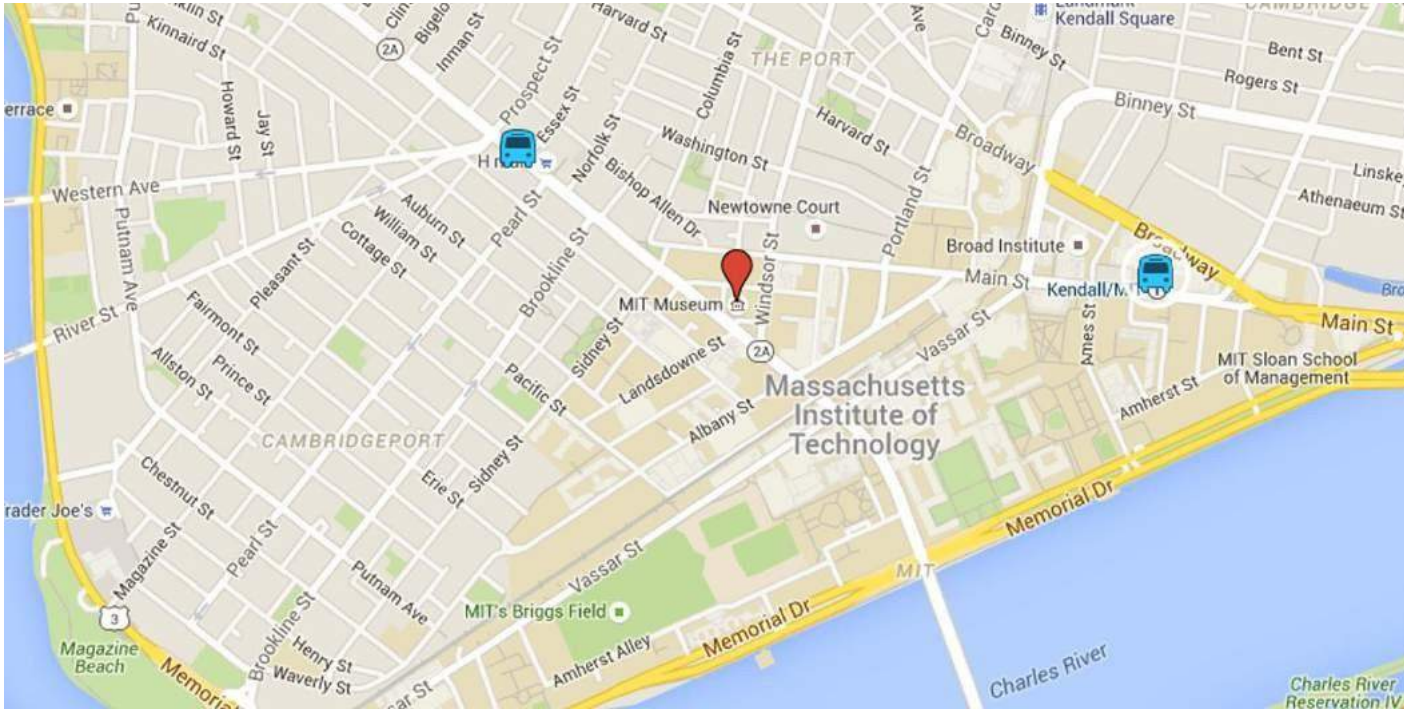


THE BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN

MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS STATUE

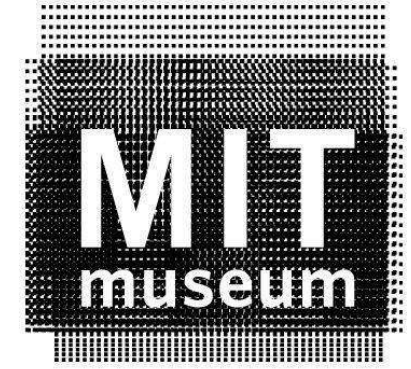
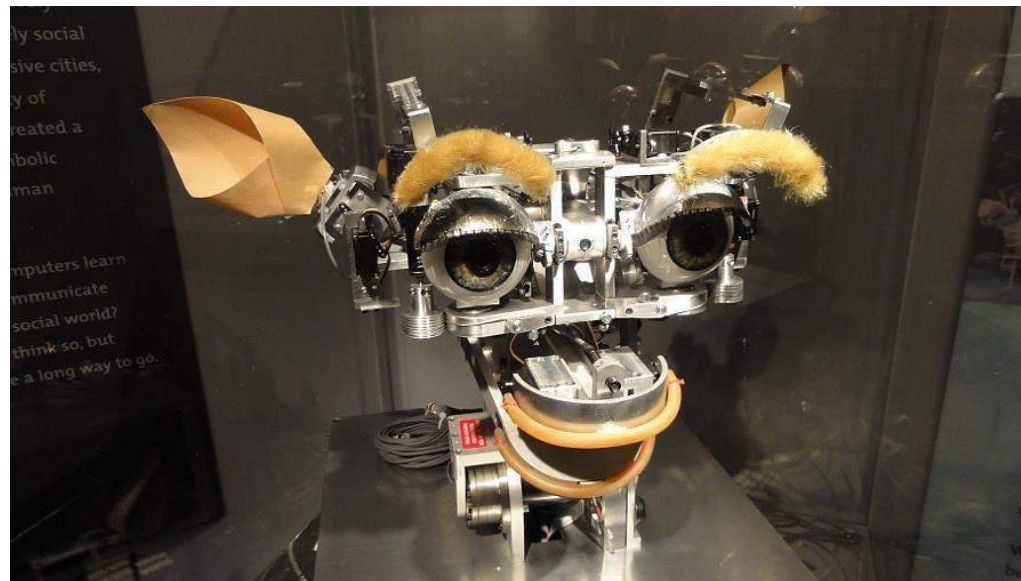
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Screenshot from Google Map

Photo from website: Linux Foundation Events



Free admission for
MIT ID holders +
one free guest

The MIT Museum is currently closed while moving to Kendall Square. Expected reopening in fall 2022.





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BOSTON MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Free for MIT ID Holders

(Reg: \$25/adult)

*Reservation required



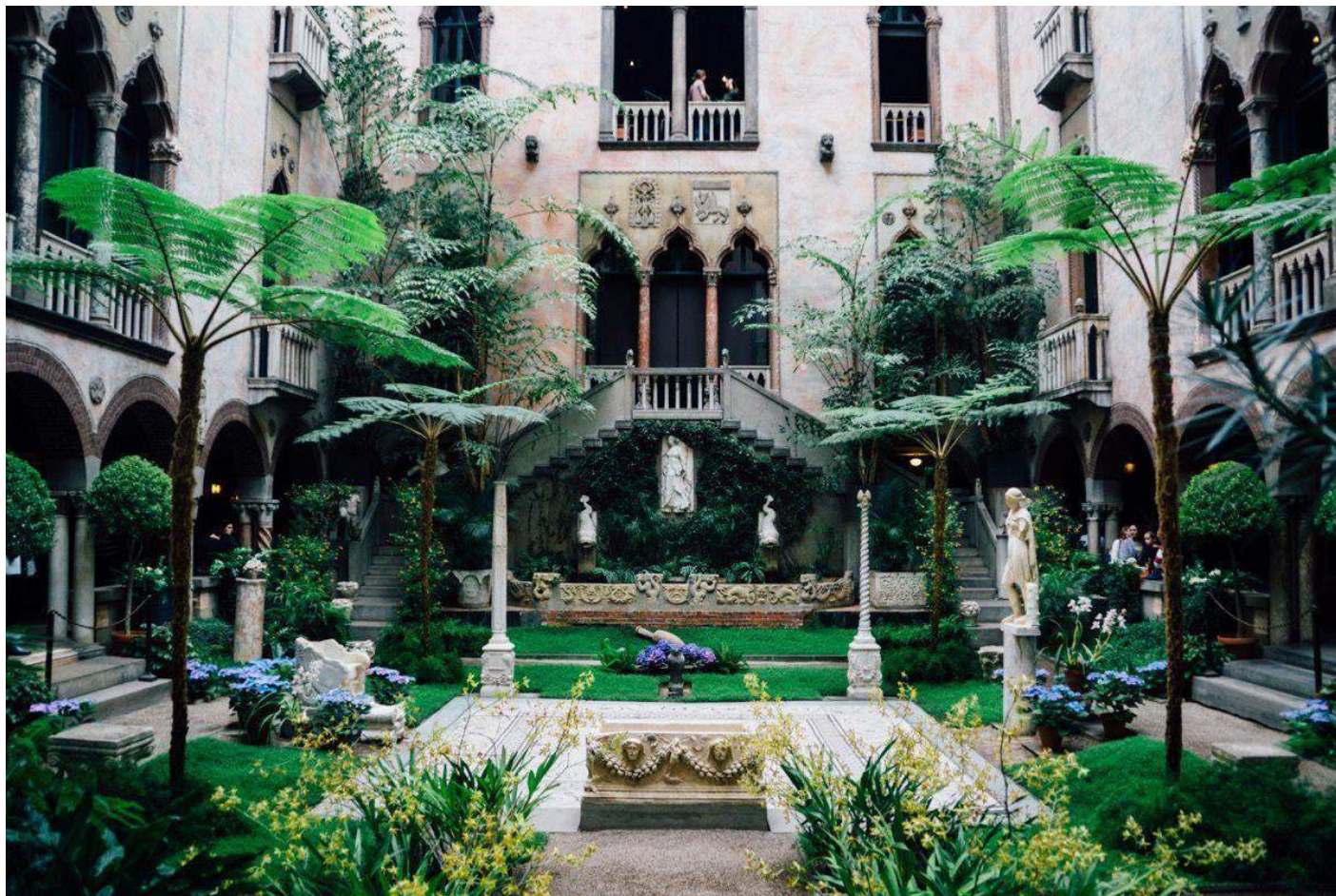


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ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

FREE for MIT Student and
Employee IDs.

Additional ticket available
for \$8 at MITAC for MIT ID
holders

(Reg price: \$20/adult)

FREE FIRST THURSDAYS
for everyone, 3pm to 9pm!

*Reservations required





Photo credit: Time

Photo credit: Boston ICA



ICA

Free for MIT ID holders
(Reg: \$15/adults)

Note: FREE for everyone
on Thursdays, 5pm to
9pm

*Reservation required;
free tickets available
starting at 10am on
Thursdays online





Photo credit: Museum of Science

Photo credit: Bloopoop



Museum of Science®

MIT students get free admission to the Museum.

Additional ticket available for \$8 at MITAC for MIT ID holders

(Reg. price: \$29/adult)

Note: MoS tickets sold by MITAC have an expiration date.

*Reservation required





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Harvard Museum of
Natural History

**\$8.00 tickets available at
MITAC for MIT ID holders
(Reg: \$15/adults)**

**FREE to Massachusetts
residents every Sunday
morning (year-
round) from 9:00 am to
12:00 pm and on
Wednesdays from 3:00
pm to 5:00 pm
(September through May)**





Photo credit: DuroTerra

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New England
Aquarium

Protecting the blue planet

**\$14 tickets available at
MITAC for MIT ID
holders
(Reg: \$32/adult)**





BOSTON NEIGHBORHOODS

North End (Italian)

Beacon Hill

Back Bay

The Fenway

South End

Downtown

The Greenway

Seaport

Theater District

Chinatown

ALSO:

Brookline (Coolidge Corner)

Cambridge & Somerville
(Camberville)



BOSTON ESPLANADE

Walk Across the Longfellow
Bridge (near Kendall Square)

- Stroll along the river
 - Enjoy the sunset
- Enjoy a live performance at the Hatch Shell stage



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BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS

Take the Boston Harbor Islands Ferry from Long Wharf

Open May - October

MIT card holders price: \$18 at MITAC (Reg rate: \$19.95)

bostonharborislands.org

- Visit historic sites
- Go camping
- See lighthouses
- Relax on a beach
- Volunteer
- Enjoy a live performance

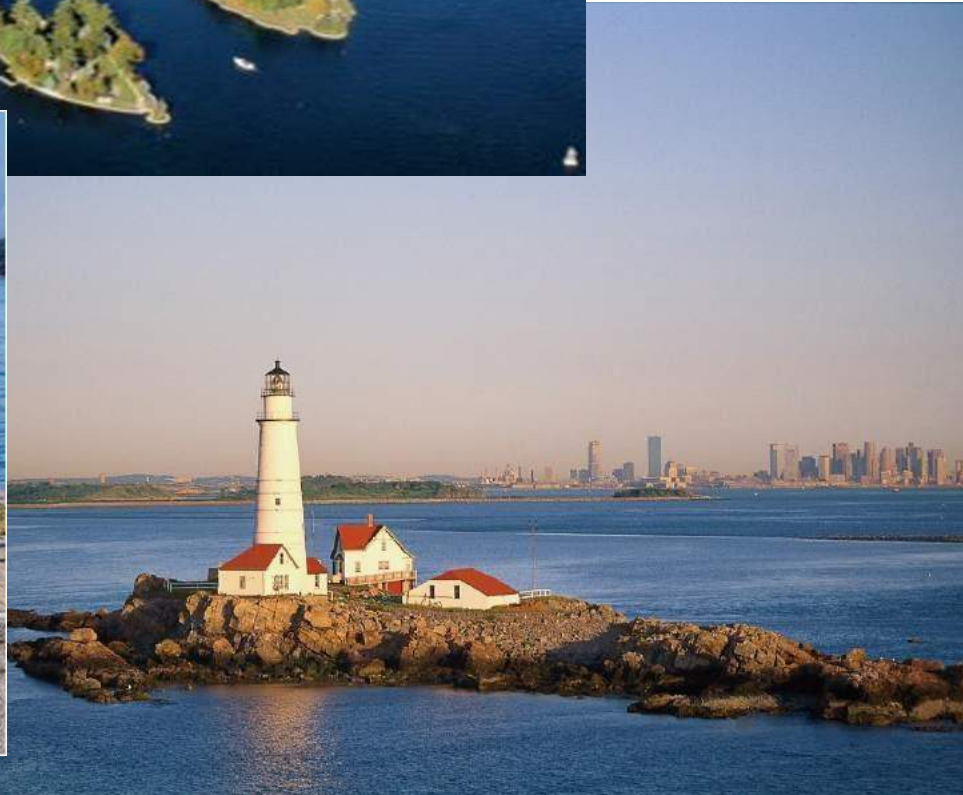




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Source: Pinterest

ARNOLD ARBORETUM

Take the **Orange Line** to **Forest Hills** and walk for 10 minutes.

Stroll the various paths and trails

Beautiful fall foliage in October & November

Flowers in spring:

~ Cherry blossoms in April

~ Lilacs in May



MBTA-Endorsed Apps

There are a variety of smartphone apps to help you plan trips on the MBTA, buy Commuter Rail tickets, pay for parking, and report safety concerns to the Transit Police.

All MBTA apps are available for free from Google Play and the Apple App Store.

Trip Planning

Transit App



The MBTA-endorsed **Transit App** is the best way to plan your trips around Boston. Use the app to find the nearest bus stop, train station, or ferry dock; see when the next bus or train is arriving; and find out how long your commute will be.



Photo credit: <https://www.li.me/>

Commuter Rail

MBTA mTicket



With the mTicket app, your smartphone is your ticket! Buy and redeem Commuter Rail tickets and passes, view schedules and service alerts, and quickly contact Customer Support.



MBTA Commuter Rail App



View schedules and service alerts for all Commuter Rail lines, and quickly contact Customer Support.



GETTING AROUND TOWN

MBTA

Trolley/ Subway/T:

Your MIT ID is your “Charlie Card” (cheaper than a Charlie Ticket; (reg. \$2.90; Charlie card \$2.40)

The monthly LinkPass \$90.00

*Request a student discount month pass through Atlas Center

Buses:

\$1.70

Commuter Rail:

Varies from \$2.40-\$13.25

Zip car:

Discounts available for MIT students





WEEKEND COMMUTER RAIL

**\$10 Commuter Rail weekend passes (unlimited Sat & Sun travel).
Can buy on train.**





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BLUE BIKE

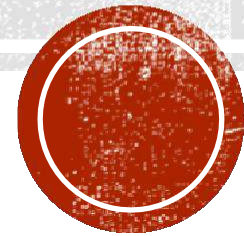
Single Trip \$2.95; Unlimited access to 2-hour trips in a 24-hour period - \$10; \$109 / year, \$40 / year for MIT employees and students!

<https://web-cert.mit.edu/facilities/transportation/bluebikes.html>



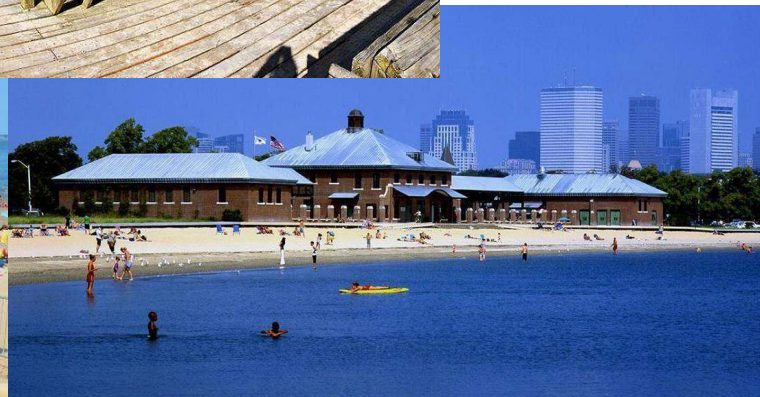


DISCOVER NEW ENGLAND



BEACHES ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

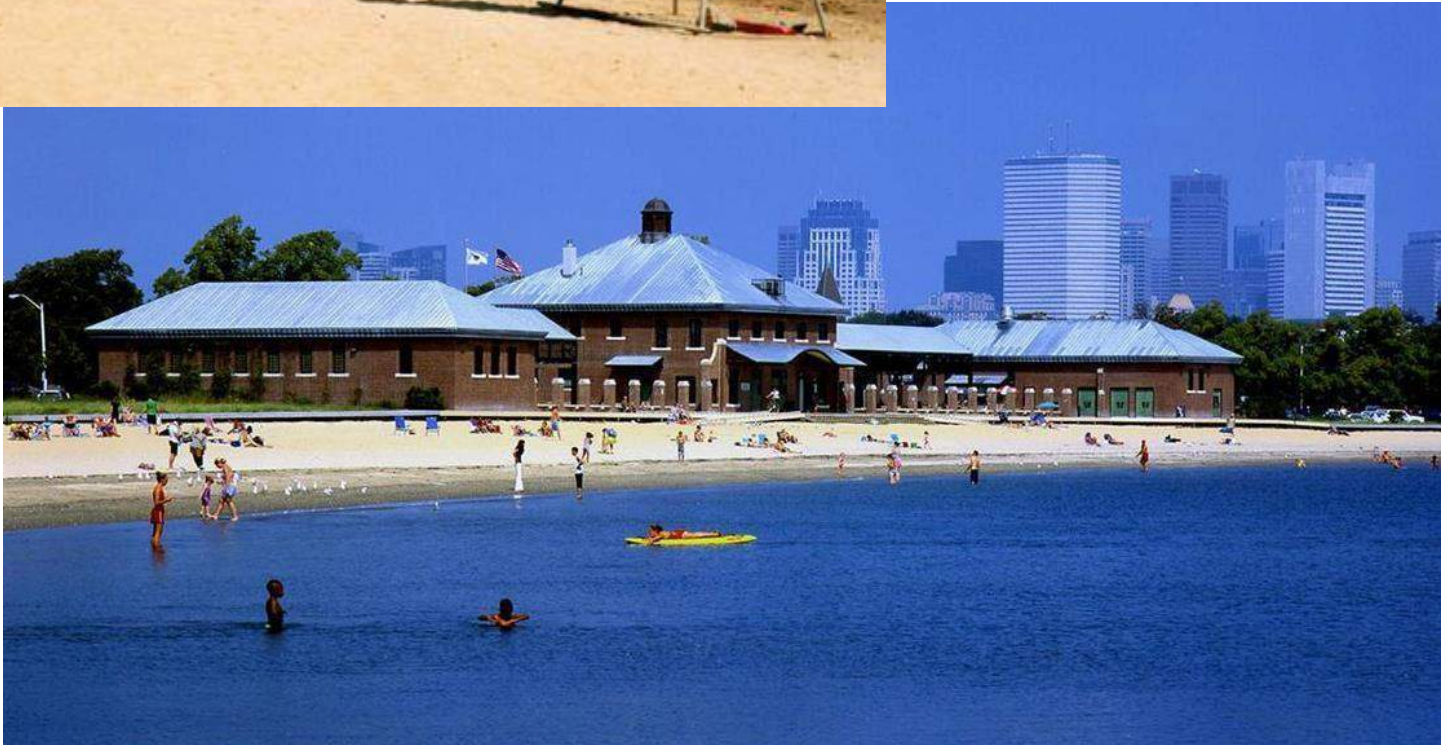
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CARSON BEACH

Take the **Red Line** to **JFK/UMass** and walk 10 minutes to the beach.





Source: Jana Groh, Shutterstock

REVERE BEACH

Take the [Blue Line](#) to [Revere Beach](#); the beach is right across the street!

In July, enjoy the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival

<https://www.reverebeachpartnership.com/events/>

Source: <https://www.revere.org/revere-beach>





FUN DAY TRIPS NEAR BOSTON

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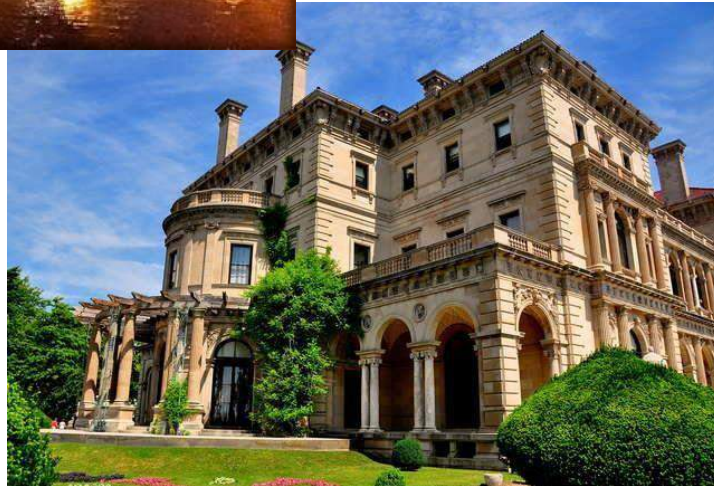




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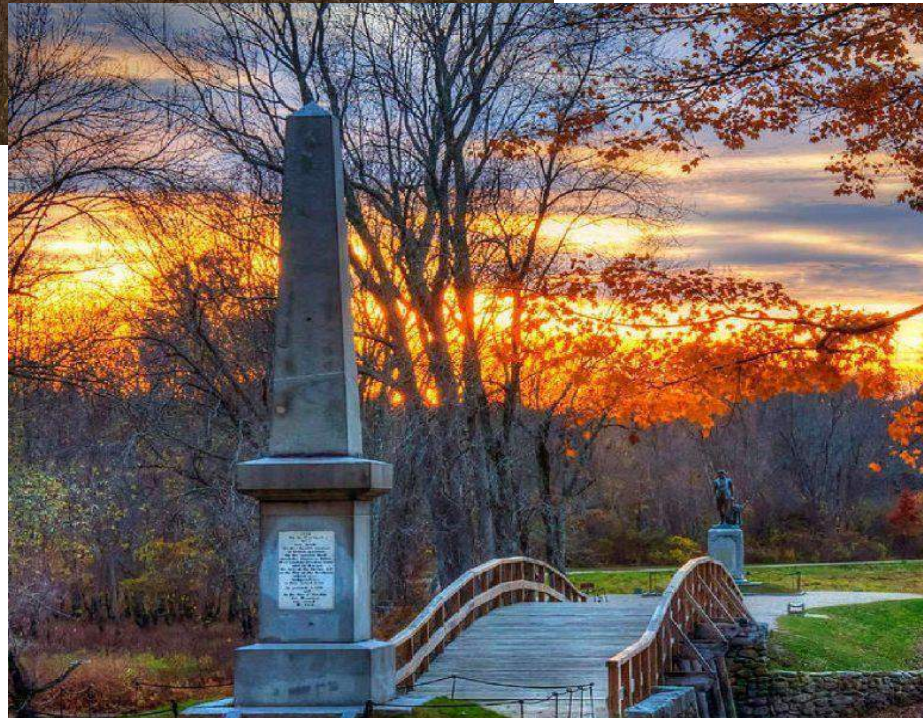


Photo by VisitConcord

WALDEN POND AND CONCORD

Take Commuter Rail to Concord
to explore the town

Take \$20-30 Uber to visit pond





Photo by Wikipedia



Photo by BlueLobster-Grill

ROCKPORT

Take the commuter rail to its final destination and enjoy the beaches and small-town charm!

Note: Take the Commuter Rail here using the \$10 weekend pass!





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Photo credit: landvest.com

SINGING BEACH AT MANCHESTER- BY-THE-SEA

Enjoy the beautiful beach
(\$10 entrance fee per
person).

Note: Take the Commuter
Rail here using the \$10
weekend pass!





CRANE BEACH

~1 hour drive outside of the city

OR

Take the Commuter rail to Ipswich
and then a shuttle to the beach

<http://www.ipswichessexexplorer.com/>

It consists of a four-mile-long (6 km) sandy beachfront, [dunes](#), and a maritime [pitch pine](#) forest. Five and a half miles of hiking trails through the dunes and forest are accessible from the beachfront.

Note: Take the Commuter Rail here using the \$10 weekend pass!





Photo credit: brown.edu/about



Photo credit: waterfire.org

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Visit Brown University and experience [Waterfire](#), an annual event that runs multiple times throughout the summer/fall.

Note: Take the Commuter Rail here using the \$10 weekend pass!





New York City

Check [wanderu.com](https://www.wanderu.com) for bus and train ticket options!

Other Travel Destinations Nearby:

New York City & Portland, Maine

Travel by bus is the cheapest one way from South Station. The train is also an option but much more expensive unless you plan months in advance. **Where to stay?** You can book a hostel, cheap hotel, or Airbnb.

NYC in particular is one of the most expensive cities to visit so it's best to travel and share expenses with a group. A bus is on average \$30-40 one way.



Portland, Maine



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PLIMOTH PATUXET MUSEUMS

Take a **Commuter Rail** train to the Kingston/Plymouth station.

OR From Boston Logan Airport, bus transportation is available to Plymouth.

\$17.00 admission for MIT ID holders at MITAC

(Reg. Ticket is \$38)

Note: Take the Commuter Rail here using the \$10 weekend pass!





SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND

Location: Agawam, MA

*Note: you will have to drive ~2 hours

<https://www.sixflags.com/newengland>





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BODABORG/ ESCAPE THE ROOM

[BODABORG:](#)

90 Pleasant St, Malden, MA 02148

[Escape the Room:](#)

33 West St 3rd floor, Boston, MA
02111





PICK YOUR OWN FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Pick your own
Harvest Calendar:

<https://www.pickyourown.org/MAharvestcalendar.htm>



Favorite Farms (including
petting zoos and cider
donuts!):

[Smolak Farms](#)

[Honey Pot Hill Orchards](#)





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ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



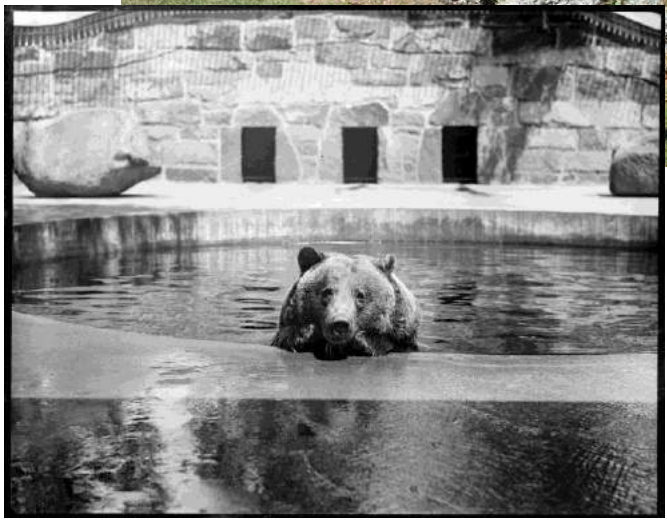
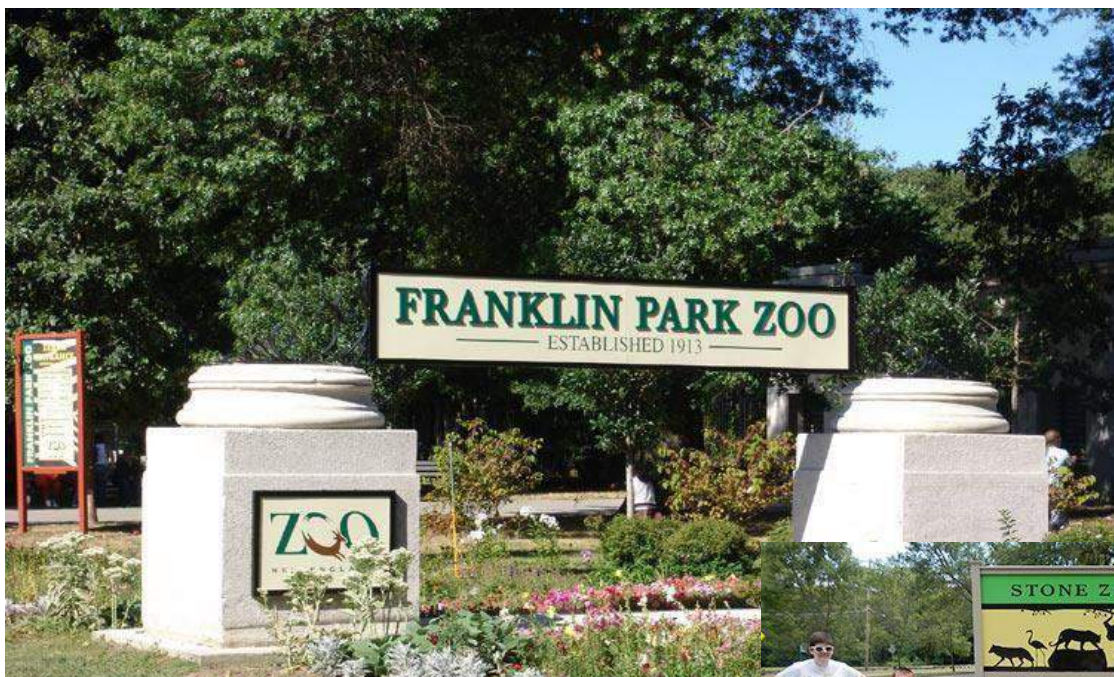


\$9 admission for MIT ID holders

(Reg. price: \$18/adult)

ages 1+ (under 12 months are free)





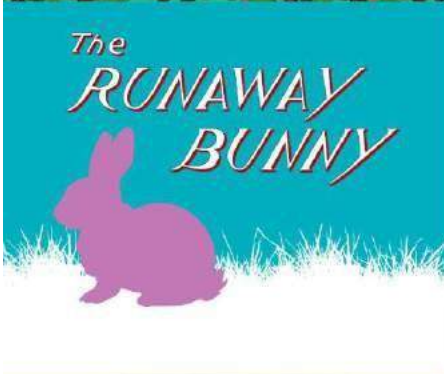
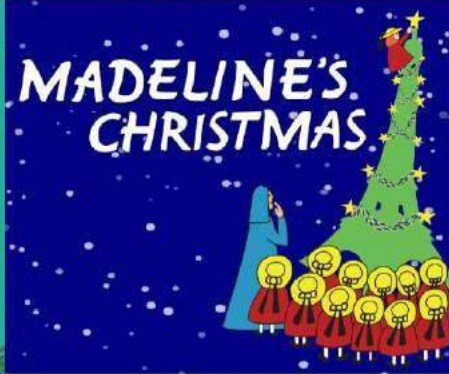
FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Adult: \$21.95
Senior (62+): \$19.95
Child (ages 2-12): \$14.95
Children under 2: Free

Take the **Orange Line** or Commuter Rail to Forest Hills Station, then take the Route 16 bus to Franklin Park Zoo.



BOSTON CHILDREN'S THEATRE | 2018-2019 SEASON



**MEMBERSHIPS
ON SALE
NOW!**

BOSTONCHILDRENTHEATRE.ORG | 617.424.6634



Boston Children's Theatre
100 Cummings Center,
Suite 506-E
Beverly, MA 01915



Find Free/Cheap Events around Boston

thebostoncalendar.com

- Weekly lists such as “90 FREE things to do this week” and “86 things to do this weekend”
- You can filter events by category, including “free” and types of events, as well as by date.

THE BOSTON CALENDAR

The [Boston Calendar](http://thebostoncalendar.com) is a place for Bostonians (and non-locals) to find interesting, fun, under-publicized, mostly-free events happening around the city...



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FREE WEEKLY SUMMER EVENTS

- **Mondays:** Salsa in the Park: <http://mmsalsainthepark.weebly.com/>
- **Tuesdays:** Kendall Square Concerts
- **Wednesdays:** Hatch Shell Concerts, BPL Concerts
- **Thursdays:** ICA admission, First Thursdays at Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Kendall Center Concerts
- **Fridays:** [Free Friday Museums](#), BPL Concerts, Free Movies at the Hatch Shell and the Boston Harbor Hotel



FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Free concerts by Berklee College of Music students are happening all over Boston!

<https://www.berklee.edu/events/summer>

Kendall Square & Kendall Center (in front of Marriot Hotel)

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)

Boston Public Library (BPL)

...and many more locations!



- This slideshow was created for an event called Discover Boston held on May 8, 2019 by the International Scholars Office (ISchO) and revised for an event for ISO in September 2019 and again in summer 2021 and then Spring 2022.
- Please note: information including upcoming events and ticket prices may be out of date. Please review the most up-to-date information online when making plans, especially due to recent COVID restrictions.

