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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, each one an authentic treasure. The Freedom Trail is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond.

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®, a Hear History: Audio Guide, 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 all in a vibrant, sophisticated, and modern city. The Freedom Trail is Boston’s indoor/outdoor history experience.

For more information about Freedom Trail sites, tours, and events, or to make a donation, 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.

*Designed by the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
and the Freedom Trail Foundation
in partnership with the 16 Freedom Trail sites.*

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For Old Corner Bookstore information, please see pages 4 & 24*

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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, welcome to our great city and the Freedom Trail. We invite you to explore over 250 years of history along Boston's iconic red brick trail and visit its 16 official historic sites. The Freedom Trail connects residents and visitors from every corner of the world to Boston's rich cultural heritage and important role in the founding

of our nation. Revolutionary ideals are still strong in Boston as we continue to invite people to our shores and encourage revolutionary ideas and industry.

The Freedom Trail Foundation works with the City of Boston and Freedom Trail sites to help ensure the 16 nationally significant historic sites along our storied trail are preserved and maintained for future generations. We applaud the foundation's tireless commitment and service to the city.

Please enjoy your journey through Boston following the Freedom Trail and learning about our historic fights for freedom.

Martin J. Walsh, 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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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
Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm; Saturdays – Sundays, 9:00 am – 5:00 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 a "hell-fire and brimstone" sermon 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, Tuesdays – 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



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 – 5:00 pm
617-635-4505 • boston.gov/parks

King's Chapel & Burying Ground

Founded in 1686 as New England's first Anglican church, King's Chapel offers over 330 years of history to experience! Exhibits and programs explore the roles of tolerance, religion, and justice in American history. The 1754 stone chapel, designed by architect Peter



Harrison, stands on the same site as the original 1688 building. The interior is considered the finest example of Georgian architecture in North America. The church houses the oldest continuously used American pulpit, installed over 200 years ago! The belfry holds an 1816 Paul Revere bell that still rings today to summon people to worship. On Evacuation Day in 1776, the minister and Loyalist church members of the congregation fled north to Canada. The remaining Patriot congregation briefly changed the church's name to the "Stone Chapel," and opened its doors to hold Patriot leader Dr. Joseph Warren's funeral in April 1776. In the 1770s, Old South Meeting House worshiped in the stone chapel while they recovered their building from damage caused by British troops. After the Revolution, King's Chapel became America's first Unitarian Christian church in 1785 under the ministry of James Freeman. Using the 9th edition of a Unitarian prayer book revised under Freeman, King's Chapel remains an active house of worship today. 


King's Chapel – Corner of Tremont and School Streets

Worship services: Sundays, 11:00 am; Wednesdays, 6:00 pm

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

November – March, Select days, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

617-227-2155 • kings-chapel.org/history--tours


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 (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 – 5:00 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

Celebrating 300 years, the Old Corner Bookstore was built in 1718 as an apothecary shop and home. The gambrel-roofed building at the corner of School and Washington Streets was the center of American book publishing in the mid-1800s when Boston was the country's literary mecca. From this place, publishers Ticknor and Fields introduced the world to Henry David Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Mark Twain with great books like *Walden*, *Little Women*, and the magazine *The Atlantic Monthly*. Several bookstores operated from the first floor over the 19th and 20th centuries. Saved from demolition in 1960 by Historic Boston Inc., the Old Corner Bookstore is Boston's oldest commercial building.



Old Corner Bookstore – 3 School Street
617-442-1859 • historicboston.org

Old South Meeting House



No tax on tea! This was the decision on December 16, 1773, when 5,000 angry colonists gathered at the Old South Meeting House to protest a tax...and started a revolution with the Boston Tea Party. Built in 1729 as a Puritan house of worship, the Old South Meeting House was the largest building in colonial Boston. From outraged protests over the Boston Massacre to the night when Samuel Adams gave the secret signal to throw 340 crates of tea into Boston Harbor,

colonists assembled at the meeting house to challenge British rule. Old South Meeting House was also the spiritual home of formerly enslaved poet Phillis Wheatley, one of the first African-Americans to publish a book. Slated for demolition in 1876, the meeting house narrowly escaped the wrecking ball by the heroic efforts of Boston citizens to preserve such an important piece of the nation's history. Old South Meeting House continues to uphold its mission as an active meeting place for the free exchange of ideas by hosting lectures and public forums, along with educational history programs for adults, teachers, and students.



Old South Meeting House – A Museum and National Historic Site – 310 Washington Street
November – March, Daily, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; April – October, Daily 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Day
617-482-6439 • osmh.org



Old State House


Built in 1713, the Old State House was the seat of British colonial power in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The royal Governor and his advisers met in the Council Chamber and served as direct representatives of the King's rule. In the years prior to the Revolution, the Old State House was the center for passionate debate, as Boston patriots including Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and James Otis, Jr. fomented the spirit of

rebellion and developed the revolutionary idea of self-government. "Then and there," John Adams once declared, "the child Independence was born." 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, immortalized in Paul Revere's incendiary engraving. When the people of Boston first heard the Declaration of Independence read from the Old State House balcony in July of 1776, they tore down the lion and unicorn statues - symbols of royal authority - in defiance of the King. Today the Old State House has been restored to its colonial appearance, and is maintained by the Bostonian Society as a museum where visitors experience Boston's Revolutionary past.

Old State House – Boston's Revolutionary Museum – 206 Washington Street
Daily, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Memorial Day – Labor Day, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, February 4 – 8, 2019
617-720-1713 • bostonhistory.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
Interior closed - under reconstruction through early May 2018
Daily, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day
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, 9:30 am – 5:15 pm;
November 1 – April 14, Daily, 9:30 am – 4:15 pm
Closed: Mondays during January – March, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

Old North Church

Built in 1723, the Old North Church is Boston's oldest church building. Old North's fame began on the night of April 18, 1775, when two signal lanterns were hung in the Old North Church steeple to alert Patriots outside of Boston that the British were marching to Lexington and Concord by river and not land, launching the American Revolution. Old North was further immortalized in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride." Today, Old North Church & Historic Site encompasses the famous 18th-century church, the Clough House (one of the oldest brick buildings in Boston) built ca. 1712-1715, five gardens and the Old North gift shop, formally a St. Francis chapel, built in 1918. Explore and hear the story behind Paul Revere's ride, learn about past congregants and box pews, as well as take a tour to the bell ringing chamber and church crypt. The Clough House invites visitors to experience colonial chocolate demonstrations at Captain Jackson's Historic Chocolate Shop and discover Patriots' Corner where exhibits share the many stories of Old North.



Old North Church & Historic Site – 193 Salem Street
November 16 – March 31, Daily, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
April 1 – November 15, Daily, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Worship services: Sundays, 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Clough House – 21 Unity Street
April, Thursdays – Mondays, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
May – November 15, Daily, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
November 15 – March 31, Daily, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
617-523-4848 • chocolate.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 – 5:00 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 this historic battle, cannonballs fired at *Constitution* appeared to bounce off, causing a British sailor to remark that her sides were made of iron. In fact, the hull of *Constitution* is constructed of a three-layer wooden sandwich comprised of live oak and white oak. Today, 221 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

617-242-7511 • navy.mil/local/constitution

USS Constitution Museum

serves as the memory and educational voice of USS *Constitution* by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the stories of “Old Ironsides” and those associated with her.

This award-winning, not-for-profit educational institution welcomes over 500,000 visitors each year and charges no admission fee. The museum provides an interactive, hands-on environment with innovative exhibits that let visitors of all ages explore the legacy of USS *Constitution*, America’s Ship of State. It is perfect for families and school groups seeking an enjoyable, educational experience where they can have fun while learning and exploring together. Students will have the opportunity to take the helm and wonder, “What would I do if I were in command?” All will engage in conversations about history, science, technology, and democracy.



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 • ussconstitutionmuseum.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
January 2 – May 4, Daily, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; May 5 – June 23, Daily, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm;
June 24 – September 29, Daily, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm;
September 29 – December 1, Daily, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Last Monument climb: 4:30 pm
Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day
Group tours: 617-242-5689 or bost_rsvp@nps.gov
617-242-7275 • nps.gov/bost



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Ongoing Tours & Programs

Daily tours and programs unless noted otherwise. All tours and programs are available for groups. * Indicates official Freedom Trail historic site.

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Walking tours of the Freedom Trail® with 18th-century costumed guides for individuals, groups, and schools. Tickets available at various locations and online. Times and departure locations vary (see page 20).
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Faneuil Hall (4th Floor), Boston
617-227-1638 • ahac.us.com

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Interactive exhibits & programming
Memorial Day–Labor Day, Daily
September–May, Mondays–Fridays
Mondays–Fridays, 9am–5pm
Saturdays–Sundays, 9am–3pm
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester
617-727-9268
commonwealthmuseum.org

King’s Chapel*

Guided tours, exhibits, family activities, events, and concerts.
Bells & Bones Tours: Daily, hourly
Concerts: Tuesdays, 12:15pm;
Select Sundays, 5pm
617-227-2155 • 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
Civil War Tours: Fridays, 12noon
Please call in advance to schedule a tour
617-727-3676 • sec.state.ma.us/trs

Museum of African American History – Abiel Smith School

Exhibits, talks, tours & programs
Mondays–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*

Behind-the-Scenes & Religion in the Colonies Tours (30 min.)
May–December, Times vary
Experience Art & Architecture Tours (1 hour)
By reservation, Times vary
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Old South Meeting House*

Exhibits, events, & three levels of scavenger hunts offered daily
April–October, 9:30am–5pm;
November–March, 10am–4pm
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Old State House*

Self-guided exhibits, tours & programs
Old State House History Tours (on the hour)
& Boston Massacre Tours (on the ½ hour)
Revolutionary Characters LIVE!
Daily, May–October
617-720-1713 • bostonhistory.org

Paul Revere House*

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

USS Cassin Young – National Park Service

Open daily for on-board main deck visits
Memorial Day–Veterans’ Day, 10am–4pm
Charlestown Navy Yard
617-242-5601 • nps.gov/bost

USS Constitution*

Open for on-board visits & presentations
November–March, Wednesdays–Sundays,
10am–4pm (every 30 minutes);
April, Wednesdays–Sundays,
10am–6pm (every 15 minutes);
May–October,
Daily (closed Mondays), 10am–6pm;
Saluting battery firing: Daily, 8am & Sunset
617-242-7511
navy.mil/local/constitution

USS Constitution Museum

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

National Park Service – Boston National Historical Park

Faneuil Hall* Visitor Center

Ranger-led Freedom Trail walking tours (60 min.) – Free
Daily summer schedule, call or visit website.
Cradle of Liberty: Great Hall Talks (15 min.) – Free
Daily, 9:30am–4:30pm (on the ½ hour)
Closed: Select days for City events
Group tours: 617-242-5689
617-242-5642 • go.nps.gov/todayinboston

Ranger-led Black Heritage® Trail Tours

Departs: Shaw Memorial
Daily summer schedule, call or visit website.
617-742-5415 • nps.gov/boaf

Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center

Exhibits, orientation film & information
Summer, Daily, 9am–6pm;
Winter, Wednesdays–Sundays, 10am–5pm
Friday Evening Tours
June 15–September 14, 6:30pm
617-242-5601 • nps.gov/bost

Bunker Hill Monument* & Museum

Decisive Day Talks (15–20 min.)
Daily (on the hour)
Men, Muskets and Liberty Talks (30 min.)
Summer, Fridays–Saturdays, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 3:30pm
Group tours: 617-242-5689
617-242-7275 • nps.gov/bost

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Create Your Own Freedom Trail Getaway

Boston's official Freedom Trail® hotel partners offer the perfect mix of activities for families, couples, business travelers, and history buffs. Whether traveling from near or far, visitors are invited to create their own special Freedom Trail getaway at partner hotels, immersing themselves in America's rich history and enjoying everything in Boston — America's Walking City.

AC Hotel Boston Downtown 225 Albany St., Boston 02118 • 844-378-8571

Walk the iconic Freedom Trail from the Boston Common to the Battle of Bunker Hill. Freedom Trail is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond. Start your adventure Freedom Trail package with an overnight stay in deluxe accommodations in the new vibrant Ink Block section of Boston, breakfast for two in our AC Kitchen, and two tickets to the Walk Into History® Tour with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player®. Rate: Starts at \$249 • www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-deals/boscd-ac-hotel-boston-downtown/

Battery Wharf Hotel Three Battery Wharf, Boston 02109 • 877-794-6218

Connected by a 2.5 mile red line, the Freedom Trail not only links one historic site to another, but the past to the present. Battery Wharf Hotel is a contemporary retreat, perfectly positioned in Boston's very first neighborhood, the North End, just steps from some of the Freedom Trail's most important sites. With our Freedom Trail Package, you'll enjoy luxurious overnight accommodations, two adult tickets to the North End Tour with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player®, and complimentary breakfast for children! Rates: Start at \$249 • www.batterywharfhotelboston.com/special-offers

Boston Harbor Hotel 70 Rowes Wharf, Boston 02110 • 617-439-7000

Hear exciting tales of pirates and patriots from an 18th-century costumed guide while winding through Boston's historic streets, famed waterfront, and harbor. Enjoy fables, myths, and mysteries as you learn about some of the most famous and infamous characters of their day. This package includes overnight accommodations, breakfast for four, Pirates & Patriots® Tour or Walk Into History® Tour tickets for two adults and two children, and cookies and milk for the children delivered to your guestroom. Rate: Starts at \$425 • www.bhh.com/packages.htm

Boston Marriott Long Wharf 296 State St., Boston 02109 • 617-227-0800

Located on Boston's waterfront and one block from Faneuil Hall, the Boston Marriott Long Wharf's hotel package includes overnight accommodations, breakfast for two adults and two children, and a Walk Into History® Tour of the Freedom Trail for two adults and two children with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player®. Rate: \$299-\$699 Reservation code: ARN • www.MarriottLongWharf.com

Boston Park Plaza 50 Park Plaza, Boston 02116 • 617-426-2000

In Boston, history is found around every corner, and the Freedom Trail brings history to life while linking the past with the present. Featuring 16 historic sites along the iconic 2.5 mile red brick line, the sites on the Freedom Trail are not recreations — each one — from Boston Common to the State House and Old North Church to Bunker Hill — connects today's travelers to the spirit of Boston's early patriots. Celebrate the city's rich history and enjoy our Freedom Trail Package, which includes an overnight stay in a newly renovated Superior Queen Guestroom and two tickets for a Walk Into History® Tour. Rate: Starts at \$269 www.bostonparkplaza.com/hotel-deals

Boston Omni Parker House Hotel 60 School St., Boston 02108 • 617-227-8600

Experience the historic charm of America's longest continuously-operating hotel located directly on the Freedom Trail! Enjoy luxurious accommodations, breakfast, passes to the Walk Into History® Tour of the Freedom Trail with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player®, one copy of the new *Freedom Trail Guide*, and one copy of *A Kids' Guide to the Freedom Trail* for every child. Rate: Varies Reservation code: FREEWD • www.omnihotels.com/hotels/boston-parker-house/specials/freedom-trail

Fairmont Copley Plaza 138 St. James Ave., Boston 02116 • 617-267-5300

The Freedom Trail Discovery Package includes a one night stay in an elegant guestroom, two passes to the Walk Into History® Tour with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player®, two tickets to the three Freedom Trail historic museums (Old South Meeting House, Old State House, and Paul Revere House), and a copy of *The Freedom Trail: An Artist's View*. Fairmont Copley Plaza also offers guests the unique experience of a Freedom Trail Suite. Developed by historians and archivists, this suite is a mini-museum that celebrates Boston's colonial heritage. Guests may upgrade to the Freedom Trail Suite for an additional charge of \$300 per night. Rate: Starts at \$359 • www.fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston/special-offers/hotel-offers/discovery/boston-freedom-trail-package/

The Langham, Boston

250 Franklin St., Boston 02110 • 617-451-1900

Steps from the Freedom Trail, The Langham, Boston Freedom Trail package includes an overnight stay in luxurious accommodations in a national architectural landmark, breakfast for two in the award-winning restaurant Café Fleuri, and an exciting costume guided public tour of the Freedom Trail for two. Rate: Starts at \$239 Reservation code: PFREEDOM • <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=27423&Chain=10316&promo=PFREEDOM>

Liberty Hotel

215 Charles St., Boston 02114 • 617-224-4000 • 866-507-5245

Special Freedom Trail package includes an overnight stay in deluxe accommodations, breakfast, and tickets to the Walk Into History® Tour with an 18th-century costumed Freedom Trail Player®. Rate: Starts at \$315, double occupancy • www.libertyhotel.com/

Marriott Residence Inn 34-44 Charles River Ave., Charlestown 02129 • 617-242-9000

Located on Boston Harbor and steps from the Freedom Trail's final two sites - the USS *Constitution* and Bunker Hill Monument - the Residence Inn Tudor Wharf's hotel package includes suite accommodations with full kitchens; daily hot breakfast buffet for the whole family including Belgian waffles, eggs, muffins, fresh fruit and more; an indoor pool and spa; and the new Freedom Trail Guidebook - a 50 page, full-color guide of the 16 Freedom Trail sites and other historic sites along the trail. Rate: \$209-\$539 Reservation code: ARN • www.marriott.com/bostw

The MidTown Hotel 220 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115 • 617-262-1000 • 800-343-1177

The Freedom Trail experience! This special package includes one night accommodation, free parking, breakfast for two at Thornton's Restaurant, Walk Into History® with an 18th-century costumed guide on a 90-minute tour along the Freedom Trail, with admission to the Old South Meeting House, or the Old North Church Behind the Scenes Tour, and *The Freedom Trail: An Artists View* a coffee table book by renowned artist Leonard Weber (one publication per booking). Rate: Priced per person, based on double occupancy ADULTS November-April: single \$152 or double \$92/pp, May-June: single \$202 or double \$117/pp, and July-October: single \$232 or double \$132/pp; add \$23.00/child (12 and under), and \$32/additional adult. Note: one adult + children, book the single package + \$23/child www.midtownhotel.com

Westin Boston Waterfront

425 Summer St., Boston 02210 • 617-532-4600

Join us for a historic stay you'll never forget - located a short distance from Boston's historic Freedom Trail. Before heading out to explore, recharge with our Westin Heavenly Bed® and refuel with a delicious breakfast for two at Saucy. Once reenergized, start your Freedom Trail adventure for two on a Walk Into History® Tour from Boston Common at the foot of the Massachusetts State House to Faneuil Hall, and then you may continue along the red-brick trail to experience more of Boston's most iconic sites and stories. Rate: Starts at \$249 Reservation code: FREEDOM • www.westinbostonwaterfront.com/freedom-trail

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, and valid through December 31, 2018 unless otherwise noted.





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Freedom Trail site



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Events & Activities

Special events and activities are available for groups and dates and times are subject to change. Museum events are free with admission or suggested donation unless otherwise indicated with (\$). For additional information and updated event calendars, please visit the websites listed or TheFreedomTrail.org.

April - May

April School Vacation Week

King's Chapel

Tours, Scavenger Hunts, Crafts and More!
April 14–22, 10am–5pm
617-277-2155
kings-chapel.org/history--tours

Paul Revere House

April 14–21, Times Vary
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

Old South Meeting House

Theme: Mapping the Meeting House
April 16–20, 9:30am–5pm
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Old State House

History Lab: Colonial Arts and Crafts (\$)
April 16–20, Times Vary
617-720-1713 • bostonhistory.org

USS Constitution Museum

Patriots Day Teamwork Week
April 16–20, Times Vary
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org



Old North Church

243rd Lantern Ceremony (\$)

April 15, 8pm
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Patriots' Day Parade

April 16, 10am
Boston City Hall
617-227-1638 • ahac.us.com

Occupying Words: Poetry Month Performance

April 20, 1pm
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Boston in the American Revolution: Occupation 1768

April 26, 3:30pm
Registration: osmh.april26-18.bpt.me
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Preservation Month Evening Architecture Tours

May, Dates and Times TBD
617-277-2155
kings-chapel.org/history--tours

Old Work & Employment in Late 18th-Century Boston

May 2, 6:30pm
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Paul Revere's Boston

May 5–26, Saturdays, 1–3pm
Paul Revere House
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

200th Anniversary of Paul Revere's Death Commemoration

May 10
11am–Granary Burying Ground
12noon–Bell Ringing, Various Locations
Sponsored by Paul Revere House
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

Celebrating Craftsmanship: Art & Architecture Tour

May 15, 18, 22, & 25–27, 6pm
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Occupational Hazards: 20 Years as Old North's Vicar

May 23, 6:30pm
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Mother & Father Wit: Life Lessons

A Storytelling Performance with Boston Elders
May 17, 6:30pm
Registration: osmhmay17-18.bpt.me
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Memorial Day

Para-cord Crafts for Our Troops
May 28, Time TBD
USS Constitution Museum
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

Activating Historic Sites In Dorchester

Sip & Spoke Bike, Kitchen and More!
May 31, 6:30pm
Registration: osmhmay31-18.bpt.me
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

June Day Parade

June 4, 12noon
Faneuil Hall
617-227-1638 • ahac.us.com

Paul Revere: A Man of Many Occupations

June 5, 6:30pm
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

King's Chapel 332nd Birthday

June 10, 11am–12noon
617-277-2155 • kings-chapel.org

Celebrate Boston! Quiz Night

Theme: Dorchester
June 6, 6pm
Registration: celebrateboston2018.bpt.me
Co-sponsored by Dorchester Historical Society
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Paul Revere's Boston

June 2–30, Saturdays, 1–3pm
Paul Revere House
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

King's Chapel 332nd Anniversary Service

June 10, 11am–12noon
617-277-2155 • kings-chapel.org

Freedom Trail 67th Anniversary

June 11

Bunker Hill Family Day

Boston National Historical Park
June 16, 9am–5pm
Bunker Hill Monument & Museum
617-242-5641 • nps.gov/bost

243rd Commemoration of Bunker Hill

Boston National Historical Park
June 17, 10am–12noon
Bunker Hill Monument & Museum
617-242-5641 • nps.gov/bost

Boston's 5th Annual Donna Summer Roller Disco Party

June 22, 6pm
City Hall Plaza
617-635-3911
cityhallplazaboston.com/events

Revolutionary Town Meeting

Boston National Historical Park
June 24–July 29,
Sundays, 2:30pm & 4:30pm
Great Hall–Faneuil Hall
617-242-5642 • nps.gov/bost

Returning Traditions!

Constitution Turnaround Family Activities
June 28–July 5, Times TBD
USS Constitution Museum
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

Swinging Concert Series

Boston National Historical Park
June 28–August 2, Thursdays, 6pm
Commandant's House Lawn
Charlestown Navy Yard
617-242-5601 • nps.gov/bost

37th Annual Boston Harborfest: Celebrating History and Harbor

June 29–July 5, Times and Locations Vary
June 29–Harborfest Kick-Off
Faneuil Hall, 11am
617-439-7700 • BostonHarborfest.com

Colonialfest

June 30, 12noon–4pm
Old North Church Courtyards
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Boston's Friday Afternoon Concert Series

July–August, 12noon
Samuel Adams Park–Faneuil Hall
617-635-3911 • cityofboston/events

July 4th Parade

June 4, 9am
Boston City Hall Plaza
617-635-3911
cityhallplazaboston.com/events
617-227-1638 • ahac.us.com

Declaration of Independence Reading 'Reenactment'

July 4, 10am
Old State House
617-720-1713 • bostonhistory.org

Paul Revere's Boston

July 7–28, Saturdays, 1–3pm
Paul Revere House
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

Boston's 46th Annual Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concerts

July 18, August 1, 15 & 22, 7pm
City Hall Plaza
617-635-3911
cityhallplazaboston.com/events

**Boston's 11th Annual Caliente!
Latin Music Festival**

Celebration of Latin Music, Art & Dance
July 21, 7pm
City Hall Plaza
617-635-3911
cityhallplazaboston.com/events

Phillis Wheatley Day

August, Date and Time TBD
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Paul Revere's Boston

August 4–25, Saturdays, 1–3pm
Paul Revere House
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

Rosies Invade the Yard

Boston National Historical Park
August 11–12
Charlestown Navy Yard
617-242-5601 • nps.gov/bost

Boston's 18th Annual Gospelfest

August 12, 5pm
City Hall Plaza
617-635-3911
cityhallplazaboston.com/events

Guerriere Day

August 19, Time TBD
USS Constitution Museum
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

September - October - November - December

Charter Day Lecture

September, Date and Time TBD
Old State House
617-720-1713 • bostonhistory.org

Middays at the Meeting House

September–May, Select Days, 1–1:45pm
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Paul Revere's Boston

September 1–October 20, Saturdays, 1–3pm
Paul Revere House
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

**Paul Revere Memorial Assoc.
Lowell Lecture Series**

September 5–26,
Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30pm
Co-sponsored by Paul Revere House & Old
South Meeting House (event location)
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

**Boston's 3rd Annual
Country in the City**

September 15, 7pm
City Hall Plaza
617-635-3911
cityhallplazaboston.com/events

Halloween Crypt Tours

October, Dates and Times Vary
King's Chapel
617-277-2155
kings-chapel.org/history--tours

**Boston Occupied: An Insolent
Parade & Encampment**

October 6–7, Times and Locations Vary
617-646-0572 • revolution250.org

Navy Day!

October 13, Time TBD
USS Constitution Museum
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

**Johny Redcoat to GI Joe: From
Boston to Berlin to Baghdad**

October 18, 6:30pm
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

Old Ironsides 221st Birthday

October 20, Time TBD
USS Constitution Museum
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

Veterans' Day

November 11, Time TBD
USS Constitution Museum
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

**Old South Church
Founders' Day Service**

November 18, 11am
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Silver and Bells

Holiday History and Hands-On Activities
December 1–29, Saturdays, 10am–4pm
King's Chapel
617-277-2155
kings-chapel.org/history--tours

Holiday Open House

Free Admission and Activities
December 1–2, 10am–4pm
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org



Traditions of the Season

December 1–2, 9:30am–4:15pm
Paul Revere House
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration

Boston National Historical Park
December 7
Charlestown Navy Yard
617-242-5601 • nps.gov/bost

245th Anniversary Boston Tea Party Reenactment (\$)

December 16, 6:30pm
Presented by Old South Meeting House &
Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum
Tickets on sale July 1: gottea2018.bpt.me
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Old North Church

Christmas Services

December 24—Family Eucharist, 4pm
December 24—Festive Eucharist, 10:30pm
December 25—Holy Eucharist, 11am
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com

King's Chapel

Christmas Services

Family Service and Christmas Pageant,
Lessons in Carols, and Christmas Service
December 24–25, Times TBD
King's Chapel
617-277-2155 • kings-chapel.org

Java Day

December 29, Time TBD
USS Constitution Museum
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

2019 Events & Activities

February School Vacation Week

King's Chapel

February 18–22, Times Vary
617-277-2155
kings-chapel.org/history--tours

Old South Meeting House

February 18–22, 10am–4pm
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Paul Revere House

February 18–22, Times Vary
617-523-2338 • paulreverehouse.org

USS Constitution Museum

February 18–22, Times Vary
617-426-1812
ussconstitutionmuseum.org

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King's Chapel Celebrates Paul Revere Bell's Birthday

Date and Time TBD
617-277-2155 • kings-chapel.org

100th Anniversary of the Great Molasses Flood Program Series

January–April, Dates and Times TBD
Co-sponsored by MA Historical Society
Old South Meeting House
617-482-6439 • osmh.org

Boston Massacre Commemoration & Reenactment

March 2, 9am–8pm
Old State House
617-720-1713 • bostonhistory.org

Evacuation Day Ceremony

March 17, 10–11:30am
Dorchester Heights Monument
617-242-5642 • nps.gov/bost

Old North Church Easter Services

9am & 11am
Old North Church
617-523-6676 • oldnorth.com



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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 private tours for groups, families, and schools of any size. Public tour tickets are available at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center, ArtsBoston booths at Faneuil Hall and Copley Square, Old Town Trolley booths, and Cheers gift shop at Faneuil Hall Marketplace (downstairs) or discounted online at TheFreedomTrail.org \$14 adults, \$12 seniors/students, \$8 children unless otherwise noted. Private groups tours may be reserved by calling 617-357-8300.

Visit TheFreedomTrail.org for current tours schedule.

Walk Into History® Tours



Highlights the revolutionary history that took place at select official Freedom

Trail historic sites. Departs: Boston Common Visitor Information Center, April–November, Daily, 11am–4pm (every hour on the hour & 2:30pm) and July–August, Daily, 4:30pm, and Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth, May–October, Daily, 10:30am–3:30pm (every hour on the ½ hour)

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! Departs: Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth, July–August, Saturdays–Sundays, 1:00 pm



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, Saturdays–Sundays, 12:45 pm



NEW 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: Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth, September–October, select Thursdays–Saturdays, 7:00pm

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 locations such as the Union Oyster House, The Point, Green Dragon, and Bell in Hand. Reservations required – \$43 adults (must be 21 or older). Departs: Faneuil Hall ArtsBoston booth. Year-round, Tuesdays, 5:30pm



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, Thursdays–Sundays, 3:30pm



NEW

Revolutionary Women Tours

Explore four centuries of Revolutionary women who changed history and shaped America. Departs: Boston Common Visitor Information Center, March, Saturdays–Sundays, 12:45pm

Along the Trail

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

Take an Old Town Trolley tour of Boston – hop on/hop off – and immerse yourself in history along the Freedom Trail on a Walk Into History® Tour with an 18th-century costumed guide. Joint tickets available at all Old Town Trolley ticket outlets. 617-269-7010 • TrolleyTours.com



Freedom Trail – Boston Harbor USS Constitution Cruise

Take a Freedom Trail Walk Into History® Tour with an 18th-century guide and enjoy a 45-minute fully narrated USS Constitution cruise on Boston Harbor. This combo ticket brings you up close and personal with one of Boston's most treasured landmarks, "Old Ironsides," at her home in Charlestown Navy Yard and offers the option to disembark



for a tour of the famous ship, USS *Cassin Young* and accompanying USS Constitution Museum. March 26–November 20, Daily, 10:30am–4:30pm (every hour on the ½ hour), Boston Long Wharf Return cruises: 11am–5pm (every hour on the hour), Charlestown Navy Yard
USS Constitution closed Mondays
\$33.95 adults; \$29.95 seniors/students; \$23.95 children (3-11)
Tickets: Boston Long Wharf, telephone, or websites 877-SEE-WHALE (733-9425) bostonharborcruises.com 617-357-8300 • TheFreedomTrail.org

The Redcoats are Coming to Downtown Boston!

Join the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) and Freedom Trail Foundation as we bring history to life in Boston! See the Redcoats Changing the Guard as well as colonists and British soldiers interacting like it was in 1775. These exciting and entertaining activities will pop-up in unexpected places throughout the Downtown



Boston BID. Listen as a Redcoat captain accompanies soldiers to their posts, and soldiers complete inspections and march to their next post. Meet and engage with 18th-century figures and talk with them about life in Boston's early years. May – September. For more information, visit downtownboston.org.

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Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum

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\$28 adults; \$25 seniors/students/military; \$18 children 5-12; free-children under 4
Visit bostonteapartyship.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 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

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News & Technology!

The NEW Freedom Trail Website & Store

In celebration of the Freedom Trail's 67th anniversary, the Freedom Foundation will launch a new website in 2018. This online platform will welcome people to the City of Boston, Freedom Trail, 16 official Freedom Trail historic sites, and beyond. The modern, responsive, branded-destination website will offer an easy to use experience and tool for users at home and on the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail store offers tour ticket discounts, 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 or call 617-357-8300.



Old Corner Bookstore Celebrates 300th Anniversary with New Technology

The Old Corner Bookstore – the city's oldest commercial building – was first built as a home and apothecary shop before becoming the site of a series of booksellers and publishers. The best known, Ticknor and Fields, occupied the building from 1832 to 1865 when it became a meeting place for such well-known authors as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Charles

Dickens. Now a Boston landmark, the Old Corner Bookstore was the first important building to be rescued, restored, and repurposed by Historic Boston, Inc. (HBI) in the early 1960's. HBI offers an augmented reality app, called "Look Again," that allows users to view the building through five decades. Look Again is available for download for iOS and Android devices.

First-in-the-Nation Colonial Burying Ground App

Freedom Trail Foundation's Granary Burying Ground's Top 100 – an application for one of Boston's most historic burying grounds – is filled with tidbits about the Top 100 lives, images, and quotes from citizens of Boston instrumental in shaping the Revolution. The Granary app and the official Freedom Trail app are available on iTunes or Google Play.



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 or at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center.

Preserving the Freedom Trail

In addition to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund and each official Freedom Trail historic sites' efforts to preserve Boston's treasures, the City of Boston is enhancing the Freedom Trail! In 2018, Boston will officially celebrate the Boston Common Parkman Plaza and Rachel Revere Park reconstruction projects, continue the Connect Historic Boston projects on Union Street and Constitution Road, and begin the North Square and Paul Revere Mall (Prado) reconstruction projects in the North End. These projects help to preserve and improve the Freedom Trail for over 4 million people to experience annually.



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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

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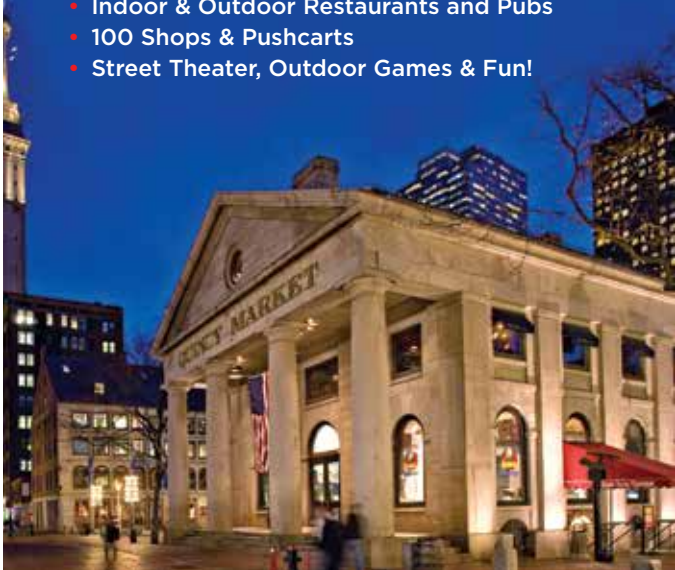
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