



EMERALD NECKLACE

parks

WALKING AND RUNNING DISTANCES

If you would like to add physical activity to your daily life, the Emerald Necklace offers beautiful paths that are convenient to different neighborhoods. Here are a few suggestions. Distances are approximate

Public Garden, at Charles St., to Charlesgate East: roundtrip **2.5 miles**

Back Bay Fens Loop (Endpoints: Boylston Bridge **31** & Ave Louis Pasteur): roundtrip **1.6 miles**

Riverway Loop (Fenway T Station to Netherlands Road): roundtrip **1.5 miles**

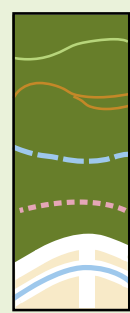
Leverett Pond Loop (Good for families with small children): roundtrip **.7 mile**

Jamaica Pond Circumference: **1.5 miles**

Arnold Arboretum, Hunnewell Bldg. **13** to Peter's Hill Summit **10**: roundtrip **3.5 miles**

Franklin Park Walking Loop: **2.5 miles**

LEGEND



PAVED PATHWAYS

UNPAVED PATHWAYS

SUGGESTED BIKE ROUTE IN PARK

SUGGESTED WALKING ROUTE

SUGGESTED BIKE ROUTE ON STREET
(Assuming travel from Arlington Street towards Franklin Park)

PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE
(Franklin Park & Arnold Arboretum only)



SIGNAL-PROTECTED CROSSWALK



CAUTION - UNPROTECTED CROSSWALK



VISTA



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TOT LOT PLAYGROUND



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PARKING

Regulations: Please see posted regulations because they vary from park to park. In most of the parks, dogs must be on leash.

0 25 Mile .5 Mile .75 Mile 1 Mile

PARK FEATURES

- 1 White Stadium**
- 2 Overlook Shelter Ruins:** Originally a field house, it was one of the few structures Olmsted ever designed. The site was the home to Elma Lewis' Playhouse in the Park in the '60s and '70s, and jazz greats, including Duke Ellington, performed here.
- 3 The Playstead:** A large, active sports area that accommodates basketball, tennis and many field sports.
- 4 Franklin Park Zoo:** Founded in 1912, the zoo's 72 acres are home to lions, tigers, giraffes, and more. Visitors to the signature Tropical Forest can stand face-to-face with the Zoo's seven gorillas at one of five glass viewing stations. Heroic statues by Daniel Chester French flank the north entrance. \$ www.franklinparkzoo.org
- 5 William J. Devine Golf Course:** Originally a sheep meadow in Olmsted's design, this 18-hole facility is the second oldest public golf course in the country. Open year round, weather permitting \$ 617.265.4084
- 6 Schoolmaster Hill:** Named for Ralph Waldo Emerson who lived near this site in the 1820s when he was a schoolteacher in Roxbury. This hidden spot has picnic tables, century-old white pines, and offers a spectacular view across the park and to the Blue Hills beyond.
- 7 The Wilderness:** A 65-acre native oak forest with meandering paths and huge Roxbury puddingstone outcroppings, the Wilderness is a picturesque landscape and a good example of urban woodlands.
- 8 The 99 Steps/Ellicott Arch**
- 9 Scarboro Pond and Hill**
- 10 Peter's Hill:** The highest point in the Emerald Necklace, Peter's Hill (240 feet) offers spectacular views of Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and the Boston skyline.
- 11 Explorers Gardens:** The area around Chinese Path has long been used by researchers to test the hardiness of new plants gathered from around the world by plant explorers. Don't miss rare and unusual plants like the dove tree, paperbark maple, or *Franklinia*.

- 12 Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection:** See the oldest and smallest trees at the Arboretum. Open mid-April to early November.
- 13 Hunnewell Building:** This building houses administrative offices, a library open to the public, and a visitor center with knowledgeable staff to help make the most of your visit. Maps, brochures, restrooms, as well as a small bookstore. Visitor center hours: Mon-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun noon-4pm
- 14 Jamaica Pond Boathouse/Bandstand:** Built in 1912, these Tudor-style structures add a rustic element to the pond. Visitors can rent sailboats or rowboats to enjoy unique views of the park or simply drift on the water. (www.courageousailing.org). The Bandstand is home to numerous recreational, educational, and cultural activities. The Boathouse is open April 1 through Veteran's Day.
- 15 Parkman Memorial:** Daniel Chester French, Sculptor

- 16 Pinebank Promontory:** A peaceful spot in this busy park, the promontory's stunning views across the Pond and cooling breezes through tall pines made it an attractive site for three successive mansions in the 1800s. Today, a granite outline marks the footprint of the last mansion that stood here.
- 17 Ward's Pond:** This secluded pond is a glacial "kettle-hole" formed at the end of the last ice age. A serene, heavily wooded area, the visitor finds a quiet wilderness, steps from the surrounding city.
- 18 Wildflower meadow:** Once the site of an indoor ice skating rink, the meadow now offers unique habitat for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.
- 19 Daisy Field:** Olmsted originally designed this as a large meadow surrounded by woods. Today, playing fields serve community groups for little league, softball, soccer and touch football.
- 20 Allerton Overlook:** This semi-circular walk descends into the park and provides scenic views of the banks and islands of Leverett Pond.

- 21 Leverett Pond:** Leverett Pond is a fine example of Olmsted's skill combining landscape, water, and structure into his designs. Islands were created to provide both visual interest and waterfowl breeding area.
- 22 Bellevue Street Bridge:**
- 23 Chapel Street Bridge Area/Historic Bridle Paths:** Bridges played a key role in all of Olmsted's work, not only along rivers, but everywhere that he sought to separate different modes of transportation. The Chapel Street Bridge separated walkers above from the bridle path below.
- 24 Round House Shelter**
- 25 Joseph Lee Playground (Clemente Field):** This area accommodates softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, basketball and a recreational running track. One of the diamonds was named in honor of Roberto Clemente—the first Latin American elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame—who died in a plane crash while doing humanitarian work in Central America.

- 26 James P. Kelleher Rose Garden:** Designed by landscape architect Arthur Shurcliff in the 1920s, this garden was restored by the City of Boston and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. Combining the best of old and new roses, today's garden includes over 1,500 plants representing 200 different varieties.
- 27 War Memorials**
- 28 Japanese Bell:** Found on a scrap heap in Yokosuka, this beautiful 325-year-old temple bell was brought back by sailors on the USS Boston in 1945. In 1953, the Japanese government wished it to remain in Boston as a gesture of world peace.
- 29 Gatehouses:** These massive, granite buildings in the Richardson style, were built to regulate the waters of Stony Brook flowing into the Muddy River. (Future site of Emerald Necklace Conservancy visitor center)

- 30 Victory Gardens:** Victory Gardens were cultivated during World Wars I and II to ease demand on the wartime food supply. Today the plots are tended by recreational gardeners who pay a small yearly fee—and grow much more than vegetables.
- 31 Boylston Bridge:** Designed by prominent 19th-century architect H. H. Richardson, this bridge is constructed of Cape Ann granite. Projecting bays, or "tourelles," offer sweeping views across the Fens.
- 32 Leif Eriksson Statue**
- 33 Boston Women's Memorial:** Mayor Thomas M. Menino reserved the site for a women's memorial in 1992. The Boston Women's Commission selected Abigail Adams, Lucy Stone, and Phillis Wheatley as exemplary figures. Meredith Bergmann, Sculptor
- 34 Samuel Eliot Morison Statue:** This scholar, educator, and maritime historian was the Pulitzer-prize winning author of the "Oxford History of the United States" (1927) and "The Oxford History of the American People" (1965). Penelope Jencks, Sculptor

- 35 William Lloyd Garrison Statue:** Publisher of "The Liberator" and founder of the New England Anti-Slavery Society, Garrison was a powerful voice in the abolitionist movement. Olin Levi Warner, Sculptor
- 36 Alexander Hamilton Statue:** Hamilton, a Founding Father who also started the central banking system, welcomes visitors to the Mall between Arlington and Berkeley streets. Dr. William Rimmer, Sculptor
- 37 9/11 Memorial**
- 38 George Washington Statue:** Thomas Ball, Sculptor
- 39 Swan Boats:** These iconic pedal boats first appeared on the Lagoon in 1877. Designed by Robert Paget, they are still owned and operated by the Paget Family. \$
- 40 Make Way for Ducklings Sculpture:** Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings were created as a tribute to Robert McCloskey, author of a children's book about ducks that live in the Public Garden's Lagoon. Nancy Schön, Sculptor

- 41 Central Burying Ground:** Purchased in 1756 and added to the Common in 1839, this is the final resting place for Revolutionary War soldiers and many others.
- 42 Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument:** Martin Milmore, Sculptor
- 43 Frog Pond:** Site of 1848's "Water Celebration" inaugurating the city's public water system, today the pond serves as a skating rink in the winter and a supervised wading pool in the summer. The Tadpole Playground is nearby.
- 44 Shaw Memorial:** This honors the 54th Regiment of the Massachusetts Infantry. Led by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, the 54th was the first free black regiment in the Union. Bronze relief by Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Granite frame and terrace by Charles F. McKim
- 45 Brewer Fountain**
- 46 Boston Common Visitors' Center and Park Ranger Station:** Maps, tourist information, and restrooms. This also marks the start of the Freedom Trail ®. Hours: Monday–Saturday, 8:30 am–5pm; Sunday 10am–6pm