

Boston Inner Harbor - Coast Guide Site Descriptions

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American Legion Playground - Playground near Chelsea Creek with sports fields. Street parking.

Barry Playground - Playground with sports fields. No parking.

Boston Fish Pier - Working fish pier with historic buildings. Restaurant with free parking for patrons.

Central Wharf - Large pier with plaza, dock for whale watch cruises, and walkway. New England Aquarium features large circular tank and special exhibits, including a free outdoor harbor seal tank. Paid parking in nearby garages.



Charlestown Community Center - Grassy area with boat ramp, benches, and sports fields. Free parking.

Christopher Columbus Park - Waterfront park with area for performing arts, grassy area, benches, and playground. Paid parking in nearby garages.

Condor Street Overlook - Overlook of Chelsea Creek and the Mystic River. No parking.

Condor Street Urban Wild - Natural area and salt marsh with paths and boardwalk. Street parking.

Constitution Plaza - Walkway and landscaped area adjacent to a marina. Access from Warren Street off Chelsea Street. Paid parking.

Copp's Hill Terrace - Overlook with view of Boston Harbor and Charlestown. Permit street parking.

Dry Dock Overlook - Plaza with handicapped-accessible viewing platform and benches. Street parking.

Drydock 2/Piers 3 and 4 - Boardwalk around flooded drydock and piers with visiting ships, historic cranes and pumphouse, water shuttle dock, and public sailing center. Access and parking at Shipyard Park.

East Boston Piers Park - Park with pier, public sailing club, walkway, lawn, picnic tables, and playground. Free parking.

Golden Stairs - Stairway, overlook, and benches. Connects Brophy Park on Webster Street to East Boston Piers Park.

Harborside Walkway - Walkway and water shuttle dock with benches and gazebo. Located adjacent to Logan Airport. No parking.

John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse - Park surrounding courthouse with public landing, excursion boat docks, visitor program on maritime commerce and law, walkways, and restaurants. Adjacent to the courthouse dock is a Boston Harbor Islands National Park Visitor Center with gift shop and information desk. Paid parking nearby.

Langone Park/Puopolo Park - Waterfront park with bathhouse, playground, sports fields, swimming pool, wading pool, and bocci courts. Adjacent U.S. Coast Guard boardwalk with observation area and benches. Street parking.

Lewis Street Mall - Pedestrian mall connecting Maverick Square to waterfront with dock. Street parking in Maverick Square.

Long Wharf - Pier with plaza at end of wharf, pavilion, steps to water, and docks for boats and water shuttles to Charlestown, Logan Airport, UMass/JFK, George's Island, Salem, and Hull. Paid parking in nearby garages.

Lopresti Park - Park with pier, benches, playground, and sports fields. Street parking.

Mary O'Malley Park - Park with pier, walkway, benches, picnic area, tennis courts, and open fields. Street parking.

Museum Wharf (Children's Museum) - Plaza and boardwalk at Children's Museum, which offers award-winning displays and exhibits, with Computer Museum and Boston Tea Party ship nearby. Paid parking nearby.

Navy Yard Historical Park - Charlestown Navy Yard unit of Boston National Historical Park with *USS Constitution* ("Old Ironsides") and *USS Cassin Young* on display, historic industrial buildings and drydock, Constitution Museum, and visitor program on shipbuilding for the U.S. Navy. Access off Constitution Road or 5th Street. Paid parking lot.

New Charles River Basin - To be completed as part of the Central Artery Project, this area will include 40 acres of new parks and green-ways connecting the Charles River Reservation with Boston Harbor. The following components are complete: the Charles River Dam with walkways across locks at mouth of river (landward of North Washington Street), benches, visitor center, and state marine police station; and, north of dam, the adjacent Paul Revere Park with boat landing, walkways, benches, and playground.

North End Park - Walkway with pier, benches, and sports fields. Street and garage parking nearby.

Pier 10 Park - Small park with harbor views, pier, and benches. Street parking.

Pilot House Park - Plaza and walkway with park benches and planters. Paid parking.

Porzio Park - Park with benches, picnic tables, playground, tennis courts, and sports fields. Street parking.

Ryan Playground - Riverfront recreation area with benches, tables, playground, and sports fields. Parking lot.

Shipyard Park - Park with Korean War Veterans Memorial, walkways, benches, tot lot, and fountain/wading pool. Metered street parking and paid parking in nearby garage (with shuttle van to park).

Tunnel Vent Building - Waterfront walkway and viewing area at entrance to Third Harbor Tunnel.

Umana School - Community school with walkways, playground, skateboard park, and sports fields. Free parking.

World Trade Center/Commonwealth Pier - Half-mile walkway around World Trade Center with docking facilities for excursion boats, water shuttle, and deep-draft vessels. Paid parking nearby.



Boston HarborWalk - When completed, Boston's HarborWalk will be a 43-mile continuous walkway offering 24-hour access to the City's diverse shoreline, with connections to nearby neighborhoods. The HarborWalk is currently more than 60 percent complete, with particularly good access in the North End and Downtown areas. Ultimately, the HarborWalk will have signage, seating, lighting, landscaping, public art, beaches, fishing piers, observation decks, and public boat

landings. Examples of current attractions include: the harbor seal tank outside the New England Aquarium, free boarding of the *USS Constitution* and free admission to the *USS Constitution* Museum, and a new "Arts at the Point" sculpture garden on the UMass Boston Harbor Campus.

In addition to the HarborWalk sites indicated on the map, public open spaces are found on many privately owned sites along the HarborWalk. Rowes Wharf is a leading example with its dramatic arch, extensive walkways, and passenger vessel docks. In addition, new segments are continually added to the HarborWalk as waterfront properties are redeveloped or renovated.



"ARTS AT THE POINT"
AT UMASS, BOSTON

Photos: Arden Miller (top), UMass Boston (bottom)

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