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PARKS AND RECREATION

We create and maintain clean, green, safe, and accessible open space in more than 2,300 acres of park land throughout Boston.



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GET STARTED



Popular playgrounds and parks in Boston



How to get a permit to hold an event at a park



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Let's find a playground or park near you! Click on the “Popular playgrounds and parks in Boston” icon.

POPULAR PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS IN BOSTON



All of these neighborhoods in blue are clickable.



- ALLSTON-BRIGHTON
- BACK BAY-BEACON HILL
- DOWNTOWN
- CHARLESTOWN
- DORCHESTER**
- EASTIE
- FENWAY-KENMORE
- HARBOR
- HYDE PARK
- JP
- MATTAPAN
- ROSLINDALE
- ROXBURY
- SOUTHIE
- SOUTH END
- WEST ROXBURY

We put together a list of some of the most popular playgrounds and parks in the City by neighborhood.

Click on the neighborhood that you live in, and a list of popular playgrounds and parks will appear on the screen.

Next, let's go back to the Parks & Recreation homepage and scroll down to the "Places to visit" section.

PLACES TO VISIT



EMERALD NECKLACE

The 1,100-acre chain of nine parks is linked by parkways and waterways.

[VISIT THE EMERALD NECKLACE](#)



CEMETERIES / HISTORIC BURYING GROUNDS

We manage three active cemeteries and 16 burying grounds in Boston.

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URBAN WILDS

The Urban Wilds form an essential part of the City's open space system.

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Let's click on "Visit the Emerald Necklace" and see what it has to offer.

EMERALD NECKLACE

Boston's Emerald Necklace consists of an 1,100-acre chain of nine parks linked by parkways and waterways.

This linear system of parks and parkways was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted to connect the Boston Common, which dates from the colonial period, and the 1837 Public Garden along the Muddy River and Leverett, Willow, Ward's and Jamaica ponds through the Arnold Arboretum to the great country park – Franklin Park.

From Boston Common to Franklin Park, it is approximately seven miles by foot through the parks.

Click on any of the parks for more details like the address, history of the park, what neighborhood it is in, and any special features & resources.

EMERALD NECKLACE PARKS



Boston Common DOWNTOWN

Hear the echoes of 350 years of the most extraordinary history of America's oldest park.



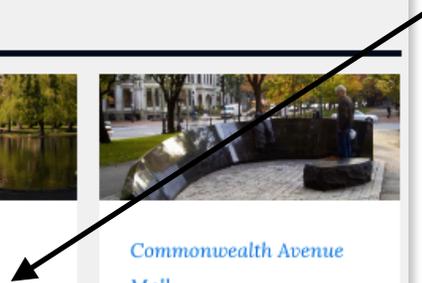
Public Garden DOWNTOWN

The Public Garden was the first public botanical garden in America.

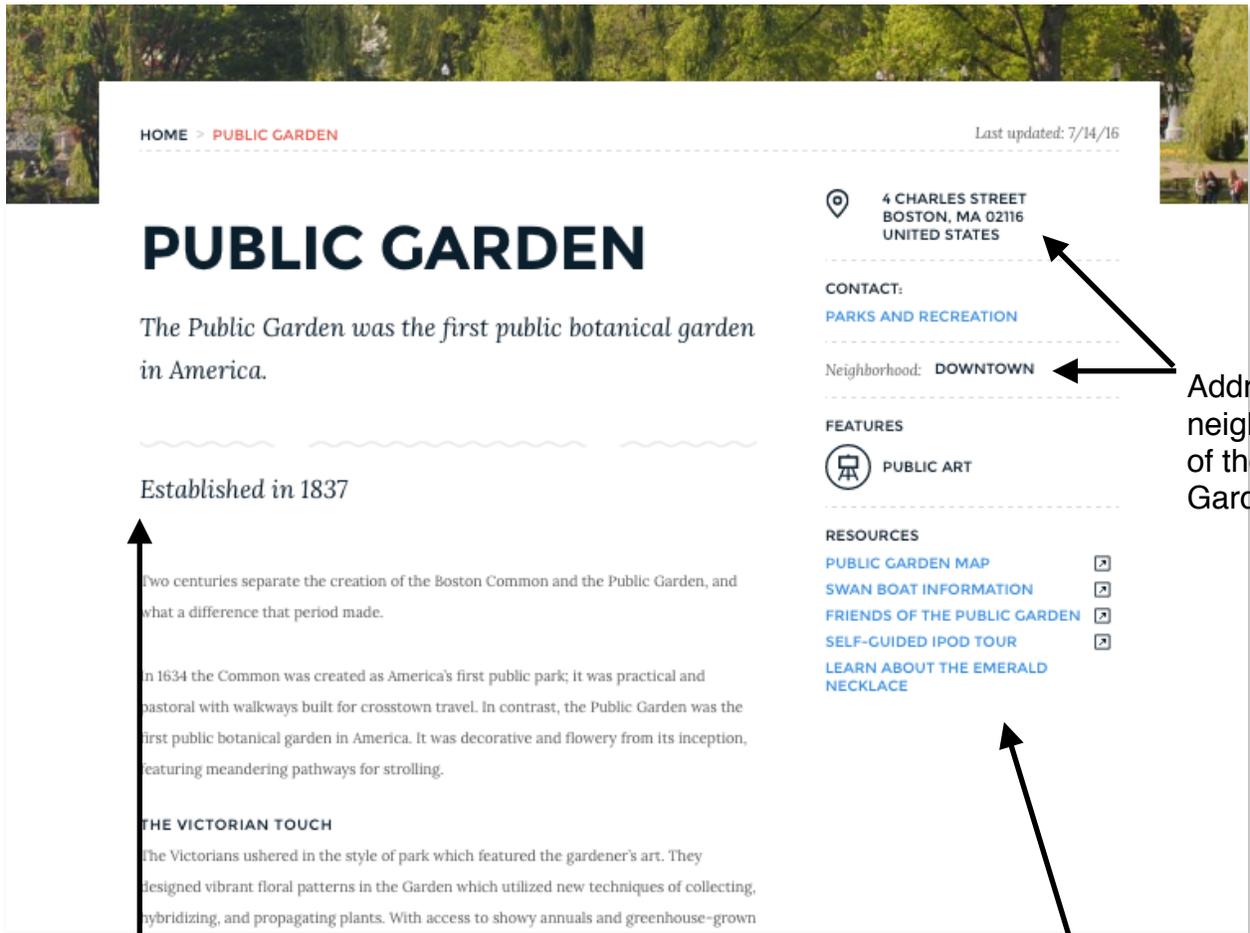


Commonwealth Avenue Mall FENWAY/KENMORE

The Mall's 32 acres were designed in the French boulevard style by Arthur Gilman in 1856.



Let's click on the "Public Garden" to see what kind of information is available.



Read more about the Public Garden in this section.

Address and neighborhood of the Public Garden.

Look! More resources to help you get the most out of your visit!

Let's go back to the Parks & Recreation homepage and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page to look at the "Related Links" section.

RELATED LINKS

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BOSTON COMMON PARKING GARAGE	BOSTONHARBORISLANDS.COM	BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK
BOSTON SWAN BOATS	EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY	FRANKLIN PARK COALITION
FRANKLINPARKZOO.ORG	FRIENDS OF JAMAICA POND	FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN
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Click on any of the links to find more recreational activities!

Enjoy and have fun exploring!