

Family walks from Children's

Children's Hospital Boston is in the center of the Longwood Medical and Academic Area. Within a 20-minute walk are some of Boston's best sights for kids [grownups, too!] – a puppet theatre, playgrounds, an anatomical museum, Fenway Park [open for tours], major art museums, galleries and the beautiful Emerald Necklace park, designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, winding through the area. *The Center for Families offers some free museum passes for inpatient families.* 617.355.6279.

In front of Children's main entrance is Longwood Avenue, the main street of the area.

Left on Longwood Ave.

- Harvard Cooperative Society [the "Coop"] – a bookstore with officially licensed Harvard gifts.
- Longwood Galleria – at Brookline Ave., the premier area food court; includes a pharmacy.
- Brookline Ave. – restaurants, coffee shop and florist.

Right on Longwood Ave.

- Harvard Medical School – founded in 1782, surrounds a green quadrangle open to kids and friends.

Safe Walking

Daylight hours are best: buildings are open for visits and streets are filled with people. Enjoy these walks with your family or a friend and cross only at marked crosswalks. Carry a map so a return route is easy to find.

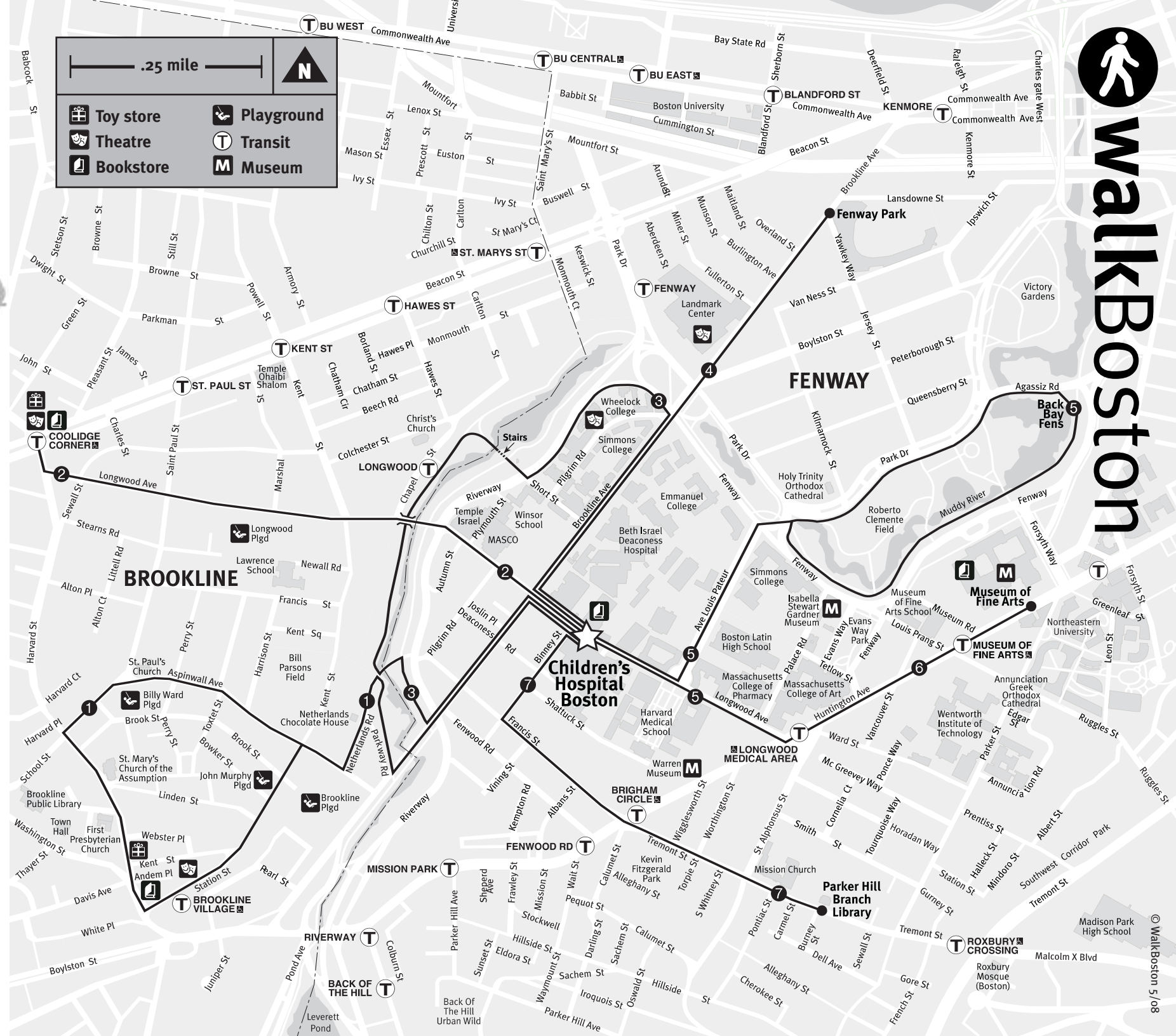
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Excellent explorations near Children's Hospital Boston

① Brookline Village

3.2 miles/80 minute loop

Quaint neighborhood, shopping for books/toys

Go out to Longwood Ave. Turn L, then L again on Brookline Ave. Cross Riverway. Turn R. At Netherlands Rd. turn L. Turn R on Aspinwall Ave. & L on Harvard St. Return via Station St., R on Aspinwall Ave., L on Brookline Ave., R on Longwood Ave. to hospital.

What to look for: Unusual Victorian buildings in carefully preserved 19th c. neighborhoods.

- Netherlands Chocolate House – built by the Van Houten Chocolate Co. for the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, then transported back to this site.
- Brookline Public Library – has a large children’s section and a snack bar.
- Brookline Village shopping – attractive old buildings with book and toy stores for children.
- Puppet Show Place [32 Station St.] – shows for kids on Wed./Thurs. mornings; Sat./Sun. afternoons. www.puppetshowplace.org 617.731.6400.
- Billy Ward Playground – Aspinwall/Brook Streets.
- John E. Murphy Playground – Kent/Brook Streets.

② Coolidge Corner

1.5 miles/30 minute loop

Busy shopping for books/toys, movies, food

Go out to Longwood Ave. & turn L. At end of Longwood turn R on Harvard St. Coolidge Corner is straight ahead.

What to look for: Coolidge Corner has shopping, ethnic restaurants and an Art Deco movie theatre. Halfway there, Longwood/Lawrence Playground has lots of equipment and plenty of space.

- Longwood Towers [Longwood Ave./Chapel St.] – three 10-story Gothic-style residential brick buildings.
- Longwood Playground [Lawrence Elementary School] – fully-equipped playgrounds amid grassy fields.
- S.S. Pierce Building – Coolidge Corner’s landmark stucco Tudor-style building with a clock tower built as an upscale grocery store 100 years ago.
- Coolidge Corner Theatre – a vaudeville-style cinema from 1933, with movies/live shows for kids, 10:30 a.m. Sat./Sun. www.coolidge.org 617.734.2500.
- Arcade Building – a funky 75-year-old precursor to the design of contemporary malls.

③ Emerald Necklace

1.6 miles/30 minute loop with a short stairway

Linear park with ducks, trolleys & children’s theatre

Go out to Longwood Ave. Turn L. Turn R on Brookline Ave. At Fenway/Riverway, turn L. Cross at the signal into the park. Over the river, turn L. Follow the path under the arched stone bridge and turn L at Brookline Ave. Turn R at Longwood Ave.

What to look for: The Emerald Necklace is one of Frederick Law Olmsted’s most famous designs – a 6-mile string of parks linked by boulevards, stretching between the Charles River Basin and Franklin Park.

- The Park – a 19th century idyll with tall trees and lavish landscaping to glamorize the Muddy River.
- Emerald Necklace boulevard – changes names for each part of the park. Here it’s the Riverway; north it’s the Fenway; and south it’s the Jamaica Way.
- Green Line trolleys parallel the park – a terrific way to explore the city and its historic districts.
- Wheelock Family Theatre – shows for kids Friday evening, matinees on Sat./Sun. 180 The Riverway, www.wheelock.edu 617.879.2147

④ Fenway Park/Kenmore Square

1.9 miles/40 minute loop

Baseball, shopping, restaurants, nearest movies

Go out to Longwood Ave. & turn L. Turn R at Brookline Ave. Turn R on Yawkey Way for Fenway Park. Kenmore Square is 2 blocks further.

What to look for: The Boston Red Sox are famous for their antique stadium, now updated—it’s interesting even if you’re not a fan. Nearby Kenmore Sq. is a subway hub, with restaurants, bookstores and Boston University.

- Regal 13 Cinema – movie theatre closest to hospitals www.regalcinemas.com 617.424.6266.
- Fenway Park tours – daily 9-4, on the hour \$10-\$12. www.redsox.mlb.com
- Boston Red Sox – play from early April through Sept. [with big hopes for postseason games in Oct.]
- Citgo sign – the huge landmark in Kenmore Square is easily seen from inside Fenway Park.
- Boston University – a mile-long campus from Kenmore Square out along Commonwealth Ave.

⑤ Back Bay Fens/Gardner Museum

2.1 miles/45 minute loop

Beautiful museum surrounded by parks

Go out to Longwood Ave & turn R. Then L at Ave. Louis Pasteur. Turn R for museum. Cross the “Fenway” boulevard. Follow paths. Cross any bridge to return.

What to look for: The Gardner Museum faces the Fenway portion of the Emerald Necklace park where the Muddy River bends and twists through dense planting. Created from a mudflat 100 years ago, the park is now the focus of one of the city’s most densely-built areas.

- Boston Latin School [1635] – the nation’s oldest public school in continuous operation. Ave. Louis Pasteur.
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum [1903] – spectacular interior garden courtyard and renowned European art. www.gardnermuseum.org 617.566.1401
- Back Bay Fens – part of the Emerald Necklace and includes a Rose Garden, War Memorials and a Community “Victory Garden” founded during WWII.

⑥ Museum of Fine Arts

1.7 miles/35 minute loop

World-class art & the first baseball World Series

Go out to Longwood Ave. & turn R. Turn L at Huntington Ave.

What to look for: Institutions line the 4-block walk to the Museum of Fine Arts. 2 blocks further, Northeastern University’s exciting new architecture is on the site of the first [1903] baseball World Series.

- Warren Anatomical Museum – Harvard Medical School’s Countway Library. 10 Shattuck St. Free. Open Mon.-Fri., 9-5. 617.432.6196
- Mass. College of Art [1873] – a public school of art and design with an on-site art gallery. Open Mon.-Fri. 10-6; Sat. 11-5. www.massart.edu 617.879.7336
- Huntington Avenue/Avenue of the Arts – lined with 12 educational institutions and six galleries/museums.
- Wentworth Institute of Technology – a career-focused, cooperative work-study school. Look for the 6-foot leopard sculpture on Huntington Ave.
- Museum of Fine Arts [MFA] – one of the largest museums in the country; has Family Place activities for kids and free guided tours. Note “The Appeal to the Great Spirit” and other sculptures along Huntington

Ave. www.mfa.org/learn 617.267.9300

- Northeastern University – integrates classroom and real-world experience in cooperative work-study.
- First World Series [1903] – A plaque on Cabot Hall [corner of Huntington/Forsyth] memorializes the field where the series was played. [Boston beat Pittsburgh for the championship!]
- Cy Young – won more games [511] than any pitcher in baseball history. The annual Cy Young Award now goes to baseball’s best pitcher. His statue behind Cabot Hall faces the old home plate.

⑦ Mission Hill

2.4 miles/60 minute loop

Quarry park & hilly views of Boston

Go out to Longwood Ave. & turn L. Turn L at Binney Street. At Francis St, turn L. Cross Huntington Ave. to Tremont St. [continuation of Francis St.] & continue to the Mission Hill Park.

What to look for: Mission Hill [once Parker Hill] is home to 18,000 people living in brick row houses and freestanding 3-deckers. It is known for its landmark church, ethnic diversity and views of the city.

- Brigham Circle – the neighborhood commercial center has a grocery store, drug stores and bistros.
- Kevin W. Fitzgerald Park/Puddingstone Park [2002] – a reclaimed quarry can be accessed on foot – take escalator to grocery store parking lot. Turn L, take switchback trail to the hilltop for spectacular vistas of downtown Boston and Back Bay. Open May–Sept.
- Mission Church and Basilica [1876] – Roxbury puddingstone, with two spires added in 1910.
- Mission Hill Park – next to the church, has a small playground for kids and great city views for adults.
- Parker Hill Library [1929] – retains original small leaded windows and Flemish oak panels.

Have less time/need to stay in the building?

The main lobby’s Rube Goldberg “Bippity Bop” Machine starts a ball at the top, rolls along convoluted tracks, rings bells and bounces its way down. And a beautiful [almost secret] garden can be found in the center of the building.