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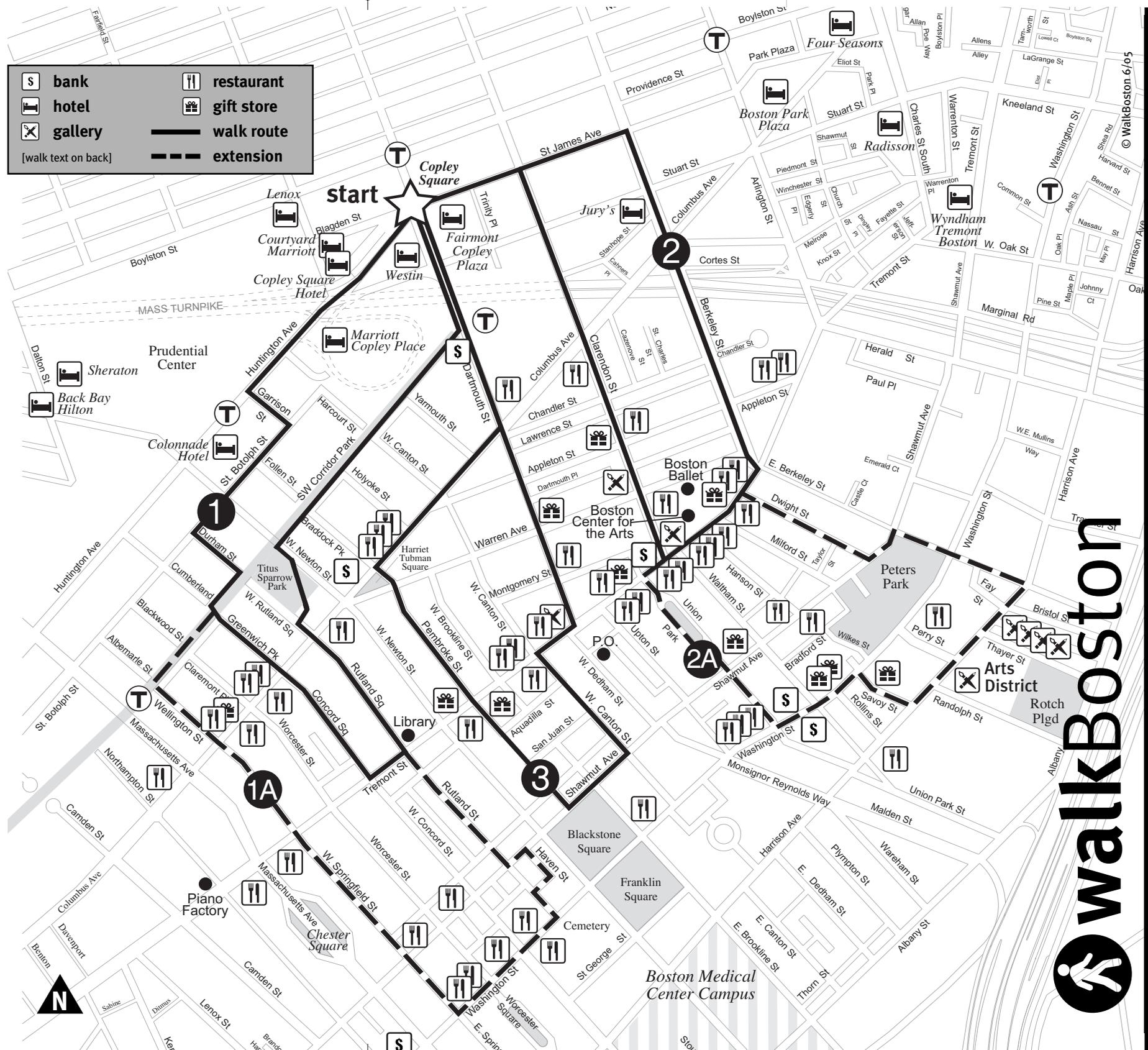
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Boston's South End: Hip and Historic

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In Boston, America's Walking City, the South End is a favorite of locals and visitors. It's a compact, lively neighborhood that is easy to access from Downtown, Back Bay, and many hotels and tourist destinations. Walking along the flat, shady streets of the South End, you'll be charmed by this "historic district"—the largest group of Victorian structures in the country. Long an immigrant neighborhood, the South End still retains its diversity. Its distinctive architecture is invigorated by an array of unique restaurants, art galleries and gift/dress/furniture shops.

You can cover a lot of distance by walking just a few minutes in the South End—the seven city blocks from Copley Square to Tremont Street take 10-15 minutes to walk and cover a half mile. During a round trip of 20-30 minutes, you'll get the health benefits of walking one full mile while enjoying the area!

The streets of the South End are flat, much like the Back Bay; both areas were created by filling in tidal marshes. Unlike the legendary crooked streets of Downtown, South End streets were laid out in a grid pattern, making it easy to get anywhere. You can go up one block and over two, or up two and over one, and so forth, always seeing something new.

Most South End street names came from towns in Massachusetts that were being connected by railroads when the area was laid out. Beware: street names can be confusing; they frequently change on either side of Washington Street [the only land route into downtown before this area was filled].

The South End is known for its handsome 1840-1870s Victorian row houses with graceful bowed windows, cast iron railings, grand staircases, front gardens, and residential squares that were created by slightly widening streets and adding green parks in the middle. These squares and buildings are often used for period movies because they are so picturesque.

Though the residential buildings are compact, the area is lush. The streets are canopied by mature shade trees from a 1970s City tree-planting program. The tradition of greenery dates back to 1801 when architect Charles Bulfinch laid out Blackstone and Franklin Squares [the current form was built in the 1860s].

## ① Historic Squares & Paths

1.5 miles/30 minutes

Follow Dartmouth Street to the Southwest Corridor Park to see Braddock Park, as well as Rutland and Concord Squares. Come back via St. Botolph Street and Huntington Avenue.

**What to look for:** Three South End residential squares highlight this route, along with the 1989 Southwest Corridor Park, which covers five rail tracks of Amtrak and the MBTA Orange Line.

- Titus Sparrow Park - W. Newton Street
- Braddock Park - residential square with fountain
- Southwest Corridor linear park
- Southwest Corridor community gardens
- Concord/Rutland Squares - original residential squares
- Public Library - South End branch
- Lion statue - Columbus Avenue/Greenwich Park

## ①A The Deep South End

.5 mile extension/15 minutes

At the Library, continue on Rutland past Tremont. After touring Haven St., return to Rutland and proceed to Washington, W. Springfield and Wellington Sts. to the Southwest Corridor Park, reconnecting with Route 1.

**What to look for:** This walk gives an expansive look at historic houses amid the attractive leafiness of Rutland and W. Springfield Streets. Tiny Haven Street, community gardens and pocket parks accent the walk.

- Rutland Street - one of the South End's most beautiful, with a large old elm mid-block
- Rutland Green - a formally planted pocket park
- South End House & Children's Art Center
- Haven Street - quaint frame house
- Community gardens at Rutland & Washington Streets
- South End cemetery [1810], Washington/E. Concord Sts.
- Worcester Square - grand residential square
- Boston Medical Center



## ② Restaurant Row

1 mile/20 minutes

Follow Clarendon Street to Tremont. Shops and distinctive restaurants line both sides of the street to left and right for several blocks. Return via Berkeley Street.

**What to look for:** The culinary arts are on display along Tremont Street and near the Boston Center for the Arts. You'll see the famous Victorian row houses—bay, bow and flat-fronted.

- Historic district brass markers - in wall on Clarendon Street/Columbus Avenue
- Flat fronted houses - Chandler Street
- Bow fronted houses - Appleton Street
- Clarendon/Warren community gardens
- Church turned condo - Clarendon Street
- Boutiques, shops and home stores
- Eateries, bakeries and delis - indoor & outdoor
- Boston Center for the Arts, which includes:
  - The Boston Ballet Company
  - Cyclorama - circular exhibit hall that originally housed the enormous Gettysburg diorama [1884]
  - Huntington Theatre/Calderwood Pavilion - a new multistage performance center

## ②A Gallery District

.5 mile extension/15 minutes

At Clarendon and Tremont, turn right then left on Union Park. Continue along Washington and Savoy Streets and Harrison Avenue. Return via Berkeley and Dwight Streets and reconnect with Route 2 at Tremont.

**What to look for:** The city's newest art gallery district in warehouse buildings off Harrison Avenue. Getting there you'll walk through an exquisite residential square.

- Union Park [1850] - grand square with fountain
- St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church with mosaic murals, Union Park Street
- Cathedral of the Holy Cross [1875] with its large collection of stained glass
- Brick power plant for West End Street Railway Co. [1896], Harrison Avenue
- Harrison Avenue - arts and gallery district
- Pine Street Inn - former fire station, yellow brick tower
- Peters Park - playing fields and courts
- New condos and home stores, Washington Street

## ③ Bulfinch's Squares

1 mile/20 minutes

Follow Dartmouth and W. Canton Streets to Washington Street. Come back via Pembroke Street and Columbus Avenue.

**What to look for:** Blackstone and Franklin Squares are grassy and beautiful, with wispy fountains at their centers. Old and new houses on Pembroke Street frame a spectacular view of Prudential Center.

- Flat fronted houses - Lawrence Street
- Bow fronted houses & cobblestones - Appleton Street
- Bulfinch's Franklin & Blackstone Squares
- Colorful ceramic mural honoring Puerto Rican heroes
- Harriet Tubman Memorial Park
- Statues in Harriet Tubman Square
- Braddock Park - residential square with fountain

## About WalkBoston

Everyone walks at some point of every trip-to and from your car or public transit, or all the way to your destination. WalkBoston is a nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to create and preserve safe walking environments that build vital communities. The state's principal resource on walking issues, we promote, encourage and facilitate walking and its many benefits to health, the environment, and local businesses. Join online at [www.walkboston.org](http://www.walkboston.org).

## Resources

- [southendbusiness.com](http://southendbusiness.com) - business association
- [southend.org](http://southend.org) - calendar, stories, neighborhood orgs
- [cityofboston.gov/neighborhoods/general.asp?id=18](http://cityofboston.gov/neighborhoods/general.asp?id=18) - organizations, contacts, public buildings
- [southendhistoricalsociety.org](http://southendhistoricalsociety.org) - history, buildings, preservation
- [useaboston.com](http://useaboston.com) - South End Open Studios
- **WalkBoston: Walking Tours of Boston's Unique Neighborhoods** [two in the South End] \$14.95 through bookstores, WalkBoston 617.367.9255 or the Prudential Information Center.

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