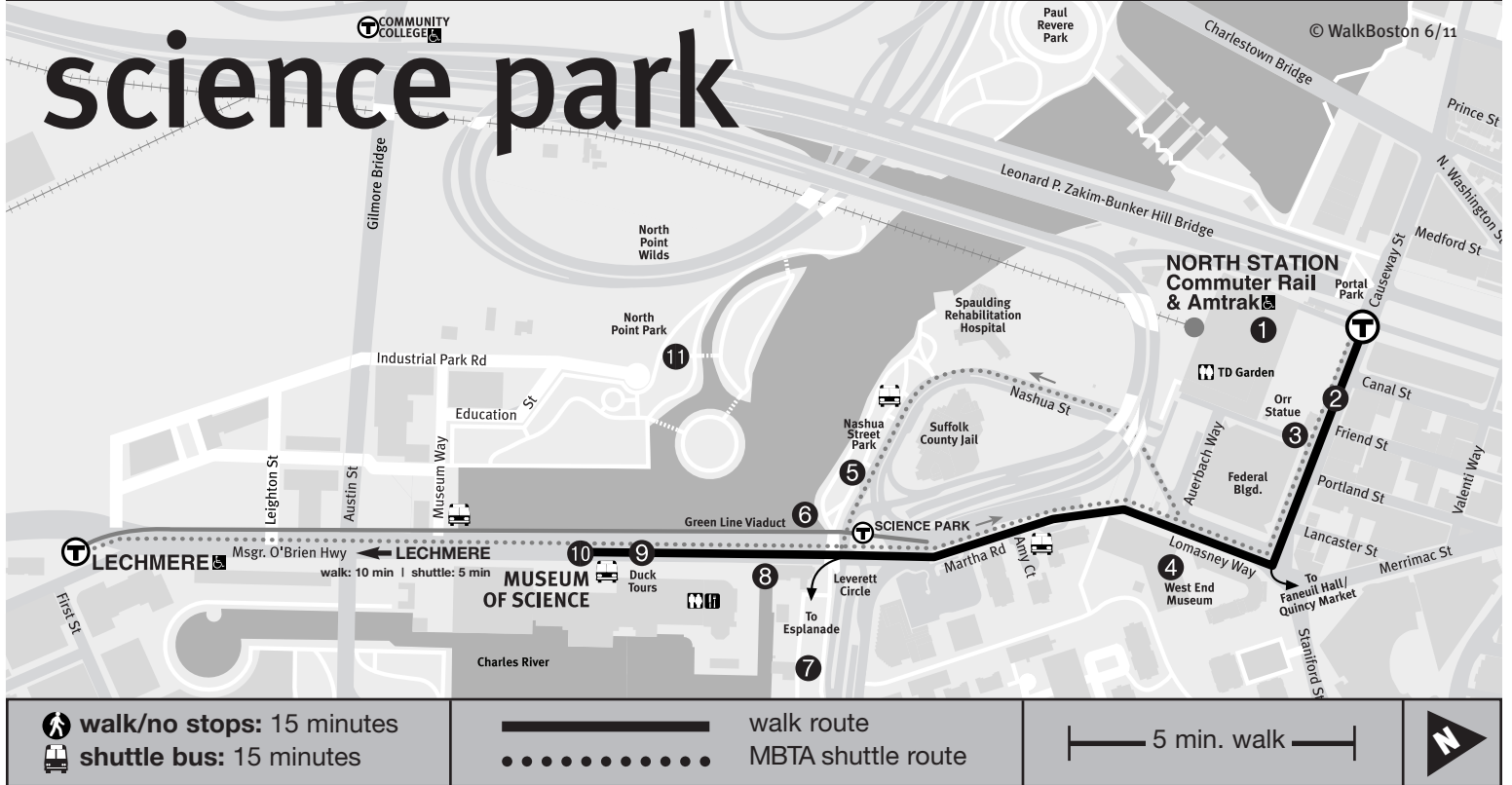




science park



walk/no stops: 15 minutes
shuttle bus: 15 minutes

walk route
 MBTA shuttle route

5 min. walk



What to look for

Boston is America's walking city — so on a nice day, enjoy a Charles River walk to the Science Museum or Esplanade.

See parks, landmarks and Boston history along the way. Consider taking the shuttle one way and walking the other.

- 1 North Station & TD Garden** – the station serves rail passengers going north and east, and the Amtrak line to New Hampshire and Maine. Bruins hockey games and Celtics basketball games are played in the sports arena above the station.
- 2 Causeway Street** – once covered by the Charles River, this street was originally a dam that formed a millpond. The dam collected sea water at high tide and released it at low tide. Both movements powered the mill's wheel. Until 2004, when the Big Dig Project was completed, North Station was served by an elevated trolley that ran above Causeway Street and connected into the MBTA subway system.
- 3 Bobby Orr statue** – the legendary Bruins hockey player is portrayed flying through the air to keep the opposing team from scoring, as in his most famous photo.
- 4 West End History** – the museum focuses on the old neighborhood of dense apartments crowded along narrow streets — all bulldozed

by urban renewal in the 1950s. Across the street is the one remaining tenement house – a narrow 3-story building surrounded by the results of urban renewal and Big Dig highway construction.

- 5 Nashua Street Park** – a minute off the route, this park offers beautiful views of the Zakim Bridge's 36-story towers modeled on the Bunker Hill Monument, and the bascule bridge used by MBTA trains on one of New England's last operating lift bridges. Look for the stone 'Eggs' and the stone spiral sculpture you can climb.
- 6 Lechmere Viaduct** – these beautiful arches support the last remaining MBTA elevated streetcar line in Boston.
- 7 Charles River Esplanade** – this 3 mile long park created in 1910 surrounds the Hatch Shell, home of Boston's July 4th celebration.
- 8 Dams & Locks** – in 1910 two projects made the Charles River what it is today. The street that the Museum of Science sits on is a dam that was built to put an end to the smelly low tides in the Back Bay. The locks in this dam stop the sea-water from entering the basin and still allow boats to pass between the river and the harbor.
- 9 Duck Boats** – these amphibious vehicles are half boat and half truck and pick up passengers here for city and river tours.

10 Museum of Science – one of the world's largest science centers, founded in 1830, attracts over 1.5 million visitors a year. The Museum was the first to embrace all the sciences under one roof [and the first to have interactive exhibits].

11 North Point Park – one of the city's most spectacular new parks, it has a canal complete with little bridges, playgrounds, views, and lots of paths to stroll along.

About this project

The MBTA and WalkBoston have partnered to encourage walking during service changes when stations are close together. Visit mbta.com for latest service updates.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation promotes healthy transportation — walking, bicycling, and public transit — through its GreenDOT sustainability initiative. To learn more visit mass.gov/massdot.

WalkBoston works across Massachusetts on design improvements for pedestrians, education about walkers' needs, and the delights and possibilities of walking. For additional self-guided walks, maps and resources visit walkboston.org.