



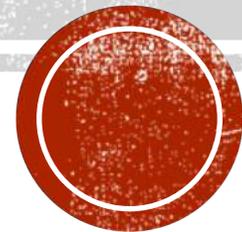
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7 IMPORTANT THINGS

1. Use your MIT ID to get into some museums for FREE!
2. Look for reduced-fee tickets at MITAC (MIT Activities Committee) for movies, museums, etc.
3. Use the MIT & your local public library system to check out FREE movies, books, & museum passes
4. Buy \$10 MBTA Commuter Rail weekend passes to travel outside Boston on Saturdays & Sundays
5. Check out FREE Fridays at area museums – Highland Street Foundation
6. Go to FREE Hatch Shell Concerts, Movies, etc.
7. Follow thebostoncalendar.com for more ideas of cheap/fun things to do in Boston



FREE WEEKLY SUMMER EVENTS

- **Mondays:** Salsa in the Park
- **Tuesdays:** Kendall Square Concerts
- **Wednesdays:** Hatch Shell Concerts, BPL Concerts, MFA admission
- **Thursdays:** ICA admission, 3rd Thursdays at Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Kendall Square Concerts
- **Fridays:** Free Friday Museums, BPL Concerts, Friday Flicks at the Hatch Shell



FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Free concerts by Berklee College of Music students are happening all over Boston!

<https://www.berklee.edu/events/summer>

Kendall Square

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)

Boston Public Library (BPL)

...and many more locations!





DISCOVER THE MIT COMMUNITY





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MITAC MIT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The MIT Activities Committee offers discounted tickets to the MIT community for local arts and culture, sporting events, movies, & family activities. To purchase, you must have an MIT ID (you can buy multiple tickets).

**Stata Center (32)
T-F 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**





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Anyone who is affiliated with MIT can participate in the LCE to improve their language proficiency in English or another language.

LANGUAGE CONVERSATION EXCHANGE

<https://lce.mit.edu/>

Find a conversation partner on the website!

OR come to one of our fall events & meet a language partner:

- Meet Eat Speak: Monthly lunches (twice a month - Bush Room, 10-105)
- Afternoon Resets
- Karaoke Nights



Event sponsored by



all graduate students welcome

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GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL (GSC)

Subscribe to the **GSC Anno** newsletter for upcoming events in the summer/academic year:

<https://gsc.mit.edu/anno/>

The GSC exists to enhance the overall graduate experience at MIT by promoting the general welfare and concerns of the graduate student body, creating new programs and initiatives to provide opportunities for growth and interaction, and communicating with the MIT Administration and Faculty on behalf of graduate students.





Visiting
Student
Association

Your family abroad!

Weekly lunch (Tuesday)

International networking
(2nd & 4th Thursday of the
month)

And much more....

.. Sport events

.. Daytrips

.. Pub crawls

.. Dinners

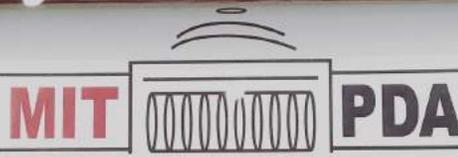
.. Parties

.. Cultural events





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MIT PDA
MIT Postdoctoral Association
 Enhancing the Quality of Life for
 Postdoctoral Associates & Fellows at MIT

▷ Career Development ▷ Support & Community
 ▷ Postdoc Advocacy ▷ Social Events

Come to Our Events and Get Involved!

Our Goals:

- A welcoming environment
- A vibrant and supportive community
- Fair and stable postdoctoral salary minimums
- Increased benefit parity for Fellows
- Better housing resources

Where to Find Us:

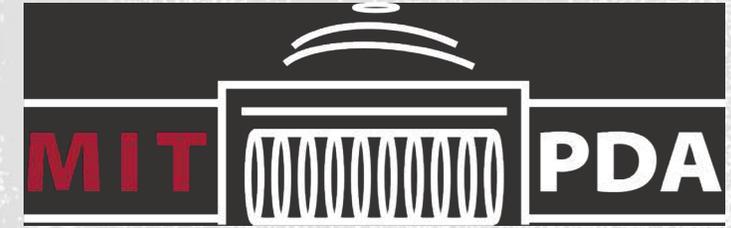
- Weekly Newsletter
(Subscribe through our website)
- Monthly General Meeting
(2nd Monday @ 12pm, E25-202)
- Monthly Coffee Hour
(Last Thursday @ 4pm, 8-219)
- Weekly Sports Activities
(Check the PDA Sports Facebook page)

Other Resources:

- VPR Postdoc Page - postdocs.mit.edu/
- MIT Spouses & Partners Connect - spouses.mit.edu
- Boston PDA - bostonpostdocs.org
- MIT Work-Life Center - hrweb.mit.edu/worklife
- Global Education & Career Development - gecd.mit.edu
- POWER - pda.mit.edu/power

Follow us on:    @mitpda

 pda.mit.edu
contactpda@mit.edu



Upcoming Events

• **June 28**
Postdoc Board Game Night

• **July 9**
PDA Monthly Meeting

• **July 10**
Postdoc Orientation

• **July 10**
ISO & PDA Afternoon Break

MIT PDA Goals:

- A welcoming environment
- A supportive community
- Fair and Stable Postdoc. Salary minimums
 - Benefit party for Fellows
 - Better housing Resources





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Visit website for all info:
<https://spouses.mit.edu/>

Upcoming Events:

- Newcomers Office Hour,
- July 3, Afternoon Reset
- Career Connect Consultations

More to come in the fall

- Campus Tour (stroller-friendly)
- First Day of Class Brunch

- There is something
- Newcomers connect
 - Social Connect
 - Parent Connect
 - Career Connect





Halloween@ISO; Photo credit: ISO



Website:

<https://iso.mit.edu/>

Upcoming Events:

- Summer in Boston events
- Afternoon Breaks with PDA

More to come in academic year

- Navigating MIT Series
- Holiday events
- Afternoon Breaks with PDA
- How to Adult Series



The International Students Office (ISO) assists students in maintaining their legal status in the United States, provides support for their dependents, & promotes interaction with and integration into the MIT community.

Weekly e-newsletters are sent out with info about events & important immigration reminders.



Local Culture: A little taste of Boston and Cambridge

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Local Culture: A Little Taste of Boston and Cambridge

Boston is also known as “bean town” and “the hub.” The region is unique for its blending of world class educational, medical, and financial institutions, along with high tech and biotech start-up companies, in an area with many traditional service and “blue collar” workers, to form a strong community. It also has a lot of character.

The Boston accent is often imitated (badly). Are you able to recognize a Boston accent? It's quite easy to do. The most distinctive indicator of our accent is our use of the letter “R.” We pronounce it more like “ah.” The most popular expression the rest of the country likes to use when imitating the Boston accent is “Park your car in Harvard Yard,” which sounds more like “Pahk ya cah in Hahvad Yahd.” *This is, of course, a ridiculous expression since there is no place to legally park a car in Harvard Yard!*

➔ MIT Activities Committee (MITAC)

➔ MIT Clubs

➔ MIT Spouses & Partners Connect

➔ Local Culture: A little taste of Boston and Cambridge

➔ "Must See" MIT

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Download a PDF of our latest newsletter, “Newcomer’s Almanac”

MIT ISCHO WEBSITE

A Newsletter for Newcomers to the United States

NEWCOMER'S ALMANAC

March 2019

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Presidential Election Already???

You might be asking yourself, “Why are we hearing about Presidential candidates when the next Presidential election is not till November 2020?” Good question!

Let me start with a brief overview of the election system. At least traditionally, the first step is for each Party to pick one candidate: one Republican and one Democratic candidate will be officially chosen at a national Party convention in Summer 2020. Then this pair of candidates will campaign against each other till the November 2020 election.

President Trump announced his candidacy to be the Republican candidate shortly after his inauguration in 2017. It is possible that other Republicans will campaign against him for the nomination. In history, only one elected President (Franklin Pierce) ever lost his bid to be his party's nominee for

electd president. (This happened four times, all in the 19th century)

So, you might repeat, “Why is this starting now??” Because the battle to get the Party nomination is fierce. The Party organizations in each state will send delegates to the summer 2020 national convention. How those delegates vote is determined, in most cases, by a series of state elections called “primaries” (or, in a few states, “caucuses”). The first of these will be held early in 2020 (yes, about a year from now). Winning the first few races (Iowa and New Hampshire) gives candidates a lot of visibility, so they often begin their campaigning there.

Already, lots of Democratic candidates are “testing the waters” (hinting that they might run, to see the reaction) and, at the time I am writing, 12 have “thrown their hats in the ring” (announced that they are candidates). A look at the diversity of this

Hispanics projected to become largest minority group in electorate in 2020

% of eligible voters by racial and ethnic group

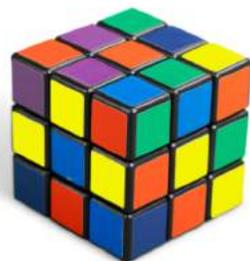
Year	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
2000	76.4	11.5	2.5	7.4	2.5
2008	76.4	11.5	2.5	7.4	2.5
2012	76.4	11.5	2.5	7.4	2.5
2016	76.4	11.5	2.5	7.4	2.5
2020 (Projected)	66.7	12.5	13.3	4.7	11.9

Note: Eligible voters are U.S. citizens age 18 and over. Whites, Blacks and Asians are single race non-Hispanic. Hispanics are of

The views expressed in this newsletter are those of the



Introducing the Clothing Cube!



As part of the Women's League's ongoing commitment to support our student community, we're proud to announce the opening of the Clothing Cube! A spin-off from the ever-popular Fall Fashion Free-For-All, we now have a dedicated space on campus for students in need to stop by, year-round, if they need warm clothes or an interview-appropriate outfit, free of charge. We've partnered with **Career Advising & Professional Development, Class, Awareness, Support & Equality, the First Generation Program, the International Students Office** and **Student Support Services** to help get the word out. If you or someone you know would benefit from a trip to our free closet, ask for a referral from one of these departments.

Thank you to **Mary DesPrez, Noreen Hagerty-Ford, Elaine Kweicien, Sis de Bordenave** and **Kate Baty** and for getting the Cube up and running!

We can't do this without you! We're always looking for donations for the Clothing Cube and the FFFFA - particularly warm clothes and interview-ready threads in smaller sizes. Email wleague@mit.edu for more information.

Chorale Spring Concerts

The MIT Women's Chorale will hold its spring concert on May 11, our last concert under the baton of our inspired and inspiring Music Director, Kevin Galiè. Sadly, Mr. Galiè will be leaving the Chorale after 11 years with us, and he will be sorely missed. Our main work will be the beautiful Stabat Mater of the 18th century Maltese/Neapolitan composer, Girolamo Abos, with string ensemble and organ. The program will also include three French opera choruses, and an example of Gregorian chant.

Our main concert will take place at on May 11th at 5pm at Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Ave.,



Both events are free and open to the public. Parking suggestions will be posted on our website:

Download a PDF of our latest newsletter, "In League"

There are ways to:

- MEET people you may not otherwise meet
 - LEARN something new
 - HELP one another and the community
 - DISCOVER ways to make a difference
 - SERVE on a committee or board
 - LEAD an interest group or project
 - EXPLORE ideas
 - PARTICIPATE in a variety of programs

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A CENTER OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

<http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/>

Upcoming events:
More to come in the fall





MIT GYM RECREATION

MIT Faculty/Staff/Postdoc/Retiree

Workout closer to where you get your work done for maximum efficiency. You will gain access to the benefits of a world-class facility, convenient services and discounted classes without traveling too far. Explore health insurance reimbursement opportunities through most health care plans for potential rebates.

Postdoc Fellows with an "Affiliate" ID require a certification letter to qualify. Please complete the [letter request form](#) and a representative will contact you.

*All 12 Month Faculty/Staff and Faculty/Staff Family memberships automatically renew at the end of the membership term.

	Term (months)	Initial Payment	Monthly Dues	*Total Cost
Individual	12	\$100.64	\$33.53	\$503
	6	\$66.22	\$44.13	\$331
Family	12	\$157.96	\$52.67	\$790
	6	\$104.62	\$69.73	\$523

*Total Cost = Initial payment + monthly dues.



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MIT LIBRARIES

SAVING THE WORLD, BIT BY BIT.

Use your MIT ID to check out free books & movies.

Enjoy listening to music at the Lewis Music Library.

Recurring Event:

CALM UNDER THE DOME
– September to May

(30-minute silent meditations every Monday)



BARKER LIBRARY: Engineering

HAYDEN LIBRARY:
Humanities & Sciences



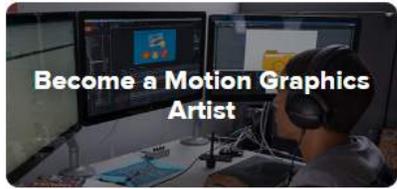
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ROTCH LIBRARY:
Architecture &
Planning

**LEWIS MUSIC
LIBRARY**

DEWEY LIBRARY:
Management & Social Sciences

**INSTITUTE ARCHIVES
& SPECIAL
COLLECTIONS**



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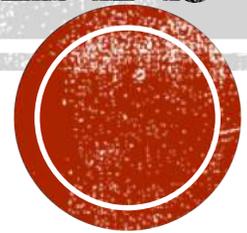
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Особенности написания научно-технических...

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INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

**Russian/Eastern
European Food:**

BAZAAR on CAMBRIDGE

**424 Cambridge St.
Allston, MA 02134**





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Indian Food:

India Market

315 Moody St.

Waltham, MA 02453

Make sure to check out the
food court in the basement!





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

Asian Food:

H-Mart

581 Mass Ave
Cambridge, MA

&

3 Old Concord Rd,
Burlington, MA





INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKETS

**Hispanic, Caribbean &
African Food:**

Tropical Foods (El Platanero)

450 Melnea Cass Blvd,
Roxbury, MA 02119





HAYMARKET

**Affordable produce &
other groceries**

**Hours: Friday, Saturday,
Sunday 8AM to 5-6 PM**

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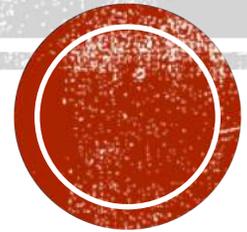
Haymarket line

- If you go by car:
 - You can ask sellers to **validate** your parking ticket, your parking rate will be \$1 per hour; you can park for 3 hours maximum.
- Haymarket Garage (Parcel 7)
136 Blackstone St





DISCOVER THE CITY





**Tours start
at 148 Tremont St**

**Or FREE tour at
Faneuil Hall
National Park
Service**

Photos from website: Boston Globe



FREEDOM TRAIL

A walking tour of historic Boston

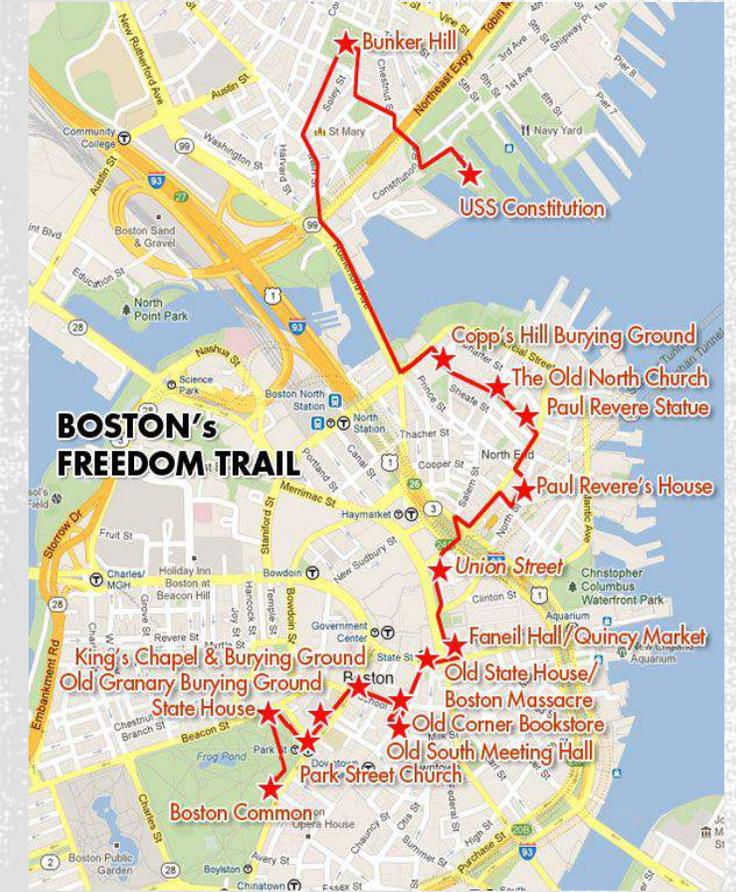




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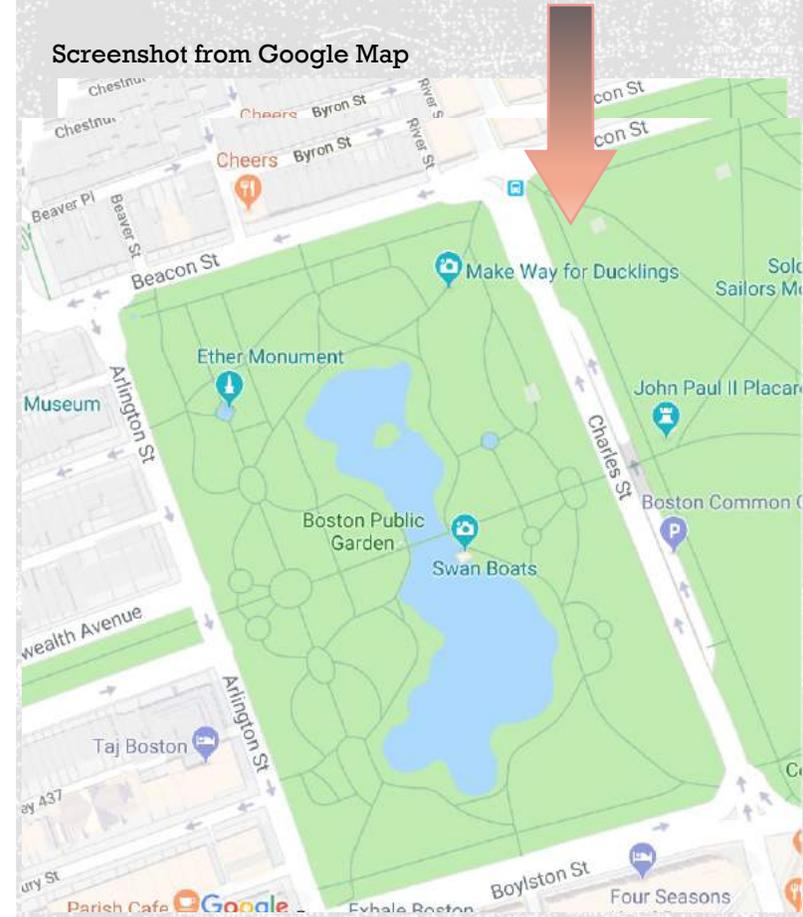
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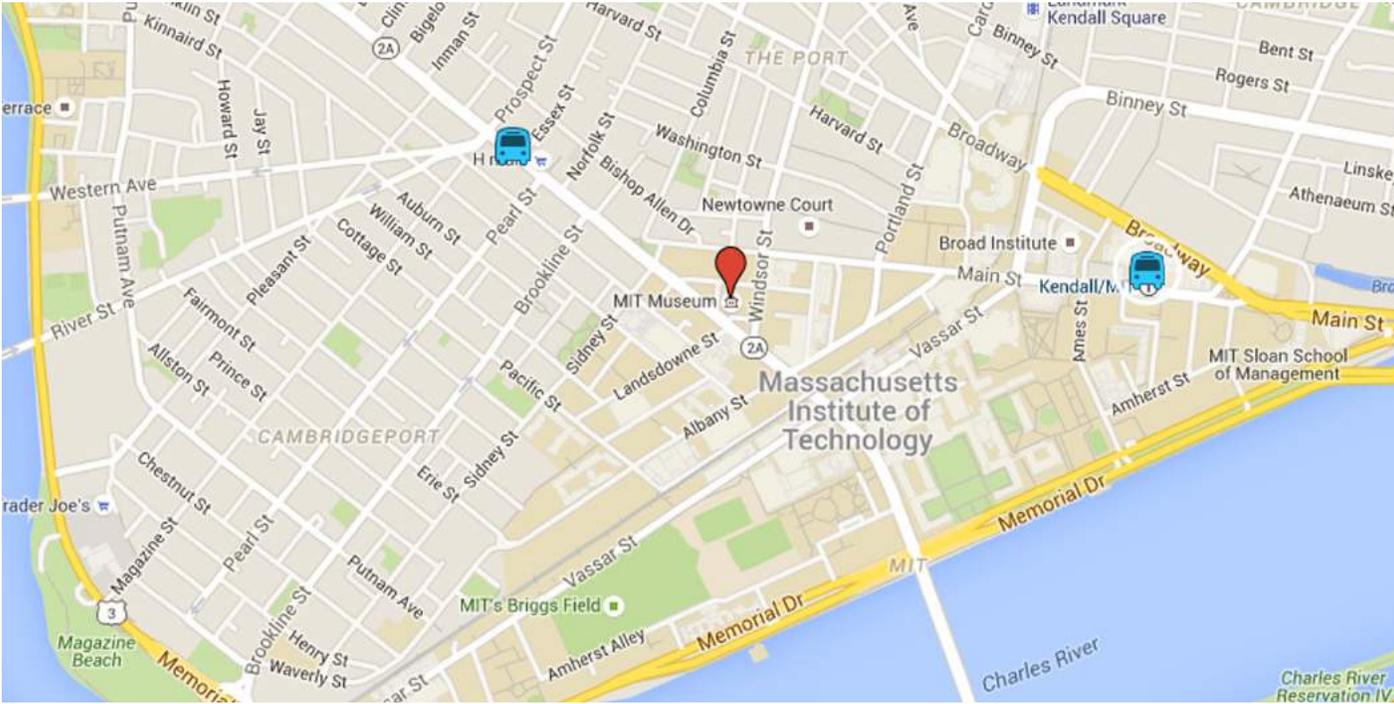


THE BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN

MAKE WAY FOR DUCKLINGS STATUE

Screenshot from Google Map





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Free admission for MIT ID holders + one free guest

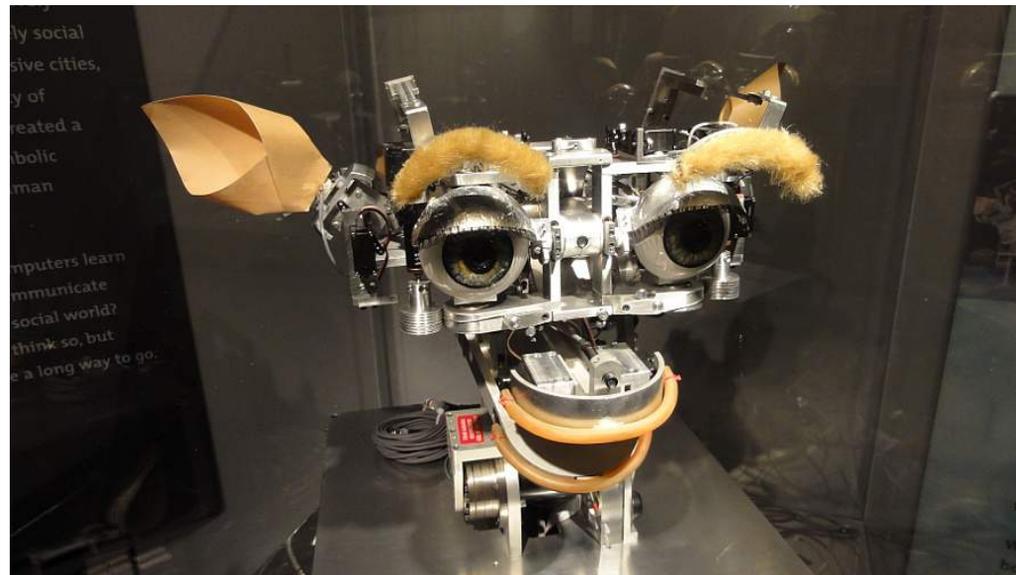




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BOSTON MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Free for MIT ID Holders
(Reg: \$25/adult)

Note: **FREE** on
Wednesdays for
everyone,
4pm to 10pm





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Photo credit: Boston ICA



ICA

Free for MIT ID holders
(Reg: \$15/adults)

Note: FREE for everyone
on **Thursdays**, 5pm to 9pm

In July & August, listen to
free live concerts by
Berklee music students
every Thursday!



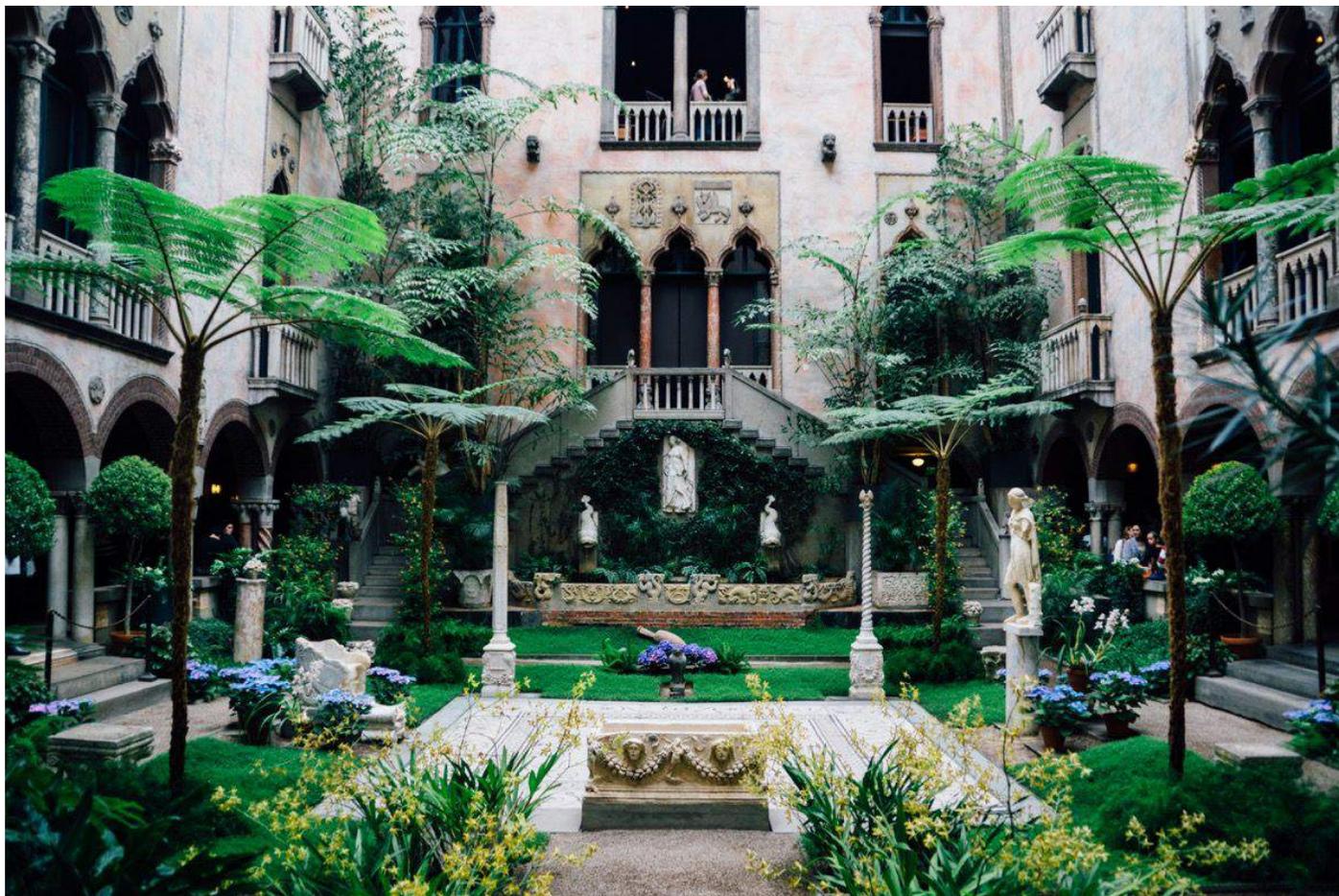


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ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

MIT Student and Employee IDs do not
require a ticket to get into the ISG.

Additional ticket \$6

available at MITAC for MIT ID
holders

(Reg price: \$15/adult)

Recommended:

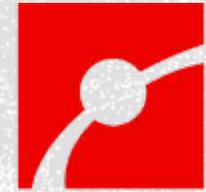
Visit on **Third Thursdays**
(different theme each month).
Includes performances & art-
making activities!





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Museum of Science

**\$8 tickets available at
MITAC for MIT ID
holders**

(Reg. price: \$25/adult)

**Note: MoS tickets sold by MITAC have an
expiration date.**





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Harvard Museum of Natural History

**\$7.50 tickets available at MITAC
for MIT ID holders
(Reg: \$12/adults)**

**FREE to Massachusetts
residents every Sunday
morning (year-round) from
9:00 am to 12:00 pm and on
Wednesdays from 3:00 pm
to 5:00 pm (September
through May)**





Photo: Esther Horvath

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New England
Aquarium

Protecting the blue planet

**\$12 tickets available at
MITAC for MIT ID holders**

(Reg: \$27.95/adult)





Boston Prudential Center

SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL

**\$13 tickets available at
MITAC for MIT ID
holders**

(Reg. price: \$21/adult)

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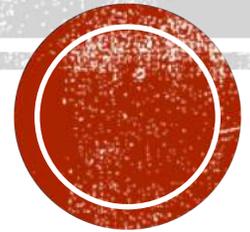


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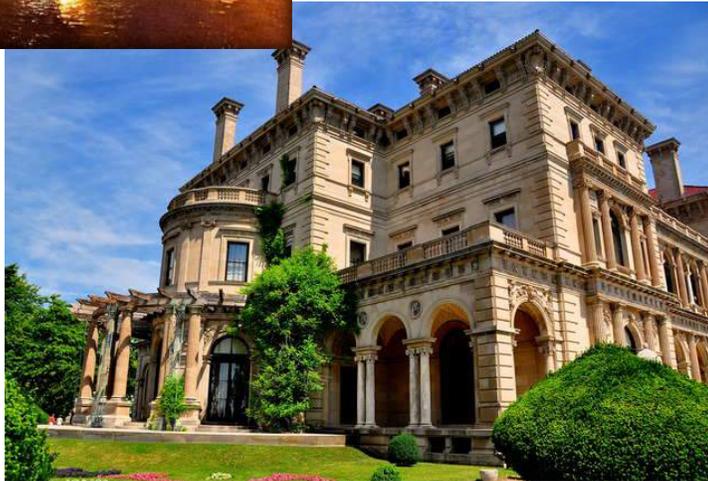
DISCOVER NEW ENGLAND





FUN WEEKEND TRIPS NEAR BOSTON

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MBTA-Endorsed Apps

There are a variety of smartphone apps to help you plan trips on the MBTA, buy Commuter Rail tickets, pay for parking, and report safety concerns to the Transit Police.

All MBTA apps are available for free from Google Play and the Apple App Store.

Trip Planning

Transit App



The MBTA-endorsed **Transit App** is the best way to plan your trips around Boston. Use the app to find the nearest bus stop, train station, or ferry dock; see when the next bus or train is arriving; and find out how long your commute will be.



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Commuter Rail

MBTA mTicket



With the mTicket app, your smartphone is your ticket! Buy and redeem [Commuter Rail tickets and passes](#), view schedules and service alerts, and quickly contact Customer Support.



MBTA Commuter Rail App



View schedules and service alerts for all Commuter Rail lines, and quickly contact Customer Support.



GETTING AROUND

Blue Bike:

Single Trip \$2.50; Unlimited access to 2-hour trips in a 24-hour period - \$10; \$99 / year

MBTA

Trolley/ Subway/T:

You can “purchase” a Charlie Card, it will be cheaper. (reg. \$2.75 – Charlie \$2.25);

The monthly LinkPass \$84.50

Buses:

Reg. \$2.00 - Charlie \$1.70

Commuter Rail:

Varies from \$2.25-12.50

\$10 Commuter Rail weekend passes (unlimited Sat & Sun travel). Can buy on train.



BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS

Take the Boston Harbor Islands Ferry from Long Wharf

Open May 18 – Oct 14 2019

MIT card holders price: \$18 at
MITAC (Reg rate: \$19.95)

bostonharborislands.org

- Visit historic sites
- Go camping
- See lighthouses
- Relax on a beach
 - Volunteer
- Enjoy a live performance





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PLIMOTH PLANTATION

Take a **Commuter Rail** train to the Kingston/Plymouth station.

From Boston Logan Airport bus transportation is available to Plymouth.

\$28.00 admission for MIT ID holders at MITAC

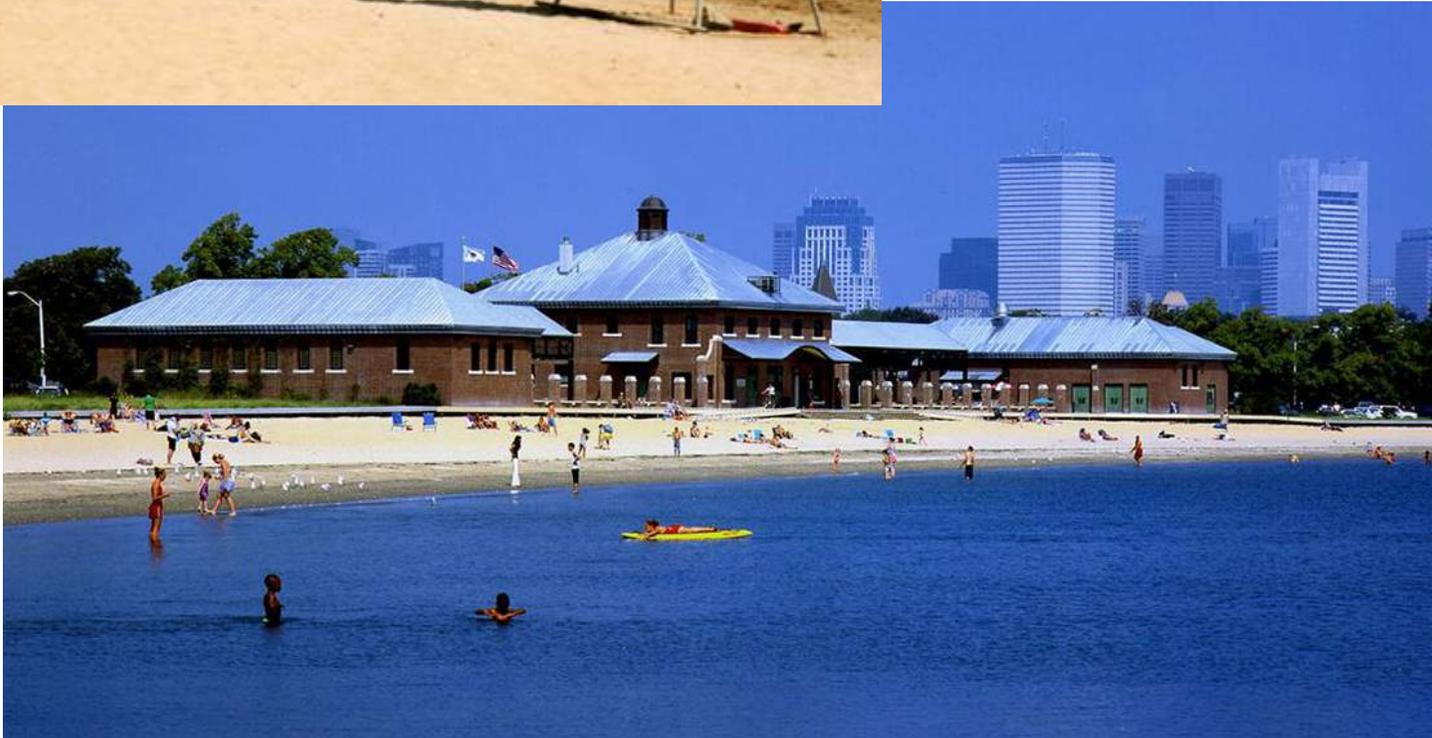
(Reg. Ticket is \$38)





CARSON BEACH

Take the **Red Line** to **JFK/UMass** and walk 10 minutes to the beach.





CRANE BEACH

~1 hour drive outside of the city

It consists of a four-mile-long (6 km) sandy beachfront, dunes, and a maritime pitch pine forest. Five and a half miles of hiking trails through the dunes and forest are accessible from the beachfront.





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ROCKPORT

Take the commuter rail to its final destination and enjoy the beaches and small-town charm!

Note: Take the Commuter Rail here using the \$10 weekend pass!

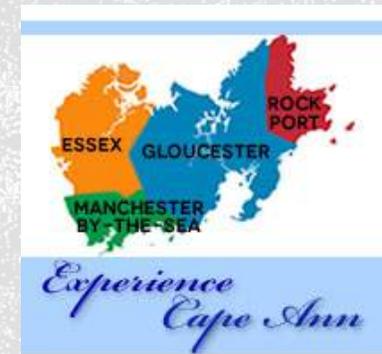




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SINGING BEACH AT MANCHESTER- BY-THE-SEA

Enjoy the beautiful beach
(\$7 entrance fee per
person).

Note: Take the Commuter
Rail here using the \$10
weekend pass!





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Photo credit: waterfire.org

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Visit Brown University and experience Waterfire, an annual event that runs multiple times throughout the summer/fall.

Note: Take the Commuter Rail here using the \$10 weekend pass!





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ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN





\$9 admission for MIT ID holders

(Reg. price: \$17/adult)

ages 1+ (under 12 months are free)





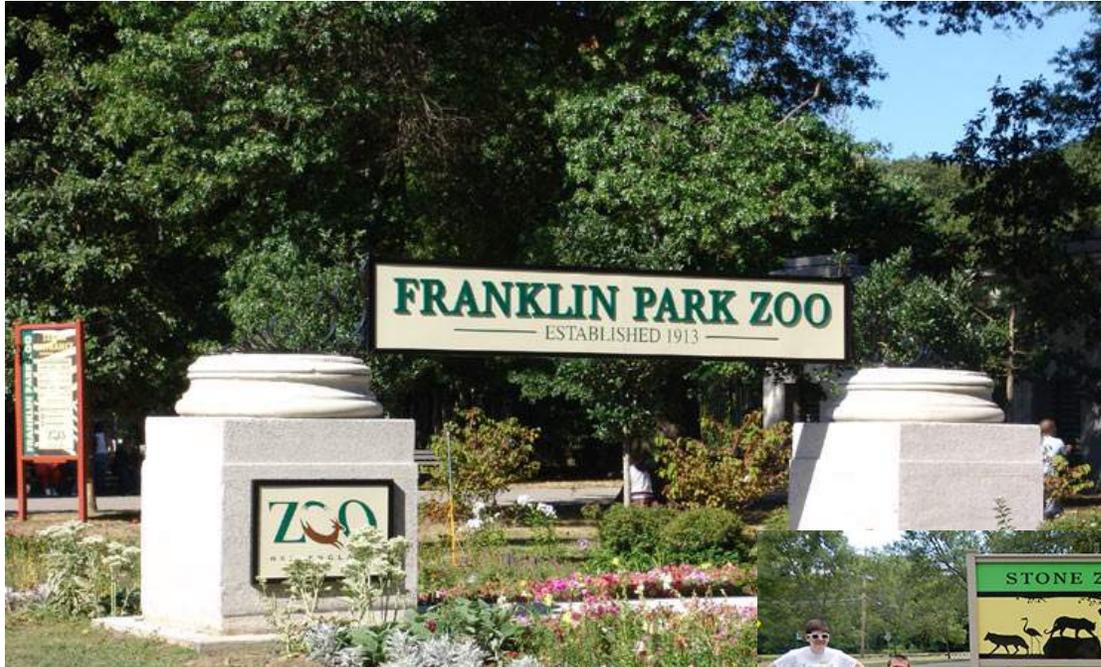
SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND

\$45 admission for MIT ID holders

Reg. price:
\$71.99/above 54" at gate
\$61.99 under 54"

Children 2 & under are
Free





FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Adult: \$21.95

Senior (62+): \$19.95

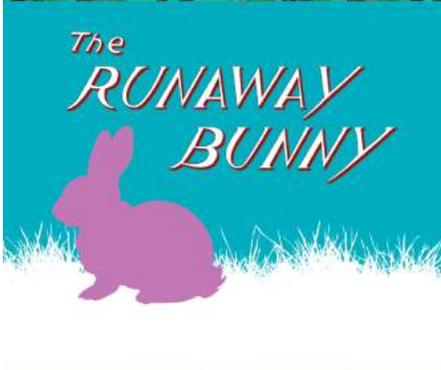
Child (ages 2-12): \$14.95

Children under 2: Free

Take the **Orange Line** or
Commuter Rail to Forest Hills
Station, then take the Route 16
bus to Franklin Park Zoo.



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Boston Children's Theatre
100 Cummings Center,
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Beverly, MA 01915



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- *Please note that the MBTA plans to raise prices starting July 1, 2019.

