

Topmost things to see and do in Boston

Trip	Times/Duration	Location	Cost	Information/Suggestions
<u>Freedom Trail</u>	Daytime (requires 3-4 hours)	Downtown Boston	Zero	Great Walking tour around historic sights in Boston. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official website • NPS Information • Walking Map (PDF)
<u>Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market</u>	Any time	Boston (along Freedom Trail)	Typical lunch would cost about \$10.00 per person	Along the freedom trail, this is a great place to stop for a quick bite, or pick up some Boston souvenirs. Walking distance from Haymarket, and along the Freedom Trail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official website
<u>Blue Hills Reservation</u>	Not during sessions	Milton, Canton, etc.	Zero	Excellent place for a hike, swim, or mountain bike ride and accessible by public bus or a short drive. Contact jkbaumga for further details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location map
<u>Boston Public Garden</u>	Any time	Downtown Boston	\$2.75 per ticket	Party Swan Boat tours available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekdays: 10 am to 5 pm; Weekends: 10 am to 4 pm. • Swan Boats • Hours, timings and Getting there
<u>Boston Duck Tours</u>	Every 30 minutes 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Tours depart at the Museum of Science	Approx \$30.00 per person	Need 20 to rent a DUKW. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duck Tours
Hatchshell concerts and events	Fixed times	Charles River Esplanade	Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, August 4: The Free Friday Flick is Corpse Bride. The movie begins at sun down. • Saturday, August 5: The radio station Mike FM is supposedly sponsoring a concert. • Sunday, August 6: The Harvard University Band plays at 3 pm.
<u>New England Aquarium</u>	Open daytime	Boston	Approx \$10.00 per person	Great place with regular iMax 3D shows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official website here
Local Museums	Open daytime	Boston	Approx \$10.00 per ticket	Lots of them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum of Fine Arts • Isabella Stuart Gardner MuseumMuseum of Science • MIT Museum • Harvard's museums, and others.

THE SWAN BOATS OF BOSTON

Established 1877

Welcome

Opening Day

Saturday, April 15, 2006



Video: **Watch Lyn Paget and her family get the Swan Boats ready for another season.**

Closing Day

Sunday, September 17, 2006

Open seven days per week, weather permitting. The Swan Boats cannot operate on rainy, windy, or extremely hot days.

The Swan Boats driver paddles passengers around the Public Garden Lagoon for a 15 minute peaceful cruise.

Animals (except Seeing eye dogs) are not permitted.

The Swan Boats are wheelchair accessible.

Hours & Fares

Spring (April to June 20) 10 am to 4 pm
 Summer (June 21 to Labor Day) 10 am to 5 pm
 Fall (After Labor Day) 12 pm to 4 pm Weekdays
 10 am to 4 pm Weekends

Adults \$2.75
 Children \$1.25 (age 2 to 15 years)
 Seniors \$2.00

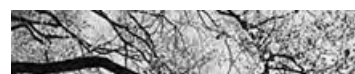
Location, Transportation & Parking

The Swan Boats are **located in the Boston Public Garden** - 24 acres bound by Arlington, Boylston, Charles and Beacon Streets.

The **MBTA Green Line Arlington Station** is the closest "T" stop. From this stop, it is approximately a four minute walk through the Public Garden.

Boston Common Underground Parking Garage on Charles Street is the closest parking garage. Parking meters are available on the surrounding streets. Hotel and other parking garages are also in the area.

Group Rates



Group rates are available Monday through Friday for groups of 20 or more who arrive together and make a single payment (cash or check). We do not accept reservations, as it is impossible for us to guarantee a specific time for a Swan Boat ride. All groups must wait in the line (if one exists).

We ask that groups of 20+ call one week in advance to be added to our Groups List. We do not send group confirmations. We begin taking information for groups after April 1st.

Weekdays from mid-May until the end of June we are very busy with school field trips between the hours of 10 am and 1:30 pm. Groups must be prepared to wait at least 30 minutes for a ride during this time.

We do make exceptions for certain small groups, such as those with severe handicap, the elderly, and or others who are unable to stand in a line.

Rates (for groups of 20 or more):
Adults \$2.50
Children \$ 1.00 (age 2 to 15 years)

Contact Information

Telephone Number:
617-522-1966 - general information
617-591-1150 - to be added to Groups List

Mailing Address:
Swan Boats, Inc.
PO Box 301487
Boston, MA 02130

Fax Number:
617-522-3968



Simons IMAX Theatre Regular Hours

Open Daily at 9:30 a.m.

Double Feature Adult \$9.95 \$14.95 Child (3-11) \$7.95 \$12.95

IMAX/Aquarium Combo Adult \$22.95, Child (3-11) \$14.95

Films for Aug 3, 2006:

Time Film	Notes
10:00AM DEEP SEA 3D	
11:00AM WILD SAFARI 3D	
12:00PM DEEP SEA 3D	
1:05PM SHARKS 3D	
2:05PM DEEP SEA 3D	
3:10PM SHARKS 3D	
4:10PM DEEP SEA 3D	
9:20PM DEEP SEA 3D	
10:20PM SHARKS 3D	

Films for Aug 4, 2006:

Time Film	Notes
10:00AM DEEP SEA 3D	
11:00AM WILD SAFARI 3D	
12:00PM DEEP SEA 3D	
1:05PM SHARKS 3D	
2:05PM DEEP SEA 3D	
3:10PM SHARKS 3D	
4:10PM DEEP SEA 3D	
5:15PM SHARKS 3D	
6:15PM DEEP SEA 3D	
7:15PM WILD SAFARI 3D	
8:15PM ALIENS OF THE DEEP 3D	
9:20PM DEEP SEA 3D	
10:20PM SHARKS 3D	

Films for Aug 5, 2006:

Time Film	Notes
10:00AM DEEP SEA 3D	
11:00AM WILD SAFARI 3D	
12:00PM DEEP SEA 3D	
1:05PM SHARKS 3D	
2:05PM DEEP SEA 3D	
3:10PM SHARKS 3D	
4:10PM DEEP SEA 3D	
5:15PM SHARKS 3D	
6:15PM DEEP SEA 3D	
7:15PM WILD SAFARI 3D	
8:15PM ALIENS OF THE DEEP 3D	
9:20PM DEEP SEA 3D	
10:20PM SHARKS 3D	

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10:00AM DEEP SEA 3D	
11:00AM WILD SAFARI 3D	
12:00PM DEEP SEA 3D	
1:05PM SHARKS 3D	
2:05PM DEEP SEA 3D	
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The Blue Hills Reservation
Reservation Headquarters
695 Hillside Street, Milton, MA 02186
617-698-1802

Located only minutes from the bustle of downtown Boston, the DCR Blue Hills Reservation stretches over 7,000 acres from Quincy to Dedham, Milton to Randolph, providing a green oasis in an urban environment. Rising above the horizon, Great Blue Hill reaches a height of 635 feet, the highest of the 22 hills in the Blue Hills chain. From the rocky summit visitors can see over the entire metropolitan area. With its scenic views, varied terrain and 125 miles of trails, the Blue Hills Reservation offers year-round enjoyment for the outdoor enthusiast.



Blue Hills Reservation

The Blue Hills

The Blue Hills were so named by early European explorers who, while sailing along the coastline, noticed the bluish hue on the slopes when viewed from a distance. More than ten thousand years before those Europeans arrived, Native Americans made their home in the hills. The Natives referred to themselves as Massachusett, or "people of the great hills". Eventually the Europeans began settling in this region. The colonists built houses and barns, cleared fields for crops and livestock and logged the hillsides for lumber.

In 1893, the Metropolitan Parks Commission purchased the lands of Blue Hills Reservation as one of the first areas set aside for public recreation. Today, the reservation is rich in both archaeological and historic resources. Sixteen historic structures listed on the National Register tell the fascinating tales of Native Americans, explorers, farmers, quarry workers and inventors. Additionally the Blue Hills Weather Observatory, a National Historic Landmark, sits atop Great Blue Hill, as a crowning feature.

The living treasures of the Blue Hills include flora, fauna and natural phenomena – from coyotes to copperheads, dogwoods to lady's slippers, and turkey vultures to dragonflies. Trails traverse upland and bottomland forests, marsh, swamp and pond edges, meadows and an Atlantic white cedar bog. A great variety of plant and animal life thrive in the diverse habitats, including several rare and endangered species in Massachusetts, such as the timber rattlesnake.

Things to know before you go

The reservation is open dawn to dusk. Swimming only at Houghton's Pond in designated areas. Permits required for groups of 25 or more.

Blue Hills Reservation Headquarters

Is located at 695 Hillside St. in Milton, 1/4 mile north of Houghton's Pond, beside the State Police Station. Please stop by or call (617) 698-1802 for park information.

Blue Hills Trailside Museum,

Managed by the Massachusetts Audubon Society, features cultural and natural history exhibits including a display of live animals of the Blue Hills. For more information, call (617) 333-0690.

Blue Hill Observatory and Science Center

Offers weather related educational programs for school groups and weather enthusiasts. The Observatory is located at the summit of Great Blue Hill. Call 617-696-0389 for access information.

Boat

on Ponkapoag Pond and on the Neponset River. Non-motorized boats only.

Camp

at the Appalachian Mountain Club cabins on Ponkapoag Pond. Call (781) 961-7007 for reservations.

Educational Programs

are offered by DCR Rangers on weekends throughout the year. Look for program schedules posted on park bulletin boards or call (617) 698-1802 for program details.

Fish

in the reservation's ponds. A state fishing license is required. Houghton's Pond and Pine Tree Brook are stocked with trout.

Golf

at the 36-hole DCR Ponkapoag Golf Course located in Canton on Route 138, 1/2 mile south of Route 93. Call (781) 828-4242.

Hike

on 125 miles of scenic trails. Purchase a trail map at the Reservation Headquarters or the Blue Hills Trailside Museum.

Horseback Ride

from a number of privately owned stables. For more information, call the Reservation Headquarters at (617) 698-1802.

Ice Skate

at an DCR skating rink in the Blue Hills. For the William Shea Rink in Quincy, call (617) 472-9325. For the Max Ulin Rink in Milton, call (617) 696-9869.

Mountain Bike

in designated areas of the reservation. Stop by park headquarters to pick up a mountain bike map. Please respect "No Mountain Bicycling" signs in restricted areas.

Picnic

tables and charcoal grills are available at Houghton's Pond. Call (617) 698-1802 to reserve a site. Groups of 25 or more must have a permit.

Rock Climb

at the Quincy Quarries Historic Site in Quincy and in the Rattlesnake Hill area in the eastern section of the Reservation.

Ski, cross-country

on trails throughout the reservation with sufficient snow cover. A free Cross-Country Ski Routes brochure is available at the Reservation Headquarters.

Ski, downhill

at the William F. Rogers Ski Slopes on Great Blue Hill. Call (781) 828-5070 for information.

Softball

fields are available at Houghton's Pond. Reservations are required, call (617) 698-1802.

Swim

at Houghton's Pond beach with DCR lifeguard supervision. Seasonal restrooms provided.

Blue Hills TrailWatch is an all-volunteer organization of concerned recreational trail users whose goal is to promote safe and cooperative trail use. For more information, call (617) 698-1802.

FOR EMERGENCIES:

Dial 911 or telephone the State Police at **1-800-525-5555**

For 24-hour contact/response call the DCR Park Ranger dispatch at 617-722-1188

Directions:

MBTA:

The Great Blue Hill and Houghton's Pond sections are accessible from the Red Line to Ashmont Station. From Ashmont, take the high speed line to Mattapan. The Canton and Blue Hills bus services the Trailside Museum and Great Blue Hill on Route 138. For the Houghton's Pond area, exit the bus at Blue Hill River Road. Cross the road and walk one mile east on Hillside Street.

By Car:

Take Route 93 to Exit 3, Houghton's Pond. Turn right at the stop sign onto Hillside Street. Houghton's Pond is located approximately 1/4 miles on the right; Continue 1/4 miles to the reservation headquarters on the left.