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**Breathing Room: Mapping Boston's Green Spaces**  
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*City-wide Family Scavenger Hunt in the Parks*

## DIRECTIONS

Rules: Visit at least 5 of these 8 parks and follow the directions for each one. When you have completed the pages for 5 parks, come to the Leventhal Map & Education Center to collect your prize!

Each park is accessible by public transportation, though you may need to do a bit of your own investigating to find the walking route from the T to the park. No park is more than a 15-minute walk from the T and most are less than 5 minutes from the station. There is a subway map at the back of this booklet to help you navigate!

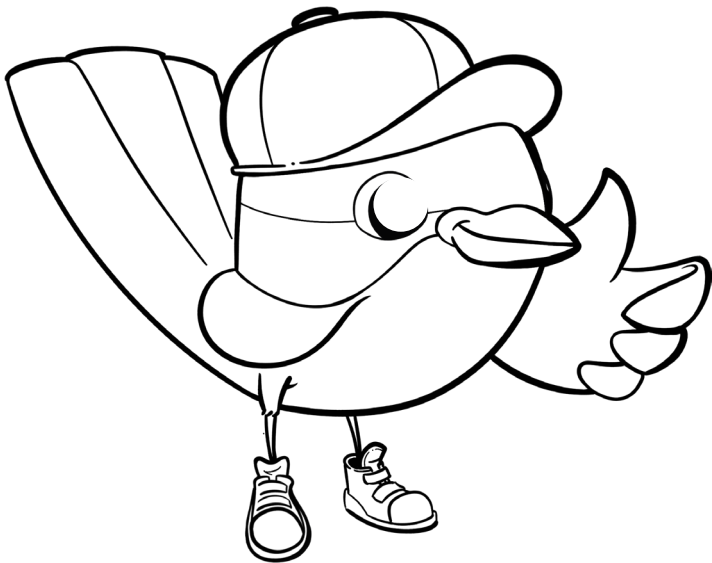
Link to a map of all 8 parks:

<https://bit.ly/2MZDu7Y>

Link to a list of more parks to explore:

<https://bit.ly/2Kcc2qa>

*ArcGIS map of parks by Peter Hutt-Sierra*



## PIERS PARK | EAST BOSTON

Blue Line: Maverick

Cottage St. & Marginal St.

*Piers Park was completed in 1995 to give East Boston residents better access to the water. This Jeffries Point area was created in the early 20th century by connecting several different islands with made land.*

- There is a sailing center in this park. How many sailboats do you see today (in the water or out?)
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- Walk down the pier. Can you find the pavilion with the name of an island written on it? Today's East Boston is made up of 5 islands, all connected by made land. What is the island you see written here?
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- Can you find the granite panels on the pavilion? These represent some of the many cultural identities in the East Boston neighborhood. Draw a detail you like in the sketch section in the back of this booklet and label it with the name of this park.



# ROSE KENNEDY GREENWAY | CHINATOWN TO THE NORTH END

Orange Line: Haymarket

Red Line: South Station

*Think of this 1.5 mile-long series of linear parks as a roof garden: Boston's biggest highway travels underneath. If you've heard of the Big Dig, you're standing on it!*

- The Greenway Carousel showcases Massachusetts' animals of the sea, land and sky. What is one animal you see on the carousel?
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- The Greenway opens up dramatic views of Boston's architecture. On the sketch pages, use one section to draw the top of a Boston building that interests you.
  - There are 5 main fountains on the Greenway. Visit one and describe it well enough in 5 words for us to know which one you visited!
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- What does this symbol mean?
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# STANLEY A. RINGER PARK | ALLSTON

Green B Line: Allston St.

Entrances on Allston and Gordon Streets

*This Frederick Law Olmsted-designed park has tennis courts, basketball courts, a baseball field, a rocky overlook and a playground. It's bordered by the West End House Boys and Girls Club and the Jackson-Mann and Horace Mann Boston Public Schools.*

- How many tennis courts are in the park?

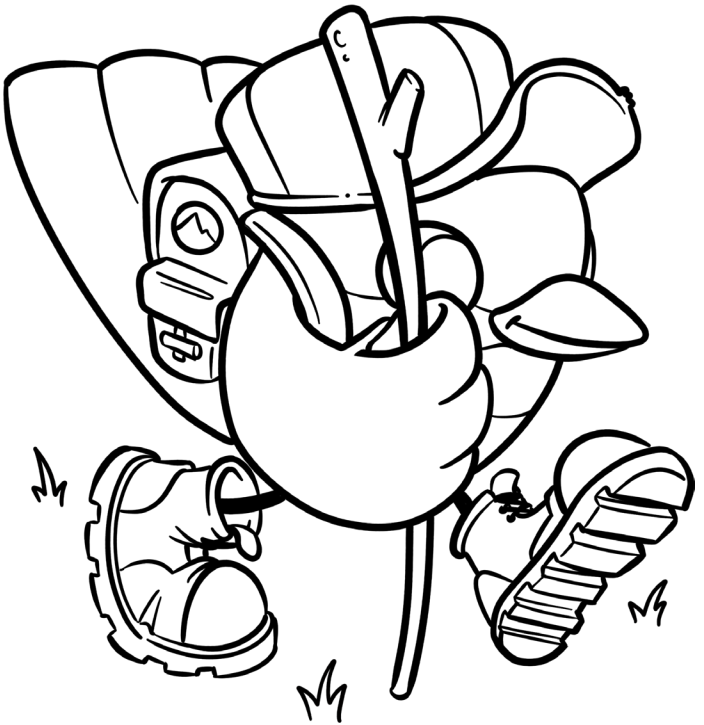
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- There are blue and red slides in the playground. How many of each color?

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- At the top of the hill you can see a historic belfry tower with a triangular roof. What color is the roof and how many narrow arched windows are immediately below it?

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# THOMAS PARK/DORCHESTER HEIGHTS MONUMENT | SOUTH BOSTON

Red Line: Andrew

A steep walk up Telegraph Street from  
Dorchester Street

*When the Continental Army took control of Dorchester Heights during the Revolutionary War, it was only a matter of time before the British troops left Boston for good. The monument in this park honors the fortification of Dorchester Heights by the “rebel” forces.*

- According to the inscription on the wall leading into the park, where did the Patriot army get the cannons to fortify Dorchester Heights? \_\_\_\_\_
- There is a cannon at the base of the Dorchester Heights monument. What is it pointing towards? \_\_\_\_\_
- Stand at the top of the hill and look in 4 directions. Looking to the east, you will see a school building. In 1901 it opened as South Boston High, a site of Boston's desegregation attempts in the 1970s. What do you see in the north, south and west?

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# ARNOLD ARBORETUM | JAMAICA PLAIN/ROSLINDALE

Orange Line: Forest Hills

Main Entrance on Arborway/Entrances nearest  
T on Washington St. & Arborway

*The Arnold Arboretum was originally established by Harvard College with a grant of money from the trust of a whaling merchant. In 1882, Harvard transferred the land to the City of Boston, which leased it back to Harvard for a thousand years. What might the trees be like in **2882**?*

- Most of the trees here have labels. Pick 3 different trees you are interested in and draw the shape of their leaves using the sketch pages in the back of this booklet. Be sure to label your leaves with the names of the trees.
  
- Find out the name and breed of one dog you see going for a walk and write them here.  

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- Keep a count of how many different kinds of birds you see. What is one bird you see that you know the name of?  

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## FRANKLIN PARK | DORCHESTER/ ROXBURY

Orange Line: Green Street

MBTA #16 bus goes through the park, many stop at the entrance by the zoo

*Franklin Park is the largest of the jewels in Olmsted's Emerald Necklace. In this park you can do yoga on Saturday mornings, listen to music on Tuesday nights, or climb the "99 steps" if you can find them!*

- There are many stone markers placed around Franklin Park. Find one and write where you found it and what information or history you learned from it.

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- There are many different places to play sports in the park. Name 2 sports you see being played.

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- There are many structures built of Roxbury Puddingstone (a native rock formation) in Franklin Park. Find one that you like and draw it in the sketch pages in the back of the booklet.

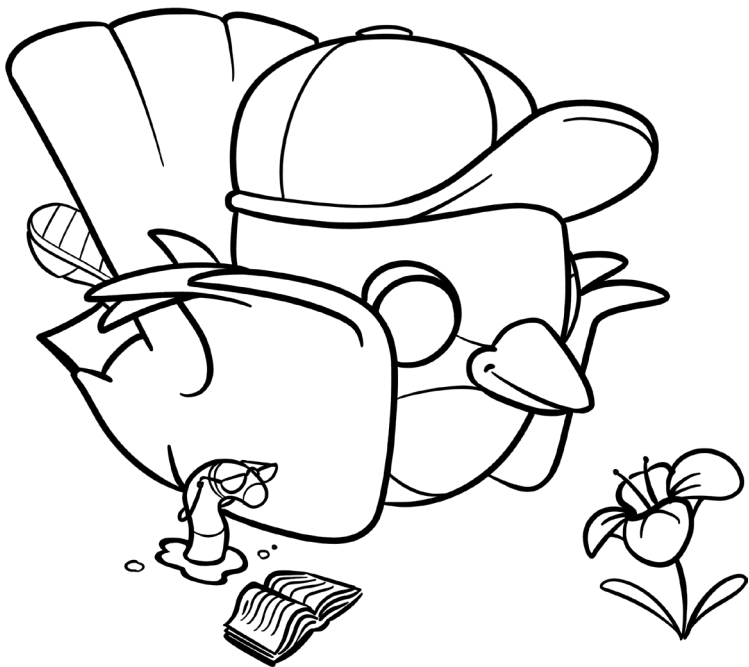
## NEPONSET RIVER RESERVATION

Red Line: Ashmont, then Mattapan Trolley:  
Milton

Walk toward the Granite Ave. bridge along the  
Neponset Trail

*You'll have great views of marshes and wetlands as you walk toward Boston Harbor along the Neponset River. There are great views of Boston's main North/South highway, too!*

- The Neponset River Reservation logo, 2 fish and 2 waves, can be found on granite markers along the trail. Draw the logo in the back of this booklet in the sketch pages.
- When you get to the Granite Avenue bridge, read the inscription about the Granite Railway. What famous Boston area landmark was built with stone transported on the railway? \_\_\_\_\_
- From the park just east of the Granite Avenue bridge (or in Pope John Paul II Park--turn right into the park at Hallet Street) there are beautiful views of the Neponset estuary system and of many natural and man-made geographic features. Stand quietly in one of these locations and listen. Write down 3 sounds you hear.  
  
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## **BOSTON COMMON AND THE PUBLIC GARDEN - DOWNTOWN BOSTON**

**Green Line: Arlington, Park Street or Boylston**

*Boston Common is the oldest park in the country. It has seen grazing cows, military encampments, and all kinds of public protests. In the mid-1800s, the Public Garden was created from the mudflats bordering the Boston Common, and the city has protected it as a people's park ever since.*

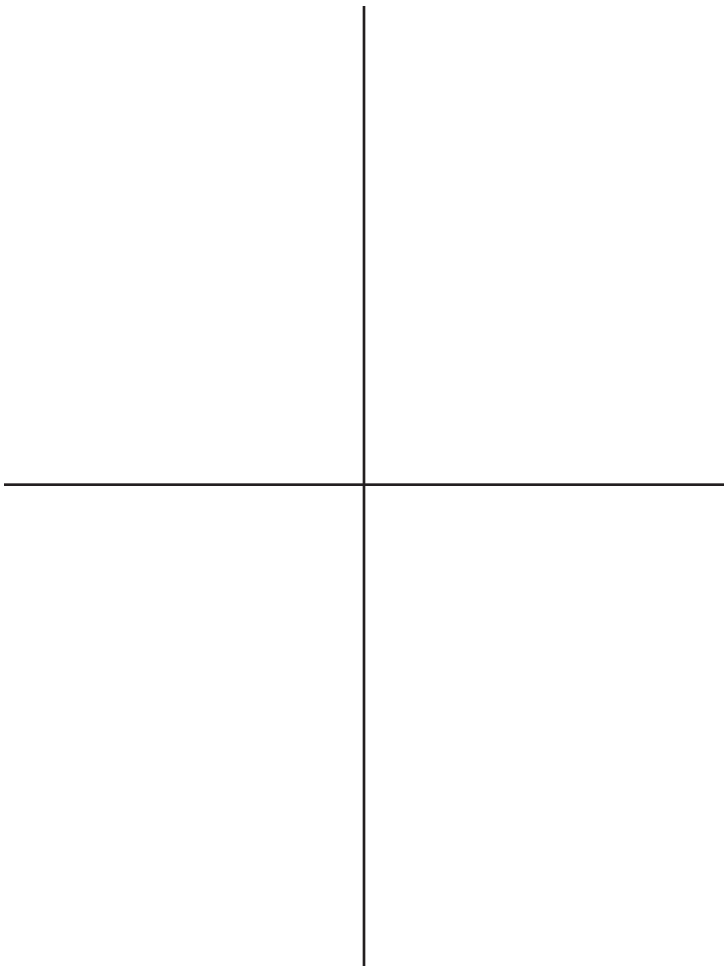
- How many figures from Greek mythology sit at the base of the Brewer Fountain?
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- These words are inscribed on the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial: "The Black rank and file volunteered when disaster clouded the Union Cause...Together they gave to the Nation and World undying proof that Americans of African descent possess the pride, courage and devotion of the patriot soldier." What was the name of these soldiers' regiment and what war did they fight in?
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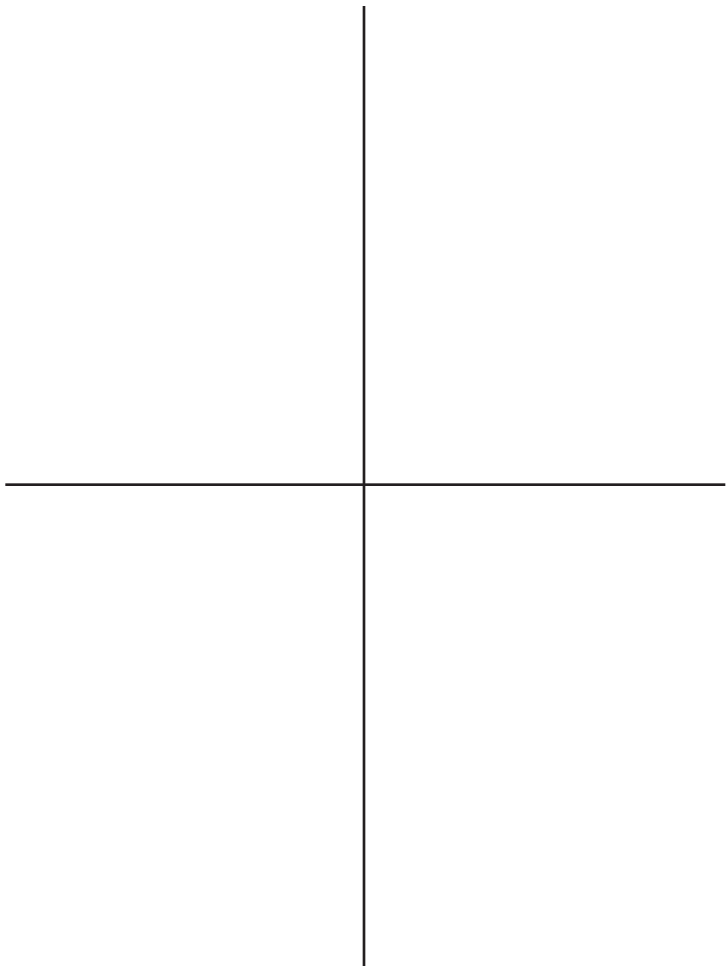
- How many ducklings follow along behind their mother in Nancy Schön's famous statue based on the children's book *Make Way for Ducklings*?
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- A Japanese garden lantern dating from 1587 was gifted to Boston by Bunkio Matsuki and installed at the edge of the Public Garden lagoon in 1906. Find the lantern and draw an animal or flower you see cast on its surface in the sketch section of this booklet.
  - Look off the side of the bridge over the Public Garden lagoon toward the swan boats. How are the boats powered?
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- There is a monument and fountain in the Public Garden inscribed with this quote: "Neither shall there be any more pain." What does this monument commemorate?
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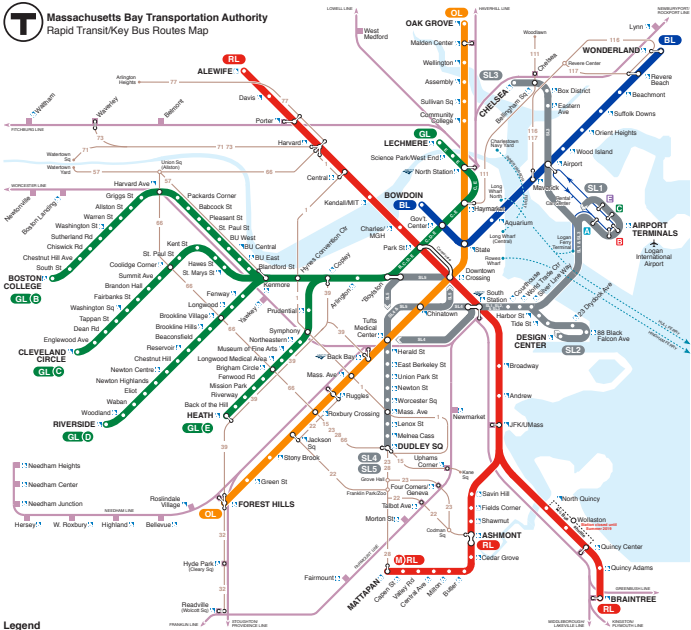


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# Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Rapid Transit/Key Bus Routes Map



## Legend

- RL** RED LINE
- OL** ORANGE LINE
- BL** BLUE LINE
- GL** GREEN LINE and branches
- SL** SILVER LINE and branches
- M** MATTAPAN LINE
- CR** COMMUTER RAIL
- Key Bus Route** (Dashed line)
- Transfer Station** (Square with 'T')
- Transfer Station at South** (Circle with 'S')
- Transfer Station at Lechmere** (Circle with 'L')
- Ferry** (Dashed line with boat icon)
- Free Logan Airport shuttle bus** (Blue arrow)
- Accessible station** (Blue square)
- Andrzej Gajda** (Blue circle)
- Customer Communications & Travel Info** (Phone icon)
- MBTA Transit Police** (Shield icon)
- Elevator/escalator/lift updates** (Elevator icon)

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