

The Boston Park Plaza



Pocket Guide



The BOSTON PARK PLAZA HOTEL & TOWERS

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Hotel History



The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers is located in the heart of historic Back Bay and is one of Boston's most recognized and renowned landmarks. The hotel's original site was once beach front property where British troops landed to embark for the Battle of Lexington. The bay was later filled in to form what is now known as Boston's Back Bay.

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, a member of Historic Hotels of America, was constructed in March 1927 as The Statler Hotel, part of the E.M. Statler Empire. The hotel overlooked the nation's first public

parcs, the Boston Common & Public Garden, both founded in 1634. The Public Garden, famous for its swan boats, was the inspiration for the Boston Park Plaza logo.

During construction in 1927, The Statler Hotel was granted a last minute variance to build the 155 ft. building (14 stories), which exceeded the Massachusetts State Building Code of 125 ft. This oversight, caught in the final weeks of construction, was approved by Mayor James Curley, making the hotel the tallest building in Boston by 30 ft.

Statler opted to construct the building as a multi-use hotel and office building to ensure a dependable flow of revenue. The original structure housed 1,300 guestrooms with private baths. These rooms have now been combined to bring the hotel's current total to 941 guestrooms & suites. The hotel was one of the first to introduce new and modern hotel conveniences which include: in-room radios & telephones, occupancy indicators (*do not disturb signs*), complimentary newspaper delivery, mail & laundry chutes on each floor and the "Servidoor," a panel in each guestroom door which allowed the valet to deliver laundry without disturbing the guest. WBZA, a Boston radio station was once broadcasted from the hotel's penthouse.



In 1976 The Statler Hotel announced without warning it was going to close. Two weeks later it was bought by the Saunders family and reopened as The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers. In 1996 Saunders partnered with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. and The Boston Park Plaza Hotel became an official Starwood property.



Hotel Information

Afternoon Tea: served daily Monday - Sunday 3:00 - 5:00pm. Swan's Café is located in the hotel's Grand Lobby. For reservations please call X1906.

Airport Shuttles: run daily from 6:30am - 5:30pm, \$14.00 per ticket, children under 5 years old ride free.

ATM: located downstairs in the lower lobby.

Barber Shop & Beauty Salon: located downstairs in the lower lobby. Open Monday - Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm - X2378.

Bell Desk: located in the Grand Lobby, available 24-hours - X2291.

Business Center: located on the Mezzanine Level (second floor). Open 24-hours with guestroom key access. Internet access cards can be purchased at the front desk or concierge, \$10.00 for half hour.

Fitness Center: located downstairs in the lower lobby. Open 24-hours with guestroom key access.

Gift Shop: located in the Grand Lobby. Open daily from 7:00am - 10:00pm - X2447.



Hotel Bars: *Swan's Café* serving daily from 11:30am - 1:30am - X4934. *Bonfire* serving Monday - Saturday from 5:00pm - close - X1850. *Whiskey Park* serving daily from 4:30pm - 2:00am (617) 542-1483.

Landau Jewelry: located in the Grand Lobby. Open Monday - Saturday 8:30am - 8:00pm, Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm (617) 357-5556.

Laundry Services: include laundry, pressing and dry cleaning. Orders sent from the hotel at 8:30am are returned same day at 6:30pm - X2276.

Park Response: able to help with any room needs, questions or concerns. Open daily 24-hours - Dial 5.

Restaurants: *Swan's Café* open daily serving breakfast 6:30am - 11:00am, specialty lunch available Monday - Friday 12:00pm - 2:30pm, bar & dinner menu available daily 11:30am - 1:00am - X4934. *Todd English's Bonfire Steakhouse* open Monday - Saturday 5:00pm - close - X1850. *McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant* open daily serving lunch 11:30am - 4:30pm and dinner 4:30pm - 11:30pm (617) 482-3999.

Restrooms: located in the lower lobby and on Mezzanine Level (second floor). Grand Lobby level restrooms open after 5:00pm.

Room Service: available daily 24-hours - X2383.

Shoe Shine: available Monday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm. Shoes \$6.00 and boots \$8.00.

Taxis: available 24-hours at the hotel's main entrance.

Valet: located at the Columbus Ave. Entrance. Flat rate of \$40 per night, open 24-hours - X2377.



Area Information

Attractions: *Bunker Hill Monument* 2.6miles/4.2km, *Faneuil Hall Marketplace* 1mile/1.6km, *Fenway Park* 2miles/3.2km, *Harvard Square* 4.5miles/7.24km, *North End (Paul Revere House)* 2.5miles/4km, *Museum of Fine Arts* 1.75miles/2.82km, *Museum of Science* 1.31miles/.7km, *U.S.S. Constitution* 3miles/4.8km.

Coffee: *Dunkin' Donuts* 8 Park Plaza (617) 367-2823, *Starbucks* 443 Boylston St. (617) 536-7177.

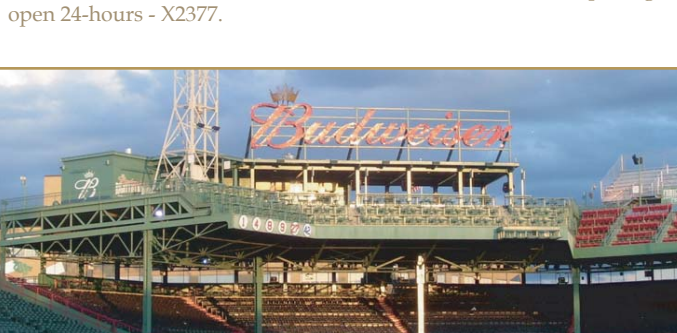
Convenience Store: *7-Eleven* 8 Park Plaza, open daily 7:00am - 3:00am (617) 720-2171.

Fed Ex/Kinko's: 187 Dartmouth St., open Mon. - Thurs. 24-hours, Fri. 12:00am - 11:00pm, Sat. - Sun. 7:00am - 12:00am (617) 262-6188.

Pharmacy: *CVS* 587 Boylston St., open daily 24-hours (617) 437-8414.

Post Office: Mailbox located in the Grand Lobby next to Landau Jewelry. Post Office located outside main entrance, 31 St. James Ave. open Mon. - Fri. 7:30am - 7:00pm, Sat. 7:30am - 4:00pm (800) ASK-USPS.

Restaurants: (within 2 blocks) *Au Bon Pain* (bakery/café) 26 Park Plaza (617) 338-8948, *Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream* 20 Park Plaza (617) 426-0890, *Davio's* (Italian Steakhouse) 75 Arlington St. (617) 357-4810, *Finale Desserterie* 1 Columbus Ave. (617) 423-3184, *Fleming's Steakhouse* 217 Stuart St. (617) 292-0808, *Legal Seafoods* 26 Park Plaza (617) 426-4444, *Maggiano's* (Italian) 4 Columbus Ave. (617) 542-0456, *M.J. O'Connor's* (Irish Pub) 27 Columbus Ave. (617) 482-2255, *Smith & Wollensky Steakhouse* 101 Arlington St. (617) 423-1112, *Via Matta* (Authentic Italian) 79 Park Plaza (617) 422-0008.



Shopping: *Newbury Street* (1 block), *The Prudential Center* 800 Boylston St., open Mon. - Sat. 10:00am - 9:00pm and Sun. 11:00am - 6:00pm 1-800-SHOP-PRU, *Copley Place Mall* 100 Huntington Ave. open Mon. - Sat. 10:00am - 9:00pm, Sun. 11:00am - 6:00pm (617) 369-5000.

Spa: *Exhale Spa* 28 Arlington St., open Mon. - Fri. 6:00am - 9:30pm, Sat. - Sun. 8:00am - 8:00pm (617) 532-7000.

Subway: Arlington stop on Green Line at intersection of Berkeley and Boylston Streets.

Tickets: Please visit our concierge desk located in the Grand Lobby - X2617.

Tours: *Beantown Trolley* (781) 986-6100, *Boston by Foot* (617) 367-3766, *Boston Duck Tours* (617) 267-3825, *Boston Harbor Cruises* (617) 227-4321, *Boston Movie Tour* (866) 668-4345, *Fenway Park Tours* (617) 226-6666, *Harvard Tour* (617) 495-1573, *Old Town Trolley* (617) 269-7010, *Swan Boats* (617) 522-1966, *UrbanAdvenTours* (Bike Tour) (617) 233-7595, *Walking Tours of Historic Boston* (Freedom Trail), 2.5mile/4km long path through Boston that passes 16 of the city's historic landmarks (617)



Jogging Map

Leaving from Hotel Main Entrance:

One Mile: Take a right on Arlington St., follow alongside the Public Garden. Take a right on Beacon St., a right on Charles St. and a right on Boylston St. Complete two loops around the Public Garden and continue back to the hotel.

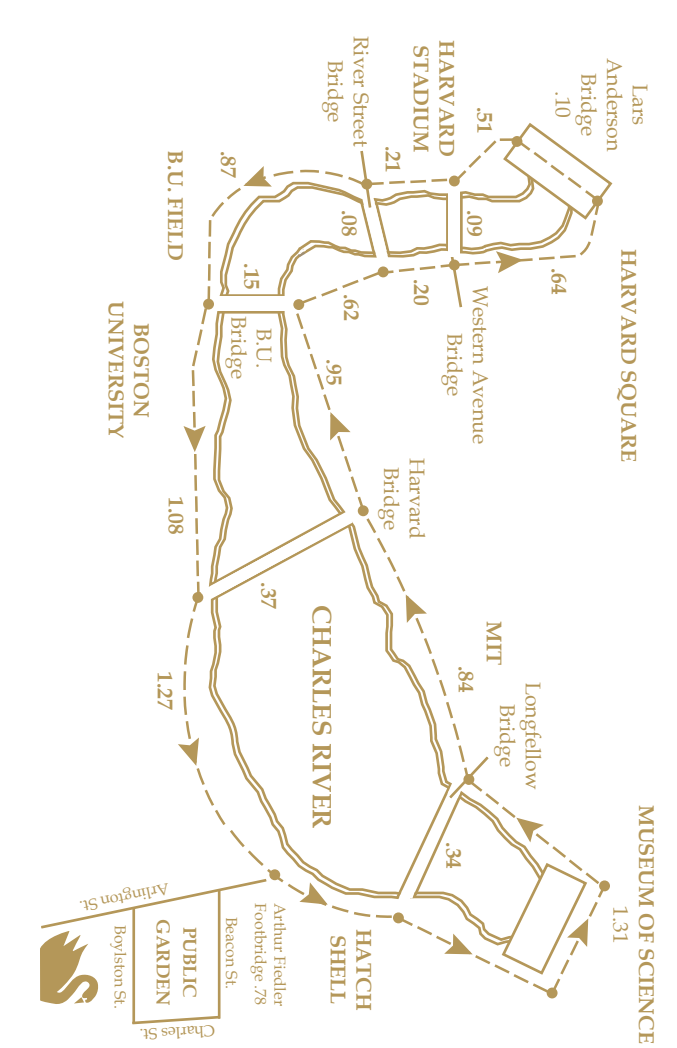
Three Miles: Take a right on Arlington St., follow alongside the Public Garden. Take a left on Beacon St. and a right on David G. Mugar. Continue straight until you reach the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge. Cross the bridge (over Storrow Drive) and take a right towards the Charles River Esplanade. Follow alongside the Charles River until it ends and take a left on Monsignor Obrien Hwy (you will pass Museum of Science on your left). Take a left on Edwin H. Land Blvd. and follow alongside the Charles River until you reach the Longfellow Bridge. Cross bridge (over the Charles River) and continue back to the hotel.

Four Miles: Follow (Three Mile) directions to Museum of Science. Take a left on Edwin H. Land Blvd. and follow alongside the Charles River until you reach the Harvard Bridge. Cross bridge (over the Charles River) and continue back to the hotel.

Six Miles: Follow (Three Mile) directions to Museum of Science. Take a left on Edwin H. Land Blvd. and follow alongside the Charles River until you reach the B.U. bridge. Cross bridge (over the Charles River) and continue back to the hotel.

Nine Miles: Follow (Three Mile) directions to Museum of Science. Take a left on Edwin H. Land Blvd. and follow alongside the Charles River until you reach the Lars Anderson Bridge. Cross bridge (over the Charles River) and continue back to the hotel.

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