

30th Anniversary

BOSTON IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL

This summer, Boston Irish Heritage Trail celebrates its 30th anniversary as one of the city's most engaging history trails. The 3 mile walk of 20 sites explores 300+ years of Boston Irish history, from famine refugees, poets and sculptors to war heroes, women leaders and colorful politicians.

Some of Boston's finest public art and open spaces are along the trail, including statues and monuments, public buildings and historic graveyards and state and city parks. Among the treasures: the nation's first public library and America's most historic baseball park.

By exploring this specific dimension of the city's history, the Irish Trail adds a significant chapter about Boston from an immigrant and ethnic perspective. It helps to highlight the tragedy-to-triumph theme so common in immigrant journeys.

At the same time, the Irish Trail intersects and complements the city's other important history walks - the Freedom Trail, Black Heritage Trail and Women's Heritage Trail - underscoring universal themes that help knit the city's history together.

The Boston trail begins at the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Rose Garden along Boston's waterfront, passes through Faneuil Hall and City Hall, over to Downtown Crossing and Massachusetts State House, then through iconic parks including Boston Common, Public Garden, Commonwealth Avenue Mall, Charles River Esplanade and Copley Plaza, then on to the Boston Public Library before continuing to the Fens and to Fenway Park, built by Irish immigrant Charles E. Logue in 1912.

To download a self-guided map, visit irishheritagetrail.com

NEIGHBORHOODS

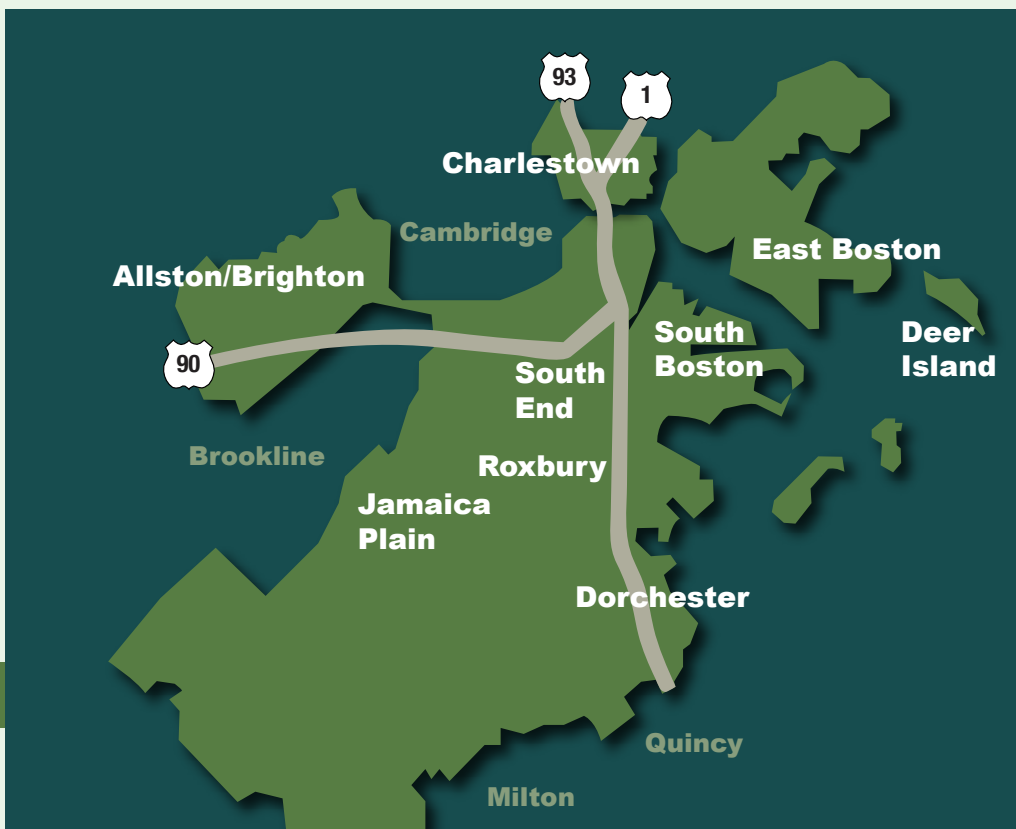
Beyond the downtown walking portion, the trail further explores 20 neighborhood landmarks with Irish connections, from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Dorchester and Holy Cross Cathedral in South End to Dorchester Heights in South Boston and Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown.

Other neighborhood sites feature historic cemeteries including Bunker Hill in Charlestown, St. Augustine in South Boston, and Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain, the Deer Island Famine Memorial Cross, Hibernian Hall in Roxbury, and a statue of General Edward L. Logan, for whom Boston Logan International Airport is named.

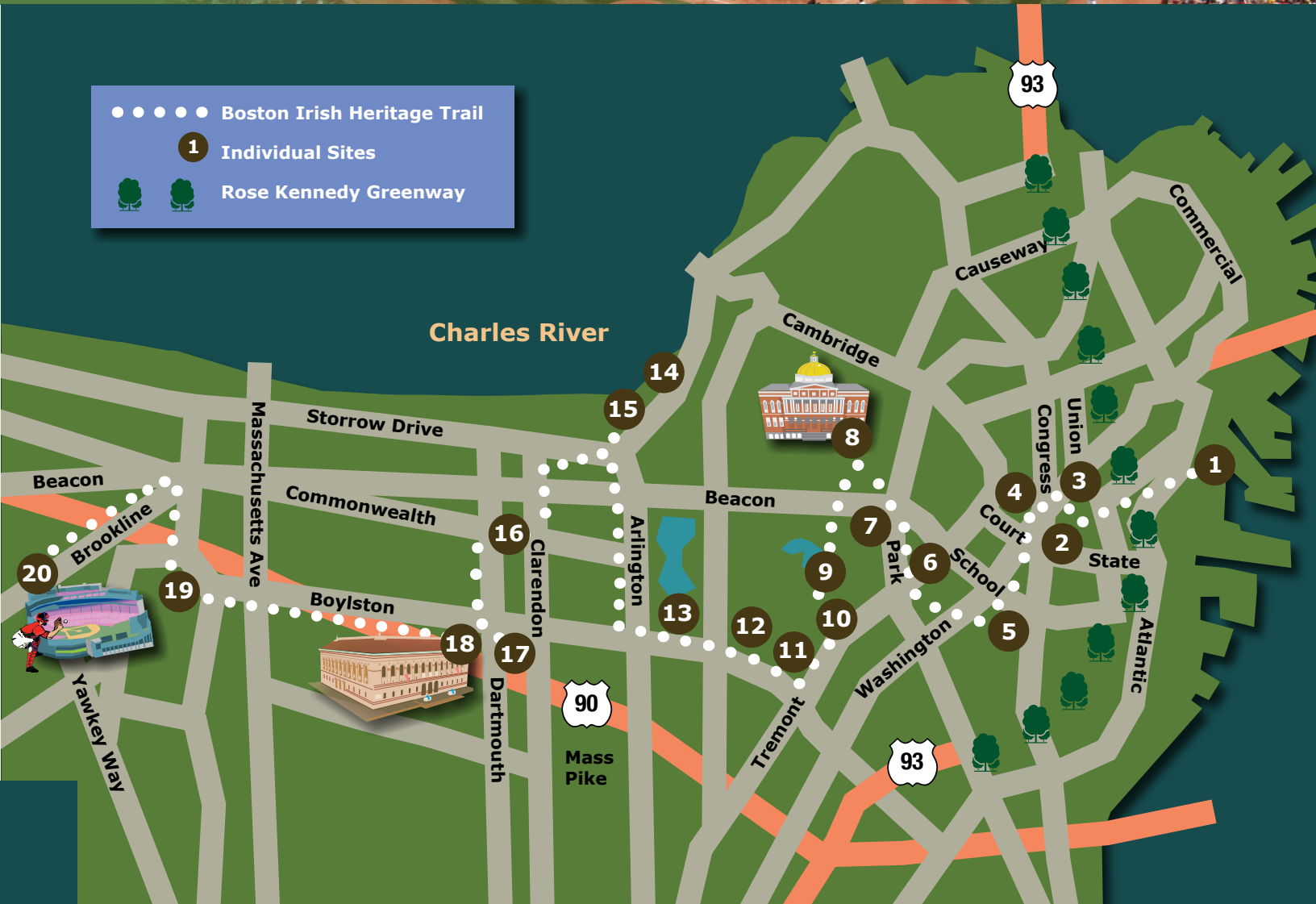
In March 2024, State Senator Nick Collins and ten other state senators issued Senate Resolution 182, recognizing the Boston Irish Heritage Trail on its 30th anniversary in summer 2024 as "a premier history trail depicting more than 300 years of illustrious contributions made by Irish-Americans."

The Irish Heritage Trail was first published in 1994 in the book, *Guide to the New England Irish*, and over the past 30 years emerged as a popular way for visitors to appreciate Boston's diverse history. Since 1994, more than 300,000 free maps have been distributed to tourists, educators, students, and local residents.

Managed by Boston Irish Tourism Association since 2000, the Irish Heritage Trail is a self-guided walk, with guided tours scheduled at seasonal times of the year. Copies of the map can be found in each issue of Travel & Culture magazine, available for free at Boston Common Visitor Information Center, and at multiple tourist centers, museums, cultural venues and gift shops in Massachusetts.



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1 Individual Sites
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DOWNTOWN BOSTON & BACK BAY

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| 1. Rose Kennedy Garden & Greenway | 8. Massachusetts State House | 15. Maurice Tobin Statue |
| 2. Kevin White Statue | 9. Soldiers & Sailors Memorial | 16. Patrick Collins Memorial |
| 3. James Michael Curley Statues | 10. Commodore John Barry Memorial | 17. John S. Copley Statue |
| 4. Boston City Hall | 11. Boston Massacre Memorial | 18. Boston Public Library |
| 5. Boston Irish Famine Memorial | 12. Central Burying Grounds | 19. John Boyle O'Reilly Memorial |
| 6. Old Granary Burying Grounds | 13. Colonel Thomas Cass Statue | 20. Fenway Park |
| 7. Colonel Shaw Memorial | 14. David I. Walsh Statue | |