

LASI 2014 - Harvard Square Area Guide

Getting Around

Public Transportation

The [MBTA](#) (commonly referred to as the "T") is the public transportation system in the Boston area. To ride, purchase a paper CharlieTicket or load a plastic CharlieCard using cash or credit card in the subway station.

- A subway ride costs \$2 (\$1.70 with a CharlieCard).
- A bus ride costs \$1.50 (1.25 with a CharlieCard).

[MBTA Map](#)

Taxi Information

[Ambassador Cab](#)

617-492-1100 or 617-547-3000

Driving and Parking

On-street parking is very difficult to find at Harvard, and in many areas parking is prohibited without a resident parking permit. In addition, parking in area lots or garages is quite expensive.

If you will be driving to Harvard, be sure to leave plenty of time before the program registration period to find parking and travel to your program check-in location.

[Driving directions to HGSE](#)

[Parking near HGSE](#)

The closest [Zipcar](#) location to HGSE Campus is the Charles Hotel.

Air Travel

[Logan Airport](#) is the closest airport to HGSE.

Taking a taxi is the easiest and most convenient method of transportation, especially with luggage. The subway, however, is a less expensive option.

- By Taxi: 30 minutes depending on traffic, approximately \$50
 - By Subway: 75-90 minutes, \$2.00
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Train Travel

For longer distances, [Amtrak](#) is the primary intercity passenger train service in the United States.

- New York City is 4 hours away by train. Trains to New York and points south leave from South Station, which is accessible by T. ([MBTA Map](#))
- Portland, Maine is 2.5 hours away by train. Trains to Maine leave from North Station, which is accessible by T. ([MBTA Map](#))

For shorter distances, the [MBTA Commuter Rail](#) provides service to the North Shore, the Merrimack Valley, Central Massachusetts, the South Shore, and Providence, Rhode Island. Trains leave from North Station, South Station, and Porter Square Station. ([MBTA Map](#))

Maps

[MBTA](#)

[Harvard University](#)

[Charles River Running Map](#)

Exploring Harvard

Things to do at Harvard

If you have an hour or two...

The COOP

Harvard's bookstore since 1882.

1400 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

617-499-2000

Harvard Information Center

Schedule a student-led, guided historical tour of Harvard's beautiful college campus.

Holyoke Center Arcade, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

617-495-1573

The Harvard Shop

Purchase HGSE merchandise here! A subsidiary of the largest student-run corporation in the world.

52 JFK Street, Cambridge

Holyoke Center Arcade, 1350 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge

617-495-3043

Harvard Stadium

"Sprint up and down the steps of the nation's oldest stadium."

95 North Harvard Street, Cambridge

If you have a morning or afternoon...

Arnold Arboretum

"Enjoy the beauty of the 265-acre landscape."

125 Arborway, Boston

617-524-1718

Hours: sunrise to sunset, daily

Harvard Business School

"Stroll through the lovely HBS campus."

Harvard Way, Boston

Harvard Museum of Natural History

"Visit the glass flowers exhibit."

26 Oxford Street, Cambridge

617-495-3045

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily; closed some holidays

Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology

11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge

617-496-1027

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily; closed some holidays

Semetic Museum

6 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge

617-495-4631

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., M-F; 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sunday; closed most holidays

Harvard Arts Calendar

You will find a listing of Harvard's upcoming arts-related events here.

Exploring the Area

Things to do in the Greater Boston area

If you have an hour or two...

Harvard Book Store

"Family-owned since 1932, with an amazing used section."

1256 Mass. Avenue, Cambridge

617-661-1515

Schoenhof's Foreign Books

Founded in 1856, this bookstore offers the biggest selection of foreign books in North America.

76A Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge

847-676-1596

Stata Center

"Take the Red Line to Kendall to see MIT's coolest-looking building."

32 Vassar Street, Cambridge

Walk the Charles River

"Walk or run along this beautiful 80-mile-long river."

If you have a morning or afternoon...

Boston Duck Tours

Take a ride in one of the original and world-famous WWII-style amphibious landing vehicles.

Tours depart from various locations around Boston.

617-267-3825

Boston Harbor Islands

Take a ferry out to the site of a Civil War-era fort and enjoy panoramic views of the Boston Harbor from these beautiful islands.

Ferry Service ([Boston's Best Cruises](#)), 66 Long Wharf, Boston

Park Info: 617-223-8666

Boston Sailing Center

Enjoy a private, captained sailboat cruise around historic Boston Harbor with up to five other people.

The Riverboat at Lewis Wharf, Boston

617-227-4198

Copley Place

Here, you'll find 75 fabulous stores, including Neiman Marcus, Barneys New York, and Tiffany & Co.

100 Huntington Avenue, Boston

617-262-6600

Freedom Trail

Walk the 2.5 mile red-brick trail that leads you to 16 nationally significant historic sites.

Start at the beginning, middle, or end of the trail. A map can be found [here](#).

Freedom Trail Foundation: 617-357-8300

Institute of Contemporary Art

"There's always a new exhibit happening here."

100 Northern Avenue, Boston

617-478-3100

Isabella Steward Gardner Museum

Gardner's beautiful mansion and extensive art collection.

280 The Fenway, Boston

617-566-1401

North End

Stroll through Boston's historic neighborhood, a mecca for Italian restaurants and cafes.

The Shops at Prudential Center

Here you'll find unique shopping and the Skywalk Observatory, a sweeping 360-degree view of Boston atop the tower.

800 Boylston Street, Boston

800-746-7778

Minuteman Bikeway

Runs from Cambridge to Bedford, MA.

If you have an evening...

Boston Red Sox

Catch a game while visiting Fenway Park and the Green Monster!

4 Yawkey Way, Boston

Tickets: 877-733-7699

Brattle Theatre

Shows the best in classic, cutting-edge, foreign, and art-house films. "A piece of Harvard Square history for 60 years!"

40 Brattle Street, Cambridge

617-876-6837

Coolidge Corner Theatre

One of the nation's most prominent independently-operated movie theaters.

290 Harvard Street, Brookline

617-734-2500

Shakespeare on the Common

A Boston tradition since 1996, fully-staged productions of Shakespeare plays free-of-charge.

Parkmand Bandstand, Boston Common

617-426-0863

The Wilbur Theatre

"Check out this venue for more offbeat shows."

246 Tremont Street, Boston

Tickets: 800-745-3000

If you have a day or two...

Lakes Region, NH

"Drive up to one of the most beautiful locations in New England."

Martha's Vineyard

"Take a ferry to Martha's Vineyard to experience New England island living!"

Dining Out

For a complete list of businesses in Harvard Square see:

<http://www.harvardsquare.com/>

Quick and Easy

Market in the Square

"Grab a sandwich and head outside to eat!"

60 Church Street, Cambridge

617-441-2000

The Commons at Gutman Library

6 Appian Way, Cambridge

Summer Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., M-F

Academic Year Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., M-F

Thai

9 Tastes

"My go-to Thai restaurant - it's consistently great!"

50 JFK Street, Cambridge

617-547-6666

The King and I

145 Charles Street, Boston

617-227-3320

Little Duck

"Best Thai food I've ever had. Try the chicken pad see you!"

57 Granite Street, Quincy (via Quincy Center T stop)

617-479-3157

Japanese

Takemura

"Best sushi in the square."

18 Eliot Street, Cambridge

617-492-6700

Wagamama

57 JFK Street, Cambridge

617-499-0930

Indian

Chutney's

"Cheap, tasty Indian food!"

36 JFK Street, Cambridge (inside the Garage)

617-491-2545

Harvest of India

1001 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge (via Central Square T stop)

617-441-4034

Burgers and Sandwiches

b.good

"Healthy burgers and fries!"

Closest location: 24 Dunster Street, Cambridge

617-354-6500

Clover Food Lab

"Tasty, inventive vegetarian sandwiches. Try the rosemary fries!"

Closest location: 7 Holyoke Street, Cambridge

Darwin's Ltd.

"The sandwiches are amazing. Insider's tip: You can order a half!"

Closest location: 148 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge

617-354-5233

Flat Patties

"Amazing hamburgers and cheeseburgers!"

33 Brattle Street, Cambridge

617-871-6871

Pronto

"Amazing sandwiches. The hidden gem of Harvard Square."

1 Bennett Street (inside the Charles Hotel)

617-234-8080

Mr. Bartley's Gourmet Burgers

"No question the best burger in Harvard Square."

1246 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

617-354-6559

Cafes and Bakeries

Crema Cafe

"Great place for an afternoon treat!"

27 Brattle Street, Cambridge
617-876-2700

Hi Rise Bread Company

"For homemade sandwiches on delicious breads."

1663 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
617-492-3003

Mexican

Border Cafe

"Best cheap lunch: the 'side' salad (it's huge!)"

32 Church Street, Cambridge
617-864-6100

Felipe's

"The best burritos in the square!"

83 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge
617-354-9944

Chipotle

"Home of the Burrito Bowl!"

1 Brattle Square, Cambridge
617-491-0677

Italian

Cambridge 1

"Enjoy charcoal-grilled pizza."

27 Church Street, Cambridge
617-576-1111

Pinocchio's

"The best Sicilian pizza. Ever."

74 Winthrop Street, Cambridge
617-876-4897

Veggie Planet

"Delicious vegetarian pizzas, with vegan options. In the evenings, check out Club Passim for great local music!"

47 Palmer Street, Cambridge
617-661-1513

Flatbread Company

"Great pizza, and you can bowl here too!"
45 Day Street, Somerville (via Davis Square T stop)
617-776-0552

Rino's Place

"What's good about Rino's? EVERYTHING."
258 Saratoga Street, East Boston (via Airport T stop)
617-567-7412

Middle Eastern

Falafel Corner

"Mediterranean take-out, great for a quick bite."
8 Eliot Street, Cambridge
617-441-8888

Sabra Grill

"Cheap and tasty falafel wraps!"; "Excellent Lebanese café, great for shawarma and falafel."
20 Eliot Street, Cambridge
617-868-5777

Algiers Coffee House

"Great selection of teas." "The best hummus I've ever had."
40 Brattle Street, Cambridge
617-492-1557

Pubs

Grendel's Den

"The quintessential Harvard pub - a favorite!"
89 Winthrop Street, Cambridge
617-491-1160

Russell House Tavern

"For dinner at a lively place with stylish decor."
14 JFK Street, Cambridge
617-500-3055

Grafton Street

"Great 'American' food, never had a bad meal there."
1230 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
617-497-0400

Daedalus

"Perfect rooftop patio"; "Make sure to sit on the rooftop patio!"

45 1/2 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge

617-349-0071

Upscale Dining

Harvest

"They have a wonderful bar menu."

44 Brattle Street, Cambridge (down the pathway between Anthropologie and Ann Taylor)

617-868-2255

Henrietta's Table

"For a hearty breakfast and people-watching."

The Charles Hotel, One Bennett Street, Cambridge

617-661-5005

Sandrine's Bistro

"For a quiet dinner."

8 Holyoke Street, Cambridge

617-497-5300

Seafood

Legal Sea Foods

"Absolutely the BEST seafood!"

Closest location: 20 University Road, Cambridge

617-491-9400

The Daily Catch

2 Northern Avenue, Boston (via South Station T stop)

617-772-4400

Neptune Oyster

63 Salem Street, Boston (via Haymarket T stop)

617-742-3474

Island Creek Oyster Bar

"Their salmon dish is always outstanding! They also have delish local oysters."

500 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston (via Kenmore Square T stop)

617-532-5300

Dessert

Pinkberry Frozen Yogurt

"Delicious frozen yogurt."

Closest Location: 1380 Massachusetts Ave
617-547-0573

L.A. Burdick Handmade Chocolates

"The best hot chocolate."

Closest Location: 52 Brattle Street
617-491-4340

Finale Desserterie and Bakery

"A dessert experience."

Closest Location: 30 Dunster Street
617-441-9797