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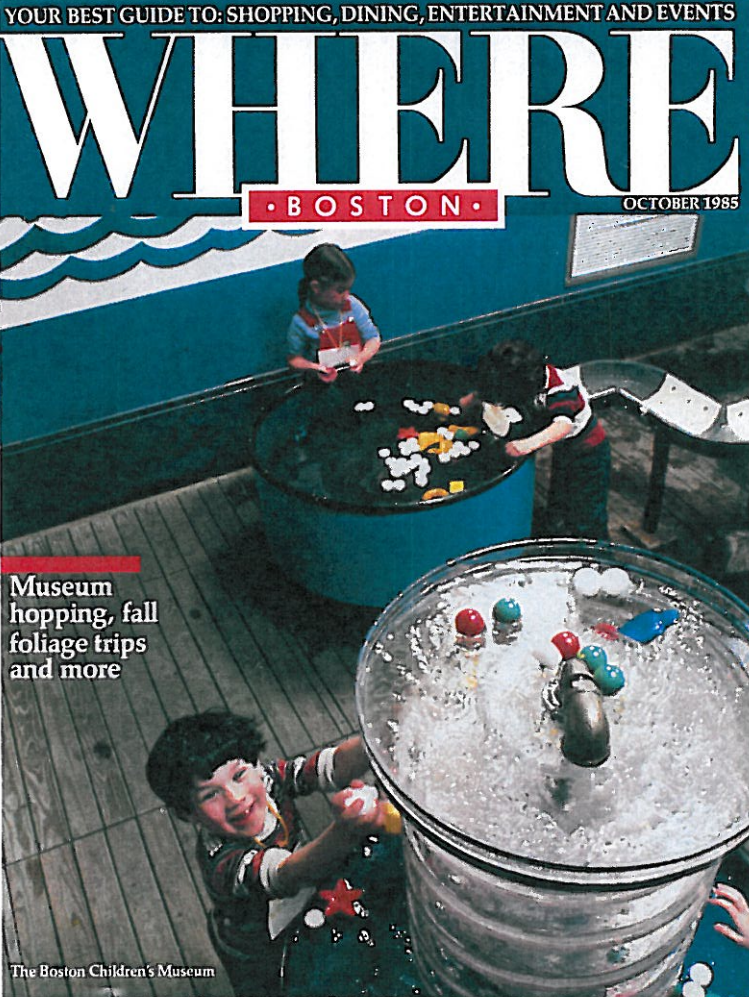
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SHOWTIME!

After a rather uneventful 1984-85 theatre season, this year's season has begun with a bang. Richard Harris returns as the noble, betrayed King Arthur in *Camelot*. The famed musical and its famous leading man are in town for one week only, October 15 through 20, at the Wang Performance Center, 270 Tremont Street (482-9393). Another classic favorite, *West Side Story*, also opens October 15, at the Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont Street (424-4520). This Bernstein-Sondheim musical about teenage gangs in a tough New York neighborhood stars Rex Smith. Boston's long-standing comedy murder mystery, *Shear Madness*, continues its sixth year at the Charles Playhouse, Stage II at 74 Warren Street (426-5225), and a comparatively newer hit play, *Forbidden Broadway*, is about to complete its first year at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel's Terrace Room (357-8384).

The Boston Ballet begins its twenty-second season with a revival of *Don Quixote*, originally staged for the company by Rudolf Nureyev in 1982. The ballet features music by Ludwig Minkus and elaborate sets and costumes. It runs October 24 through November 3 at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts, 270 Tremont Street (482-9393). Many other dance groups are taking area stages as well. The *Ramon de la Reyes Spanish Dance Theatre* celebrates its tenth anniversary with a gala performance that combines storytelling with the dynamic rhythms of Flamenco, Columbian and Puerto Rican Dance. It all happens October 5, 8 p.m., at the John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley Street (437-0231). The internationally-renowned *Slask Polish* song and dance company of over 100 performers brings Krakowian dances to the Boston Opera House, 539 Washington Street (426-5300), on October 14 at 8 p.m.

IN CONCERT

The Boston Symphony Orchestra opens its 105th season on October 1 in Symphony Hall, 301 Mass. Avenue (266-1492). Program highlights this month

include violin concertos with guest performers Itzak Pearlman and Viktoria Mullova and an all-Brahms program October 25 and 26. Also taking the stage this month at Symphony Hall are: Ireland's Clancy Brothers with Tommy Makem (October 18); the London Westminster Cathedral Choir (October 20); the satirical diva Anna Russell (October 25); and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra (October 30).

SPECIAL EVENTS

The world's largest single-day regatta, the *Head of the Charles Regatta*, takes place on October 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. (536-4100) on the Charles River, between Boston and Cambridge. Each year, contenders from England, Belgium, France, Canada, Mexico and the

U.S. compete in the 18 events to determine which boat and crew will be named "head of the Charles." It's a day of fun, with good views all along the riverbank and the area footbridges. The annual Chowderfest is over, but you can still sample chowder and seafood prepared by some of Boston's finest chefs at the *Boston Seafood Festival* on October 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New England Aquarium Harbor Terrace, Central Wharf (973-5200). The Annual Columbus Day Parade takes place October 13. It begins at noon on Gloucester and Commonwealth Avenue in the Back Bay. Another autumn tradition is the *Ellis Memorial Antiques Show*, which opens October 30 at the Cyclorama, 539 Tremont Street in the South End, and features antiques and special exhibits from dealers all over the eastern seaboard. For details, call 523-8696.

GARDEN PARTIES

"The Greatest Show on Earth." The *Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus* returns to Boston Garden, from October 16 through October 27 for 22 performances. The circus is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first Ringling Brothers Circus performance, so many spectacular animal acts, clown shows, acrobatics and production spectacles are planned. For tickets, call 227-3200. The Boston Bruins also return to Boston Garden for NHL hockey action as they face Toronto on Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.; Montreal on October 13 at 7 p.m. and Los Angeles on October 31 at 7:30 p.m. The popular and powerful Boston Celtics open their 1985-86 NBA home season with a game against Milwaukee on October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Boston Garden is located at 150 Causeway Street, in the North End, opposite the MBTA North Station. For ticket information for sports events, call 227-3027.

MUSEUM-GOERS MONTH

Perhaps from the visitor's standpoint, anytime in Boston could be "Museum-Goers Month," because Greater Boston



Wade Buck and his team of rare white tigers perform in this year's Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, at the Boston Garden.

offers some thirty museums, many of which are known the world-over. However, the museums annually choose October to celebrate with special programs and events. Listed here are some of the most prominent Boston museums and their special exhibitions.

The *Boston Museum of Fine Arts* opens the exclusive American showing of *Renoir*, a major retrospective, on October 9. The show, featuring 98 of Pierre Auguste Renoir's most celebrated paintings, broke attendance records at London's Hayward Gallery and drew over a million viewers during its recent run at the Grand Palais, Paris. (The Boston MFA, in fact, is expecting such a large attendance that it will be offering tickets through the Ticketron and Teltron outlets for the first time in its 109-year history.) In addition to the show, which art-lovers should not miss, the museum has an outstanding collection of Asian art and fine collections of American, Egyptian, European paintings and European decorative arts. Lectures, concerts and special film showings will also be available throughout the month. The \$5 admission to the Renoir exhibit is by ticket for a reserved date and entry time. For information, call 4-RENOIR during weekdays. Teletel 720-3434, or Ticketron 720-3450. The Museum is located at 465 Huntington Avenue, off the Arborway Greenline transit.

The *Boston Museum of Science* is hosting *China: 7,000 Years of Discovery*, the most important exhibition of science and technology to come from the People's Republic of China and the largest

exhibition in the museum's 155-year history. Master-artists from China work during the show, demonstrating rare and "lost-art" techniques that range from handmade paper-making to silk brocade weaving and double-sided embroidery. Visitors are welcome to ask questions through interpreters and learn about building, pottery, painting and other technologies that evolved during 70 centuries of Chinese history. Boston is the last American stop for this fascinating show, which is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7. The Museum of Science is located in Science Park, just off the McGrath Highway, near the Science Park T-stop. For China show information, call 723-5000. For information about the museum's planetarium and other attractions, call 723-2501.

The year-old *Computer Museum*, on Museum Wharf (426-2800), is the world's only computer museum, and there's something here to fascinate everyone. Children and adults alike can play, "draw" or "paint" on personal computers, view computer-generated art and videos, and see vintage computers that once made history. Special offerings this month include a lecture



Children and adults alike enjoy "painting" and "drawing" on the personal computers, which are among the things to see and do at the world's first Computer Museum, located on Museum Wharf.

series Sunday at 4 p.m. and lectures October 10 and 24 at 7 p.m. They are free with the \$4 admission to the museum.

The *New England Aquarium*, Central Wharf (742-8870), unveils its new "Amazon Basin" freshwater gallery this fall. In addition to a wide collection of fish, the new gallery will also display reptiles, poison arrow frogs, piranhas and, the world's largest snakes, anacondas, along with the fruit-eating pacu fish. There is also a new electric eel tank. The four-story glass ocean tank is a well-known attraction, but visitors October 25 and 26 can take a "behind-the-scenes" tour and learn about the feeding and care that goes into maintaining the tank and its occupants. The *Institute of Contemporary Art*, 955 Boylston Street (266-5152), always presents the avant-garde and the novel. Along with "Currents," an international showing of new works, the ICA hosts a daily video program, evening lectures, and the annual, juried "Art Tasting," contest of edible works on October 17. Call for details.

ON THE COVER: "Waterplay" is one of the many exploratory options for kids at the Boston Children's Museum, Museum Wharf (426-8855). In addition, kids can bargain at a Chinese Market, see themselves on TV, visit a wigwam, play with computers and much more. Storytellers, jugglers and musicians provide special entertainment for children Fridays at 7 and 8 p.m.



Rex Smith and Katharine Buffaloe are Tony and Maria in the new production of *West Side Story*, which opens October 15 at the Shubert Theatre.



Pierre Auguste Renoir's "Dance in the City" is on exhibit in the exclusive American showing of "Renoir" which opens October 9 at the Museum of Fine Arts. (Photo courtesy of Musée du Jeu de Paume, Paris.)



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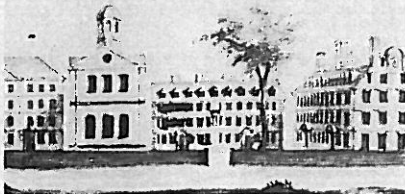
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WHERE MAGAZINE

ALL ABOUT CAMBRIDGE

A city with a past



Harvard University at the time of the American Revolution.

No visit to Boston would be complete without a side-trip to Cambridge. Cambridge, like Boston, was settled in 1630 and it is filled with history as well as with colleges and college students, museums, book shops, stores and restaurants that offer everything from the esoteric to the traditional.

HARVARD SQUARE

Harvard Square is the oldest part of Cambridge, and within its parameters, you'll find Harvard University, Radcliffe, the colonial "Tory Row," the Longfellow National Historic Site, shops and restaurants, plus the famous Harvard Museums. A good, historic orientation to Harvard Square is offered by **Cambridge Discovery** (497-1630), located at the Harvard Square Visitor Information Booth. The group offers 90-minute guided walking tours of Harvard Square, four times daily, for \$3. You can also pick up maps and brochures at the information booth to create a walking tour of your own. **Harvard University**, founded in 1636, is America's oldest, most famous college and you are welcome to visit the 18th-century Harvard Yard. The renowned Harvard art and science museums are located along Quincy, Kirkland, Divinity and Oxford on Streets. The **Fogg Art Museum** re-opens October 21 with the brand new **Arthur M. Sackler Museum**.

The **Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Sackler Museums** will collaboratively hold a major exhibition of Modern Art. General admission is \$3, and the phone number is 495-2387. The **Harvard Natural Science Museums** (495-1910) include the **Peabody Museum**, which is famous for its Mayan collection, the **Geological and Mineralogical Museum**, the **Museum of Comparative Zoology** (which displays some of the rare finds of Harvard expeditions), and the **Botanical Museum**, which houses the unique, handblown, 19th century Blaskha Glass Flowers. General admission to the entire complex is \$2 and the number to call is 495-1910.

The Square is also teeming with shops and stores of every description. Time-honored shopping traditions include: **The Harvard Coop** (since 1882), the famous collegiate department store with an inventory that includes Harvard insignia merchandise, clothing, books, records and prints; **Stonestreets** (since 1933), at 1276 Mass. Avenue, offering traditional quality men's clothing and accessories; **Leavitt and Pierce Tobacconists** (since 1883) at 1316 Mass. Avenue, the home of fine pipes and tobaccos, a chess set collection and plenty of nostalgic, old Harvard memorabilia. A new addition to Harvard Square's shopping scene is the **Charles Square** complex on Bennett and Eliot Streets. Among the 20 fine shops is **The Banana Republic**, a colorful store with lots of

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safari-style casual wear: Goods, a well-known name around Boston for fine lace, silk and cotton lingerie; and **Le Pli**, a full-service health spa and salon. The dining possibilities in Harvard Square are many. **Club Casablanca**, at 40 Brattle Street, in the Brattle Street Theatre (876-0999), was once a private club, but is now a Harvard Square favorite for gourmet and continental fare and for its popular downstairs lounge. Another former Harvard club became the setting for **Grandel's**, at Winthrop and JFK Streets (491-1160). Offerings include sandwiches, salads and create-your-own entree combinations.

CENTRAL SQUARE

Think "ethnic" when you think of Central Square. Located midway between Harvard and MIT, Central Square offers a potpourri of exotic and inexpensively priced restaurants specializing in Chinese, Middle-eastern and Indian cuisine. Recently, several new Chinese restaurants have sprung up. **Hsing Hsing**, under the new management of Yu Yung Wang, offers an abundance of Mandarin/Szechuan and Cantonese specialties, exotic Polynesian drinks and full bar service. It's located at 546 Mass. Avenue (547-2299). The new **Lai Lai Restaurant**, at 700 Mass. Avenue (876-7000), specializes in Oriental seafood dishes. The new **Royal East Restaurant**, at 782 Main Street (661-1660) offers gourmet Chinese fare, several seafood selections and weekend dim sum brunches.

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Harvard University's **Fogg Art Museum** is renowned for its fine collections of Oriental and Asian art. The **Fogg** re-opens this month, along with Harvard's new **Sackler Museum**.

largest of its kind) that houses a coral reef display plus an outstanding variety of sharks, and sea turtles. Dolphin, sea lion and harbor seal shows are offered daily aboard Discovery. Where watch cruises leave the Aquarium daily May-Oct. Open Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., weekends & holidays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. General admission: adults, \$5 and others, \$4; children 4-15 yrs., \$3. Central Wharf, off Atlantic Ave. on the Waterfront, 742-8870

WATERFRONT PARK—A nautical mini-park with a great harbor view. There are lots of benches, a seawall, a 340-foot, hull-shaped trestle, and play area for kids. Atlantic Ave., between Mercantile St. and Long Wharf

POINTS OF INTEREST

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CENTER—Remarkable modern architecture characterizes the world headquarters for the Christian Science Church and home of the Christian Science Monitor. Guided tours of the church and the unique Mapparium are offered daily. "A Light Unto My Path," a multi-media, nondenominational exhibit of the Bible's history, is now on view. It's open daily (except Tues.) 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. Free admission. Huntington & Mass. Aves., 262-2300

FAMOUS LIBRARIES—Boston Athenaeum. An elegant, world-famous private library with an extensive research library housing rare source material, Civil War books and newspapers, Boston history and historic prints, drawings, and vintage photographs. Two floors are open free for browsing weekdays 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., 10½ Beacon St., 227-0270. **Boston Public Library.** The world's oldest "free" library (1852) enchants with Italian-Renaissance architecture and center courtyard, book collections, art exhibits, lectures and free film series. Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 2-6 p.m. Copley Sq., 668 Boylston St., 536-5400. **French Library.** Visitors can browse through the largest collection of French books in America, or attend lectures, concerts and films. General admission is free with fees for some special events. 53 Marlborough St., 266-4354. **John F. Kennedy Library and Museum.** A unique waterfront archives and museum that documents President Kennedy's life and political career. General admission: \$1.50. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Columbus Point on Dorchester Bay (free shuttle bus leaves the MBTA J.F.K. Mass. transit station every half-hour). 929-4500

JOHN HANCOCK OBSERVATORY—View Boston and 60 miles of New England from this 60th floor observatory, 740 feet above sea level. Films, photography and other special attractions accompany the view. Permanent multimedia exhibits and the Observatory can be seen Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Adult admission: \$2.75. 200 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 247-1976

HISTORIC HOMES—Gibson House Museum. This 1859 dwelling, which is currently the home of the Victorian Society of America, is intact and filled with rich furnishings from the Victorian Era. Tours offered Tues.-Sun., 2-5 p.m. Admission: \$2. 137 Beacon St., 267-6338. **Harrison Gray Otis House.** The house that Charles Bulfinch designed for the flamboyant Mr. Otis has been painstakingly restored to its 1790's opulence. Guided tours are offered weekdays at 10 & 11 a.m., 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Admission: \$2. Open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Weds. 11:30 p.m., Sat. noon-4 p.m. 141 Cambridge St., 227-3956. **John F. Kennedy Birthplace.** The suburban home where JFK was born has been restored to its 1917 appearance, with furnishings provided by the Kennedy family. Free admission. Open daily (except holidays) 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 83 Beals St., Brookline, 566-7937. **Longfellow National Historic Site.** Guided tours of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's home. The grounds include original furnishings, books, a formal garden and the carriage house, 50¢ admission. Open daily 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 105 Brattle St., Cambridge, 876-4491. **Nichols House Museum.** One of the few Beacon Hill houses open to the public, this Bulfinch townhouse once belonged to Rose Standish Nichols, author and word-traveler, and it's filled with her elegant furnishings and art collections. Admission: \$1.50. Open Mon., Weds., & Sat. 1-5 p.m. 55 Mt. Vernon St., Beacon Hill, 227-6993. **Pierce-Henriksen House.** Guided tours are offered daily, 12:30 & 2:30 p.m., of this early, brick townhouse (built 1711) which was once owned by Paul Revere's cousin. General admission: \$1.50. 21 North Square (next to Paul Revere House), 523-2338. **Paul Revere House** (See "Freedom Trail")

HARVARD MUSEUMS—Seven museums are housed with a 10 minute walk from Harvard Square. The **Harvard University Museum** contains four separate museums. The **Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology** is noted for its Hall of American Indians exhibit as well as for its Mayan collection. The **Botanical Museum** houses the 19th century Blaschka Glass Flowers: handblown glass models representing 780 species. The **Geological and Mineralogical Museum** exhibits minerals, gemstones and meteor fragments, while the **Museum of Comparative Zoology** displays some of the rare finds of various Harvard expeditions. The museums are open 9 a.m. (Sun. 1 p.m.) to 4:30 p.m. General admission: \$1.50. Entrances on Divinity Ave. and 24 Oxford St. 495-1910. **Busch-Reisinger Museum.** This Baroque building features one of the best collections of German and Central European art in the U.S. Open Tues.-Fri., noon-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Quincy, Kirkland & Divinity Sts., 495-2387

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM—The Venetian palazzo on the Fenway, built by Boston's daring 19th century eccentric, is adorned with Whistlers, Tibans, Matisse's, 17th century tapestries, ceramic tiles, tooled leather wall coverings and a perennially flowering courtyard. Concerts are held in the Tapestry Room Tues. at 6 p.m., Thurs., 12-15 p.m.; and Sun. at 3 p.m. Open Tues., noon-9 p.m., Weds.-Sun. noon-5 p.m. Donation: \$2. 280 Fenway, 566-1401

M.I.T. MUSEUMS—Margaret Compton Gallery. Changing exhibits of art and photography. Open weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 77 Mass. Ave. Bldg. #10. 253-4444. **Hart Nautical Museum.** This nautical history museum focuses on the history of ship design and construction, and includes rigged models of ships from the Vikings time to the present. Open weekdays 9 a.m.-10 p.m. (Free) 77 Mass. Ave. Bldg. #5. 253-5942. Other small galleries on the M.I.T. campus feature changing exhibits, concerts and special events. Call the M.I.T. arts hotline at 253-ARTS

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS—Nearly 200 galleries are filled with Asian and Egyptian art, European paintings, prints, drawings, photography, decorative art and sculpture. The museum also hosts lectures, concerts and films, special events, a restaurant and gift shop. Admission: \$4 (West Wing only \$3); free admission Sat. 10 a.m.-noon. Open Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Weds. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; West Wing is also open Thurs.-Fri. until 10 p.m. 465 Huntington Ave., 267-9300. The museum also hosts lectures, concerts and films, special events, a restaurant and gift shop. Admission: \$4 (West Wing only \$3); free admission Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. West Wing is also open Thurs.-Fri. until 10 p.m. 465 Huntington Ave., 267-9300

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE—From space exploration to microscopic views the museum offers a large selection of anthropologic, astronomy and natural science exhibits. You can explore, play or experiment in the Discovery Room or enjoy the daily indoor lightning-and-thunder shows (noon) in the Theater of Electricity. The **Charles Hayden Planetarium** (50¢ with museum admission) features daily astronomy shows. Special discount price: \$4/adult, \$3/student, \$2.50 for seniors and children 5-17. Half-price rates Fri. 5-10 p.m. The museum is open Tues.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 723-2501. **China: 7000 Years of Discovery.** The most important exhibition to come out of the People's Republic of China is a fascinating look at Chinese scientific and technological innovations over the last 70 centuries. Artists demonstrate ancient Chinese technologies—from papermaking to silk weaving. Admission: \$7/adult, \$5/children, students and senior citizens. Exhibition hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 723-2500. Located at Science Park, via Storrow Dr., Memorial Dr., Southeast Expressway, or the MBTA Green Line transit

INFORMATION CENTERS—The Greater Boston Convention and Visitor Bureau operates two visitor information centers, one at Boston Common at Tremont St., open daily, and the other at Prudential Plaza West, open weekdays only. Both offer multilingual services and brochures as well as maps and information about special events, current hotel rates and attractions, 563-4100; for recorded information 267-6446. **City Hall Visitor Information Center.** open weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. offers maps and guides for historic sights, museums, etc. third-floor lobby City Hall Government Ctr. 725-4000. **National Park Service Visitor Center.** open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m., features slides, displays, brochures, information, restrooms and access for the handicapped, 15 State St., next to Old State House on the Freedom Trail, 242-5642

FREEDOM TRAIL

A red painted path from Boston Common to the Charlestown Navy Yard winds past some of the nation's most historic points of interest. An ideal place to begin the 1 1/2-mile trek is at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on Tremont Street (267-6446) where you can pick up free maps and information. The National Park Service Visitor Center, 15 State St. (242-5642), features an audio-visual program, slides, displays, brochures, restrooms and access for the handicapped.

BOSTON COMMON—America's oldest public park was set aside in 1634 as a military training ground and common pasture land. During the summer, the Common is popular for concerts, events and baseball games. Across Charles St. is Public Garden, the nation's oldest Botanical garden. The manmade lagoon, framed by tidy lawns and formal flower gardens, is the sight of Boston's famous Swanboats, which take passengers around the lake in warmer weather.

THE STATE HOUSE—The "new" State House built in 1798 by Charles Bulfinch, features a 23-karat gilded dome, and under the layer of gold is copper installed by Paul Revere. The building teems with historic facets. The Archives Museum in the basement houses many replicated Colonial documents, charters and artifacts. Free tours are offered weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from Doric Hall, Beacon St., opposite Boston Common near Park St., 727-3676.

PARK STREET CHURCH—Gunpowder was stored in the basement of this 1809 church during the War of 1812. William Lloyd Garrison gave his first anti-slavery address here in 1829, and the hymn "America" was sung publicly for the first time in 1831. Call for summer tours information. Open for church services Fri. & Sun. Park & Tremont Sts., 523-3063.

GRANARY BURYING GROUND—This small, unobtrusive 17th century graveyard is the burial site of Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Robert Paine, the Boston Massacre victims, Benjamin Franklin's parents and the woman believed to be the "Mother Goose" of nursery rhyme fame. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tremont St., opposite Bromfield St.

KING'S CHAPEL—Boston's first Anglican church (founded in 1686) congregated in this majestic granite church, built in 1754. After the Revolution, it was America's first Unitarian church (1785). Adjoining the elegant chapel is an old cemetery with the graves of historically prominent Bostonians. Open Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tremont and School Sts., 523-1749.

FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE AND FRANKLIN'S STATUE—A plaque designates the site of America's first public school, built in 1635, and attended by Samuel Adams, Ben Franklin and Cotton Mather. The nearby Benjamin Franklin statue was the first one erected in Boston. School St., near Tremont.

OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE—Emerson, Hawthorne, Holmes, Stowe and other authors who made Boston "the Athens of America" used to gather here. You can see some first editions of their books daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. School & Washington Sts.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE—Built in 1729, Old South was a church and a major meeting house in the Colonial days. It was also the point from which the Boston Tea Party was launched. Open 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily, through Oct. Admission adults, 75c; children and sr. citizens, 25c. Washington & Milk Sts., 482-6439.

OLD STATE HOUSE—Built in 1712, this was the seat of government before the Revolution. A beautiful spiral staircase leads to a second floor museum of maritime, Colonial and Revolutionary memorabilia. Open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. through Oct. Winter hours are weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission Adults, \$1.25, seniors, 75c; children, 50c. 206 Washington St. at State. 242-5655.

FANEUIL HALL—The hall was given to Boston by Peter Faneuil in 1742, and was nicknamed "The cradle of liberty" by James Oss because of the many important civic meetings held in pre-Revolutionary times. There is a marketplace downstairs. Upstairs, the meeting hall which is still actively used, has provided a forum for everyone from Sam Adams to John Kennedy. Open daily 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with guided talks every half-hour. Ancient & Honorable Artillery Museum is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on weekdays. Merchants Row, 242-5642.

PAUL REVERE HOUSE—Built around 1680, this is the last standing Boston house of the 17th Century. Patriot and silversmith Paul Revere bought it in 1770, left it for the Tea Party in 1773. Open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., daily, mid-April through October. Admission: adults \$1.50, seniors \$1, children 50¢. 19 North Square, North End, 523-1676.

OLD NORTH CHURCH—Also known as Christ Church, it was from the steeple of this 1723 church that two lanterns were hung on April 18, 1775, signaling to the patriots across the Charles that the British were coming "by sea." Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 193 Salem St. at Hull St., 523-6676.

COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND—The gravesite of Cotton Mather and other prominent Boston educators and clergymen offers rich epitaph-reading matter plus a fine view of the Charles River, Charlestown and the USS Constitution moored in the Navy Yard.

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT—This 220 foot obelisk commemorates the Battle of Bunker Hill, the first battle of the Revolution. If you climb the 294 steps to the observatory, you'll get a beautiful harbor view. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monument Square, 242-5641.

USS CONSTITUTION—The world's oldest commissioned warship is a 52-gun frigate which never lost a battle. Sailors in historic uniforms conduct free tours aboard ship 9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m., daily. Charlestown Navy Yard, 242-5670. Nearby is the USS Constitution Museum. Inside are exhibits about the history of "Old Ironsides" from 1794 to the present. Open daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through June 21; open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in Labor Day. Admission: adults, \$2, Srs., \$1.50, children, \$1. Charlestown Navy Yard, 426-1812.

HARBORWALK

A recent adjunct to the Freedom Trail is the HarborWalk, a two mile trail that loops around Boston's Historic harbor. The trail begins at the National Park Service Visitor Center, near the Old State House, on State St. and ends at the Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum. In between are buildings of historic and commercial interest, along with the Boston Children's Museum and the New England Aquarium. HarborWalk maps and brochures are available at most attractions along the waterfront.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM—One of the country's leading children's museums teaches children about natural sciences, history, cultures and technology with plenty of "hands-on" exhibits for people aged 3 and up. Play with computers, visit an actual Japanese townhouse or an urban Chinese marketplace, make giant soap bubbles or spinning tops from a "factory" and more. Puppeteers, magicians, storytellers and others perform Fri. nights. Open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. til 9 p.m., through Labor Day (Closed Mondays after Labor Day, except for school holidays.) Admission: \$4/adults, \$3/children & senior citizens, free Fri. 5-9 p.m. Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 426-8555.

BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIP AND MUSEUM—Boston's most notorious protest (Dec. 16, 1773) is dramatically recreated in the period museum and aboard the full-scale working replica of the Tea Party Ship. Visitors may relive history by throwing tea chests overboard, viewing audio-visual media and by talking with costumed tour guides. Complimentary tea is offered. Open daily 9 a.m.-dusk. Admission: adults, \$2.75, children, \$1.75. Family rates offered. Near South Station, on Congress St. Bridge overlooking Museum Wharf, 338-1778.

THE COMPUTER MUSEUM—The world's only computer museum reveals the impact of the Computer Age through exhibits of state-of-the-art computers, films, vintage computers, hands-on image-processing centers, computer graphics and a computer animation theatre. Open Weds., Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. & Fri. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Admission: \$4/adults, \$2 seniors and students. Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St. (next to Children's Museum), 426-2800.

HOOD MILK BOTTLE—This 40-foot tall milk bottle is a vintage lunch stand from the 1930s. Currently used as a refreshment stand for museum-goers, it was cut in half, floated down the Charles and reassembled. It is now a familiar landmark and the centerpiece of the mini-park at Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM—Colorful and educational exhibits featuring over 2,000 aquatic creatures. Highlights include a 4-story glass ocean tank (the