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**PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS GUIDE**

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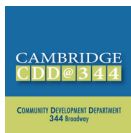
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# Introduction

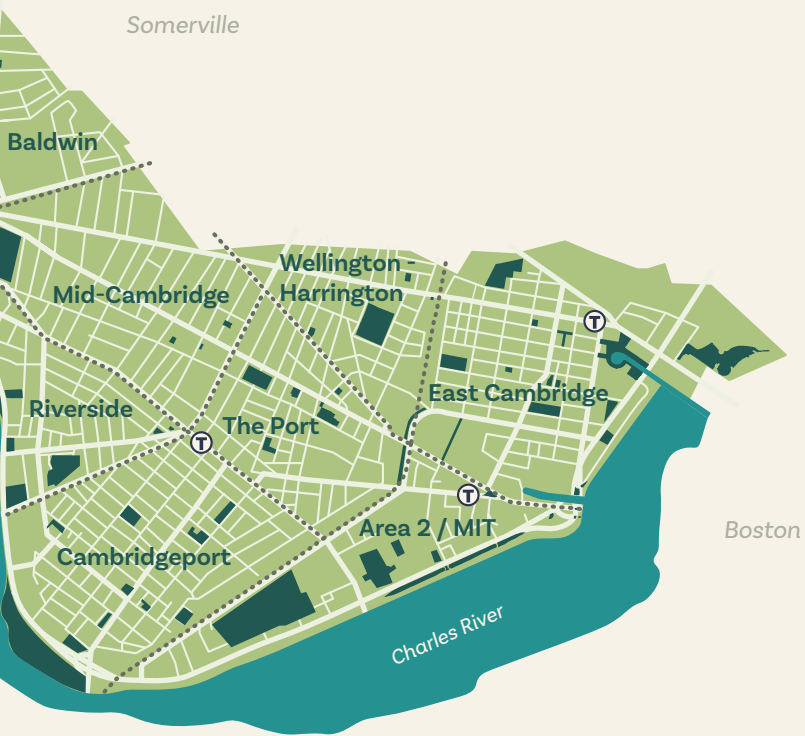
Cambridge contains over 80 parks and open spaces. From playgrounds full of excited kids to quiet spaces for reflection, the city's parks provide a variety of experiences for residents and visitors. While each park is unique, they all offer space for recreation, enjoying nature, and building community.

This guide lists parks and open spaces throughout Cambridge and provides information about their facilities and amenities. While this is not an exhaustive directory, it contains information about a range of spaces, from athletic fields to community gardens to dog runs. In addition to parks owned and operated by the City of Cambridge, this guide includes local open spaces managed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the National Park Service (NPS), and privately-owned spaces that welcome everyone.

We hope this guide will help you explore the beauty, play, and innovation that Cambridge has to offer - and discover new places along the way.







# East Cambridge

East Cambridge, a neighborhood of over 13,000 residents, was host to major manufacturing and industrial businesses during the 19th century. Since the early 1980s, the neighborhood has transformed into a mix of residential, commercial, and retail developments. Cambridge Crossing, a mixed-use development formerly known as North Point, connects the upper part of East Cambridge with Somerville and Boston. To the south, Kendall Square, recognized internationally as a hub for life sciences and biotech, straddles East Cambridge and MIT neighborhoods. The Charles River is the eastern boundary of the neighborhood.





## 1. Ahern Field

259 Charles Street • 2.6 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Located just north of Kendall Square, Ahern Field offers outdoor recreational space including basketball courts, a softball field, street hockey, and a playground with waterplay.

## 2. Centanni Way

82 Third Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Nestled between the Middlesex County Buildings, this tree-lined pedestrian connection functions as an extension of Otis Street. It provides a pleasant respite from city bustle year-round.

## 3. Charles Park

57 Land Boulevard • 0.9 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Located directly across from CambridgeSide, a shopping destination with over 80 stores and restaurants, Charles Park is a great spot for lunch or shopping breaks.

## 4. The Common at CX

320 Morgan Ave • 5 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This privately-owned public space (POPS), located in the emerging Cambridge Crossing district, is open to the public and hosts community events and concerts.



Photo: Kijle Klein

The Common at CX

## 5. Costa Lopez Taylor Park

71 Charles Street • 0.7 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park consists of a winding path dotted with benches that connects to a basketball court, playgrounds, and a community garden.

## 6. Front Park

59 Cambridge Parkway • 0.9 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Front Park sits along the riverfront with views of the Charles River. It provides access to the Dudley Bike Path that runs along the river.

## 7. Hurley Park

258 Hurley Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Tucked into a side lot on Hurley Street, this park offers a large playground with shade structures and a small community garden.

## 8. Kennedy-Longfellow School Playground

158 Spring Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located at the Kennedy-Longfellow School, this playground includes climbing structures, swings, and waterplay. It's available to students during recess and open to the community after school hours.

## 9. Lechmere Canal Park

32 First Street • 4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Lechmere Canal Park consists of pathways connecting the neighborhood to the CambridgeSide area and a promenade around the Lechmere Canal basin. The park provides access to river ferries and kayak and paddle board rentals for sightseeing along the Charles River.



Lechmere Canal Park

## 10. North Point Park

1 Education Circle • 8 acres

Open 24 hours

Located near the Museum of Science, along the banks of the Charles River, this lush and expansive park includes a large playground, bike and pedestrian paths, a skate park, and lawns. A large pedestrian bridge connects North Point Park to Paul Revere Park in Boston.



Photo: Molly Akin

North Point Park

## 11. Silva Park

83 Otis Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Within walking distance to the MBTA Lechmere stop, this park provides a playground and ample seating.

## 12. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. Park

71 Rogers Street • 2.2 acres



Open dawn until dusk

This new park includes a park green with both flat and sloped lawn, as well as a play hill that provides an immersive play landscape. The green can be a space for community events as well as laying out in the sun in the warmer months and sledding in the winter. A walking path loops around the field area and connects to tables and seating located around the park.

## 13. Triangle Park

200 First Street • 0.6 acres

*Closed for construction*

The future Triangle Park, located between the Charles River and the Kendall Square area, will feature seating for lunchtime visitors and parkgoers amongst a grove of trees.

## 14. Gold Star Mothers Park

123 Gore Street • 3.6 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Gold Star Mothers Park, also known as Gore Street Park, provides opportunities for active recreation, quiet relaxation, exercise, and community gatherings. It features a baseball field, basketball courts, and a playground with waterplay, as well as pathways, trees, benches, and picnic tables. Dogs are allowed off-leash from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The park is located next to the Simoni Skating Rink, a public skating rink owned and managed by DCR.

### ***Did you know?***

Gold Star Mothers Park is named for women whose children died in service during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. These women are called “Gold Star Mothers” because they received service flags with gold stars in honor of their children’s sacrifices.





Photo: Community Development Department

## Area 2 / MIT

Area 2 / MIT contains the core of the Massachusetts Institution of Technology's academic buildings, research facilities, and student housing. Bordered by Broadway and Main Streets, the Boston & Albany Railroad tracks, and the Charles River, the majority of the neighborhoods over 6,200 residents are undergraduate and graduate students. The Kendall / MIT MBTA Red Line station provides access to Kendall Square, an international hub for the life sciences and biotech industry. Residents, employees, and visitors can easily access Boston by crossing over the neighborhood's Harvard Bridge on Massachusetts Avenue or Longfellow Bridge on Main Street.



# 1. Galaxy Park

220 Main Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This space managed by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority is located where Main Street and Broadway come together and features a sculptural fountain as a centerpiece.



Photo: Wonsenk

## 2. Grand Junction Park

83 Otis Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located alongside the railway of the same name, this open space includes the first segment of a planned multi-use path that will connect to Boston and Somerville.



Photo: Community Development Department

### 3. Kendall Square Roof Garden

70 Broadway • 0.6 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located on the roof of the Green Garage in Kendall Square, the Kendall Square Roof Garden is a privately-owned publicly accessible open space (POPS). The garden is open from dawn until dusk and can be accessed from either the Broadway or Main Street garage pedestrian entrances via elevator or staircase. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful landscaping while walking along the garden's paths or relaxing on benches and picnic tables. The Roof Garden is also home to an urban garden, and community events and classes – from gardening basics to yoga – are offered seasonally.

#### ***Did you know?***

The Kendall Square Roof Garden is not the only park in Cambridge built above a parking garage. The New Riverside Park on Memorial Drive is also built on top of a parking garage—albeit an underground one.

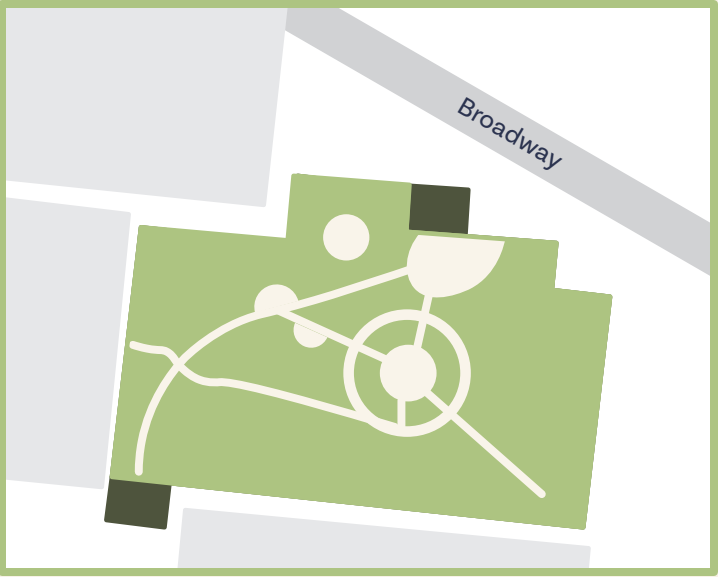
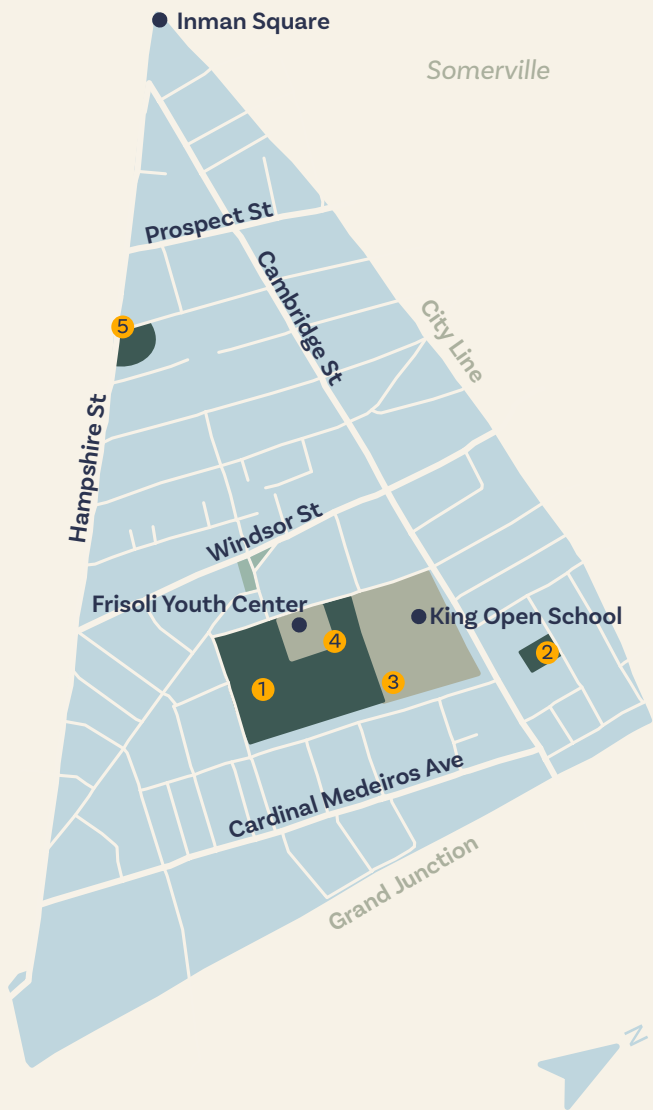


Photo: Community Development Department

# Wellington-Harrington

Wellington-Harrington is a small, high-density residential neighborhood with around 6,700 residents. Bordered by Somerville to the north and Hampshire Street to the south, the neighborhood includes Inman Square and the Cambridge Street corridor, which provide a variety of local businesses and restaurants. There is a larger-scale commercial area in the southeastern corner of the neighborhood, mostly occupied by the One Kendall Square complex of offices, laboratories, retail, restaurants, and a cinema. The King Open School, Cambridge Street Upper School, Valente Library, Frisoli Youth Center, and the Cambridge Department of Public Works facility all call Wellington-Harrington home.





## 1. Donnelly Field

45 Berkshire Street • 5.4 acres  
Open from dawn until 11:00 p.m.

Located near the King Open School and Frisoli Youth Center, there is always activity at Donnelly Field, a large recreational area with three baseball diamonds and shared lawn space. The area is commonly used for practice and games by recreational sports leagues.

## 2. Gannett-Warren Pals Park

32 Jefferson Street • 0.3 acres  
Open dawn until dusk

Located one block from Cambridge Street, this small neighborhood park includes a full-sized playground, waterplay feature, benches, and a shaded lawn area.

## 3. Gold Star Pool

123 Berkshire Street  
Open in Summer

Monday-Friday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday -Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Located next to Valente Library, Gold Star pool is a seasonal destination with two pools and changing facilities.

## 4. King Open School Complex

840 Cambridge Street • 5.5 acres

Open dawn until dusk

The King Open/Cambridge Street Upper School and Community Complex includes two gyms, two basketball courts, a bocce court, five playgrounds, and an outdoor splash pad. The complex also encompasses a plaza on Cambridge Street, a reading garden for the new Valente library, a courtyard, and an auditorium.



Photo: Robert Benson Photography

King Open School Playground

## 5. Elm and Hampshire Plaza

129 Hampshire Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located at the corner of Elm and Hampshire Streets, this park's bright orange furniture and fencing are eye-catching in every season. The park combines inviting seating areas and landscaping with whimsical and playful elements, including a climbing and spinning play structure and musical dance chimes. Large trees shade the plaza, and movable furniture, including game board tables, is dispersed throughout the park.

### ***Did you know?***

A Little Lending Library is located on the north-west side of the park, off of Elm Street. Visitors can choose a book or leave one for others to enjoy.

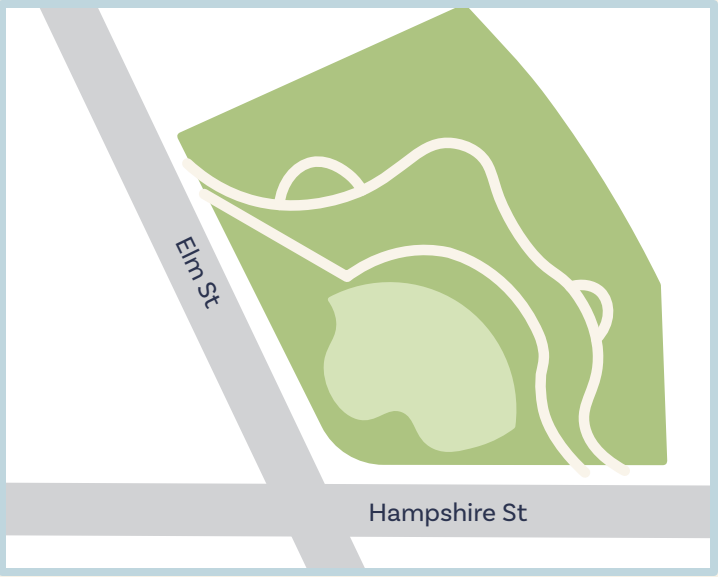


Photo: Community Development Department

# The Port

The Port is a high-density residential neighborhood with almost 7,300 residents. Bordered by Massachusetts Avenue to the south, The Port contains the Central Square MBTA Red Line station, allowing residents and visitors to easily explore the area's restaurants and businesses. The Osborn Triangle, home to high-tech lab and office space, connects The Port and MIT neighborhoods. The Grand Junction Multi-Use Path will soon provide a biking and walking route through the neighborhood, forming a pathway connecting the Boston University Bridge, Cambridge, and the Somerville Community Path.



## 1. Cambridgeport School Playground

89 Elm Street • 0.2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

In addition to multiple play structures for children to enjoy, this park offers a small basketball court.

## 2. Clement G. Morgan Park

62 Columbia Street • 1 acre

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This well-shaded park includes play structures and basketball courts. In the summer, community movie nights are held on the lawn off Columbia Street.

## 3. Fletcher-Maynard Academy Playground

225 Windsor Street • 0.2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located next to Fletcher-Maynard Academy, this park offers many play structures for children to enjoy.



## 4. Market Street Park

90 Bristol Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Also known as the Arthur J. Shallow Playground, this is a small neighborhood park on the corner of Market and Bristol Streets. This well-shaded space hosts a large playground facility, a landscaped plaza, and seating.



Photo: Community Development Department

Clement G. Morgan Park

## 5. Pine Street Park

26 Pine Street • 0.1 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This tot-lot, located across from Clement G. Morgan Park, includes a playground and waterplay.

## 6. Sennott Park

310 Broadway • 2.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Under construction with partial access*

Located next to the Moses Youth Center, this park includes multi-purpose playing fields, a playground, waterplay, and basketball courts connected by walking paths.

## 7. Squirrel Brand Park

260 Broadway • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This park provides a landscaped lawn area with play equipment and a large community garden.

Photo: Community Development Department



Sennott Park

Photo: Community Development Department



Squirrel Brand Park

## 8. Greene • Rose Heritage Park

155 Harvard Street • 1.6 acres



Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Greene•Rose Heritage Park offers a vast array of recreational opportunities for the community to enjoy. Located on Harvard Street between Windsor and Moore Streets, the park includes a children's playground and waterplay area, an open field, tennis courts, and benches. Dogs are allowed to play off-leash between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. throughout the week. The park also features a variety of public art installations from local artists, and the Moore Street Community Garden is located on the park's northeast side, near the tennis courts.

### ***Did you know?***

The park was the site of The Cambridge Neighborhood House. Founded by Pauline Agassiz Shaw in 1878, it was considered to be the first settlement house in America. The park is named in honor of life-long residents and community advocates, Frances Greene and Janet Rose.



Photo: Community Development Department

Squirrel Brand Park

# Cambridgeport

Cambridgeport is a dense neighborhood, consisting of approximately 13,000 residents. To the north, the neighborhood abuts Massachusetts Avenue, where the Central Square cultural district offers many restaurant and shopping options. Memorial Drive, Magazine Beach, and the Charles River border the southern end of the neighborhood. Cambridgeport has a wealth of open spaces that range in scale, from the recreation fields at Magazine Beach to the smaller parks, playgrounds, and gardens scattered throughout the neighborhood.



## 1. Alberico Park

328 Allston Street • 0.5 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Connecting Putnam Avenue to Allston Street, this park includes a large playground with whimsical play equipment and lush landscaping.

## 2. Amigos School Playground

15 Upton Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

To maximize limited space, this playground includes a linear play structure along its front edge, in addition to climbing structures and custom play equipment.

## 3. David Nunes Park

251 Brookline Street. • 0.9 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This corner park, also known as Old Morse Park, includes outdoor ping-pong tables, a full-size basketball court that can also be used for street hockey, and a nicely landscaped lawn and plaza for sitting, reading, or resting.



## 4. Fort Washington Park

95 Waverly Street • 1 acre

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this park was built by soldiers of the Continental Army under the orders of George Washington in November 1775. Today, its open green space welcomes off-leash dog play.

## 5. Fulmore Park

223 Sidney Street • 0.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park offers a range of play opportunities, especially for young children. These features include blocks, waterplay, sand play, and a water pump table.

## 6. Hastings Square

321 Brookline Street • 0.7 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Part of the Hastings Square Historic District, this large open space is lined with trees and includes paths and benches for passive recreation.

## 7. Lindstrom Field

40 Granite Street • 1.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This baseball field, serving local Little Leagues, is adjacent to Morse Elementary School and the Morse School Playground.

## 8. Lopez Street Park

34 Lopez Street • 0.1 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Situated mid-block on a residential street, this shaded park includes a toddler playground with picnic tables and benches.

## 9. Magazine Beach

660 Memorial Drive • 24 acres

Contact DCR for hours

Located on the Charles River, this park consists of the Veterans Memorial Pool, playing fields, an outdoor gym, and riverfront paths. It provides seasonal programming and is owned and managed by DCR.

## 10. Morse School Playground

40 Granite Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Adjacent to the Morse Elementary School, this outdoor play space includes a garden area and basketball court.



Morse School Playground

Photo: Community Development Department

## 11. Pacific Street Open Space

90 Pacific Street. • 1.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park includes a playing field for soccer and a separate fenced-in area for dogs to run and play off leash.

## 12. University Park Commons

65 Sidney Street • 1.25 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This privately-owned public open space (POPS) was constructed as part of the mixed-use University Park development, and provides lawns, paths, and plazas for passive use, as well as hosting community events.

## 13. Veterans Memorial Pool

719 Memorial Drive • 0.2 acres

Contact DCR for hours

This Olympic-length swimming pool is located at Magazine Beach. Swim lessons are offered at the pool, and lifeguards are on duty while it's open during the summer season. The pool is owned and managed by DCR.



University Park Commons



Veteran's Memorial Pool

## 13. Dana Park

70 Magazine Beach • 1.4 acres

Open dawn until 11:00 p.m.

In many ways the quintessential neighborhood square, Dana Park includes well-shaded paths and benches and an oval lawn that invites a host of activities, including family picnics, recreational play, and evening dog walks. A large playground and waterplay are located on the park's eastern side, along with a full-size basketball court. The park provides a secluded oasis and is one of the neighborhood's most popular gathering places.

### ***Did you know?***

Many of the cross streets surrounding Dana Park are named after commanders and ships that fought during the War of 1812.

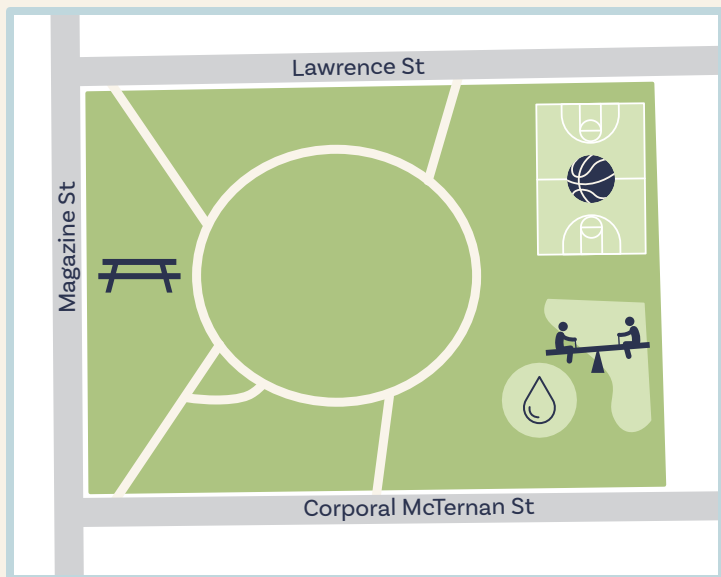


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# Mid-Cambridge

Mid-Cambridge is a large, high-density residential neighborhood with about 14,000 residents, bordered by Prospect Street to the east, Kirkland Street to the west, Massachusetts Avenue to the south, and Somerville to the north. Major commercial centers lie at three corners of the neighborhood: Central Square, Harvard Square, and Inman Square. Mid-Cambridge landmarks include Cambridge City Hall, the Cambridge Public Library's Main Branch, Cambridge Hospital, and Harvard University. The City's public high school, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, is also located in Mid-Cambridge.





# 1. Cooper Park

115 Hancock Street • 0.2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located on the corner of Hancock and Centre Streets, this park's playground and waterplay features are great play options for younger children.



Photo: Community Development Department

Cooper Park

## 2. Maple Avenue Park

37 Maple Avenue • 0.1 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This tot lot provides a sand and waterplay area, which features a castle constructed of building blocks as its centerpiece. Visitors can play with additional oversized building blocks stored at the park.

## 3. Paine Park

22 St. Mary Road • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This tot lot features water play, a sand area, and climbing structures for younger children. It also includes a half basketball court and shaded bench seating.

## 4. Wilder-Lee Park

46 Lee Street • 0.2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This park offers shaded seating, picnic tables, and an enclosed playground area.

## 5. Joan Lorentz Park

441 Broadway • 2.9 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Located in front of the Cambridge Public Library's Main Branch and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Joan Lorentz Park draws a cross-section of community members, from students and seniors to professionals and families. The park includes an enclosed playground area and three tennis courts. Its expansive lawn provides ample space for activities like reading, picnicking, and playing frisbee. The lawn is available for off-leash dog use between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. every morning, and it serves as a meeting place for a variety of events, including the City's annual community bike rides. Its location provides a convenient connection for pedestrians and cyclists to travel between Broadway and Cambridge Streets.

### ***Did you know?***

There are 25 types of trees in Joan Lorentz Park and the landscape surrounding it between Broadway and Cambridge Street.



Photo: Molly Akin

# Riverside

Located along the Charles River, Riverside contains some of the oldest settlements in Cambridge. The neighborhood has over 12,100 residents, many of whom live in Harvard University student housing. Massachusetts Avenue provides connections to the major commercial districts of Harvard Square and Central Square. Smaller groupings of restaurants and businesses are located along other corridors in the neighborhood, including Putnam Avenue, River Street, and Western Avenue.



## 1. Corporal Burns Park

32 Flagg Street • 1.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

A short walk from the Charles River, this park contains several amenities, including courts for basketball and street hockey, ample seating areas, and a playground with waterplay.

## 2. Franklin Street Park

495 Franklin Street • 0.1 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Surrounded by large trees, this park provides a shaded urban oasis, complete with tables, benches, and waterplay.

## 3. Martin Luther King Jr. School Playground

101 Kinnaird Street • 0.9 acres

Open dawn until dusk

With colorful shapes that distinguish the park's play zones and a range of climbing, spinning, and balancing structures, this playground is eye-catching and inviting.



## 4. New Riverside Neighborhood Park

880 Memorial Drive • 0.7 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Situated across from the Charles River, this park features a variety of sitting areas, including picnic tables, waterplay, and a central open lawn with views of the river.

## 5. Riverside Press Park

2 Blackstone Street • 3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park features a central seating area surrounded by a playground, community garden, basketball and tennis courts, and an open grassy area.

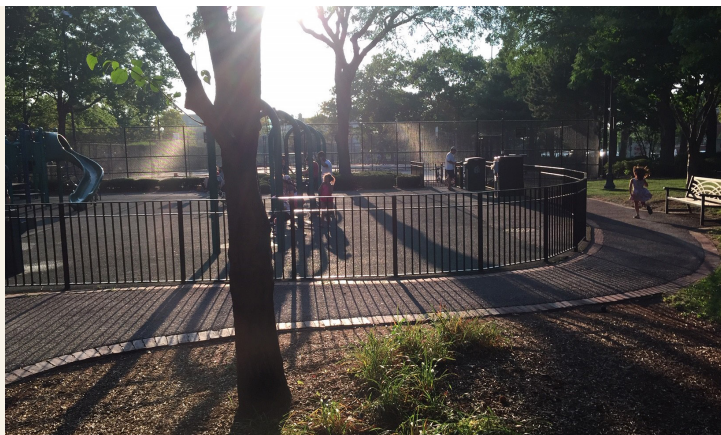


Photo: Community Development Department

Playground at Corporal Burns Park

## 6. Hoyt Field

10 Montague Street • 4.7 acres  
Open from dawn until 11:00 p.m.

Nestled in the interior block between River Street, Putnam Avenue, Western Avenue, and Howard Street, Hoyt Field provides nearly five acres of recreational space. The park consists of a regulation-size softball field, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, two playgrounds, and the Willis Moore Youth Center. There is always a hum of activity at Hoyt Field, whether from dogs chasing balls in the mornings (the park allows off-leash hours from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. every day) or basketball games on a summer evening.

### ***Did you know?***

While historic maps show the area of Hoyt Field with streets planned through it, homes were never constructed. The City owned the majority of the land, turning it into a city park.



Photo: Community Development Department

# Baldwin

Baldwin is a small residential neighborhood with around 5,100 residents. Harvard Square and Porter Square, both major commercial and transit centers, lie at either end of the neighborhood, and Massachusetts Avenue, which connects the two squares, serves as the neighborhood's retail center. Universities are a major presence in the neighborhood, which contains academic and student housing facilities for both Harvard University and Lesley University. To the east, Baldwin shares a border with Somerville.



# 1. Alden Park

33 Sacramento Street • 0.3 acres  
Open dawn until dusk

Located across from the Baldwin School, Alden Park's playground includes a large slide and climbing structure. The park also offers waterplay, a sand play area, tables and seating, and a flexible open area for schoolyard games.



Photo: Community Development Department

## 2. Sacramento Field

7 Sacramento Street • 1.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Tucked behind Sacramento Street, this park includes basketball courts, a tot lot, a nature-based play area, and a playing field often used for soccer. A path encircles the field for visitors and spectators to enjoy. Three public art installations line the western pathway entrance, and the Sacramento Street Community Garden provides a beautiful border to the pathway entrance on the park's northern side.

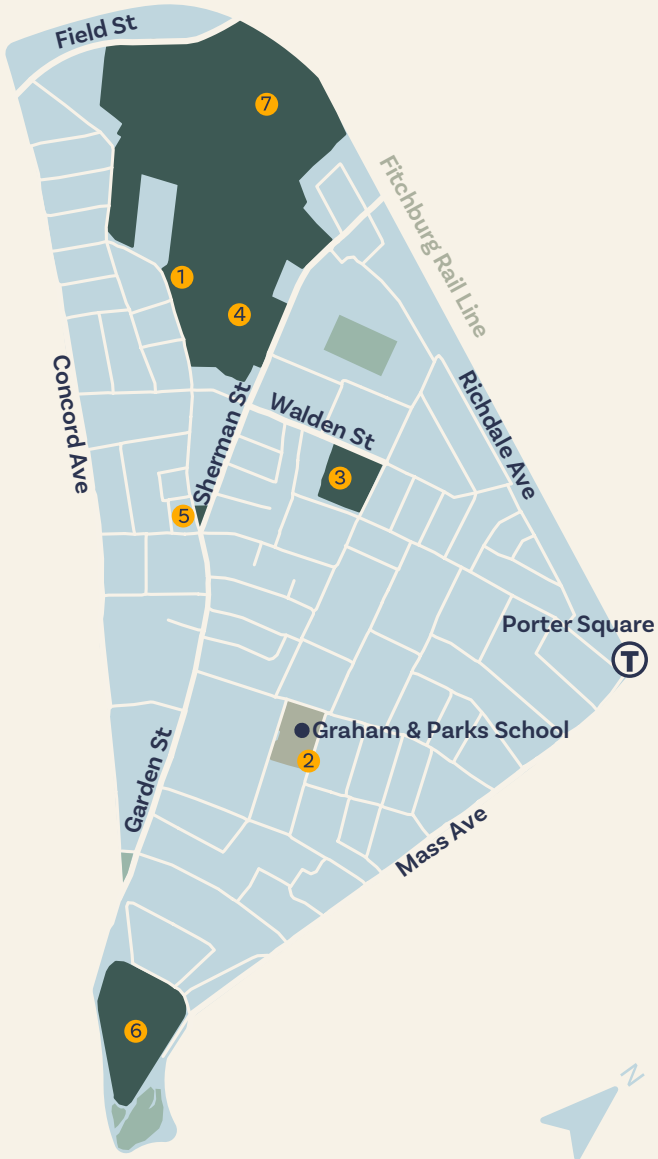


Photo: Community Development Department

# Neighborhood Nine

Neighborhood Nine is a residential neighborhood with almost 12,500 residents. Harvard University has administrative buildings, student housing, and an observatory in the neighborhood. Harvard Square and Porter Square, both major commercial and transit centers, lie at two corners of the neighborhood, which is also home to historic landmarks, including Revolutionary War memorials in Cambridge Common. Many businesses are located on Concord Avenue's commercial strip.





# 1. Garden Street Glen / Roethlisberger Memorial Park

225 Garden Street • 1.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Located between Danehy Park and St. Peter's Field, the park provides a great space for strolling or sitting beneath a grove of trees.

# 2. Graham and Parks School Playground

44 Linnaean Street • 0.5 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This park's play features include a basket swing, viking swing, and a small basketball court with an adjustable backstop.



Photo: Community Development Department

### 3. Raymond Park / Corcoran Field

112 Raymond Street • 2.8 acres



Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park features a play area, a large field area, basketball courts and the Raymond Park Community Garden. Dogs are allowed to run and play off-leash in the park from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

### 4. Saint Peter's Field

77 Sherman Street • 0.7 acres

Open dawn until 11:00 p.m.

Located near Danehy Park, St. Peter's Field is the home field for Cambridge Rindge and Latin School teams, as well as the location for the annual Oldtime Baseball Game.

### 5. Taylor Square

77 Sherman Street • 57 square feet

Despite its postage stamp size, this public art project includes all the elements of a park - curb, grass, engraved bench, fence, gates; plus 5000 engraved keys that were mailed to households within a radius of the park. The artist, Paul Ramirez Jonas, invited residents to copy the key and give them out to others.

## 6. Cambridge Common

1500 Massachusetts Avenue • 8.2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

The Cambridge Common is a major city park and National Historic Landmark. Located just outside the heart of Harvard Square and Harvard Yard, the park is shaded by an array of trees and includes many seating spaces, pathways for cycling and walking, and several plaques and statues that honor Cambridge's historical significance – making it a popular destination for residents, students, visitors, and tourists. The Cambridge Common also contains the Alexander W. Kemp Playground, which offers innovative and accessible play features including a play pump wheel that generates water and a wooden pirate ship.

### ***Did you know?***

Local legend claims that General George Washington took command of the Continental Army under an Elm tree on Cambridge Common. Although historians have discredited the legend, a plaque near Mason Street marks where the “Washington Elm” once stood.

# Neighborhood Nine

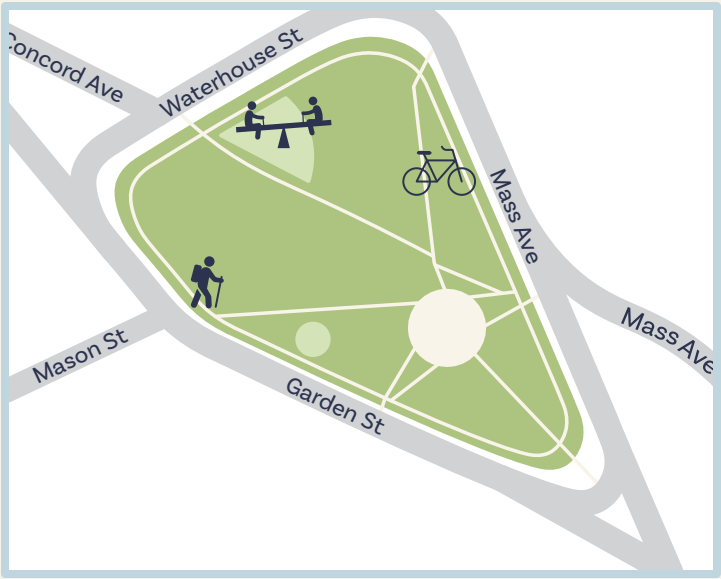


Photo: Community Development Department

## 7. Danehy Park

99 Sherman Street • 49 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Mayor Thomas W. Danehy Park includes walking and biking paths, multiple playgrounds, athletic fields for baseball/softball, soccer, lacrosse, and other sports, and a full-size outdoor track. Danehy Park Family Day brings the community together for a variety of activities each September, and the park is a popular destination for sledding in the winter. Residents can bring their dogs to a dedicated off-leash space near the park's New Street entrance.

Additionally, the new Louis A. DePasquale Universal Design Playground, located between Field Street and the Briston Arms residential complex, emphasizes the concept universal design, that all parts should be as usable as possible, without changes, by everyone. The park is also accessible through parking lots located on New Street and Sherman Street.

### ***Did you know?***

Danehy Park is located on top of the City's former landfill. In the 1980s, the City reclaimed the area and transformed it into a treasured community resource.

# Neighborhood Nine



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# West Cambridge

West Cambridge is a residential neighborhood with about 8,600 residents, bordered by Concord Avenue, the Charles River, and Fresh Pond Reservation. Harvard Square lies on the eastern side of the neighborhood, and retail and restaurants are also located along Huron Avenue, Concord Avenue, and Mt. Auburn Street. There are several historic landmarks in West Cambridge, including the Longfellow House (the headquarters of General George Washington during the Revolutionary War and home of American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow during the 19th century). The neighborhood also contains Mt. Auburn Hospital, Mt. Auburn Cemetery, and Cambridge Cemetery.





# 1. Father Callanan Playground 🏰💧⚽

191 Vassal Lane • 0.4 acres

*Closed for renovation through 2025*

Commonly known as the Tobin School Playground, this park is located on the grounds of John M. Tobin Elementary School. The park is currently being renovated by the City.

## 2. John F. Kennedy Memorial Park

971 Memorial Drive • 4.4 acres

Contact DCR for hours

Located on the Charles River close to Harvard Square, this park is a lush open space that inspires recreation and reflection. Its central feature is a fountain memorial in honor of President Kennedy, which includes engraved excerpts from his speeches. This park is owned and managed by DCR.



Photo: Community Development Department

### 3. Kingsley Park

250-R Fresh Pond Parkway • 9.8 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Overlooking Fresh Pond, Kingsley Park includes a walking loop, a small natural play area, and a lawn area that is popular for picnicking in warm weather and sledding in the winter.

### 4. Larch Road Park

119 Larch Road • 0.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This neighborhood park includes a sand play area and central play structure shaded by trees. Public art is displayed on the fence surrounding the park.

### 5. Longfellow National Historic Site

105 Brattle Street • 1.9 acres

Contact DCR for hours

This National Historic Landmark served as General Washington's headquarters during the Revolutionary War and was the home of American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow during the 19th century. The site is managed by the National Park Service, and scheduled and self-guided tours of the site are available to visitors.

## 6. Longfellow Park

100 Brattle Street • 2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Across the street from the Longfellow National Historic Site, this park provides an idyllic connection to the Charles River. From Brattle Street, visitors can follow a linear pathway down stone steps that lead to a wide lawn area - a popular stop for dog walkers.

## 7. Lowell Memorial Park

204 Brattle Street • 3.2 acres

Contact DCR for hours

A National Historic Landmark named after 19th century American poet James Russell Lowell, this park is located at the intersection of Brattle Street and Fresh Pond Parkway. Its historic walls and pillars enclose an open space area for walking and sitting. This park is owned and managed by DCR.

## 8. Lowell School Park

283 Mt. Auburn Street • 0.8 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Located at the intersection of Mt. Auburn Street and Lowell Street, this tree-filled park features an open lawn, play area, seating options, and a basketball hoop.

## 9. Memorial Drive Tot Lot

Mt. Auburn Street • 0.8 acres

Contact DCR for hours

Also known as the Sekler Playlot, this tot lot includes swings and other play equipment for families and children to enjoy. It's located across from the Charles River and a short distance from Mt. Auburn Hospital. This park is owned and managed by DCR.

## 10. Tobin Field

191 Vassal Lane • 3.4 acres

*Closed for renovation through 2025*

Located on the grounds of John M. Tobin Elementary School, this field is currently closed for renovation by the City.

## 11. Winthrop Square

83 Winthrop Street • 0.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

With its benches and lawn area, Winthrop Square offers a reprieve from the bustle of Harvard Square. Once the site of a marketplace in historic Newtowne (the original name of the 17th century Puritan settlement where present-day Harvard Square is located), the park is now situated in close proximity to a variety of businesses, inviting visitors to relax, sip coffee, or eat lunch while foot and motor traffic pass by on Mt. Auburn and JFK Streets, both of which border the park.

### ***Did you know?***

The stone block near the center of the park bearing the words “Newtowne Market” looks to be a remnant of the historic marketplace, but it is actually a piece of public art entitled “Quiet Cornerstone,” installed in 1986.



Photo: Community Development Department

# North Cambridge

North Cambridge is a neighborhood of nearly 14,000 residents, and it borders Arlington, Belmont, and Somerville. The neighborhood's main corridor is Massachusetts Avenue, extending from Porter Square to the Arlington border. The Red Line runs through North Cambridge between the Porter Square and Alewife MBTA stations, which provide access to the Alewife Brook Reservation and the regional Minuteman Bikeway. While the neighborhood is largely residential with a mix of local retail, there is a significant amount of new commercial and residential development along Cambridgepark Drive, near the Alewife MBTA station. It also provides access to the Concord Turnpike and Route 2.





## 1. Anderson Courts

109 Pemberton Street • 1 acre

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Across from Rindge Field, Anderson Courts provides three full-size basketball courts and four tennis courts. The Giacobbe Dog Run is adjacent to the park area.

## 2. Alewife Brook Reservation

23 Columbus Avenue • 48 acres

Open dawn until dusk

The Alewife Brook Reservation spans Cambridge, Arlington, and Somerville, and is home to a variety of birds and wildlife. The segment within Cambridge city lines includes wetlands, walking trails, and a footbridge. The reservation is owned and managed by DCR.

## 3. Bergin Park

80 Haskell Street • 1.1 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park includes waterplay, play equipment for young children, and lawn areas. It is located near several athletic facilities.

## 4. Clarendon Avenue Playground

9 Clarendon Avenue • 0.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This park includes play equipment, a sand play area, and a seating plaza for recreational enjoyment.

## 5. Gibbons Park

25 Columbus Avenue • 0.2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

This tot lot includes swings and other play equipment for young children.

## 6. Giacobbe Dog Run

109 Pemberton Street • 0.2 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Adjacent to the basketball and tennis courts at Anderson Courts, the Giacobbe Dog Run offers a fenced in area for dogs to run and play off-leash.

## 7. McCrehan Memorial Pool

359 Ringe Avenue • 1.7 acres

Contact DCR for hours

This pool offers swimming lessons and free swim, monitored by lifeguards. The area also provides parking and restroom access. The pool is owned and managed by DCR.

## 8. McMath Park

109 Pemberton St. • 0.5 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park includes community gardening space and shaded seating. It is conveniently close to nearby athletic facilities, a playground, and a dog run.

## 9. Peabody School Playground

70 Rindge Ave. • 0.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located next to the Peabody School elementary school and close to Rindge Field, this park offers an outdoor play area that is open to the public outside of school hours.

## 10. Reverend Williams Park

40 Cedar St. • 0.8 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This neighborhood park includes half-court basketball, play areas, and a shaded lawn for picnicking, playing, and relaxing.

## 11. Rindge Field

114 Pemberton • 3.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This field, used for high school baseball, is located near Anderson Courts and the Giacobbe Dog Run, providing easy access to a playground, tennis and basketball courts, and a fenced dog run area.

## 12. Russell Field Athletic Complex

72 Clifton St. • 9.4 acres



Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This area includes Russell, Samp, and Comeau Fields. Russell Field is used for football and soccer games, while Samp and Comeau Fields host baseball and softball. The athletic complex is located alongside the Linear Park pathway.

## 13. Linear Park

10 Cameron Avenue • 3.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

As its name suggests, the Alewife Linear Park is a linear open space that consists of landscaped areas and a paved, off-road pathway. A popular space for running, strolling, and biking, the path provides connections to the Minuteman Bikeway and Somerville Community Path, as well as Russell, Samp, and Comeau Fields, and the Francis McCrehan Memorial Pool. At the intersection with Massachusetts Avenue, Linear Park connects to Trolley Square Park, a plaza space that includes benches and picnic tables.

### ***Did you know?***

Part of Linear Park is situated above the MBTA Red Line tunnel. The pathway shares the same alignment with the subway tracks below it, between Davis and Alewife stations.

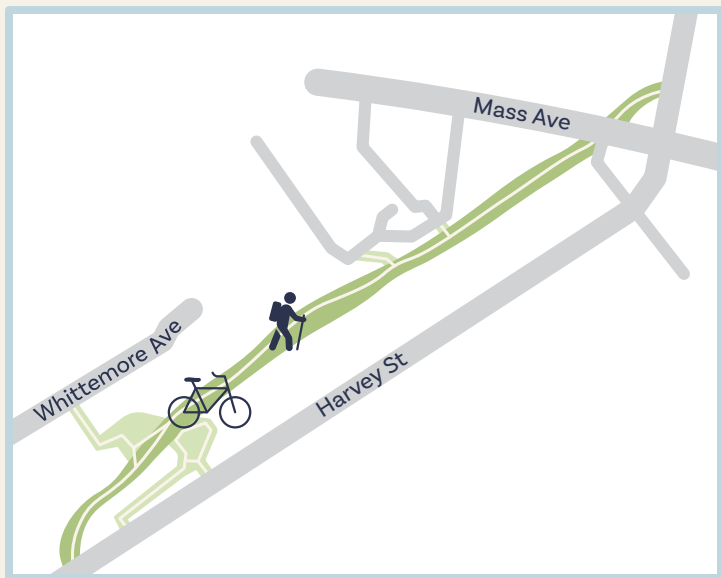


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# Cambridge Highlands

Located on the northeastern edge of the city, Cambridge Highlands is home to approximately 1,600 residents. The neighborhood is comprised of two distinct areas. A residential area of mostly single-family homes lies on its western end, bordering Belmont. Directly east of the residential area is a predominately commercial and industrial area with shopping centers located along both sides of Alewife Brook Parkway. A railroad line serves as the northern border which separates the commercial and industrial area from North Cambridge, specifically businesses and residences along Cambridgepark Drive and the Alewife MBTA Red Line Station. The Fresh Pond Reservation borders the neighborhood to the south.





## 1. Blair Pond

Flanders Road • 5.7 acres

Call DCR to confirm hours

Located in the Alewife Quadrangle, Blair Pond offers tranquil views to visitors walking around the wetland area. It is home to wildlife species including birds, fish, deer, and native plants. Blair Pond is owned and managed by DCR.

## 2. Rafferty Park

795 Concord Avenue • 2.3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park includes a playground, field area, and tennis and basketball courts. Visitors can access it through the Sancta Maria Nursing Facility parking lot.

## 3. William G. Maher Park

650 Concord Avenue • 3.5 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located within the Fresh Pond Reservation area, this park provides walking paths, a community garden, and soccer fields.



Rafferty Park



William G. Maher Park

## 4. Fresh Pond Reservation

250 Fresh Pond Parkway • 85 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Fresh Pond Reservation spans the West Cambridge, North Cambridge, and Strawberry Hill neighborhoods. Central to the area is the Fresh Pond Reservoir, part of Cambridge's water supply. Water flows into the reservoir from local waterways and is purified by the City's Walter J. Sullivan Water Treatment Facility. The 162 acre reservoir is surrounded by open space, including over two miles of trails for walking, running, and biking. The Reservation is also the habitat of a variety of plant and animal species, making it a popular destination for birders. In addition to the trail system, Fresh Pond Reservation includes expansive green space for playing and picnicking. Dogs also benefit from the beauty of Fresh Pond, as they are allowed to be off-leash on the trails and in the lawn area.

### ***Did you know?***

From 1826-1892, Fresh Pond's water was the source for the Tudor Ice Company, which shipped high quality ice as far as the Caribbean, India, South America, and Europe.



Photo: Community Development Department

# Strawberry Hill

The smallest neighborhood by land area, Strawberry Hill is mostly residential, with about 2,600 residents. In the northern part of Strawberry Hill, Huron Avenue separates the residential neighborhood from the walking and biking trails of Fresh Pond Reservation and the adjacent Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Municipal Golf Course. The neighborhood's southern thoroughfare is Mt. Auburn Street, which extends into Belmont and Watertown, both of which border Strawberry Hill.



## 1. Haggerty School Playground

110 Cushing Street • 0.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

Located on Haggerty School elementary school grounds, this park includes two climbing structures and an all-seasons turf area for running and playing.

## 2. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Municipal Golf Course

691 Huron Avenue • 50 acres

Contact Department of Human Service Programs, Recreation Division for hours

Also known as Fresh Pond Golf Course, this nine-hole course offers a landscape that incorporates the natural beauty of Fresh Pond Reservation. It is open to the public and hosts golf leagues and tournaments.

## 3. Glacken Field

661 Huron Avenue • 2.1 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Glacken Field was recently renovated and includes baseball fields, a new circulation path around the vicinity, outdoor exercise equipment and improvements to the playground area.



Photo: Community Development Department



Haggerty School Playground

Photo: Community Development Department



Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Municipal Golf Course

# Riverfront

The Charles River flows along the southern border of Cambridge, providing a beautiful network of walking and biking paths, as well as ample green space for relaxing, playing, and picnicking. Pedestrians and joggers can easily access Boston by crossing one of the river's many bridges, including the Boston University Bridge, the Harvard Bridge, and the Longfellow Bridge, which are also important travel connections for commuters of all modes. Several boat houses dot the riverbanks, allowing sailors, boaters, and kayakers to enjoy the river throughout the year. The Head of the Charles regatta draws rowers and spectators from around the world to Cambridge every October.



## 1. Corporal Burns Park

32 Flagg Street • 1.4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

A short walk from the Charles River, this park contains several amenities, including courts for basketball and street hockey, ample seating areas, and a playground with waterplay features.

## 2. Front Park

59 Cambridge Parkway • 0.9 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Front Park sits along the riverfront with views of the Charles River Basin. It provides access to the Dudley Bike Path, which runs along the length of the Charles River.

## 3. John F. Kennedy Memorial Park

971 Memorial Drive • 4.4 acre

Contact DCR for hours

Located on the Charles River, steps to Harvard Square, this park is a lush open space that inspires recreation and reflection. There is a memorial in honor of President Kennedy, which includes engraved excerpts from his speeches. This park is owned and managed by DCR.

## 4. Lechmere Canal Park

32 First Street • 4 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Lechmere Canal Park consists of pathways leading from East Cambridge to CambridgeSide and a promenade around the Lechmere Canal basin. Riverboat ferries are available for sightseeing along the Charles River.

## 5. Memorial Drive Tot Lot

Mt. Auburn Street • 0.8 acres

Contact DCR for hours

Also known as the Sekler Playlot, this tot lot includes swings and other play equipment for families and children to enjoy. It is located across from the Charles River and a short distance from Mt. Auburn Hospital. This park is owned and managed by DCR.

## 6. New Riverside Neighborhood Park

880 Memorial Drive • 0.7 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

Situated across from the Charles River, this park features a variety of sitting areas, including picnic tables, waterplay, and a central open lawn with views of the river.

## 7. North Point Park

1 Education Circle • 8 acres

Open 24 hours

Located near the Museum of Science, along the banks of the Charles River, this lush and expansive park includes a large playground, bike and pedestrian paths, a skate park, and lawns. A large pedestrian bridge connects North Point Park to Paul Revere Park in Boston.

## 8. Riverbend Park

Memorial Drive (Eliot Bridge to Western Ave.) • 15 acres  
Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (seasonal)

From late April through mid-November, a section of Memorial Drive, running the length of the park, is closed to traffic, allowing people to stroll, bike, skate, picnic, and enjoy the Charles River. The closure is managed by DCR, which owns and operates the parkway.

## 9. Riverside Press Park

2 Blackstone St. • 3 acres

Open dawn until dusk

*Extended hours April 1st - October 31st: dawn until 10:00 p.m.*

This park features a central sitting area surrounded by a playground, community garden, basketball and tennis courts, and an open grassy area.

## 10. Magazine Beach

660 Memorial Dr. • 24 acres

Contact DCR for hours

Magazine Beach is located along the Charles River between the Boston University Bridge and Pleasant Street. The park consists of an Olympic-sized swimming pool, playing fields, an outdoor gym, and waterfront paths, providing views of the Charles River. Magazine Beach offers seasonal programming for families and residents, including festivals and movie nights, as well as designated fields for recreation leagues. DCR is currently leading a project that will improve and restore the area's paths and shoreline, ensuring that Magazine Beach will remain a pearl in the strand of waterfront open spaces.



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