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MONDAY, JULY 1 - THURSDAY, JULY 4



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Fourth of July Festival

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On behalf of the City of Boston, I'm pleased to welcome you to Harborfest! Boston is the Cradle of Liberty, so it's fitting that we are home to one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations in the country. This year's celebration also coincides with Navy Week in Boston, which includes Navy ship port visits, demonstrations, and several performances from the Navy Band Northeast.

More than two centuries ago, everyday Bostonians sought to create a better home for their families—one that embraced the ideals of liberty and justice for all. Harborfest is an opportunity to celebrate that history and recommit to creating the home, and the future, our communities deserve.

So come watch fireworks light up the sky over the Inner Harbor, and witness reenactments that bring history to life along the Freedom Trail. Enjoy live music from local artists and the US Army and Navy bands, and treat yourself to a cup of chowder at the annual Chowderfest. Join us as the oldest commissioned naval vessel, the USS *CONSTITUTION*, makes its annual Fourth of July voyage to Castle Island, and experience the power of democracy's voice as the Declaration of Independence is read aloud from the Old State House.

I can't wait to see you all out there!

Michelle Wu

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Mayor of Boston

SIGNATURE EVENTS *Free and open to the public*

Navy Week Kickoff Ceremony

July 1, 10:00 AM • 5 City Hall Plaza

Kick off Navy Week in Boston with the Mayor's Proclamation and the Raising of the Flag. Hear from important Boston leaders and Navy representatives.

Boston Harborfest Kick-Off

July 1, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM • 1 Summer Street Stage (at Washington and Summer Streets)

Public officials and hospitality leaders will help kick off Boston Harborfest 2024 with the ceremonial cake cutting and giveaway. Roving reenactors and staff from the USS *CONSTITUTION* will engage with visitors, while the Massachusetts 215th Army Band will begin an afternoon of performances in Downtown Crossing.

Music & Live Performances

July 1 – July 3, Noon – 8:00 PM • 1 Summer Street Stage (at Washington and Summer Streets), & 4 Washington Street (across from the Franklin Steps), Downtown Crossing

Living historians and an array of local musical acts across all genres will perform in Downtown Crossing, free for all to enjoy. For more information, visit BostonHarborfest.com/schedule.

Beer Garden

July 1, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM; July 2, 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM; July 3, 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

1 Summer Street Stage (at Washington and Summer Streets)

Enjoy cold beers from Democracy Brewing and live entertainment at the Beer Garden in Downtown Crossing.

USS OSCAR AUSTIN

July 1-7 • 6 Black Falcon Pier

Come tour the impressive Navy Vessel USS OSCAR AUSTIN, a destroyer that has been sailing for the U.S Navy since 1998. Boarding of the ship is at the captain's discretion, tour details to come.

Boston Harborfest at Christopher Columbus Park

July 2-3, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM • 2 Christopher Columbus Park

3 Rose Kennedy Greenway Carousel

Enjoy an afternoon of diverse live music and children's activities within the breezy confines of Christopher Columbus Park. The nearby Rose Kennedy Greenway Carousel will offer free rides on July 2nd.

Pre-Fireworks Concert

July 2, 7:45 PM – 9:15 PM • 2 Christopher Columbus Park

Join us for a concert from the U.S. Navy Band Northeast to prepare yourself for the Boston Harborfest Fireworks Display. Patriotic music followed by spectacular fireworks make an unbeatable Fourth of July combination.

Boston Harborfest Fireworks

July 2, 9:15 PM • 22 Long Wharf – Boston Inner Harbor

Visible from several vantage points along the Inner Harbor, the Harborfest Fireworks return to provide a spectacular display for all to enjoy. The fireworks will be launched from a barge at Boston's Long Wharf.

Chowderfest

July 2, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM • 4 Washington Street (across from the Franklin Steps), Downtown Crossing (Rain Date: July 3)

Sample delicious chowders from the best local restaurants, while supplies last. Public voting is back!

Macy's Great American Fashion Show

July 3, 2:00 PM • 1 Summer Street Stage (at Washington and Summer Streets)

Check out the latest trends in summer fashion from Macy's.

Shore Leave: U.S. Navy Public Block Party

July 3, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM • 1 Summer Street Stage (at Washington and Summer Streets)

As a part of U.S. Navy Week, sailors and supporters of the U.S. Navy are invited to celebrate Navy Week in the heart of Boston. This event is 21+ from 6-8pm

The City of Boston's 248th Independence Day Celebration

July 4, 9:00 AM • 5 City Hall Plaza to Downtown Crossing

The brief ceremonial parade steps off from City Hall to the Granary Burying Ground for a wreath laying on the graves of patriots, and continues through Downtown Crossing to the Old State House, where the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company will continue its tradition of reading of the Declaration of Independence from the historic site's balcony.

A Day of Unity: Reading Frederick Douglass

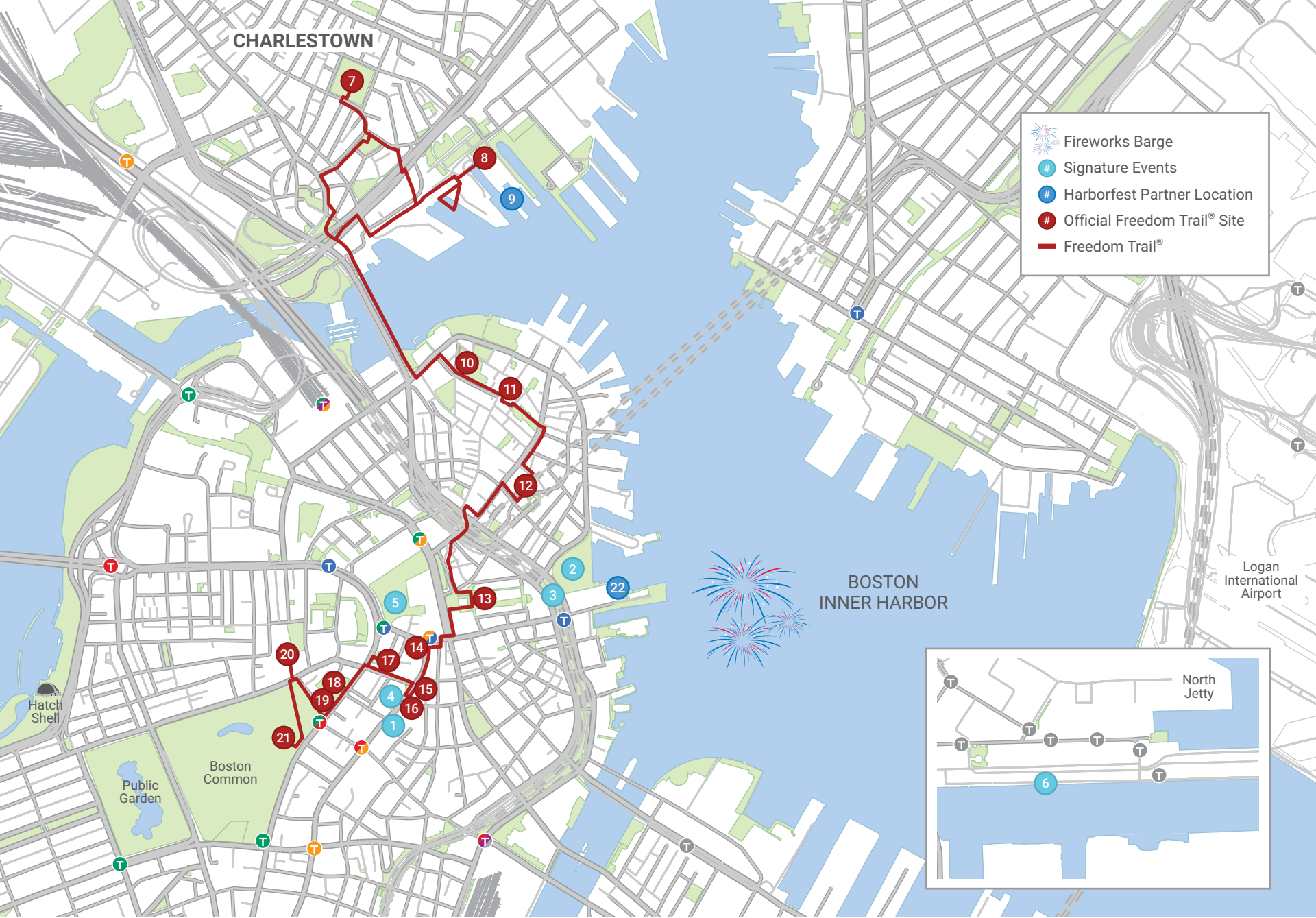
July 4, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM • 4 Washington Street (across from the Franklin Steps), Downtown Crossing

We gather to read one of the most iconic American speeches that supported the call for emancipation. "What, to the slave, is the Fourth of July" will be read against a backdrop of African drums, dance, and gospel music. There will be a marketplace and a free ice cream social to round out the afternoon.






Navy Week Expo

July 6, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • 2 Christopher Columbus Park

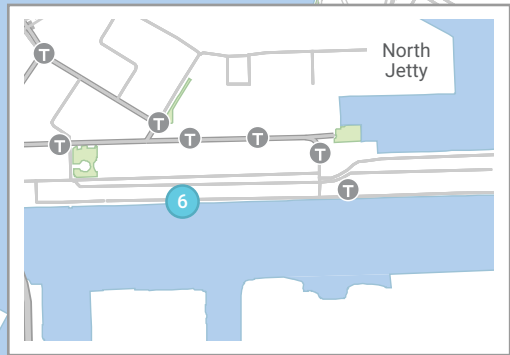
Learn all about the U.S. Navy through fascinating exhibits and by talking with members of our Navy at the Navy Week Expo.























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|  Summer Street Stage (at Washington and Summer Streets) |  Bunker Hill Monument |  Paul Revere House |  Granary Burying Ground |
|  Christopher Columbus Park |  USS <i>CONSTITUTION</i> & USS <i>CONSTITUTION</i> Museum |  Faneuil Hall |  Park Street Church |
|  Rose Kennedy Greenway Carousel |  USS <i>CASSIN YOUNG</i> & Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center |  Old State House |  Massachusetts State House |
|  Washington Street (across from the Franklin Steps), Downtown Crossing |  Copp's Hill Burying Ground |  Old Corner Bookstore |  Boston Common |
|  City Hall Plaza |  Old North Church & Historic Site |  Old South Meeting House |  Long Wharf (Ferry to Spectacle Island) |

PARTNER ACTIVITIES*



Freedom Trail®

Immerse yourself in Boston's rich history, experience official Freedom Trail historic sites, and enjoy official 90-minute Freedom Trail tours led by 18th-century costumed guides.

From Boston Common Visitor Info. Center: Daily, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (on the hour); From Faneuil Hall-Arts Boston Booth: Daily, 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, North End Tours, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM

TheFreedomTrail.org



Massachusetts State House

Come see what's under the golden dome – free tours of the Massachusetts State Capitol! Guided State House Tours are offered weekdays, including July 1-3 and July 5! Free US flags to tour goers July 1-3, while supplies last. Recommended to call ahead to schedule tours, 617-727-3676.

Mon – Fri, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

sec.state.ma.us/trs/trsgen/genidx.htm



King's Chapel

Visit King's Chapel for self-guided tours of the 18th-century building and guided tours to two remaining colonial crypts in Boston and the Revere bell. Guided tours on the hour and crypt and gallery tours on the half-hour.

Mon – Sat, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Sun, 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

kings-chapel.org



Old South Meeting House & Old State House

Experience two historic sites! Old State House, site of the Boston Massacre, and Old South Meeting House, where the Boston Tea Party began. Explore an array of interactive exhibits, engaging walking tours, and compelling public programs that speak to the heart of urgent questions about self-government, free speech, and the role of civic engagement in a free society. Admission grants entry to both historic sites.

Daily, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

revolutionaryspaces.org



Faneuil Hall & Visitor Center

Visit one of America's first public meeting halls and marketplace for over 270 years.

Market Floor: Mon – Sat, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM; Sun, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Visitor Center: Daily, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

"Enemies to the Country" Tours of the Freedom Trail: Wed – Sun, 11:30 AM, 2:00 PM; Black Heritage Trail Tours: Wed – Sun, 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM (Departs Robert Gould Shaw & the 54th Regiment Memorial)



Paul Revere House

Take a tour through the home of iconic patriot and artisan, Paul Revere. Explore the award-winning historic site with exhibits highlighting Revere's work and life.

Daily, 10:00 AM – 5:15 PM

paulreverehouse.org



Old North Church & Historic Site

One if by land, and two if by sea! Explore the iconic church that helped launch the American Revolution and learn the true story behind Paul Revere's ride. See colonial printing demonstrations at the Clough House, enjoy special events, and join the congregation for worship on Sunday.

Mon – Sat, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sun, 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM

oldnorth.com



USS CONSTITUTION & USS CONSTITUTION Museum

Visit the iconic "Old Ironsides" and the USS CONSTITUTION Museum for hands-on exhibits and legendary stories of America's Ship of State and its crew. On July 4, cheer on USS CONSTITUTION's Independence Day underway and celebrate the Military community. Constitution will cruise through Boston Harbor and pass Fort Independence in South Boston at 11:30 AM for a 21-gun salute! Welcome the ship's return to the Pier and enjoy Constitution-themed mini golf, live music, games and activities!

Ship: Tue – Sun, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Museum: Daily, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM; July 4 Event, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

navy.mil/uss-constitution | usscm.org



Bunker Hill Monument

Join National Park Rangers for a stirring account of the battle of Bunker Hill and how the meaning of the Monument has evolved, climb the 294 steps to the top and visit the Museum to learn more about Charlestown, the battle, and Monument.

Monument & Lodge: Wed – Sun, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM (last climb 4:00 PM); Museum: Wed – Sun, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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USS CASSIN YOUNG & Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center

Stop by the National Park Service Visitor Center to learn about Charlestown Navy Yard's long and deep ties to the United States Navy, then visit USS CASSIN YOUNG to get a sense of what it might have been like to serve aboard this World War II "Greyhound of the Seas."

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