

2026 VISITOR GUIDE



*Advancing transportation innovation
for the public good.*



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220 Binney Street, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142

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The U.S. DOT Volpe Center is located at the MIT/Kendall Square stop on the MBTA's Red Line.

MISSION AND VALUES

OUR MISSION

*Advancing transportation innovation
for the public good.*



OUR VALUES

Public Service

We serve the public honestly and objectively. We are committed to public service and challenge ourselves to build an institutional infrastructure for lasting change.

Innovative Solutions

We continually anticipate and respond to global transportation challenges and emerging issues.

Professional Excellence

We strive to deliver outstanding products and services that exceed customer expectations.

Collaboration and Partnering

We foster internal and external collaboration and partnerships through teamwork and mutual respect.

Employee Well-Being

We support the personal and professional well-being of our staff.



SECURITY PROCESS

For United States Citizens

Upon entering the the U.S. DOT Volpe Center, you must pass through a security screening process. Please place your belongings on the conveyor belt and step through the magnetometer. Present your valid photo identification to the Protective Security Officer (PSO) operating the magnetometer and X-Ray machine.



[Effective May 7, 2025](#), as a federal facility, the U.S. DOT Volpe Center is subject to the [REAL ID Act of 2005](#). Our security staff CANNOT accept driver's licenses from non-compliant states and jurisdictions for entry into the facility. Please [review](#) the list prior to arrival. All identification presented must be valid (i.e., unexpired) to gain entrance.

[Enhanced drivers' licenses](#) are accepted from some states; these licenses have "[enhanced driver license](#)" prominently displayed at the top.

Visitors from any of the [non-compliant states or jurisdictions](#) will need an alternate form of identification (e.g., U.S. Passport or PIV card) to be permitted entry into the the U.S. DOT Volpe Center. Foreign guests must use their passports.

Once you have been cleared by the screening process, proceed to the security desk, and give the Protective Security Officer (PSO) your valid photo identification (e.g., complaint license or passport) as well as the name of your escort. Volpe guests must remain with their escorts for the duration of their visit. You will receive a visitor's badge, which you must always display while onsite at the facility. Return your visitor badge and lanyard to the security desk at the end of your visit. You may not use the same visitor badge for a multi-day visit; proceed to the security desk to obtain a new visitor badge each day of your visit.

SECURITY PROCESS *CONTINUED*

For non-U.S. Citizen Visitors

International guests and non-U.S. citizens must be cleared for entry to the U.S. DOT Volpe Center at least **five business days** ahead of the event or meeting.

Cleared foreign guests must proceed through the metal detector and bag check. After entering, proceed to the security desk to show identification, which may include:

- Border crossing card
- DHS trusted traveler cards (e.g., Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. permanent resident card
- U.S. certificate of naturalization or certificate of citizenship
- Employment authorization document issued by DHS with photo
- U.S. refugee travel document or other travel document or evidence of immigration status issued by DHS containing a photo
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)
- Merchant mariner credential issued by DHS
- Native American tribal photo ID
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card



BUILDING AMENITIES

ABOUT THE U.S. DOT VOLPE CENTER

The U.S. DOT Volpe Center building is fully handicapped accessible.

Visitors to the U.S. DOT Volpe Center may access the following amenities while being escorted by their sponsor:

- Limited short-term vehicle parking with advance approval
- Available bicycle racks
- Close proximity to public transit
- Cafeteria dining room, sitting areas, collaboration areas, and electrical outlets for device charging (third floor)
- Cafeteria hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Options: A different pop-up restaurant each day
- Store (operated by the Massachusetts Commission of the Blind) with snacks, beverages, and prepared food (first floor)
- ATM machine and Vending Machines (second floor)
- Emergency Services from the Health Unit (sixth floor)
- Private lactation room by reservation (sixth floor) contact johnnavolpeamenities@gsa.gov
- Quiet Room (sixth floor; noise-free activities such as meditation/prayer, not for phone calls or work)
- Outdoor terraces (third and sixth floors)



DIRECTIONS TO THE VOLPE CENTER

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The U.S. DOT Volpe Center is located at the MIT/Kendall Square stop on the MBTA's **Red Line**.

BY RIDESHARE:

The approximate cost of a rideshare service from Logan Airport to Kendall Square, Cambridge, is \$35.00-\$40.00. Costs depend on traffic conditions and the time of arrival. Use the address **126 Munroe Street, Cambridge, MA** in your ridesharing app.

BY SUBWAY:

From Logan Airport via MBTA

1. From Terminal A or E, take the Silver Line Waterfront SL1 service to South Station. Please visit the MBTA website for a detailed map and schedule information.
2. At South Station, change to the Red Line MBTA train northbound (to Alewife).
3. Travel to Kendall Square/MIT stop.
4. Exit MBTA station and head northeast on Main St. toward Broadway, continue onto Third Street, turn left on Potter St., then arrive at the Center. Alternatively, once you arrive at the Kendall Square stop, you could go straight through the lobby of the Marriott hotel, then follow the path up the Loughrey Walkway.

From South Station via MBTA

1. Take the MBTA Red Line northbound (to Alewife).
2. Travel to Kendall Square/MIT stop.
3. Exit MBTA station and head northeast on Main St. toward Broadway, continue onto Third Street, turn left on Potter St., then arrive at the Center. Alternatively, once you arrive at the Kendall Square stop, you could go straight through the lobby of the Marriott hotel, then follow the path up the Loughrey Walkway.



DIRECTIONS TO THE VOLPE CENTER *CONTINUED*

From North Station via MBTA

1. Take the MBTA Green Line inbound to Park Street.
2. Change to the Red Line northbound (to Alewife).
3. Travel to Kendall Square/MIT stop.
4. Exit MBTA station and head northeast on Main St. toward Broadway, continue onto Third Street, turn left on Potter St., then arrive at the Center. Alternatively, once you arrive at the Kendall Square stop, you could go straight through the lobby of the Marriott hotel, then follow the path up the Loughrey Walkway.

For an MBTA schedule, please visit <http://www.mbta.com/>



MAPS

SUBWAY MAP

The U.S. DOT Volpe Center is located at the Kendall/MIT stop.

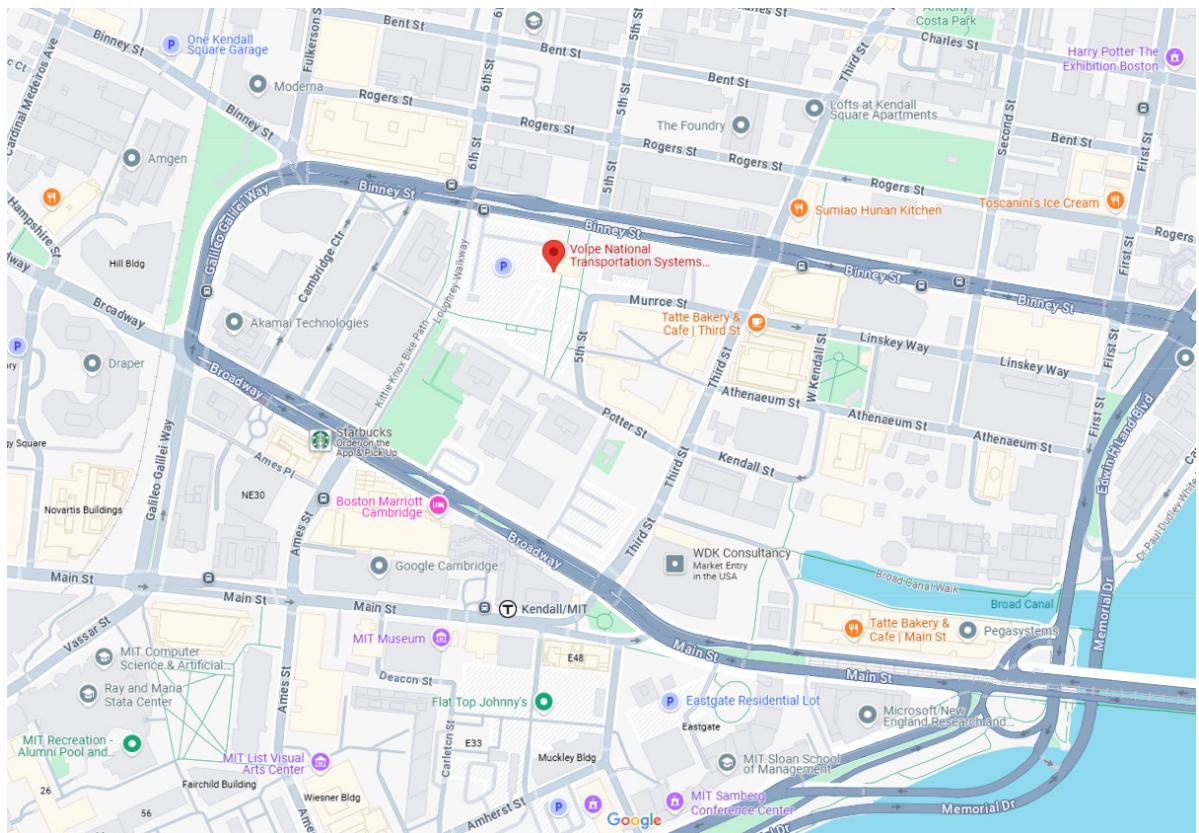


MAPS

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET MAP

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HOTELS

Boston Marriott Cambridge

Two Cambridge Center, 50 Broadway, Cambridge, MA
(617) 494-6600

[Visit website](#)

Fairfield Inn & Suites

215 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, Cambridge, MA
(617) 621-1999

[Visit website](#)

Hotel Marlowe

25 Edwin Land Boulevard, Cambridge, MA
(617) 868-8000

[Visit website](#)

Hyatt Regency

575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA
(617) 492-1234

[Visit website](#)

The Kendall Hotel

350 Main Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 577-1300

[Visit website](#)

Le Méridien Cambridge- MIT

20 Sidney Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 577-0200

[Visit website](#)

Residence Inn Boston Cambridge

6 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA
(617) 349-0700

[Visit website](#)

Royal Sonesta Hotel

40 Edwin Land Boulevard, Cambridge, MA
(617) 806-4200

[Visit website](#)

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RESTAURANTS

2nd Street Cafe

89 Second Street #1, Cambridge, MA
(617) 661-1311

[Visit website](#)

Style: Coffee & Sandwiches

Aceituna Grill

605 W Kendall Square #1110, Cambridge, MA

(617) 252-0707

[Visit website](#)

Style: Mediterranean

Al's Cafe

600 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA
(617) 621-1111

[Visit website](#)

Style: Subs, sandwiches, and salads

Amelia's Trattoria

111 Harvard Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 868-7600

[Visit website](#)

Style: Casual, rustic neighborhood Italian

Area Four

500 Technology Square, Cambridge, MA
(617) 758-4444

[Visit website](#)

Style: Trendy café, gourmet pizza

B. Good

301 Third St, Cambridge, MA
(857) 285-6970

[Visit website](#)

Style: Health-conscious version of fast-food

CAVA

82 Ames St, Cambridge, MA
(617) 202-9496

[Visit website](#)

Style: Mediterranean

Chipotle Mexican Grill

255 Main St, Cambridge, MA
(857) 500-4031

[Visit website](#)

Style: Mexican (casual, eat in or take-out)

Commonwealth

11 Broad Canal Way, Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA
(617) 945-7030

[Visit website](#)

Style: American

Fuji at Kendall

300 Third Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 252-0088

[Visit website](#)

Style: Sushi/Japanese

Tatte Bakery and Cafe

318 Third Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 354-4200

[Visit website](#)

Style: Bakery Cookies, cakes, and specials

For an extensive list, visit [Trip Advisor restaurants near Kendall Square Square-restaurants](#).

MUSEUMS

Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum

Congress Street Bridge, Boston, MA
(866) 955-0667

[Visit website](#)

- Monday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$34-38
- Children (3-12): \$26

Harvard Museum of Natural History

26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 495-3045

[Visit website](#)

- Open Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$15
- Non-Harvard Students with I.D.: \$10
- Seniors (65+): \$13
- Children ages 3-18: \$10

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

Columbia Point, Boston, MA
(JFK/UMass stop on Red Line trains)
(617) 514-1600

[Visit website](#)

- Open Daily: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$18
- Seniors (62 and over): \$12
- College students (with valid I.D.): \$12
- Ages 13-17: \$10; Children 12 and under are free

Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA
(MFA T stop on Green Line "E" trains)
(617) 267-9300

[Visit website](#)

- Sat., Sun., Mon., Wed.: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Thur. and Fri.: 10 a.m. -10 p.m.
- Tuesday: Closed
- Adults: \$27
- Youths 7-17: \$10
- Youths 6 and under: free

MIT Museum

314 Main Street, Building E-28,
Cambridge, MA
(617) 253-5927

[Visit website](#)

- Open Daily 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$18
- Seniors (65+): \$15
- Youth (18 and under), college students with ID: \$10
- Child (5 and under): free

Museum of Science

1 Science Park, Boston,
MA (617) 723-2500

[Visit website](#)

- Saturday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Adult (12+): \$31
- Child (3-11): \$26
- Senior (60+): \$27

MUSEUMS *CONTINUED*

Paul Revere House

19 North Square, Boston, MA
(617) 523-2338

[Visit website](#)

Open year round:

- Summer: Apr. 15-Oct. 31: 10:00 AM to 5:15 PM, Open daily
- Winter: Nov. 1-Apr. 14: 10:00 AM to 4:15 PM, Open 6 days a week; closed on Mondays during January, February, and March
- Adults: \$6
- College students/seniors: \$5.50
- Children (ages 5-17): \$1

USS Constitution Museum

Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22,
Charlestown, MA (617) 426-1812

[Visit website](#)

- Open Daily 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Admission (suggested donation):
- Adults: \$10-\$15,
- Children: \$5-\$10

MGH Russell Museum

2 North Grove Street, Boston, MA
(617) 724-8009

[Visit website](#)

- Open Tuesday through Friday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Open Saturday from April through October: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Entrance: free

AREA ATTRACTIONS AND TOURS

Boston Duck Tours

Points of departure:

- The Museum of Science (1 Science Park, Boston, MA)
- The Prudential Center in Boston's Back Bay (53 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA)
- The New England Aquarium (1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA)

(617) 267-3825

[Visit website](#)

- Operates from April to November
- Adult (Ages 12-65): \$54.99
- Senior (65+)/Military: \$45.99
- Children (3-11): \$39.99
- Small Children (under 3): \$10.99

Old Town Trolley Tours

Tours highlight Boston, Kendall Square, and Harvard Square

(855) 396-7433

[Visit website](#)

- Package tour rate, online price: Adults: \$49.95 Children (4-12): \$29.95 Children under 4: free

Freedom Trail

Visitor Information Center, 139 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
(617) 357-8300

[Visit website](#)

- Tours available select days: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$25
- Senior/Student/Veteran Discount: \$20
- Children: \$15

Fenway Park: Home of the Boston Red Sox

4 Yawkey Way, Boston, MA
(Kenmore T stop on all Green Line trains except "E" trains)
(617) 226-6666

[Visit website](#)

- Tours Daily 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$25
- Children (12 and under): \$17.00

Longfellow House Washington's Headquarters

105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA (617) 876-4491

[Visit website](#)

- Entrance: free

RECREATION

Cambridge YMCA

820 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA
(617) 661-9622, ext. 701

[Visit website](#)

Charles River Canoe & Kayak

15 Broad Canal Way, Cambridge, MA
(617) 965-5110

[Visit website](#)

Kendall Square Cinema

355 Binney Street, Cambridge, MA
(617) 621-1202

[Visit website](#)

Kendall Square Skating Rink

300 Athenaeum St, Cambridge, MA
(617) 492-0941

[Visit website](#)

Thomas P. O'Neill Golf Course at Fresh Pond

691 Huron Ave, Cambridge, MA
(617) 349-6282

[Visit website](#)