

# 2024 VISITOR'S GUIDE



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# MISSION AND VALUES

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## 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.

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

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# SECURITY PROCESS

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## For United States Citizens...

Upon entering the 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 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 Volpe. 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.

## For non-U.S. Citizen Visitors...

International guests and non-U.S. citizens must be cleared for entry to the 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

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The Volpe Center building is fully handicapped accessible. Visitors to the Volpe Center may access the following amenities while being escorted by their sponsor:

- Visitor bicycle and short-term vehicle parking
- Cafeteria dining room, sitting areas, collaboration areas, and electrical outlets for device charging (third floor)
- Store (operated by the Massachusetts Commission of the Blind) with snacks, beverages, and prepared food (first floor)
- ATM machine at the Transportation Federal Credit Union branch (first floor)
- Emergency Services from the Health Unit with an on-staff nurse (sixth floor)
- Private lactation room (sixth floor) (contact Kristen Benjamin, GSA, to make a reservation)
- Quiet Room (sixth floor; noise-free activities)
- Outdoor terraces (third and sixth floors)

# DIRECTIONS TO THE VOLPE CENTER

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## 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.

## 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.

### 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/>.

## BY BUS:

Visitors may access the Volpe Center by MBTA bus lines, including the #1, #68, #CT2, and the Silver Line.

Check the [MBTA website](#) for a detailed map and schedule information.

## BY PUBLIC SHARED BICYCLE:

The Cities of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville operate Hubway, a public shared bicycle service. Passes are available by the day, month, or year, and pick up/drop off facilities are located throughout the region, including Kendall Square.

Check the [Bluebikes website](#) for an interactive map.



# MAPS

## SUBWAY MAP

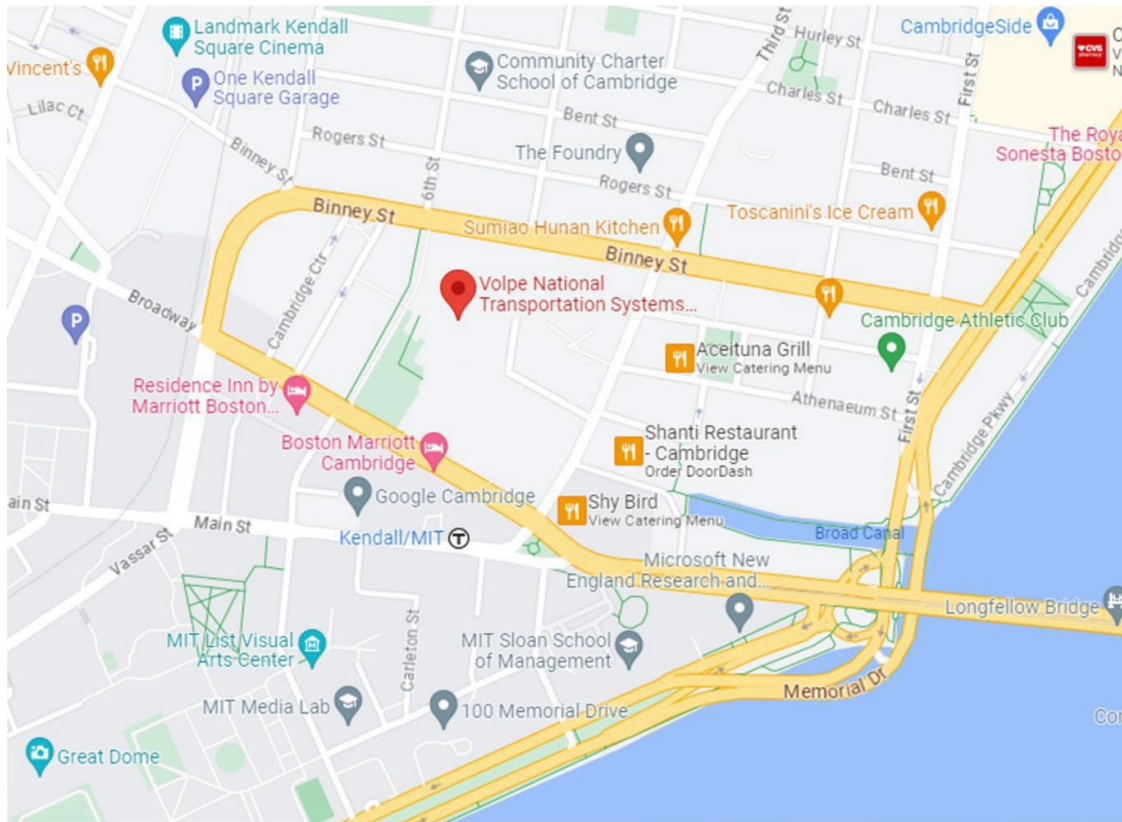
THE VOLPE CENTER IS LOCATED ON THE RED LINE AT KENDALL/MIT



## NEIGHBORHOOD STREET MAP

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**(617) 494-2224 | [ASKVOLPE@DOT.GOV](mailto:ASKVOLPE@DOT.GOV)**



# HOTELS

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## **Boston Marriott Cambridge**

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

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boscb-boston-marriott-cambridge/>

## **Fairfield Inn & Suites Cambridge**

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

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

## **Hotel Marlowe**

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

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

## **Hyatt Regency**

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

<http://cambridge.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels-cambridge>

## **The Kendall Hotel**

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

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

## **Le Méridien Cambridge-MIT**

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

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/lemeridien/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3253>

## **Residence Inn Boston Cambridge**

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

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boscm-residence-inn-boston-cambridge/>

## **Royal Sonesta Hotel**

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

<http://www.sonesta.com/Boston/>

# RESTAURANTS

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## 2nd Street Cafe

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

<http://www.2ndstcafe.com/>

Style: Coffee & Sandwiches

## Aceituna Grill

605 W Kendall Square #1110, Cambridge, MA  
(617) 252-0707

<http://aceitunagrill.com/>

Style: Mediterranean

## Al's Cafe

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

<https://www.alscafes.com/>

Style: Subs, sandwiches, and salads

## Amelia's Trattoria

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

<https://www.ameliatrattoria.com/>

Style: Casual, rustic neighborhood Italian

## Area Four

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

<https://www.areafour.com/>

Style: Trendy café, gourmet pizza

## B.Good

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

<https://bgood.com/>

Style: Health-conscious version of fast-food

## Cambridge Brewing Company

1 Kendall Square, Bldg. 100, Cambridge, MA  
(617) 494-1994

<http://cambridgebrewing.com/>

Style: American, with a lengthy beer menu

## CAVA

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

<https://cava.com/menu>

Style: Mediterranean

## Chipotle Mexican Grill

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

<http://www.chipotle.com/en-US/Default.aspx>

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

## Commonwealth

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

<http://commonwealthcambridge.com/>

Style: American

## **EVOO**

350 Third Street, Cambridge, MA  
(617) 661-3866

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

Style: Eclectic New American cuisine

## **Fuji at Kendall**

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

<http://fujiatkendall.com/index.html>

Style: Sushi/Japanese

## **Tatte Bakery and Cafe**

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

<http://tattebakery.com/>

Style: Bakery Cookies, cakes, and specials

## **Za**

350 Third Street, Cambridge, MA  
(617) 452-9292

<https://cambridge.zarestaurant.com/>

Style: Pizzeria

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

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

- Monday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$34
- Children (3-12): \$25

## Harvard Museum of Natural History

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

<http://www.hmnh.harvard.edu/>

- 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

<http://www.jfklibrary.org/>

- Mon., Tues., Thurs.-Sunday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (closed Wednesdays)
- 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

<http://www.mfa.org/>

- 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

<http://web.mit.edu/museum>

- 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

<http://www.mos.org/>

- Saturday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Adult (12+): \$29
- Child (3-11): \$24
- Senior (60+): \$25

## Paul Revere House

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

<http://www.paulreverehouse.org/index.html>

- 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

<http://www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/>

- 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

<http://www.massgeneral.org/museum/>

- 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

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

- Operates from April to November
- Adult (Ages 12–65): \$49.99
- Senior (65+)/Military: \$41.99
- Children (3–11): \$35.99
- Small Children (under 3): \$10.99

## Old Town Trolley Tours

Tours highlight Boston, Kendall Square, and Harvard Square  
(855) 396-7433

<http://www.trolleytours.com/boston/>

- Package tour rate, online price:  
Adults: \$49.83  
Children (4–12): \$28.88  
Children under 4: free

## Freedom Trail

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

<http://thefreedomtrail.org/>

- Tours available select days: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$17
- Senior/Student/Veteran Discount: \$15
- Children: \$8

## 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

<http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/tour.jsp>

- 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

<http://www.nps.gov/long/index.htm>

- Entrance: free

# RECREATION

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## **Cambridge YMCA**

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

<http://www.cambridgeymca.org/>

## **Charles River Canoe & Kayak**

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

<http://www.paddleboston.com/kendall.php>

## **Kendall Square Cinema**

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

[https://www.landmarktheatres.com/  
boston/kendall-square-cinema](https://www.landmarktheatres.com/boston/kendall-square-cinema)

## **Kendall Square Skating Rink**

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

<https://www.skatekendall.com/>

## **Thomas P. O'Neill Golf Course at Fresh Pond**

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

[http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/Recreation/  
golfcourse.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/Recreation/golfcourse.aspx)