



U.S. Department of Transportation

Volpe Center

Visitor's Guide

2017



55 Broadway, Cambridge MA 01242
(617) 494-2224 | www.Volpe.DOT.gov

Purpose and Values

Our Purpose

Advancing transportation innovation for the public good

Our Values

Public Service: We serve the public honestly and objectively.

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.

The U.S. DOT Volpe Center is located at the MIT/Kendall Square stop on the MBTA's Red Line, across the street from the Kendall Square Marriott hotel. Parking is available with prior authorization.

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Security Process

For United States Citizens...

Upon entering the Volpe Center, please place your belongings on the conveyor belt and step through the metal detector. Present your valid photo identification to the security guard manning the detector.

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 security guard at the detector, proceed to the security desk and give the guard 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 keep on you at all times. 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.

Visitors are permitted to bring in their laptops and use the Volpe Center's guest wireless network.



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

International guests and non-U.S. citizens must be cleared for entry to the Volpe Center at least 5 (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

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Building Amenities

The Volpe Center building is fully handicapped accessible. Visitors to the Volpe Center may access the following amenities:

- Visitor vehicle and bicycle parking with prior authorization
- Sitting area (lobby)
- ATM machine at Transportation Federal Credit Union branch (lobby)
- Designated smoking area (outside)
- Outdoor courtyard and sitting area
- Nursing mothers room (contact your Volpe meeting organizer to make a reservation)
- Newsstand with snacks, beverages, and cold prepared foods (open until 3PM, first floor)
- Cafe with hot food, prepared to order meals, salad bar, coffee, and other snacks (open 7:00AM to 1:30PM, second floor)
- Cafeteria dining room, sitting areas, collaboration areas, and electrical outlets for device charging (second floor)
- Volpe Center library (second floor)
- Nurse's office (ninth floor)
- Quiet reflection room (eleventh floor; *phones/devices and food/beverage prohibited*)
- Wireless access for guests available throughout the building (password required)



Directions to the Volpe Center

By Taxi:

Approximate cost of taxi from Logan Airport to Kendall Square, Cambridge: \$45.00.

Approximate cost of taxi from Kendall Square to Logan Airport: \$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](http://www.mbta.com) for a detailed map and schedule information.
2. At South Station, change to the Red Line MBTA train northbound (to Alewife).
3. Take the Red Line to the Kendall Square stop.
4. Go straight through the lobby of the Marriott hotel.
5. The Volpe Center is located on Broadway directly across from the Marriott Hotel.

From South Station via MBTA

1. Take the MBTA Red Line northbound (to Alewife).
2. Travel to Kendall Square.
3. Volpe is located across Broadway from the Marriott Hotel.

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.
4. Volpe is located on Broadway across from the Marriott Hotel. Walk through the lobby for direct access.

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 at Kendall Square.

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



Maps

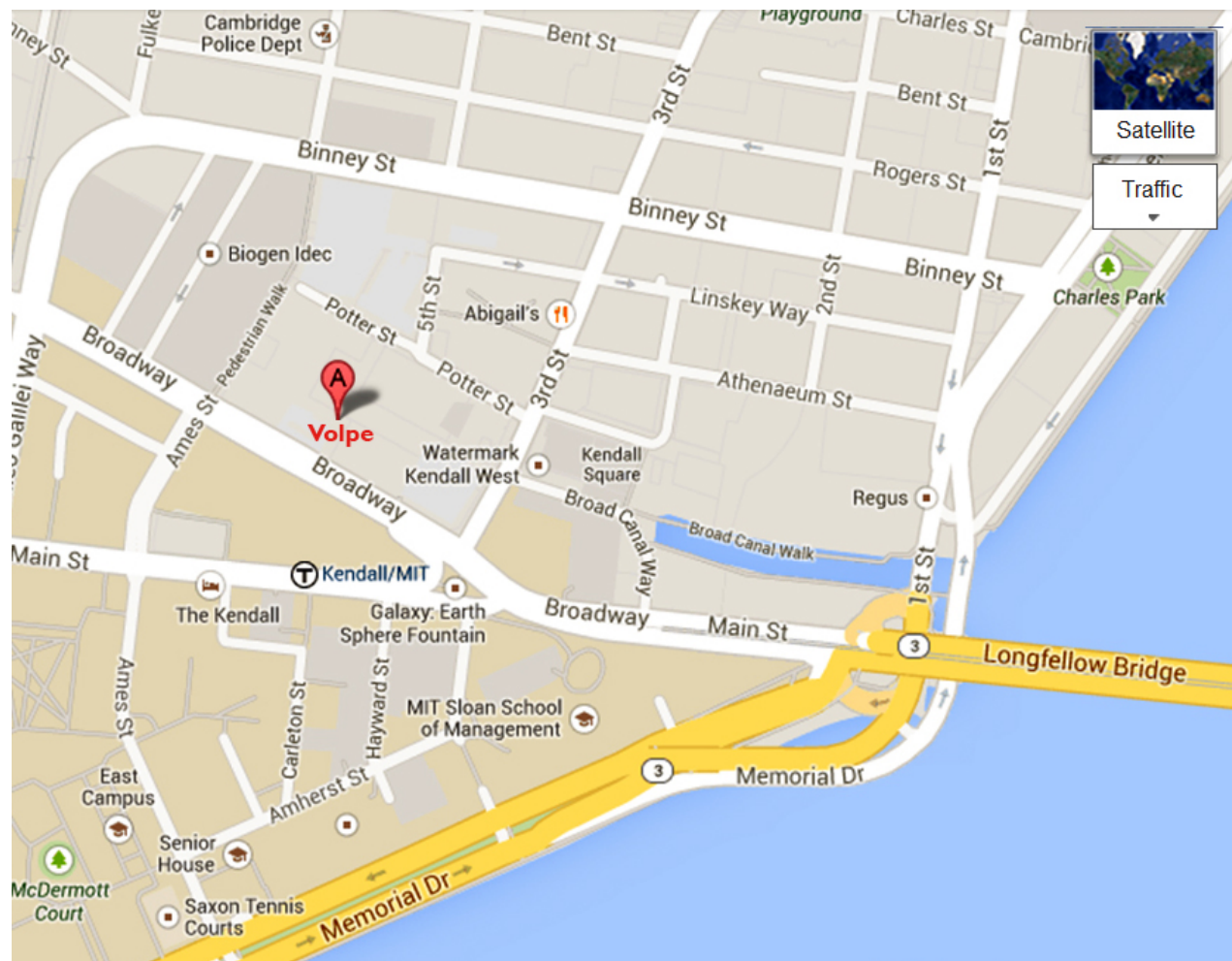
Subway map. The Volpe Center is located on the Red Line at Kendall/MIT:



Neighborhood street map

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Hotels

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

Abigail's

291 Third Street, Cambridge, MA

(617) 945-9086

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

Style: American (serves brunch)

Bean Towne Coffee House

1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA

(617) 621-7900

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

Style: Coffee & Sandwiches

The Blue Room

1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA

(617) 494-9034

<http://www.theblueroom.net/>

Style: Local and sustainable fine cuisine

Cambridge Brewing Company

1 Kendall Square, Bldg. 100, Cambridge, MA

(617) 494-1994

<http://cambridgebrewing.com/>

Style: American, with a lengthy beer menu

Champion's Sports Bar

On the Plaza at Kendall Square, 50 Broadway, Cambridge MA (inside the Marriott Hotel)

(617) 252-4444

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

Style: American

Chipotle

2 Cambridge Center, 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/lunch/>

Style: American

EVOO

350 Third Street, Cambridge, MA

(617) 661-3866

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

Style: Eclectic New American cuisine

The Friendly Toast

1 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA

(617) 621-1200

<http://www.thefriendlytoast.net/>

Style: American (known for its creative French toast selection)

Fuji

300 Third Street, Cambridge, MA

(617) 252-0088

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

Style: Sushi/Japanese

Kika Tapas

5 Broad Canal Way

at 350 Third Street, Watermark Building

Cambridge, MA 02142

(617) 245-6030

<http://www.kikatapas.com/kika-contact.html>

Style: Tapas

Legal Sea Foods

5 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA

(617) 864-3400

<http://www.legalseafoods.com/restaurants/cambridge-kendall-square>

Style: Seafood



Tatte Bakery and Cafe

318 Third Street, Cambridge, MA

(617) 354-4200

<http://tattebakery.com/>

Style: Bakery

Cookies, cakes, and seasonal specials

Za

350 Third Street, Cambridge, MA

(617) 452-9292

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

Style: Pizzeria

For an extensive list, visit <http://www.urbanspoon.com/n/4/322/Boston/Kendall-Square-restaurants>.



Museums

Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum

- Congress Street Bridge, Boston, MA
- (855) TEA-1773
- Monday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$28
- Children (5-12): \$18

Harvard Museum of Natural History

- 26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA (just past Harvard Yard)
- (617) 495-3045
- Open Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$12
- Non-Harvard Students with I.D.: \$10
- Seniors (65+): \$10
- Children ages 3–18: \$8

John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

- Columbia Point, Boston, MA (JFK/UMASS T stop on Red Line trains)
- (617) 514-1600
- Open Daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$14
- 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
- Monday–Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
- Wednesday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–9:45 p.m.
- Saturday–Sunday: 10:00 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
- Adults: \$25
- Seniors (65+) and Students (18+): \$23
- Youths 6 and under: FREE , 7–17*: FREE*
- *Weekdays after 3:00 p.m., weekends, and Boston public school holidays; otherwise \$10



MIT Museum

- 265 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA
- (617) 253-5927
- Open Daily 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Adults: \$10
- Youth under 18, students, and seniors: \$5

Museum of Science

- 1 Science Park, Boston, MA
- (617) 723-2500
- Saturday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
- Adult (12+): \$23
- Child (3-11): \$20
- Senior (60+): \$21

Paul Revere House

- 19 North Square, Boston, MA
- (617) 523-2338
- Open Daily: April 15–October 31, 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.; November 1–April 14, 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m.
- Adults: \$3
- College students/seniors: \$3
- Children (ages 5-17): \$1

USS Constitution Museum

- Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22, Charlestown, MA
- (617) 426-1812
- Open Daily 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Admission (suggested donation): Adults: \$5, Seniors: \$3, Children: \$2

MGH Russell Museum

- 2 North Grove Street, Boston, MA
- (617) 724-8809
- 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, on Huntington Avenue in front of Shaw's Supermarket, across from the Marriott Copley)
 - The New England Aquarium (1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA) (Aquarium departures are seasonal and abbreviated)
- (617) 267-3825
- Operates from March to November (daily tours start at 3:00)
- Adults:
 - From Prudential Center/Museum of Science/New England Aquarium: \$37.50
- Student (12+)/Senior (62+)/Military:
 - From Prudential Center/Museum of Science/New England Aquarium: \$31
- Children (3-11)
 - From Prudential Center/Museum of Science/New England Aquarium: \$26
- Small Children (under 3)
 - From Prudential Center/Museum of Science/New England Aquarium: \$10.50

Old Town Trolley Tours

- Tours highlight Boston, Kendall Square, and Harvard Square
- (855) 396-7433
- Package tour rate, online price:
 - Adults: \$36.86
 - Seniors, students, military: \$34.97
 - Children (4-12): \$17.96
 - Children under 4: free

Freedom Trail

- Visitor Information Center, 139 Tremont Street, Boston, MA
- (617) 357-8300
- Tours available any date, any time
- Adults: \$12
- Senior/Student Discount: \$10
- Children : \$6.50



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
- Tours Daily 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (beginning April 9)
- Adults: \$18
- Children : \$12.00
- Military: \$15.00

Longfellow House Washington’s Headquarters

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



Recreation

[Cambridge YMCA](#)

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

[Charles River Canoe & Kayak](#)

- 500 Broad Canal Street, Cambridge, MA
- (617) 965-5110

[Concert Series at Kendall Square](#)

- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. (June through September)
- 300 Athenaeum Street

[Kendall Square Cinema](#)

- 355 Binney Street, Cambridge, MA
- (617) 499-1995

[Kendall Square Farmer's Market](#)

- Thursday: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (June through October)
- 500 Kendall Street, Cambridge, MA

[Kendall Square Skating Rink](#)

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

[Thomas P. O'Neill Golf Course at Fresh Pond](#)

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

