

Walks & Talks

Fall 2012

“Our country has her Russias, her Silesias, her Riviervas; and many types of scentery which are all her own besides. Are we to attempt to bring all to the English smoothness? Rather let us try to perfect each type in its own place.” – Charles Eliot, *Anglomania in Park Making* 1887



Saturday, October 6, 10:00 am–12:00 pm Olmsted’s Brookline Neighborhood: Part Two

Discover the people and places associated with Frederick Law Olmsted in his Green Hill Neighborhood on this one-mile walk, passing by the home and office of architect HH Richardson, the Isabella Stewart Gardener Estate, the Schlesinger Estate and “Cliffside” the home of John Charles Olmsted, Olmsted’s son and partner. *Registration required. Call 617-566-1689 ext.221 for reservations.*

Sunday, October 14, 10:00 am–12:00 pm Arnold Arboretum: Seeds of Conservation

“Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life,” Rachel Carson, 1965. Investigate specific trees and how they’ve inspired writers, artists, and, at times, unexpected advocates for their conservation. Some of the first seeds of conservation were germinated at the Arnold Arboretum and continue to grow today as these inspiration trees are threatened by a changing climate. *Meets at Hunnewell Building, Visitor Center at Main Gate on Route 203/Arborway.*

Sunday, October 21, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Franklin Park: Country in the City

Join us as we return to Franklin Park, the last of Olmsted’s classic urban parks, one of his finest design achievements, and a prime example of his social ideals. Discover Olmsted’s vision for the park on our walk through the landscapes of Scarboro Pond, Schoolmaster Hill, and the Wilderness. *Meets at the Resting Place Picnic Area in front of the Shattuck Hospital, Jewish War Veterans Highway.*

Saturday, October 27, 9:00–11:00 am

Blue Hills Reservation: Charles Eliot’s Master Plan

In his 1890 Waverly Oaks report, Charles Eliot suggested that Boston residents look beyond the city and into the suburbs for the “finest bits of natural scenery” to foster and preserve “an education in the love of beauty” and “a means of human enjoyment.” Take in Eliot’s efforts and ideas as we traverse the Blue Hills. *Offered in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Prepare for moderate hike over rugged and rocky terrain. Meets at Trailside Museum Parking Lot.*

Sunday, November 4, 10:00 am–12:00 pm Olmsted Park: The Lost Jewel

Explore this sometimes-overlooked link in the middle of Olmsted’s Emerald Necklace. We’ll stop at ponds, pastures, and even pass by a babbling brook. Sunprinting and photography will take place, so bring your camera (or we’ll provide one for you to use). If you don’t know what sunprinting is, you’ll have to come by to find out! *Meets at Daisy Field Parking Lot, Willow Pond Road, Jamaica Plain.*

For more information on these programs please call 617-566-1689.

Volunteer Opportunities

Learn more about joining the Olmsted team as a Park Educator, Interpretation Ambassador, or Visitor Service Representative; visit nps.gov/frla/supportyourpark.

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