

A NATIONAL PARK AREA

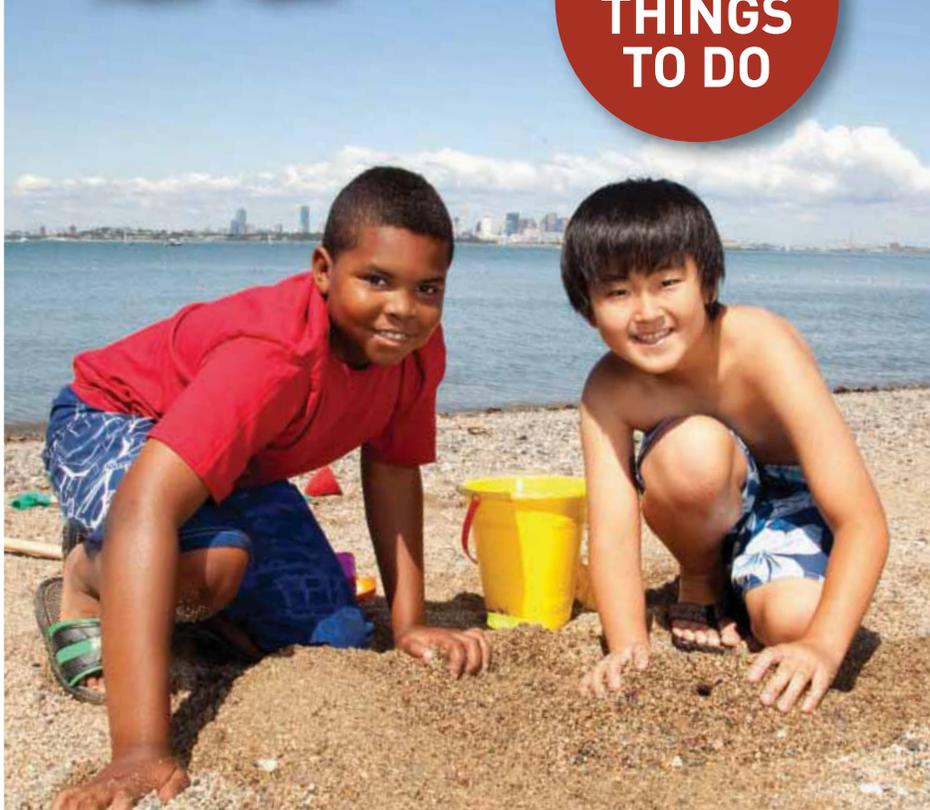
BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS



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150 FREE THINGS TO DO



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WELCOME TO

Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area



Boston Harbor Islands national park area

features 34 islands encompassing 1,600 acres and 35 miles of coastline all within ten miles of downtown Boston. Hiking trails, beaches, ranger-led tours, camping, kayaking, nature walks, historic sites and daily programs are just minutes away by ferry. Join visitors of every age and explore the beauty, tranquility, history and outdoor activities that await you on the Boston Harbor Islands.

Begin your visit at the NEW Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion on the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway. At this open-air visitor center, Boston Harbor Islands park rangers greet visitors and help plan trips. Ferry tickets, schedules, travel essentials, and souvenirs are easily available.



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ISLAND VISITS

Georges Island

- Tour the National Historic Landmark Fort Warren, a 19th century granite Civil War stronghold.
- Explore the ramparts or head down to the rocky shore.
- Visit the new visitor center, play structure, and gift shop and dine at Jasper White's Summer Shack, which offers food and refreshments daily during the summer season.
- Check the daily schedule for free ranger fort tours, activities and programs.

Spectacle Island

- Swim on a life-guarded sandy beach with rinse station and changing facilities.
- Hike on five miles of gravel paths and view the panoramic Boston skyline from the tallest point in the harbor.
- Visit our "green" visitor center to learn the island history and nature and dine at Jasper White's Summer Shack which offers food and refreshments daily during the summer season.
- See the daily schedule for free ranger tours, activities and programs.

Bumpkin Island

- Roam shell-filled beaches, wander through open fields and hike trails that lead to ruins of a farmhouse and old hospital. Camping sites available.

Grape Island

- Explore the grassy trails and lush greenery that offer tranquility and bird watching on this woodsy isle. Camping sites available.



Lovells Island

- Visit peaceful tidal pools, curved beaches and dunes, picnic areas and the remains of Fort Standish. Camping sites available.

Peddocs Island

- Stroll the trails of one of the largest and most diverse islands, and explore the remains of historic Fort Andrew. Camping sites available.

Thompson Island

- Explore the island's rolling hills, meadows, beaches, and salt marsh.
- The ferry departs from South Boston, EDIC Pier #10 and from Spectacle Island on Sundays.

Little Brewster Island – Boston Light

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – June 17 to Oct 2

- Enjoy a guided boat tour of Boston's historic lighthouses.
- Land at Little Brewster Island, visit the first and oldest lighthouse station in the United States, meet the Coast Guard light keeper and climb to the top of the lighthouse for a fabulous view.
- Buy tickets at islandalliance.org



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ISLAND ADVENTURES

GROUPS

- Customized tour packages are available for any type of group. bostonharborislands.org, or call 617-223-8666.
- Plan your private event, wedding, corporate retreat, summer outing, reunion, or birthday party on the islands. Contact hneville@shackfoods.com or call 617-669-8552.
- Plan your school or camp field trip at 617-222-6999.

Summer Shack Clambake & Sunset Cruise Thursday evenings, June 30 – Sept 8

- Savor an authentic New England clambake on the porch of Spectacle Island.
- Jasper White's Summer Shack offers a delicious lobster dinner – complete with steamers and corn on the cob, beverages and dessert – to enjoy as you watch the sun set over the Boston skyline.
- Reservations required at spectacleclambake.com



BOATERS & SAILORS

- Cruise the harbor, catch a slip at Spectacle Island marina, explore and have lunch.
- bostonharborislands.org/go-boating or call 857-452-7221.



CAMPERS

- Grape, Bumpkin, Lovells and Peddocks Islands park rangers give guided and themed tours such as tide pooling, wild edibles, birding, evening star gazing, or micro-wilderness exploration. See daily listing on each island.
- Reserve your campsite at ReserveAmerica.com or call 617-223-8666.



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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Ranger Tours and Programs

See daily listing on islands

Georges Island Tours

Take a guided tour of National Historical Landmark Fort Warren where you may meet Civil War Confederate and Union costumed interpreters.

Spectacle Island Tours

Take a guided walk of the island. Common program themes include renewable energy and green technology, social and industrial history of the island, plant identification, wild edibles, tide pooling and bird spotting.

Thompson Island Treks: Salt Marsh Walk

Sundays May 29 - Sept 4, 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Explore the salt marshes and natural beauty of Thompson Island on a guided walking tour. Ferry departs South Boston, EDIC #10 at noon and from Spectacle Island on Sundays.

Learn to Kayak at Spectacle Island

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (July and August)

Join a ranger to learn the basics of kayaking. First come, first serve; weather permitting, determined by island staff. Space limited. Ages 12 and up.

Beginner Kayaking at Grape Island

Wednesdays, Thursdays (July and August)

Join a ranger to learn the basics of kayaking. First come, first serve; weather permitting, determined by island staff. Space limited. Ages 12 and up.

Self Guided Tours

Self Guided Island Exploration

Stop by ranger stations to pick up trail maps, field and nature activity guides and Junior Ranger materials.

Island Cache: Discover the Islands with your GPS

Explore some of the park's cultural, historical and natural resources. GPS available at visitor center.

Go Fly a Kite - Spectacle Island

Saturdays in July and August (1:30 pm-2:30 pm)

Bring one or make your own. Materials provided. First come, first serve. One kite per family.

Join the Great Park Pursuit!

July and August

DCR brings you this exciting program for its fifth year! The Great Park Pursuit is a free family adventure activity that connects families with the outdoors and their state park resources. For more information and to register visit www.mass.gov/dcr/gpp/



SCVNGR

Check out this new way to explore the islands with your mobile phone by going places, completing challenges and earning points! Visit www.scvngr.com to play.



Do Your Part!

Keep Boston Harbor Islands a *Climate Friendly Park* by participating in stewardship programs, crafts and activities which promote environmental sustainability. See daily listing on islands.



150th Anniversary of the Civil War

Visit Fort Warren on Georges Island, one of New England's premier Civil War sites to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Special events include ranger walking tours, costumed interpretation, lawn games, storytelling, children's crafts, historian talks, self guided fort exploration, daily historic dispatches, musical and dance performances, and marching demonstrations.

Civil War Lawn Games

Georges, Sundays (July and August)
Learn about the Civil War and the games kids and adults used to play to entertain themselves at the fort. Meet on the parade ground and step back in history!



Let's Move Outside!

Boston Harbor Islands national park area has been designated an official *Let's Move Outside!* Junior Ranger program, led by First Lady Michelle Obama, established to end childhood obesity.

Visit the park to swim, hike, take a yoga, zumba or martial arts class, fly a kite, dance, run and explore the islands.

Ask a ranger how to earn your *Let's Move Outside!* Junior Ranger sticker.



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JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Nesting Bird Cruise*
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Vintage Base Ball Tournament
Georges 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Civil War Stories and Crafts
Georges 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Project Step:
Junior Chamber Ensemble
Georges 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Let's Move Outside!
Pride Stride
Spectacle 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Let's Move Outside!
Spectacle Island 3 Mile Road Race and Kids Fun Run*
9:30 am - noon

To enter www.islandalliance.org
Sponsored by Hingham Shipyard Marina

Let's Move Outside!
Family Fitness Day
Spectacle 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Father's Day on the Islands
All Islands

Jazz with Guitarist David Ehle
Spectacle noon - 4:00 pm

Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

Civil War Stories and Crafts
Georges 1:00 - 2:00 pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Free Ferry Day
Georges & Spectacle
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sponsored by The Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Fund

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Berklee Music Fest
Foxtrot, Julia Easterlin,
and Green Line Inbound
Georges 4:00 - 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Vintage Base Ball Tournament
Georges 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

* Program fee



Science Sunday
Spectacle 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Berklee Jazz
Italo Cunha
Spectacle 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Let's Move Outside!
with Benkadi West
African Dance
Georges 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Author's Chat with Chris Klein
Georges 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Sponsored by Union Park Press

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Toe Jam Puppet Band:
The Green Show
Georges noon & 2:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

ReadBoston Storymobile
Spectacle 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am



JULY

FREE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm
Sponsored by Dominion

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Jazz with Guitarist David Ehle
Spectacle noon - 4:00 pm
Civil War Stories and Crafts
Georges 1:00 - 2:00 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 5

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Beach and Below:
Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium
Spectacle 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am
Krafty Kids:
Arts Activities for Youth
Spectacle 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon
150th Anniversary of the Civil War at Fort Warren
Georges 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Vintage Base Ball Clinic
Georges 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Berklee Jazz
Jesse Scheinin Band
Spectacle 1:00 - 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 12

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Beach and Below:
Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium
Spectacle 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

Vintage Base Ball Clinic
Georges 12:30 - 2:30 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am
Catch the Science Bug:
Hands-on Science Activities
Spectacle 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

Island Geocaching
Spectacle noon - 3:00 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon
Let's Move Outside!
Family Fitness Day
Georges & Spectacle
10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Civil War Living History Walk
Georges 12:30 & 2:30 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Vintage Base Ball Tournament
Georges 11:00 am - 3:30 pm



JULY (continued)

FREE

Jazz with Guitarist David Ehle
Spectacle noon - 4:00 pm

Civil War Stories and Crafts
Georges 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 19

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Beach and Below: Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium
Spectacle 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

Become a Jr. Ranger
Georges 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am

**Krafty Kids:
Arts Activities for Youth**
Georges 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 22

**Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater**
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon

Berklee Music Fest
Will Makar & The Red Line,
Mario Jose, and Sharin Toribio
Georges 4:00 - 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Berklee Jazz
The Jazz Tellers
Spectacle 1:00 - 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

**Beach and Below:
Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium**
Spectacle 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am



Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Fifth Annual Art Encampment (Work in Progress Day)
Bumpkin
Co-sponsored by Studio Soto & Berwick Research Institute

**Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater**
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Fifth Annual Art Encampment
Bumpkin 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon
Civil War Living History Walk
Georges 12:30 and 2:30 pm

Summer Shack's Iron Chef
Spectacle 1:00 - 2:30 pm

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Fifth Annual Art Encampment
Bumpkin 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Toe Jam Puppet Band:
One World, Many Stories**
Georges noon & 2:00 pm

Jazz with Guitarist David Ehle
Spectacle noon - 4:00 pm

AUGUST

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Beach and Below: Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium
Spectacle 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am

**Krafty Kids:
Arts Activities for Youth**
Spectacle 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

**Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater**
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon
Native American Summer Festival
Georges 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Co-sponsored by New England Foundation for the Arts and The Institute for New England Native American Studies

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Island Geocaching
Spectacle noon - 3:00 pm
Civil War Stories and Crafts
Georges 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



Family Day on Thompson Island
Thompson Island All Day
Sponsored by Thompson Island Outward Bound

Berklee Jazz
The Zac Zinger Group
Spectacle 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Science Sunday
Spectacle 1:00 - 2:00 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

**Beach and Below:
Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium**
Spectacle 10:30 am & 12:15 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am
Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

(continued)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater**
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon
**Life at Fort Warren during
the Civil War**
Georges noon - 3:00 pm

Summer Shack's Lobster 101*
Georges noon - 2:30 pm

Civil War Historian Talk
Georges 2:00 - 3:00 pm
*Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts
Historical Society*

Civil War Living History Walk
Georges 12:30 & 2:30 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Jazz with Guitarist David Ehle
Spectacle 12:00 - 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

ReadBoston Storymobile
Spectacle 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Youth Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am
**Krafty Kids:
Arts Activities for Youth**
Georges 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Free Fun Friday
*Sponsored by the Highland
Street Foundation*



**Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater**
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon

**Picnic with John and Abigail
Adams on Grape Island**
Grape 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
*Co-sponsored by Adams National
Historic Park*

Civil War Living History Walk
Georges 12:30 and 2:30 pm

**Project Step:
Junior Chamber Ensemble**
Georges 1:00 - 2:00 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**Snow in Summer Celebration:
Day of Storytelling**
Georges 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
*Sponsored by Friends of the Boston Harbor
Islands and Friends of the Flying Santa*

**Berklee Jazz
Christian Li Trio**
Spectacle 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Author's Chat with
Meg Muchenhaupt**
Spectacle 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Sponsored by Union Park Press

OCTOBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011



SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Jazz with Guitarist David Ehle
Spectacle noon - 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**Berklee Jazz
Concetta Donato Quartet**
Spectacle 1:00 - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**Painting by the Sea
Artists of the Islands**
Georges 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Civil War Historian Talk
Georges 2:00 - 3:00 pm
*Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts
Historical Society*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**Second Annual Summer Shack
Chowder Cook Off***
Spectacle noon - 2:00 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

**7th Annual Boston Harbor
Islands Regatta***
Georges 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Harbor Fall Fest
Webb noon - 4:00 pm

* Program fee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Toddler Tuesday
Spectacle 10:30 - 11:30 am
Grape 11:00 am - noon

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am

Youth Fishing Clinic
Georges noon - 2:00 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

**Plays in the Park:
Youth Theater**
Georges 11:45 am & 1:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Island Yoga
Spectacle 10:30 am & noon

**Berklee Music Fest
William Wells, Katrina Bello
and Troy Cartwright**
Georges 4:00 - 7:00 pm

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BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS PAVILION NEW! SUMMER 2011



FERRY SCHEDULES

**BOSTON ROUTE – Long Wharf North.
T stations: Aquarium or Haymarket.**



Summer: June 18 – September 5

- **Mondays – Thursdays:** Ferries for Georges and Spectacle Islands run hourly from 9 am until 5 pm.
- **Fridays – Sundays:** Ferries for Georges and Spectacle Islands run every half-hour from 9 am until 6 pm.

Spring and Fall:

May 7 – June 17 & September 6 – October 10

- Ferries for Georges and Spectacle Islands run every hour from 10 am to 4 pm.

**HINGHAM & QUINCY ROUTES – Hingham Shipyard
and Fore River Shipyard.**

Summer: June 18 – September 5

- Ferries depart from Hingham, stopping in Hull, to go to Georges, Bumpkin, Peddocks, Grape and Lovells Islands.
- Ferries depart from Quincy for Georges Island.

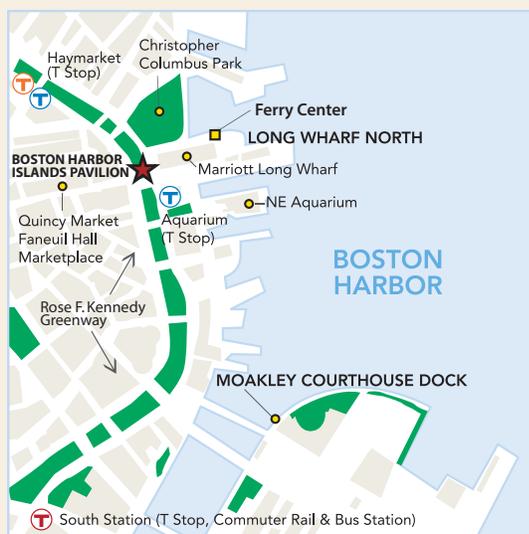
For details visit bostonharborislands.org/ferry-schedule

FERRY FARES

Adult \$14, Senior \$10, Child \$8, Children under 3 – Free
Family Four Pack \$39

Groups of ten or more: Adult \$12.50, Senior \$9, Child \$8

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