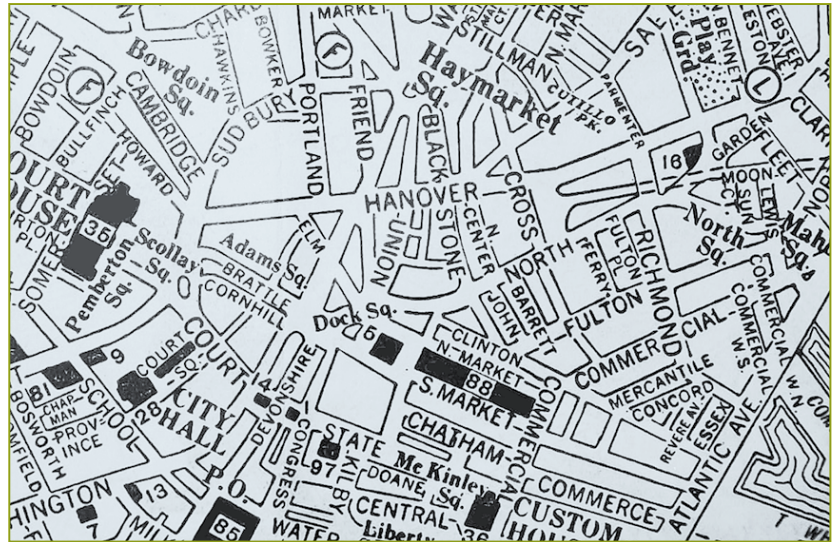


Getting Around Boston

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Whether you are traveling alone or with family, Boston is a beautiful city with lots to see and do, particularly if you are a history buff or a “Beantown” sports fan. [ICPP2018](#) provides a great opportunity to take some extra weekend time or a free afternoon and explore the sites this city has to offer. However, if you are not familiar with Boston, you may be curious about the best ways to get around town. If that’s the case, here are a few ideas—some that are practical, and some that are a bit more fun!



	<p>WALKING</p>	<p>The Hynes Convention Center and nearby conference hotels are located in the Back Bay area of Boston and within a 2-mile walk of Faneuil Hall. This landmark is located near a number of great historical attractions and not far from Boston Harbor attractions, such as the New England Aquarium and Long Wharf, and from the city’s North End, which features spectacular Italian food and the Paul Revere House. If you walk through the city, which is quite safe and pedestrian friendly, you can stroll the Boston Common/Public Garden area and perhaps snap a photo of your child with the bronze “Make Way for Ducklings” statue. Alternatively, there are nice wooded trails along the Charles River that you can pick up not far from the convention center and follow in toward the harbor or in the opposite direction toward the Boston University Campus. If you or a family member is a Boston Red Sox fan, you’re in luck! Fenway Park is located less than a mile’s walk from the Hynes Convention Center! The walkBoston website has maps and other useful resources.</p>
	<p>THE “T”</p>	<p>Boston’s subway system is operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) and is colloquially known as the “T.” The T is similar to the subways in other cities and provides a great way to get around Boston, particularly if you are traveling outside the commuter rush hour. Depending on how much you plan to use the T during your trip, you can purchase either a paper CharlieTicket or a plastic CharlieCard. Both can be loaded with cash value or purchased as a 1- or 7-day pass, but according to the MBTA website, the standard single ride fare is 50 cents less with the CharlieCard. The Hynes Convention Center has its own stop on what is known as the “Green Line.” From there, you can travel straight into downtown on the Green Line or transfer to different lines at other stations to get to other destinations.</p>
	<p>UBER/LYFT</p>	<p>In addition to standard taxis, Boston offers both common app-based transportation services. Both services operate similarly, in that you request the ride and pay the fare entirely through an app. As a word of caution when using any taxi or ride service, traffic in Boston can be quite bad, especially around rush hour, and you can expect the kind of city driving that you tend to see in movies.</p>
	<p>BOSTON DUCK TOURS</p>	<p>While not necessarily providing a way to get from point A to point B, so-called duck boats—World War II-style amphibious landing vehicles, according to the tour website—offer a fun way to see Boston. Tours start at either the Prudential Center or the New England Aquarium and show you more than 30 sites in the city. Because the vehicle is amphibious, you travel on the road AND in the river, which seems pretty cool for anyone, especially children! This could be a great way to get the lay of the land and decide on destinations to visit later on by walking or using others means of transportation.</p>
	<p>PEDICAB</p>	<p>A final fun way to get around Boston is by pedicab. This three-wheeled vehicle is essentially a tricycle with a cart in the back. You sit in the cart, and the driver pedals you to your selected destination. You can reserve a ride like you would with a regular cab, or you can book various tours of the city. Based on the 35 Yelp reviews available when this article was written, the Boston Pedicab service has an average of 4.5 out of 5 stars and reviewers left glowing comments, so this seems like a service that’s worth checking out. To learn more about the company and its services, visit their website. ■</p>