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# Boston, MA

**January 1 - December 31, 2026**

*11 or 5km Hidden Gems/Special Places Walk*

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**START/FINISH:** 800 Boylston Street,  
Boston, MA 02199

**REGISTER ONLINE ONLY:**  
[my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org)



**TIMES:** Daily sunrise to sunset.

**Complete event within 30 days of  
initiating online registration.**

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**REGISTRATION:** Use the AVA's Online Start Box ([my.ava.org](http://my.ava.org)). Follow the instructions to sign waiver & register for this event. Pay for event and directions using secure online system. Walk directions and insert cards are PDFs that you download and print as needed. **POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.** The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user.

**TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS:** Explore some of Boston's lesser known points of interest and special places. The 11km & 5km routes explore such highlights as the Charles River Esplanade, including the Hatch Memorial Shell; Bay Village consisting of small brick 19th century homes bought & restored when houses on Beacon Hill became more expensive; Boston Common; the Armory, a four-story granite structure with a six-story tower designed by William G. Peterson; and New Old South Church built in 1875. Additional sights on the 11km route include Church of the Advent built in 1879; elegant Harrison Gray Otis House; Custom House Tower; Liberty Square; site where Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone; & Chinatown.

**RATING:** Mainly on paved surfaces with an AVA rating of 1A, however is **NOT suitable for wheelchairs due to missing curb cuts and uneven sidewalks.**

**AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Anniversaries Hurrah, State Capital, Step to the Beat, Walking with America's Veterans, Walking with the Wild Things, Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail

**AWARD:** This is an IVV Credit Only event; no award.

**DIRECTIONS TO START:** Driving directions received **AFTER** completing Online Start Box event registration and payment. Specific walk instructions included in that packet.

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