

## **The State House: Directions, Parking, Entrances and Security**

The State House is located on the top of Beacon Hill, near the Boston Common in Boston.

### **Directions**

For special assistance unloading busses or for wheelchair vans, call the MDC State House Rangers at (617) 722-1188.

Roadways throughout Boston are frequently under construction. These directions are accurate to the best of our knowledge, but may change with little notice. Please be sure to verify your route.

#### By car from the North

Take Interstate 93 SOUTH to Exit 26, Storrow Drive and North Station. Stay in the LEFT lane and follow signs to Storrow Drive. Once out of the tunnel stay in LEFT lane and take the first exit on the LEFT towards Government Center and Kendall Square. Stay LEFT; at the blinking red light enter Charles Circle. Turn RIGHT onto Charles Street at the CVS. At the fifth light turn LEFT onto Beacon Street. The State House will be on your LEFT.

#### By car from the South

Take Interstate 93 NORTH to Exit 23, Government Center. Stay in the LEFT lane onto North Street. Go through one set of lights. At the second set of lights, turn LEFT onto Congress Street. Take the first RIGHT onto State Street. State Street turns into Court Street. Turn LEFT onto Tremont Street. At the third light turn RIGHT onto Park Street. Follow Park Street up the hill to the State House.

#### By car from the West

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) EAST through the Boston tolls. Take Exit 22, Copley Square/Prudential. Stay in the RIGHT lane and follow the signs for Copley Square. This will lead you to Stuart Street. Continue straight through five lights. At the sixth light, turn LEFT on Charles Street South. Continue through two traffic lights passing by Boston Common. At the third light, make a RIGHT on Beacon Street. The State House will be on your LEFT.

#### By car from the Northwest

Take Route 2 EAST into Cambridge, MA. This will lead you to the Fresh Pond Parkway. (This is a winding road.) Follow signs for downtown Boston and Storrow Drive EAST. Take Storrow Drive for approximately 5 miles. Get off at the exit for Government Center and Cambridge Street. At the end of the ramp at the traffic light, turn RIGHT onto Charles Street. At the fifth light turn LEFT onto Beacon Street. The State House will be on your LEFT.

#### By Public Transportation (MBTA)

**Red Line** (from Alewife, Ashmont or Braintree Stations)

Take train to Park Street Station. Once outside the station walk up Park Street toward the State House.

**Orange Line** (from Oak Grove or Forest Hills Stations)

Take train to Downtown Crossing. Walk up Winter Street (away from Filenes and Macy's) and turn RIGHT onto Tremont Street. Take first LEFT onto Park Street. Walk up Park Street to the State House.

**Blue Line** (from Wonderland or Airport Stations)

Take train to Government Center Station. At Government Center Station, take a LEFT onto Cambridge Street, which turns, into Tremont Street. Take first RIGHT onto Beacon Street. The State House is on the third block on the RIGHT.

**Green Line** (from the Riverside, Cleveland Circle, Boston College and Arborway Lines)

Take train to Park Street Station. Once outside the station walk up Park Street toward the State House.

**Commuter Rail** (take train to either South Station or North Station)

**From South Station**, take the Red Line to Park Street Station. Once outside the station walk up Park Street toward the State House.

**From North Station**, take the Green Line to Government Center Station. At Government Center Station, take a LEFT onto Cambridge Street, which turns, into Tremont Street. Take first RIGHT onto Beacon Street. The State House is on the third block on the RIGHT.

**Handicapped Parking:**

There is limited on-street parking available for those with handicap plates. They are:

Mt. Vernon Street – 1 spot

Derne Street – 2 spots

Corner of Ashburton Place & Bowdoin Street (in front of McCormack Building)  
4 spots

More reliably, you can call the House and/or Senate business offices in advance to secure courtesy parking.

House Business Office: 617-722-2500

Senate Business Office: 617-722-1511

**Area Parking Facilities**

**Beacon Hill**

Boston Common Garage, located between the Boston Common and Public Gardens (*best cost & bet to find a space*) - 617 954-2096

Charles Street Parking Garage 144 Charles Street – 617-523-8432

Allright Boston Parking Inc Boston Common Garage - 617 954-2098

**Faneuil Hall**

University Parking Inc. 6 Faneuil Hall Market Place – 617-523-0512

**Other Parking Garages in the Area**

Allright Boston Parking 59 Temple Place – 617-426-2389

Beacon Hill Parking Inc. 70 Brimmer Street – 617-742-6863

Center Plaza Garage 1 Center Plaza – 617-742-7807

Francis X Green 1 Bullfinch Place – 617-223-8583

J & O Parking 150 Canal Street – 617-523-4768

Laz Parking Ltd. 101 Merrimac Street – 617-248-8861

One Beacon Street Garage 1 Beacon Street – 617-227-7220

Owl Parking 149 Causeway Street – 617-723-3668

Standard Parking Inc. 10 Park Plaza – 617-973-7054

## **Entrances to the State House**

The State House has three public entrances.

### Beacon Street/Hooker Statue Entrance

This is the main and only entrance to the State House on Beacon Street. Facing the State House, it is to the right. It is not wheelchair accessible.

### Bowdoin Street Entrance (wheelchair accessible)

Bowdoin Street runs perpendicular to Beacon Street and is to the right as you face the State House. This entrance does not have much space inside or outside the building, but it is accessible.

### Ashburton Park Entrance (wheelchair accessible)

The entrance is on Bowdoin Street, beyond the first entrance. This entrance has more space both outside and inside the State House, however, construction in the area requires that you walk on the right-side sidewalk and cross back to enter.

## **Security**

Security is present at all three entrances. To pass reasonably quickly through security, it would be best to have no loose change, keys or metal objects in your pockets. Pocketbooks, backpacks will be x-rayed.