

JP Centre/South



Home to artists, writers, musicians and activists, the JP Centre/South Streets commercial district reflects the many cultures that call this community home. A walk down Centre and South Streets reveals fine and casual dining from around the world. The diversity of food is matched by the shopping: find everything from funky housewares, clothes and jewelry to kitchen goods and all-natural pet supplies.

Part of Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace surrounds the shopping district – visit Jamaica Pond, the Arnold Arboretum, and Franklin Park. Stroll through beautiful residential neighborhoods on either side of the commercial district. Find innovative examples of commercial property reuse, as well as fine residential homes in the Gothic, Victorian, Italianate styles.

Dining & Foods

Eat your way around the world on Centre and South Streets. Visitors will delight in the great pub scene, and restaurants including Cambodian, Japanese, Thai, Indian, Mexican, Chinese, Greek, Dominican, and Italian. The district boasts one of Boston's only authentic Asian tea houses and two landmark ice cream shops!

Directions

By MBTA: Orange Line to: Stony Brook and walk up Boylston St (for upper Centre St); Green St and walk up Green St to Centre (for central JP Centre/South); or Forest Hills and walk up South St for the South St shops, restaurants, and Monument Area.

By Bus: The # 38, 39, 41, 42, and 48 all stop throughout JP Centre/South.

By Car: From downtown, take Storrow Drive to the Fenway exit. Follow the Jamaica Way to the Arborway, and exit left on any street to intersect Centre and South Streets.

Sights to See

Emerald Necklace Parks

Jamaica Pond, Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park Zoo.

1800's Fire Station

Admire the innovative reuse of an 1800's fire station from the days of horse-drawn engines, now home to JP Licks.

Footlight Club

America's oldest community theater, continuously hosting shows since 1877.

Loring-Greenough House

Built as a country estate and farmstead by Commodore Joshua Loring in 1760, the Loring Home served as a commissary, hospital and headquarters for colonial troops during the American Revolution. The home and grounds became a museum and protected historic site in the 1920s.

LEGEND

- District boundary
- Park/open space
- P Public parking
- T MBTA station
- Bus route

Parking

Free parking is available on any part of Centre and South Streets, as well as major public lots off of Centre Street. Low cost parking is also available at any of the Orange Line T stops.

