Upham’s Corner

One of the city's most diverse areas, Upham’s Corner is an anchor to Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. Columbia Road was once named Boston Road, with Upham’s Corner as the midpoint connecting Franklin Park with Castle Island. The historic Strand Theatre, the cornerstone of Upham’s Corner, features cultural events and performances throughout the year. While visiting the area, stop by at some of Upham’s Corner’s stores to find unique gifts and foods. And stay tuned, because Upham’s Corner will soon possess the biggest community center in all of Boston, waterslides included!

Dining & Foods
Dining options include southern soul food cuisine as well as several ethnic restaurants including Cape Verdean, Caribbean, Chinese, Greek, and Italian.

Directions
By MBTA: Red Line to Andrew station, then either #16 (Forest Hills) bus or #17 (Field’s Corner) bus to Upham’s Corner/Dudley Street. Orange Line to Ruggles station, then the #15 (Upham’s Corner) bus via Dudley Station. Orange Line to Forest Hills station, then #16 (Forest Hills) bus to Upham’s Corner. Commuter Rail to Upham’s Corner Station.

By Car: Take I-93 to exit 15, Columbia Road. Head west on Columbia Road passing Dorchester Ave. Then, at the second set of lights, turn left onto Columbia Road. Upham’s Corner is at second set of lights (the intersection of Dudley St and Stoughton St).

Parking: Free off-street parking is available in the Municipal lot, located off of Dudley St behind CVS and Payless Shoes. There is plenty of on-street parking on Columbia Rd in the evenings.

Sights to See

Upham’s Market Building
This building was once Cerfino’s Market, the oldest and largest urban supermarket in the country. It is now home to residential and retail space.

Columbia Square Building
Upham’s Corner derives its name from this building, formerly called the Upham Building. This structure marks the site of the 1802 general store owned by Amos Upham, and it remains the cornerstone of this thriving shopping district.

Old North Burying Ground
Established in 1634, the Old North Burying Ground is one of the oldest cemeteries in the city. For information and guided tours contact the Boston Parks Department.

Trotter House
The William Monroe Trotter House is on the National Register of Historic Places. Trotter was an important voice in the African-American community, and founded The Guardian newspaper and the Boston Equal Rights League.