

**ARNOLD ARBORETUM – JAMAICA PLAIN (BOSTON), MA**

It's a "tree museum" and a tranquil oasis in the busy city!

Life abounds and is seasonally renewed each spring. Locally, few places are a better example of that renewal. In the autumn the colors can border on the edge of spectacular.

The Arnold Arboretum, located at 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA is a gem of a place to explore and to learn.

Year-round, each and every day, it's a photographer's delight!

Oh yes, the Arnold Arboretum is a great place to hike and walk amongst its 281 acres on quiet roads and hidden trails. There are three hills to summit: Bussey with its excellent view of the Blue Hills Reservation, Hemlock (hundreds of healthy young ones are coming back), and Peters with its birds eye view of the entire City of Boston. One of the trails heading to the top really gets the heart pumping!

Since 2017 I've led annual "Spring-Into-Spring" and "Autumn Peak" hikes at the park. Many of our AMCSEM nature-lovers return year after year for my moderately paced 5 – 6 mile route with a number of stops at highlights (rare and unusual species) along the way.

There are approximately 15,000 trees, shrubs, and other plants in the park, mostly native to eastern Asia, Europe, and North America. The Arnold Arboretum is owned and maintained by Harvard University. It was founded in 1872 (oldest public arboretum in North America) and was designed by the "father of landscape architecture", Frederick Law Olmstead. Admission is always free-to-all. The often breathtaking scenery changes every day!

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