Guided Tours on the Esplanade

Interested in learning more about the Charles River Esplanade? Join the Esplanade Association for our free Guided Tour Program Series to learn about the park’s 150 years of history, 1,700-tree urban forest, and more! Our guided tours typically last an hour-and-a-half and cover about a mile of the Esplanade. Please see our 2021 Guided Tour Schedule below to learn more about our current tour offerings!

Private tours can also be scheduled for a nominal donation. If you have any questions, please contact cfrancois@esplanade.org.

2021 Guided Tour Schedule

July 14
6pm: Guided Bird Tour with Feminist Bird Club

July 28
10am: Guided Gardens Tour

August 25
10am: Guided Tree Tour

September 8
6pm: Guided Bird Tour with Feminist Bird Club

September 22
5pm: Guided History Tour

October 16
11am: Guided History Tour

November 6
11am: Guided Art in the Park Tour

Registration for all 2021 Guided Tours on the Esplanade can be found at Esplanade.org/GuidedTours
About Guided Tours

Guided Gardens Tour

Through our Guided Garden Tours on the Esplanade, we explore a variety of gardens that make the Esplanade so beautiful. Come learn about the history and plants that make up several of the Esplanade’s **15 ornamental gardens**, and how to identify specific plants and flowers on the Esplanade.

*Recommended for those interested in conservation and/or horticulture.*

Guided Art in the Park Tour

Since 2017, the Esplanade Association has commissioned **4 public murals** from 4 women-identifying artists on the Esplanade including *Habitation* by Sophy Tuttle, *Patterned Behavior* by Silvia López Chavez, *Rain River* by Solei, and *Untitled* by Ann Lewis. By experiencing our Art in the Park Guided Tour, you’ll learn about the artists behind these mesmerizing art murals, their inspiration behind each mural, and more!

*Recommended for those interested in art and/or conservation.*

Guided History Tour

There are countless stories behind Boston’s premier riverside park and we want to share them with you! Our Guided History Tours walk participants through the fascinating history of the Esplanade. These tours last about an hour-and-a-half and cover over **150 years of history**!

*Recommended for first-time visitors or those interested in history.*
**Guided Tree Tour**
Come learn about the variety of tree species that help provide habitat for our park’s wildlife, as well as shade and beautiful foliage in summer and fall. Walk along the Esplanade’s lagoon on a guided tour that will explore the history of different tree and plant species on the Esplanade and how to identify them.

Recommended for those interested in conservation and/or horticulture.

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**Guided Bird Tour**
We’re thrilled to partner with Feminist Bird Club to lead leisurely guided bird walks along the park – great for beginners and experts alike! The Esplanade is home to a variety of species from songbirds to waterfowl to swans. Through this tour, we will identify birds and learn how to use binoculars and field guides. No prior birding experience is necessary and everyone is welcome!

Recommended for those interested in birds, nature, and/or wildlife.

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For any questions about the Esplanade Association’s Guided Tour Program, please contact cfrancois@esplanade.org.