

TOURS: This details a local Black Boston tour. Our full catalog includes over 20 tours of Black Boston and New England American culture, history and sightseeing excursions.

The Boston CLASSIC BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL TOUR

free BEACON HILL version

The **Black Heritage Trail Beacon Hill Tour** is conducted for free by National Park Service Rangers. **SEE PAGE TWO**

The starting point is a very popular tourist destination. It can get crowded there all of a sudden. People from Hop on Hop off trolley buses, school buses, van groups from New York deposit passengers at the memorial are all arriving at the spot. There is no RSVP requirement for the NPS guided tour.

This terrain is for healthy walkers. The hills are steep and when sun is bearing down, you'll feel it. Public parking on Beacon Hill is tight. If you perform the self-guided tour version in a car or van it is a good idea to hop out and walk often. TIME: 2 to 3 hours. You cover 14 historic sites

Because NPS staff are Federal Employees, there are limited touring times and cancellations due to weather. The NPS guided tour meets 1:00 p.m. at the 54th Regiment Monument at the corner of Beacon Street and Park, directly opposite the State Capitol building. Last year there were 10 am and 1 pm tours later in the Summer. The Park service may add the early version back, not sure.

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT AT 1 PM or want a private version

We do that. The AboutBlackBoston.org Getaways Step-On Guide will accompany your group. We can bake in more sites and showings. A delightful Whole Foods supermarket delicatessen is near the trail. It is a good place to end it. NPS guides do not go there. The market serves a food genre for everyone.

So, if you have to miss the Park Service and still want the tour, we will handle it. On the Black Heritage Trail Beacon Hill stands the **Museum of African American History** at 20 Joy Street. Admission to the museum is about \$12 paid at the museum. It closes daily at 5 p.m. The museum is one of three Black Museums in the Boston area.

Contemporary Black Boston. Across town from NPS Black Heritage Trail is **ROXBURY**, the present center of African American history and culture in Metro Boston.

Our BLACK BOSTON SPRINTER TOUR includes Roxbury. Price: \$30/two persons / \$1299 (33 trolley bus)

Ordering: [online](#), credit card or by phone, your choice. Call (617) 942-1301. The number screens robotic dialers so please do leave a message and we will get it and call you right back if we miss the ringing. Our Email address is Contact@BlackBoston.com

GENERAL INFO

Access the website links for official sites.



Look up www.maah.org

The Black Heritage Trail®

The Black Heritage Trail® explores the history of the 19th century African American community of Boston.

The trail consists of 14 sites and begins at the [Robert Gould Shaw Memorial](#) on Beacon Street. Self-guided tours can be conducted at any time, Monday through Sunday.

For a map of the Black Heritage Trail® please click [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The Robert Gould Shaw Memorial is owned by the City of Boston, is located on the Boston Common and is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The African Meeting House and the Abiel Smith School are owned by the **Museum of African American History**. The African Meeting House and Abiel Smith School are open to the public during site hours only and house the National Park Service visitor area. All of the other sites on the Black Heritage Trail® are privately owned and are not open to the public.

Public Tour Schedule:

Public Tours of the Black Heritage Trails are conducted by park rangers on a seasonal basis. Boston African American National Historic Site's 2019 Public Tours began on Memorial Day. Black Heritage Trail Tours depart from the **Robert Gould Shaw 54th MA Regiment Memorial** on Beacon Street.

They leave at **1pm, Monday - Saturday**.

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AboutBlackBoston.org Getaways adds these links:

- BLACK HISTORY BOOKS ON BLACK BOSTON are [here](#).
- Black Boston Souvenirs are [here](#).
- More Black New England Heritage [tour links](#).



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Special Events

Throughout the year Boston African American National Historic Site offers specialized programs on a variety of topics relating to the African American community in Boston. For more information, please see our [Calendar of Events](#).

Museum of African American History

The Museum of African American History's Abiel Smith School and African Meeting House are open to the public year round, six days a week, Monday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

National Park rangers are available throughout the day for Historic talks detailing the history of the African Meeting House.

To contact the museum for group reservations, please call (617)725-0022.

For admission rates, go to our [Plan Your Visit](#) page, or visit the [Museum's Boston Campus Page](#).

Please note that rates and admissions are subject to change.

Info from publicly available information

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