Sitting in the Dorchester neighborhood off the beaten path, this attraction sight is a must for American history buffs. This place exhibits the life and times of our beloved 35th president. Through personal memorabilia to recreations of his desk in the Oval Office, his 26-foot sailboat, and the TV studio set in which he debated Richard M. Nixon in the 1960 election, guests are able to get a glimpse of the path our nation’s leader of the early 60’s took from childhood to presidency. Architect I.M. Pei designed the building to display the work that President Kennedy had done and had yet to do. For example, the Pavilion appears as open and “unfinished,” which artistically represents the work that had yet to be finished before the president’s assassination. Admission costs $12 for students with a valid Student ID, and it is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm every day.
Right off the busy street of Mass. Ave in the Mary Baker Eddy Museum, you can walk into a room where you can be the center of the world—literally. Rather than looking at a globe from the outside, you can walk inside of a three-story, stained-glass globe in this world-famous attraction. The borders and countries may look a little outdated, but that is because this globe shows the perspective of the world in 1935, when it was built. The architect of the Christian Science and Publishing Society building, Chester Lindsay Churchill, designed this exhibit as a symbol for global outreach, allowing the viewer to have the unique experience of being an equal distance from every part of the world. Tours run every 20 minutes and last about 15-20 minutes. You can join a group tour Tuesday-Sunday between 10:20 am and 4:40 pm or you can visit on your own between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. Admission is $6.00 for adults but $4.00 if you show your Student ID.
Get a blast from the past in this home in Boston’s North End. It was originally owned by an iconic figure of American history and is furnished with its original furniture and period pieces, including fine silver. If you visit this quaint, historical building, you will get a glimpse of what life was like in the late 1700’s for this Revolutionary War hero and his family. If you walk the Freedom Trail, this is one of the stops that is a must-see. The house is open for viewing from 9:30 am to 4:15 pm, and the price of admission is only $4.50 for college students.
Make way for whom? If you are familiar with the classic children’s book by Robert McCloskey about feathered friends making their way to the Lagoon in the Boston Public Garden, you might be excited to know that there is a statue to commemorate the story. A popular spot for many local kids and people around the world, you can find this 35 foot-long sculpture on cobblestone very close to the lagoon. Wearing Boston Marathon medals on Marathon Monday and St. Patrick themed scarves on March 17th, the statue is often decorated to celebrate the seasons and holidays very special to the city of Boston.
A Venetian palace that lives in the Kenmore neighborhood was once the home of an art enthusiast and is now a museum that displays her impressive collection of European, American, and Asian art, including antique furniture, photographs, sculptures, ceramics, and rare books. Some of the art you’d see are originals by Italian masters such as Raphael, Titian, and John Singer Sargent. In the middle of the museum sits the breathtaking, skylit courtyard filled with flowers and plants. This museum is also known as the home of the largest unsolved art heist in world history with over $500 million worth of original art stolen. The reward for information that could lead to the recovery of these works is $10 million (woah!). With your status as a current student of Boston University, your admission is completely free. Hours are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Wednesday through Monday.
Follow this 43-mile linear park as it stretches along the edges of piers, wharves, and beaches that line the Boston shoreline. This walkway is open to the public and passes nearby many museums and monuments, including The Institute of Contemporary Art, The Bunker Hill Monument, and The Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum. Its many greenspaces and benches make it the perfect place to relax on a sunny day and enjoy the Boston Harbor.
This award-winning open market is Boston’s largest celebration of local artisans, farmers, food trucks, brewers, and musicians. In this family and pet friendly space, you can visit over 175 makers, play lawn games, eat delicious food, and enjoy live music. While the weather is still warm, shop local and support these artists and entrepreneurs by visiting this market. It is open every Sunday from May to October from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in South Boston.
Stretching from the North End to Seaport, this green space has been a place where people can stroll through or rest and where artists can display their sculptures and artwork. It takes 15 minutes to walk from one end to the other, passing beautiful fountains and vibrant flowers and plants. It gives you a unique view of the city and passes by many famous Boston landmarks such as the Boston Harbor, the Aquarium, and Faneuil Hall. While the weather is warm, there are events that are free and open to the public that include live music, food trucks, and lawn games. Visit this park any day from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm.
Whether it be fall when the leaves are changing from green to red or spring when flowers bloom in all colors of the rainbow, you can always count on a unique experience every season when visiting this lush forest in Jamaica Plain. This place is home to over 15,000 plants and trees from all over the U.S. and Eastern Asia. This living collection, which includes many endangered species, is maintained by Harvard University and serves a scientific and educational purpose to help preserve and propagate many horticultural specimens while enriching our understanding of biodiversity. There is no cost for admission, and guided tours take place on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 am or 1:00 pm or you can roam on your own from sunrise to sunset any day of the week.
Stop by and enjoy the more than 450,000 pieces of artwork and artifacts that make their home in one of the largest and most comprehensive art museums in the United States. As the 5th largest museum in the country, this building houses pieces from a wide variety of movements and cultures including Egyptian artifacts, French impressionist pieces, Chinese painting and calligraphy, the Rockefeller collection of Native American work, and so much more. It’s nearly impossible to see it all in one visit, and traveling exhibits make it easy to come back and see something new. Admission is free for BU students when you show your ID, and hours are 10:00 am through 5:00 pm Saturday through Tuesday and 10:00 am through 10:00 pm Wednesday through Friday.