

BEACON STREET GIRLS®

Beacon Street Girls Walking Tour Boston, Massachusetts

Locations from the Beacon Street Girls books

Welcome to Boston, Massachusetts



City of the Beacon Street Girls!

Greetings BSG Fans:

It's time to put on your walking shoes and take a tour of the great city of Boston – a super cool city that's also home to tons of fascinating American history. You'll have a blast visiting all the historical sites and local attractions that we mention in our books.

Your friends,

Avery

Isabel

Charlotte

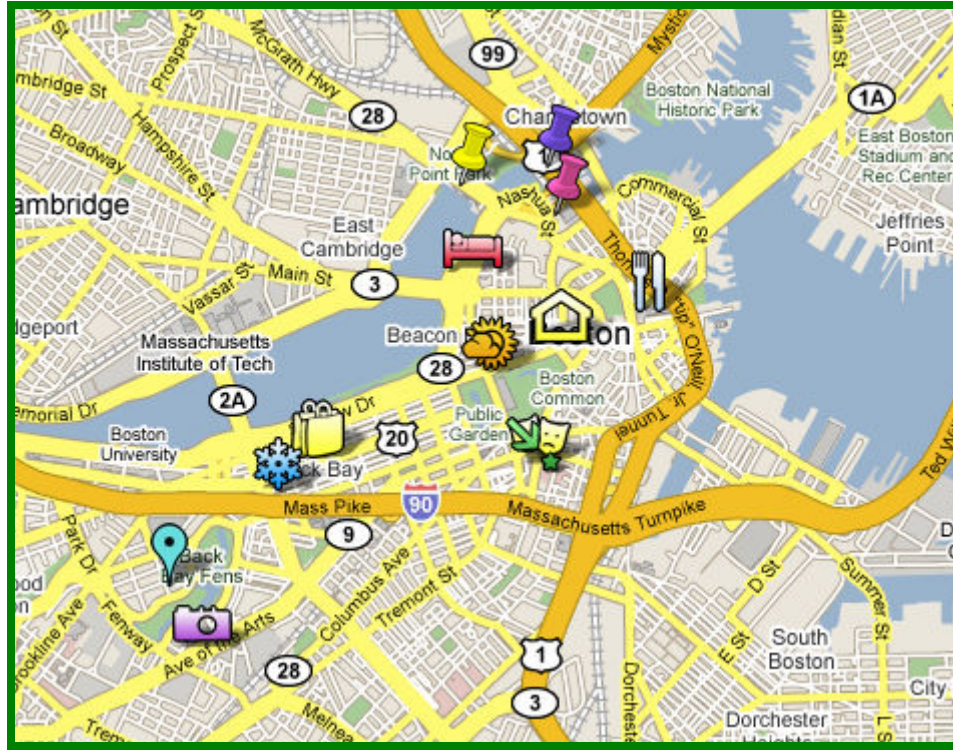
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The Liberty Hotel

215 Charles Street

You'd never guess that one of Boston's most luxurious hotels was once a prison! The Liberty Hotel offered a unique Sleepover Package just for BSG fans in the summer of 2008. Maeve swoons over the gorgeous rooms and the chance to see celebrity guests. Located in downtown, near Beacon Hill, this posh hotel is the perfect place to begin your Beantown tour.

"For the next half hour, Sophie and I planned Hotel Sophie down to every detail. We had one mini argument about what kind of chocolates to serve at breakfast because both Sophie and I were chocolate fanatics and could get very insistent about our preferences."

– Charlotte in Paris





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TD Banknorth Garden

100 Legends Way

The TD Banknorth Garden has had a few different names since it opened in 1995. Despite different monikers, it has only ever served one purpose: to provide entertainment to the citizens of Boston! The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Disney on Ice, and the Harlem Globetrotters have performed here, as well as famous bands like the Beatles and Aerosmith. The TD Banknorth Garden hosts Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins games among other sports events. Maeve even saw the Boston Celtics play here during her disastrous first "date" with Dillon in *Letters from the Heart*.

"I'm so psyched to play there! I mean, the TD Banknorth Garden, how cool is that? Swoosh! [Avery] fake-shot a basket. 'Imagine playing during the Celtics' half-time!'"

-Times Up





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The Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge

Intersection I-93 and Route 1

In *Maeve on the Red Carpet*, Maeve is inspired by the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge's crazy name! The bridge was actually named after two things: civil rights activist, Lenny Zakim, and the colonists who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill at the start of the Revolutionary War.

"He looped all around the expressway and over the brand new Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge (isn't that name fantastic?)."

- Maeve on the Red Carpet





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Museum of Science

1 Science Park

The Museum of Science is famous for its planetarium, laser shows, and the Mugar Omni Theater. Movies in this theater are projected onto an enormous dome. The picture wraps around the entire dome, making the audience feel like they are part of the film – it's no wonder Nick and Charlotte visited in *Time's Up!*

In addition to the amazing theater, the Museum of Science offers all kinds of exhibits, ranging from the workings of the human body to the animal kingdom. The Museum of Science isn't only devoted to science, however. Some of their past temporary exhibits have included the props and costumes from famous movies and TV shows, like the *Star Wars* series and *CSI!*

"Charlotte and Nick heard music coming from the famous Museum of Science musical stairs and bolted in that direction... they raced down them, this time with Charlotte in the lead. In the cafeteria, they decided on pizza, which Charlotte insisted on paying for, even though Nick took out his wallet."

– Time's Up





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Faneuil Hall

1 Faneuil Hall Square

Located on Boston's Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall is home to over 100 shops, more than a dozen restaurants, and plenty of street performers! The quaint cobblestone streets lead to shops and stalls that are brimming with unique gift ideas for any occasion. In the summers, this shopping center is jam-packed with people out shopping and enjoying the performances.

You might even get to see a Duck Tour driving by like Maeve does in *Maeve on the Red Carpet*. It's called a Duck Tour because the brightly painted vehicles can drive from the street straight into the water!

"Then when we were walking in Faneuil Hall – a historic tourist spot with shops and restaurants – a big pink tank drove by and started quacking at us."

– Maeve on the Red Carpet





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The State House

24 Beacon Street

The Massachusetts State House on Beacon Street is impossible to miss because of its gilded dome. Built in 1798, it houses the legislative and executive branches of the Massachusetts government. Maeve thinks that Massachusetts has the “most beautiful state house ever.” – Maeve on *the Red Carpet*.

“Over near that gold dome of the State House are the swan boats my mother used to take me to in the Boston Public Garden.”

– Worst Enemies/Best Friends





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Boston Public Garden

First created in 1837, the Boston Public Garden was the first ever botanical garden in America. The garden provided the backdrop for Robert McCloskey's classic children's book, *Make Way for Ducklings*, and there is even a statue of Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings strolling along! In addition to this famous statue, the Boston Public Garden is also home to the Swan Boats and the world's smallest suspension bridge.

The swan boats of the Boston Public Garden were started by Robert Paget over 130 years ago and are an important part of Boston! Paget got the idea for the Swan Boats from an opera called *Lohengrin*. In the opera, a knight crosses a river in a boat pulled by swans to rescue his beloved (Maeve finds that very romantic). For a small fee, you can ride these huge swan-shaped boats as they are paddled around the Boston Public Garden Lagoon. The tours run from April to September.

"They walked for a while on Newbury Street before heading to the Public Garden. The swan boats were closed for the season, but [Charlotte's] father showed her just where they were, and they sat together on a bench for a while and watched people jog past."

– Bad News/Good News





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Wang Theater

270 Tremont Street

Located in the Theatre District of Boston, the Wang Center is now part of the Citi Performing Arts Center, which also includes the Shubert Theatre in Boston. It is home to the Boston Ballet and produces free Shakespeare plays every summer on Boston Common. Maeve would love to become part of a Broadway show and perform here!

"And then they'd go on the swan boats, and see Newbury Street, and Beacon Hill, and oh, the Wang Center and the whole time the princess would have to keep her identity a secret! How fabulous does that sound?"

– Maeve on the Red Carpet





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Chinatown

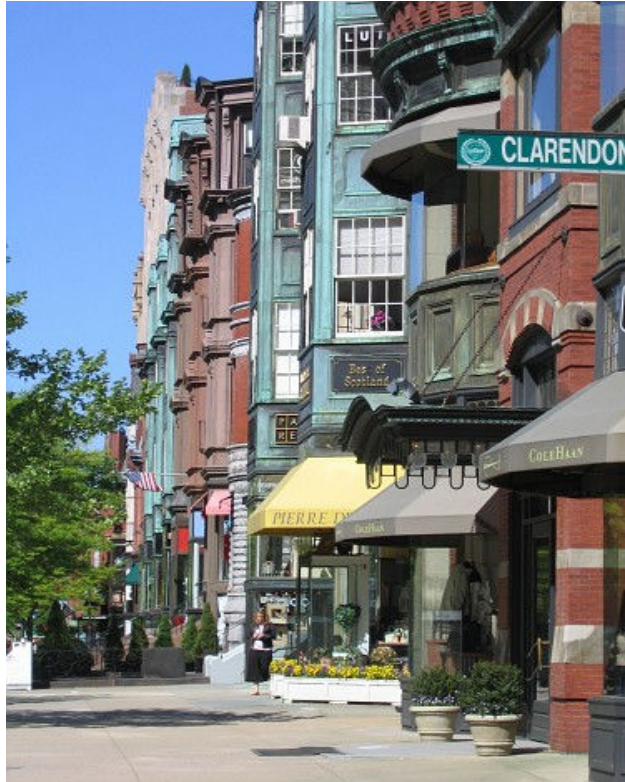
Centered on Beach Street

Chinatown is located on Beach Street in Boston and is known for its amazing restaurants. Chinatown isn't just limited to Chinese food, however; it is also home to Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese cuisine. In *Maeve on the Red Carpet*, Maeve and her dad head into Chinatown for some yummy egg rolls and scallion pancakes!

"As we strolled through the streets of Chinatown, I was completely wowed by the store windows. I loved how all the outfits were such vibrant shades of colors and embroidered with gold."

– Maeve on the Red Carpet





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Newbury Street

Back Bay

In the 1880s and 1890s, Newbury Street was considered the most fashionable place to live, and it has maintained its glamour even to this day. Newbury Street is now famous for its shopping, restaurants, and art galleries. In *Maeve on the Red Carpet*, Maeve proclaims that "Newbury Street is the awesomest! The outfits, the stores, the restaurants...oh my gosh, it's THE MOST glamorous place to be in Boston!"

"...Newbury Street is like the Rodeo Drive of Boston... Sort of a big deal. It's the place to be seen in the summertime with all the cafes and people watching."

– Maeve on the Red Carpet





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J.P. Licks

352 Newbury Street

J.P. Licks is a fantastic ice cream store with locations all over the Boston area – including stores in Brookline and on Newbury Street! J.P. Licks has won many “Best of Boston” awards and has been in business for almost 30 years.

In *Maeve on the Red Carpet*, Maeve's dad goes into this Newbury Street ice cream shop to get a tasty treat in the middle of winter while Maeve and her companions Sam, Lizzie, and Apollo stand outside in the cold. “Probably the idea of eating ice cream during the Boston winter sounded as crazy as drinking hot chocolate in the desert.” (From *Maeve on the Red Carpet*).

“Dad miraculously found a parking space right away and we unloaded in front of J.P. Licks—the famous Boston ice cream store with the Vermont cow design.”

– Maeve on the Red Carpet





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Fenway Park

4 Yawkey Way

Fenway Park is the home of Avery's all-time favorite baseball team, the 2007 World Champion Boston Red Sox! The BSG have attended many baseball games there, and in *Lucky Charm* Marty was found by a player who thought Marty was bringing him good luck.

Fenway Park is almost 100 years old, and the first game ever played there was won by the Red Sox 7-6 over the New York Highlanders, who are now known as the Yankees – Sox's greatest rival. Fenway has a manually operated scoreboard, which means that the scores are all changed by hand, and it is one of the few parks to still use live organ music instead of popular recorded tunes.

"When they got to Fenway, the group made a beeline for the ticket office. 'Wow! Look at these seats,' Mr. Ramsey said. 'We're almost directly behind the warmup circle. I feel like I have died and gone to Red Sox heaven!'"

– Lucky Charm





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Museum of Fine Arts

**465 Huntington
Avenue**

Isabel visits Boston's Museum of Fine Arts for the very first time in *Out of Bounds*, and then again in *Fashion Frenzy*, when she, Avery, and Charlotte nearly get locked in overnight! The MFA has tons of neat collections, ranging from ancient Egyptian sculptures to contemporary American paintings.

"Once the bus dropped [the AAJH students] off at the entrance of the Boston's famous Museum of Fine Arts, the teachers quickly organized students into groups based on who wanted to see what."

– Fashion Frenzy

