



Downtown Crossing Shopping Area

Boston Shopping Areas

Many folks come to Boston to experience its history or enjoy the beautiful architecture. Then there are those who come to shop! In between are “part-time” shoppers who want a little different experience or an alternative rainy-day activity. So no matter what your level of shopping interest, here’s a little primer to help you find the most fruitful areas to go.

The traditional shopping area is called ***Downtown Crossing***. While it no longer has the five or six department stores originally there, a wide variety of stores make this still a major shopping destination, including Macy’s, TJ Maxx, Marshall’s, H&M, DSW Shoes and a host of smaller stores and pushcarts. Located around the area where Washington, Summer and Winter Streets cross.

Quincy Market has been a destination shopping center since it first opened in 1826. Housing a wide variety of restaurants, stalls, pushcarts and stores, it presents a wide variety of goods and foods that will satisfy just about anybody. Stores include Abercrombie & Fitch, American Eagle Outfitters, Coach, The Museum Store and Urban Outfitters. Located behind Faneuil Hall and extends towards the Waterfront.

If you’re into antiques, the place to go in Boston is the northern end of ***Charles Street***, which is considered part of the Beacon Hill “Flat”. Has lots of charming small shops, cafes and restaurants and is great area to stroll. Charles Street between Beacon and Cambridge Streets.

Rather close by is another fine walking location called ***Newbury Street***, which has many of Boston’s finer boutiques, art galleries and cafes. Newbury Street is a great place to sit, enjoy lunch and people watch in one of its many sidewalk cafes. For folks

wanting electronics, there is a Best Buy Store on the corner of Mass. Avenue. Located between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue in the Back Bay.

And finally, Back Bay's two interconnected malls: **Copley Place** and **the Prudential Center**, which between them hold many of Boston's more upscale stores. **The Prudential Center** has stores like Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue and Sephora. **Copley Place** houses Neiman Marcus, Barneys New York, Tiffany & Co., Jimmy Choo, and Salvatore Ferragamo, among many others. The perfect places to enjoy a rainy afternoon or when the shopping bug bites. Lots of fine places to dine as well. The entrance to **Copley Place** is on Dartmouth Street at Stuart and the main entrances of **The Prudential Center** are between Huntington Avenue and Boylston Street below the Prudential Tower.

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