7. **Union Park**

Turn right on Dartmouth St. and walk 3 blocks to Tremont St. Cross Tremont St. at the traffic light. Turn left and walk past Upton St. to Union Park on the right.

Union Park (1851) is one of the eight South End garden squares developed by the City of Boston. Modeled on the style of London garden squares, it is a block long elliptical and gated enclosure surrounded by Victorian brick front townhouses original to the square's layout. The garden is visually accessible from outside the fence.

8. **Boston Center For The Arts (BCA) Plaza**

Return to Tremont St., turn right and walk to the next traffic light. Cross Tremont St. to the BCA Plaza at the corner of Clarendon St.

The BCA Plaza (1975), created by the City, transformed a traffic island into a pedestrian plaza with a sun and shade garden designed and planted with assistance from the Arnold Arboretum. One of the City's oldest and largest zelkova trees provides an important focal point for the garden. The Boston Center for the Arts maintains the plaza and the garden.

9. **Two Clarendon Street**

Cross Clarendon St., turn right and walk one block to the corner of Montgomery St.

Originally the Clarendon St. Baptist Church (1869), Two Clarendon St. (1986) is now a residential condominium. A plaque above the Montgomery St. door offers a brief history of the church. The building is surrounded by attractive foundation planting beds originally designed by Carol R. Johnson Assoc. The plantings are visually accessible from the street.

10. **Warren/Clarendon Community Garden**

Continue on Clarendon St., passing the Boston Ballet building, to the corner of Warren Ave. and the Warren/Clarendon Community Garden.

The Warren/Clarendon Community Garden is owned by the South End Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust. The raised bed plots are allotted to land trust members. Spring and summer are the best seasons to visit when flowering shrubs and perennials are in bloom. The garden is locked and may be viewed from the street.

11. **Appleton Street**

Continue on Clarendon St. one half block to view Gray St. on the right. Continue on Clarendon St. to Appleton St. and turn left.

Gray St., one of the city's most narrow and picturesque streets, is planted on both sides with gingko trees, and demonstrates an example of successful urban tree planting. Appleton St. exemplifies a 1970s South End neighborhood with its bow front brick townhouses, small "stoop" gardens, and fine examples of original cast iron scroll railings. The tree-shaded street provides a pleasant walk back to Dartmouth St.

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12. **Southwest Corridor Park**

From Back Bay Station cross Dartmouth St. to enter the park. Walk to the fourth street on the left, Braddock Park.

Southwest Corridor Park (1988) draws the walker along a curvilinear walkway edged with granite walls and raised planting beds. Neighborhood spirit is exemplified in the popularity of the community gardens, the tot lot, and the off-leash dog park, all set back from the walkway and enclosed by varieties of hedge plantings. The park is removed from street traffic and appealing year round; always open and recommended during daylight hours.

13. **Braddock Park**

Turn left to enter a traditional South End garden square. Braddock Park is intimately charming with post Civil War brick front row houses and central linear park. Cast iron bellfunds protect a fountain set in an oval granite basin and period style fencing encloses the park's trees and plantings.
**3. Titus Sparrow Park**

Walk to the end of Braddock Park, turn right on Columbus Ave. Walk one block to West Newton St. Turn right and walk to the park on the left.

Titus Sparrow Park (1976) is a year round focal point of the neighborhood with expansive central lawn, community gardens, playground, tennis and basketball courts, and shaded bench seating. A skyline view to the north reveals the layering of architectural styles from nearby 19th century Victorian townhouses to the 20th century Prudential and Huntington Ave. towers. The park is named for a South End neighbor and founder of the Sportsmen’s Tennis Club, a Boston youth center providing free tennis programs.

**5. James Hayes Park**

Walk two blocks on Warren Ave. to the corner of West Canton St. to James Hayes Park.

A city park since 1970 and named for a beloved neighborhood resident, the park was redesigned in 1992 by landscape architect, Ann Johnson. A favorite feature is the “West Canton Street Child” bronze sculpture by Kahlil Gibran. The park’s award winning architectural design, trees and seasonal plantings make it a standout site throughout the year.

**6. Dartmouth Square Condominiums**

Cross Warren Ave. at the corner of West Canton St. Walk one block on West Canton St. to Appleton St. and turn right. Walk to the Dartmouth Square Condominiums at the corner of Dartmouth St.

The Dartmouth Square Condominium complex is a 1984 conversion of the Rice School (1868) and the Bancroft School (1868). Originally the center courtyard garden was the shared playground for the two schools. The garden’s elliptical plan with center fountain surrounded by a cast iron fence reflects the essence of mid-19th century South End residential squares. While the grounds are private property, the courtyard garden is visually accessible from the street.

**4. Harriet Tubman Park**

Return to Columbus Ave. and cross to the opposite side of the street. Turn left and walk one block to the corner of Columbus Ave. and Warren Ave.

Harriet Tubman Park (2000) commemorates its namesake, the African American abolitionist, known for her work with the Underground Railroad. The sculptures “Step on Beard” (1999) by Fern Cunningham, and “Emancipation” (1913) by Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller, inspired the park’s design and plantings.

*Public restrooms are located in Copely Place. Please note that many of our old city streets and sidewalks are brick and cobblestone, with some uneven spots.*