

Back Bay Fens Features

- 25. Athletic Facilities: The Joseph Lee Playground area features softball, soccer, lacrosse, football, basketball and a recreational running track. One of the diamonds is named in honor of Roberto Clemente — the first Latin American elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- 26. James P. Kelleher Rose Garden: Designed by landscape architect Arthur Shurcliff in the 1920s, this garden was restored by the City of Boston and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. Combining the best of old and new roses, today's garden includes over 1,500 plants representing 200 different varieties.
- 27. War Memorials
- 28. Japanese Bell: Found on a scrap heap in Yokosuka, this beautiful bronze 17th-century temple bell was brought back by sailors on the USS Boston in 1945. In 1953, the Japanese government announced that the bell should remain in Boston as a gesture of peace.
- 29. Shattuck Emerald Necklace Visitor Center: Designed by H. H. Richardson in 1882, the building is one of a pair that housed the gates used to regulate the Stony Brook's flow into the Fens. This gatehouse, no longer in operation, was converted in 2010 to a visitor center and offices of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.
- 30. Fenway Victory Gardens: Victory Gardens were cultivated during World War II to ease demand on wartime food supply. The Fenway gardens are among the few to remain in continuous cultivation. Today, 500 plots are tended by community gardeners and feature a bounty of flowers and vegetables.
- 31. Boylston Bridge: Designed by prominent 19th-century architect H. H. Richardson, this bridge is constructed of Cape Ann granite. Projecting bays offer sweeping views across the Fens.

