Arnold Arboretum

EMERALD NECKLACE PARKS

Detail of Franklin Park

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Franklin Park Features

1. **White Stadium**

2. **Overlook Shelter Ruins:** Originally a field house, it was one of the few structures Olmsted ever designed. The site was the home to Elma Lewis’ Playhouse in the Park in the ‘60s and ‘70s, and jazz greats, including Duke Ellington, performed here.

3. **The Playstead:** A large, active sports area that accommodates basketball, tennis and many field sports.

4. **Franklin Park Zoo:** Founded in 1912, the zoo’s 72 acres are home to lions, tigers, giraffes, and more. Visitors to the signature Tropical Forest can stand face-to-face with the Zoo’s seven gorillas at one of five glass viewing stations. Heroic statues by Daniel Chester French flank the north entrance.
   
   $  www.franklinparkzoo.org

5. **William J. Devine Golf Course:** Originally a sheep meadow in Olmsted’s design, this 18-hole facility is the second oldest public golf course in the country.
   
   Open year round, weather permitting. $  617.265.4084

6. **Schoolmaster Hill:** Named for Ralph Waldo Emerson who lived near this site in the 1820s when he was a schoolteacher in Roxbury. This hidden spot has picnic tables, century-old white pines, and offers a spectacular view across the park and to the Blue Hills beyond.

7. **The Wilderness:** A 65-acre native oak forest with meandering paths and huge Roxbury puddingstone outcroppings, the Wilderness is a picturesque landscape and a good example of urban woodlands.

8. **The 99 Steps/Ellicott Arch**

9. **Scarboro Pond and Hill**