Emerald Necklace Parks

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32. **Leif Eriksson Statue**

33. **Boston Women’s Memorial**: Mayor Thomas M. Menino reserved the site for a women’s memorial in 1992. The Boston Women’s Commission selected Abigail Adams, Lucy Stone, and Phillips Wheatley as exemplary figures. Meredith Bergmann, Sculptor

34. **Samuel Eliot Morison Statue**: This scholar, educator, and maritime historian was the Pulitzer-prize winning author of the “Oxford History of the United States” (1927) and “The Oxford History of the American People” (1965). Penelope Jencks, Sculptor

35. **William Lloyd Garrison Statue**: Publisher of “The Liberator” and founder of the New England Anti-Slavery Society, Garrison was a powerful voice in the abolitionist movement. Olin Levi Warner, Sculptor

36. **Alexander Hamilton Statue**: Hamilton, a Founding Father who also started the central banking system, welcomes visitors to the Mall between Arlington and Berkeley streets. Dr. William Rimmer, Sculptor

37. **9/11 Memorial**

38. **George Washington Statue**: Thomas Ball, Sculptor

39. **Swan Boats**: These iconic pedal boats first appeared on the Lagoon in 1877. Designed by Robert Paget, they are still owned and operated by the Paget Family. $

40. **Make Way for Ducklings Sculpture**: Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings were created as a tribute to Robert McCloskey, author of a children’s book about ducks that live in the Public Garden’s Lagoon. Nancy Schön, Sculptor

41. **Central Burying Ground**: Purchased in 1756 and added to the Common in 1839, this is the final resting place for Revolutionary War soldiers and many others.

42. **Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument**: Martin Milmore, Sculptor

43. **Frog Pond**: Site of 1848’s “Water Celebration” inaugurating the city’s public water system, today the pond serves as a skating rink in the winter and a supervised wading pool in the summer. The Tadpole Playground is nearby.

44. **Shaw Memorial**: This honors the 54th Regiment of the Massachusetts infantry. Led by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, the 54th was the first free black regiment in the Union. Bronze relief by Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Granite frame and terrace by Charles F. McKim

45. **Brewer Fountain**

46. **Boston Common Visitors’ Center and Park Ranger Station**: Maps, tourist information, and restrooms. This also marks the start of the Freedom Trail ®. Hours: Monday–Saturday, 8:30 am–5pm; Sunday 10am–6pm

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