

Boston

Very specific parts of Boston – some of them listed below – are eligible for SNOMass and within those neighborhoods, only certain areas are eligible.

Parts of Dorchester, the Seaport District and other areas ‘downtown’ may be eligible.

Your SNOMass advisor can help you with your search and ensure that you are looking at eligible properties.

ROSLINDALE

Although not cheap, Roslindale is less expensive than its neighbor, Jamaica Plain, and offers a mix of single family and rental housing.

Roslindale borders Arnold Arboretum so offers great nature walks. Fallon Field has a baseball field and a wonderful playground with a giant slide and a spray pad.

The newly renovated Flaherty Pool offers swimming and lessons at very affordable prices.

Roslindale has a community center, an ABCD head start program and an ABCD English as a Second Language office. Although temporarily closed the Summer Boys and Girls Club typically offers many resources to kids and teens. It also has an office of Vinfen, an organization that provides support to the disabled.

The Village Market in the Center of Roslindale is a small but well stocked grocery store; there is also a Stop and Shop in the Bourne area and many smaller convenience stores and specialty markets. There is a well-supplied Family Dollar Store in the center of Roslindale too, along with a couple of thrift stores. The small Target in Roslindale also carries groceries.

The Needham line of the Commuter rails stops in Roslindale center and it is also possible to take buses to the orange line at Forest Hills.

JAMAICA PLAIN

Jamaica Plain is a very diverse eclectic neighborhood of Boston. The housing stock is very mixed ranging from large Victorians to many triple deckers to new construction condos and townhouses. Jamaica Plain overall is very expensive but some affordable rentals might be available.

JP has many beautiful outdoor spaces. It abuts Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park. Both offer beautiful walking paths and place to picnic. Franklin Park also has the zoo. Jamaica Plain also has Jamaica Pond with its boat house and path around it; families can rent kayaks or row boats or learn to sail on Jamaica Plain. The Southwest Corridor offers walking and biking paths through Jamaica Plain to Roxbury; the SW Corridor also offers spray pools, basketball courts, tennis courts, street hockey rinks and even amphitheaters. There are also many playgrounds and community gardens in Jamaica Plain, on and off the Corridor.

The Footlight Club, America’s oldest community theater, offers relatively low- cost productions. The JP Library hosts story time for babies, drama for kids and other arts and classes programs. The branch in Hyde Square has bilingual English/Spanish offerings. (moppypoppins.com). Jamaica Plain has 4 stops of the Orange Line. Buses also run from JP to Boston. The Needham Branch of the Commuter Rail stops at the Forest Hills station in Jamaica Plain before heading to Back Bay and South Station. JP has an ABCD Head Start location and a number of social service agencies. JP Community Centers has two locations that offer indoor pools, gyms and recreational opportunities. (www.jpcommunitycenters.org/about/)

Grocery stores include Stop and Shop, City Feed and Supply and Los Villas Market.

WEST ROXBURY

Although part of Boston, West Roxbury has a very suburban feel. Most of the housing is single family housing on tree-lined streets. West Roxbury tends to be more affordable than its neighbors Newton, Brookline, Jamaica Plain and even Roslindale.

The BYCF Roche Center has a gym, a fitness center and a teen center and offers athletic, artistic and other programming for all ages. There is also a YMCA in West Roxbury.

There are 2 stops of the Needham line of the commuter rail in West Roxbury.

Part of Arnold Arboretum, with its beautiful gardens borders on West Roxbury. West Roxbury is also home to Millennium Park with 6 miles of trails, playing fields, a playground, a canoe launch and scenic views.

Grocery stores in West Roxbury include Roche Brothers and Stars along with smaller specialty and convenience stores. There is a Dollar Tree in West Roxbury.

CHARLESTOWN

Just over the bridge from the North End of Boston, and full of scenic old buildings and ocean views, Charlestown has become a desirable and therefore pretty expensive location for many Boston area residents. However, affordable rentals can sometimes be found.

Activities in Charlestown include the USS Constitution, Bunker Hill monument, a sailing club and a large adaptive playground for kids with disabilities. There is a YMCA and also a community center that has a gym, a computer lab and an indoor swimming pool and offers programming, especially for teens and youth. There is also a Charlestown Boys and Girls Club which provides an after-school program, educational assistance, mentoring programs, technology instruction, sports and more. For those who enjoy gardening, there is a community garden.

To get to Boston from Charlestown there are a number of options. There is a ferry that runs from the Naval Yard to Long Wharf. The Orange Line stops in Charlestown and the 93 bus runs between Boston and Charlestown. Shopping options include Dollar Tree and a Whole Foods as well as some smaller, non-chain options.

SOUTH BOSTON

In part because of its proximity to downtown Boston, South Boston (also known as "Southie" has been developing rapidly in recent years and has had a huge influx of young people and families. As such, prices have risen a great deal but there are many rentals available so there are still opportunities for SNOMass families there.

Some of South Boston's busiest attractions are its beaches and water views, including Carson Beach and the M Street Beach. The Castle Island area offers a fort for kids to explore, a playground, a relatively inexpensive seafood and burger restaurant and long walking paths. The Murphy Memorial Rink provides opportunities for ice skating. The Curley Community Center, right on the water, has a gym, weight room, cardio room and fitness classes for very low prices. The Edgerly Family South Boston Boys and Girls Club has programming for kids of all ages.

Southie is walking distance to the Boston Children's Museum, the Fire Museum, the Boston Tea Party Boat and Museum and the Institute for Contemporary Art which offers fun kid activities.

Grocery shopping in Southie includes a Foodies and a Stop and Shop as well as many other smaller markets. There are two stops of the Red Line in Boston and the 7 bus runs downtown. Because of how close it is to downtown, commutes are very fast.