

Evans Way Park

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Completed in 1920s-1930s as part of the Emerald Necklace

Renovated by Crosby Schlessinger Smallridge

111,026 sq. ft.



This park features large plots of grass and many trees.

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Benches along the paved path allow for rest and relaxation while enjoying the view.

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Evans Way Park, a link in the Emerald Necklace, lies adjacent to the Back Bay Fens and is sandwiched between a residential hall for Wentworth Institute of Technology and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. It is a relatively small plot of land, measuring just under two and a half acres. The park was originally developed alongside Back Bay as the Charles River tidelands were being infilled. It is part of Fredrick Law Olmstead's master plan for the Emerald Necklace in Boston.

The park was recently updated by the group Crosby Schlessinger Smallridge. Evans Way Park serves as a social space for many organizations in the Fenway area, as well as a place to run, jog, picnic, and relax. The park is usually very populated during nice weather. Even in the worst of weather, the park still serves as a pedestrian path for many people travelling to/from the Fenway area. Temporary public art exhibitions are occasionally installed on the lawn, typically initiated by or in partnership with the Fenway Alliance, the Gardner Museum or Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt).

Evans Way Park holds a special significance to students from Wentworth Institute of Technology, MassArt and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University (MCPHSU). The park serves as a common space for students at these schools, and also the other schools that belong to the Colleges of the Fenway (Emmanuel, Simmons, and Wheelock). MassArt does not have its own official quad or green space, so those students have especially adopted Evans Way Park as their own. It is not unusual to find students congregated to enjoy the scenery, relax on the grass, or set up an activity known as slack lining, which consists of walking and doing tricks on a line supported by two trees.

Not only do college students enjoy Evans Way Park, but it is also popular among high school students from the Boston Latin School. Students from this institution frequent the greenspace at the end of their school day.

Although a small park in the city of Boston, it is one with a lot of character and value to those who utilize it.