

# July 3-4, Esplanade, Boston: Road Closures

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## July 3

6:00 a.m.:

- Right hand travel lane on Storrow Drive westbound will be closed.

7:30 a.m.:

- Esplanade walkway adjacent to the Charles River closed to pedestrians from the Community Boat Club area to the Hatch Shell. All pedestrians will be directed over the Charles St. footbridge until 3:00 pm.
- Oval area closed to public for Pops rehearsal (Will re-open at approximately 4:00 pm, or as determined by Boston 4 Productions and the Incident Commander.)
- NO parking on Mugar Way from Arlington Street to Charles Street until 6:00am on July 5th. All vehicles remaining will be removed.

9:00 a.m.:

- Esplanade curbside reserved for permitted bus parking, from the Longfellow Bridge westbound to the Fielder Foot Bridge. Traffic will continue west bound on Storrow Drive. There will be NO public parking along Storrow Drive for either the rehearsals or the concert.

12:00 p.m. OR AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE INCIDENT COMMANDER:

- Storrow Drive will be closed to westbound traffic from the Lee Pool to the Bowker Overpass. All westbound traffic will be diverted to Charles St. Circle. Westbound traffic may re-enter Storrow Drive westbound by heading down Charles Street, to Beacon Street, to the westbound entrance at the Bowker overpass.
- The exit to Arlington Street from the Storrow Tunnel (eastbound) shall be closed until 6:00 a.m. July 5.
- Mugar Way at Beacon St. closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Pedestrians will be directed to Berkeley St. for entrance to the Esplanade
- Berkeley St. @ Beacon St. closed to vehicular traffic.
- Storrow Dr. East bound will be closed at the Bowker overpass. It will remain closed until
- July 5, at a time to be determined by the Incident Commander.

## July 4

12:00 a.m.:

- No parking on Memorial Drive (either side) from Massachusetts Avenue to the Longfellow Bridge. All vehicles remaining after this time will be removed.

7:30 a.m.:

- Access to Storrow Drive westbound from Leverett Circle to Kenmore Square will be closed to traffic.
- The Storrow Drive Exit Ramp in the Tip O'Neil Tunnel will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles.
- The Leverett Circle entrance to Storrow Drive West will also be closed. Traffic will be allowed to travel on Msgr. O'Brien Highway to Cambridge and Martha's Road to Boston.
- The following Storrow Dr. on-ramp closures will remain in effect from July 3:
  - Berkeley Street
  - Charlesgate Area (heading eastbound)
  - Bowker Overpass from the Park Drive
  - Charles Street Circle (heading westbound)
- No Parking at Magazine Beach Area. No boat launching in this area.
- Pedestrian footbridge at Charles Street Circle going to the Esplanade closed.
- Fiedler footbridge from Beacon Street going to the Esplanade closed.
- Mugar Way @ Beacon Street closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Pedestrians wishing to enter the Esplanade will be directed down Beacon Street to Berkeley St. and Clarendon St. for entry.

3:00 p.m.:

- No access to Storrow Dr. westbound from the Kenmore Square overpass.
- No access to Storrow Dr. westbound from the Beacon St. on-ramp under the Bowker overpass

4:00 p.m.:

- Memorial Drive in both directions from Mass. Ave. to the Longfellow Bridge closed.
- Main Street, Cambridge from Third Street to the Longfellow Bridge, closed
- Ames Street from Main Street to Memorial Drive, Cambridge, closed
- Wadsworth and Amherst Streets, Cambridge, closed
- Land Boulevard (Cambridge) from Binney Street to Longfellow Bridge closed.
- Hayward, Carlton, Charlotte's Way and Dock Streets in Cambridge, closed.
- Access allowed to One Memorial Drive only with issued permit.
- Longfellow Bridge closed in both directions. Pedestrians will be allowed on the inbound (Cambridge to Boston) side.
- Mass. Ave. Bridge closed in both directions from Beacon Street in Boston to Vassar Street in Cambridge.

- Memorial Drive from Mass. Ave to the B.U. Bridge closed. Access will be allowed for patrons going to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Hyatt patrons will be directed to the Vassar St. road closure.
- Vassar Street in Cambridge from Mass. Ave. to Memorial Drive. Access will be allowed for residents.

9:15 p.m.:

- Third Street in Cambridge becomes one way from Main Street to Msgr. O'Brien Highway
- Craigie Draw Bridge (@ Leverett Circle) to remain closed for approximately 2 hours to allow traffic to subside.
- Smaller boats that can pass under bridge while in the down position will be allowed to pass.
- All closures subject to change at the discretion of the Incident Commander

### **Miscellaneous**

Handicapped Parking- July 4th:

10:00 a.m.

- Mass. Eye & Ear parking lot opens for handicapped vehicles. HP placards are needed for entry to the lot. The Mass. Eye & Ear parking lot will close when the designated handicapped area at the Esplanade is filled, the allotted parking area at the Mass. Eye & Ear lot is filled or at 6:00 pm which ever occurs first.
- MBTA Handicapped Shuttle Vans (The Ride) will cease operation when the handicapped area is filled or at 6:00 pm which ever comes first.
- Vans for the return trip will stage on the Storrow Drive Eastbound side, facing east from the fence opening until the last HP vehicle. When the area becomes clear for movement of HP persons, they will be escorted across Storrow Drive to staged HP vehicles.

Interstate 93:

Viewing of fireworks display from I-93 is strongly discouraged and dangerous. There will be Troopers assigned (Troop E/Tunnels) to this area to strictly enforce "No Stopping".

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## What You Can Bring, and What You Can't

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To ensure the safety of all visitors to the Esplanade, the following rules will be strictly enforced on July 3 and 4. Unless noted below, no backpacks, shopping bags or similar type containers may be carried onto the Esplanade, and all carried items are subject to inspection.

### **Prohibited Items**

1. No coolers on wheels.
2. No backpacks.
3. No Firearms, Weapons, Sharp Objects or Fireworks.
4. No glass containers.
5. No Cans.
6. No pre-mixed beverages.
7. All liquids will be carried in sealed clear plastic containers not to exceed 2 liters in size.
8. No grilling, propane tanks or open flames.

### **Allowed Items**

1. Pop up Tents/Canopies with no sides - maximum size 10' x 10'.  
(No Tents/Canopies allowed on July 3).
2. Blankets or tarps no bigger than 10' x 12'.
3. Folding/Beach Chairs only.
4. Coolers, must be carried in by shoulder strap or single handle (no wheels).
5. All personal items must be carried in clear bags only.
6. After inspection, small clutch bags/purses may be taken into the venue with the clear bag.

On July 4, all ***allowable items*** must be checked and carried through security checkpoints by 4:00 p.m. After 4:00 p.m., nothing will be allowed through the security checkpoints **except chairs, tarps or blankets not to exceed 10' x 12'.** **If you plan to bring any of the allowable items, they must be checked and cleared prior to 4:00 p.m.**



# July 3-4, Esplanade, Boston:

## Access Points

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### July 3, 2013

Checkpoints on July 3 will be opened at 4:00 p.m. or at a time designated by the Incident Commander.

#### Oval Access

The Oval Checkpoint will be located between the Lagoon's Clarendon footbridge and the Berkley footbridge. Access to the checkpoint can best be accomplished by accessing the Esplanade from Berkeley St. after 3:00 PM. Those arriving to the Esplanade prior to 3:00 PM should use the Dartmouth or Fairfield Street foot bridges over Storrow Drive.

#### Island /Lagoon

There will also be an Island/Lagoon area checkpoint. This checkpoint will be located on the Island/Lagoon by the Clarendon bridge. This checkpoint will also open at 4:00 p.m. on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and this checkpoint can be accessed from the Lagoon's Clarendon, Exeter and Fairfield footbridges. Access to the checkpoint can best be accomplished by accessing the Esplanade from Berkeley St. after 3:00 PM. Those arriving to the Esplanade prior to 3:00 PM should use the Dartmouth or Fairfield Street foot bridges over Storrow Drive.

### July 4, 2013

Checkpoints on July 4<sup>th</sup> will be opened at 9:00 a.m. or at a time designated by the Incident Commander.

#### Oval Access

The Oval Checkpoint will be located between the Lagoon's Clarendon footbridge and the Berkley footbridge. Access to the checkpoint can best be accomplished by accessing the Esplanade from Berkeley St.

#### Island /Lagoon

Access to the Island/Lagoon checkpoints can best be accomplished by using Beacon Street to Clarendon Street or utilizing the Dartmouth or Fairfield Street footbridges over Storrow Drive. Checkpoints will be located at the Clarendon and Exeter Footbridges. The Fairfield Footbridge over the Lagoon will be designated as EXIT Only from the Island over the Lagoon.

# July 3-4, Esplanade, Boston:

## Rules for Boaters

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- Boaters must stay 100 feet from shore.
- Boaters must stay 1000 feet from barges.
- The Craigie Bridge by the Museum of Science will not be open until 12:01 AM, MIDNIGHT, July 5th – after the fireworks display. Only vessels requiring less than 12 feet vertical clearance will be allowed to proceed under the closed bridge and transit east of the Longfellow Bridge until this time. Vessels over 12 feet in height cannot clear Drawbridge.
- Boats will not be able to anchor within “restricted areas,” around barges or along the shoreline between Massachusetts Ave and Longfellow Bridges. No docks on the Boston side will be accessible to the public between the Mass Ave and Longfellow Bridges.
- Vessels **UNDER 13** feet (vt. ht.) anchored in the **BLUE ZONE** (Mass Ave. side of barge.) no vessels over 13' be anchored in this area Vessels **OVER 13 feet**, anchored in the **RED ZONE** (Lonfellow side of barge, under 13 ft not precluded from this area.
- Transit channels will be shut down at the commencement of the Boston Fourth of July celebration activities. Enforcement of the transit channel will be strictly enforced. Massachusetts State Police will monitor Channel 16, and enforce all restrictions.
- All Lagoons are closed to the Public.
- The lagoon area on the Boston side of the river will be closed to ALL boat traffic from July 2nd to July 5th. No boats or dinghies will be allowed to enter into, transit through, or anchor in the lagoon area during this time period.
- All docks, including: Union Boat House, Hatch Shell and the River Dock, will be closed to the public from July 2nd to July 5th. The Gloucester Street dock west of the lagoon will also be closed. No dinghies, PWC, kayaks, canoes, or any other small vessel will be allowed to deploy from anchored vessels or permitted access to shore. Violation of this security zone will result in arrest. No restrooms and/or trash receptacles will be available to individuals on the water.
- Due to tidal conditions, longer wait times than normal may occur to pass downriver through the New Charles River Dam.
- The Charles River is a “No Discharge Area.” Discharge of boat sewage or other waste is prohibited. Designated pump-out facilities are located at The Charles River Yacht Club (Cambridge, right by MIT) and the Watertown Yacht Club.

# July 3-4, Esplanade, Boston:

## Text-a-Tip

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To report suspicious activity on the Esplanade on July 3 or 4, or to report a tip about criminal activity related to the holiday event, you may text the keyword **Boston4** to **67238**.

Those wishing to report such activity may also call **911** on their cell phone.