

Stepping Outside: Nature



Nature: “the phenomena of the physical world collectively, including plants, animals, the landscape, and other features and products of the earth, as opposed to humans or human creations.” The Boston Commons sits surrounded by buildings and train stations and franchise chains. Even so, the park still commands your attention. The natural beauty inside the park involves a small-town community feeling to the big city feels right outside of it. There Bostonians can be found flocking hand and hand, laying on the grass, or sitting by the water. The park compels you to take a step back and transport yourself out of the city for a lunch break or a bike ride or a picnic. People gather there to enjoy what can largely be overlooked in the day-to-day in a busy city like Boston. At the Boston Commons people lounge with their friends and family take the dogs there to enjoy the simplicity of nature they rarely get to see. During the walking tour, a lot of what I saw echoed the sense of community in the parks in New York City. The trees, flowers giving you a sense of familiarity in a place unknown. It was not just the nature that makes the Commons so unique but also the way the people take care of it that makes it truly feel like such a special place. In a world just outside the park full of miscommunication, and polarization. The landscape of the Commons creates a mystical escape that fulfills its name: a common ground.

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