

GRAHM JUNIOR COLLEGE REUNION 2020

Saturday JUNE 6, 2020 6-11pm

Simmons University Conference Center, 300 The Fenway, Boston

SURVIVAL GUIDE

NEARBY LODGING

- 0.7 **The Inn at Longwood Medical **** \$278**
- 1.0 **Hotel Buckminster *** \$297**
- 1.2 **Hotel Commonwealth **** \$399**
- 1.2 **Bertram Inn ***** \$259**
- 1.4 **Holiday Inn Boston Brookline *** \$220**
- 1.6 **Envision Hotel – Longwood Medical **\$203**
- 0 **Simmons University Dormitory, MORE INFO FORTHCOMING. If you are interested, please send a note to reunion@grahmjuniocollege.com**

All prices are per night.

Price checked on Jan 23, 2020. We have not pursued room blocks as the number of rooms offered was not compelling.

There are many boutique hotels nearby, but B&B or Airbnb are scarce and book up early.

ON-CAMPUS PARKING

On-campus parking is available for a discounted rate of \$18.75 weekday, \$13.75 weekend, all day, automated 24-hours access. Secure, underground Since the parking is public and the weekend is full of Red Sox home games, I recommend you grab a space well in advance (2 hours) of the games. These are probably the cheapest rates around (imagine that!). I assure you that regular fans snatch any open spaces early. Parking on the street is mostly residential, and those that are not are impossible to get. Beats a \$25 parking ticket.

GETTING HERE

DRIVING Then hands-down fastest driving way to get to this area if you are coming from out of town is to pick up Route 9 where it meets route 95/128. Even if you are coming from the north I would recommend this. While traffic is often heavy, it is never gridlocked. A more scenic but somewhat slower route is Beacon Street starting at route 95/128 (exit 21/21A and following it through Newton, Brookline and Chestnut Hill. Either way, heard for the On-Campus parking and then take the T or walk from there.

Whatever you do, avoid this area 1.5 hours before and after a Red Sox Game, unless you are arriving by the T.

MBTA

A great way to avoid driving downtown all together is to park at the Green Line Riverside Station, the terminus of the "D" branch. This is the same branch that the Longwood stop is on, a five-minute walk to Simmons.

Riverside station is adjacent to the Mass Pike and Routes 95/128 (exit 22) so it's easy on, easy off. While you can park there overnight, don't forget the T stops around 12:30am. The 24-hour parking rate is \$15. Again, the same warning about Red Sox home games.

RED SOX

This area requires an awareness of the home games when we'll be there. Either Friday or Sunday games would be a great complement to the reunion weekend.

- Friday June 5th 7:10 pm vs. Brewers
- Saturday June 6th 7:15 pm vs. Brewers
- Sunday June 7th 1:05 PM vs. Brewers

This means if you are driving, the night of our reunion, or arriving on Friday or being driven, you will want to arrive before 5pm. Trust me, I have eight years of being in that area for literally hundreds of game times. More importantly, the Simmons parking lot is public and is apt to be filled within an hour of game time.

WALKING DISTANCE & TIMES from the conference center

This is a great, walkable area of Boston which tourists usually avoid. It is quiet at night and quite safe. Given the proximity of other colleges (Wheelock, Northeastern, Wentworth, School of the MFA and Mass College of Art) and Boston's major medical district (Children's, Brigham and Women's, Beth Israel Deaconess, Dana Farber and Joslin) it bustles with people 24 hours a day. As you cross the Back Bay fens on Brookline avenue, you enter what has become a very large eating, dining and drinking scene with dozens of places open until the wee hours.

Green Line, Longwood Stop	7 minutes	0.3 miles
Fenway Park	13 minutes	0.6 miles
Kenmore Square	18 minutes	0.9 miles
Hotel Commonwealth	18 minutes	0.9 miles
Museum of Fine Arts	7 minutes	0.4 miles
E. S. Gardner Museum	1 minute	next door
Inn at Longwood	12 minutes	0.5 miles
Symphony Hall	20 minutes	1 mile

FOOD AND DRINK

There are over two dozen restaurants and as many bars within 10-15 minute walk of Simmons. Prices range from \$ to \$\$\$\$ as they cater to college kids and the many upscale residents who now live nearby on Boylston St. Most institutions are a traffic light hop across the Fenway to Boylston street, which has been entirely transformed since we were here in school. Star Market is still a holdout but don't expect to get gas nearby. You can find Pizza, Fine Dining, Gardner Café, Sushi, Thai, Mexican, Sports bar, a diner, Asian, BBQ, burgers, bakeries, cafes, Mediterranean, and an Oyster bar. The Longwood Galleria on Longwood contains your fast food fix if you must. 😊 You may be competing with the Fenway crowd, so be aware of game times.

Quick fixes close by include Starbucks, Au Bon Pain, and of course Dunkin' Donuts.

COOL THINGS CLOSE BY

You've seen all the tourist stuff, now why not see Boston?!!

- The Fens, which Simmons borders is part of the Olmstead's "Emerald Necklace" . Great place of a walk or a jog. <https://www.emeraldnecklace.org/>
- Bowling until 2 am.
- A dozen new bars circulating Fenway park
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum <https://www.gardnermuseum.org/>
- Museum of Fine Arts <https://www.mfa.org/>
- Harvard Medical School Museum <https://tinyurl.com/und3rom>
- Mass College of Art Museum <https://maam.massart.edu/>
- Brookline Village <https://tinyurl.com/wcj39gj>

I will update this guide from time to time as we get closer to the reunion.

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