

Why live in Bolton Hill?

[Bolton Hill](#) is a residential neighborhood with historic charm and a vibrant community centrally located in Baltimore. Most of the neighborhood's row homes were built from the mid- to late-nineteenth century, but there are also some mid-twentieth century modern row homes and large apartment buildings. You can find spacious, single-family homes as well as apartments or condominiums limited to one floor. With streets lined with trees and interspersed with parks and medians, Bolton Hill is pleasingly walkable. Restaurants and cafés in and around the neighborhood are reachable on foot, as are entertainment venues up to a brisk 30-minute walk south to the Inner Harbor.

The [Maryland Institute College of Art \(MICA\)](#) is an anchor institution in Bolton Hill, as are three churches along Lafayette Street, [Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church](#), [Corpus Christi Catholic Church](#), and [Memorial Episcopal Church](#).

Visit the Bolton Hill Community Association's [website](#) to learn more about the neighborhood.

Arts and Culture

Just to the south of Bolton Hill are the [Meyerhoff Symphony Hall](#), home of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and the [Modell Lyric Performing Arts Center](#), which hosts shows and concerts throughout the year. Independent films are also a jaunt away at [The Charles Theatre](#) and the [Parkway Theatre](#) in the nearby [Station North Arts District](#).

Live theatre can be found at [ArtsCentric](#) in Station North, [Theater Project](#) and [Baltimore Center Stage](#) in Mount Vernon, and [Chesapeake Shakespeare Company](#), [Everyman Theatre](#), and [Hippodrome Theatre](#) downtown.

[Historic Pennsylvania Avenue](#), a rich source of Baltimore's civil rights and jazz history, is a few blocks to the west of Bolton Hill. [The Walters Art Museum](#) in Mount Vernon is free to view its permanent exhibits. [Artscape](#), the largest free arts event in the country, takes place one weekend in July at the edge of the neighborhood.

Groceries

Walkable grocery stores include [Save-a-Lot](#) and [Eddies of Mt. Vernon](#). Additional grocery stores within a short drive north include [Safeway](#) on 25th Street, [MOM's Organic Market](#) on 40th Street, [Giant](#) on 41st Street, or [Whole Foods](#) off Falls Road in Mount Washington. Pharmacies and convenience stores within the neighborhood can be found at [Park Avenue Pharmacy](#), [Eutaw Market](#), [Sutton Place](#), and [Walgreens](#).

When in season, the [Druid Hill Farmers' Market](#) takes place on Wednesday evenings and the [State Center Farmers' Market](#) on Wednesday mornings and afternoons. On Saturday mornings, [Fresh at the Avenue](#) offers fresh produce or head to [Whitelock Community Farm](#) in nearby Reservoir Hill. Other farmers' markets around the city can be found [here](#).

Recreation

Bolton Hill's member-owned [Bolton Hill Swim and Tennis](#) has a large swimming pool, four tennis courts, playground, and grilling area on three acres at south end of Bolton Hill. The [Druid Hill YMCA](#) offers exercise machines, pool, and recreation programming and events.

[Druid Hill Park](#), the largest park in Baltimore and home to the [Maryland Zoo](#) and [Rawlings Conservatory](#), is a mile to the north and has athletic fields, basketball courts, a Frisbee golf course, picnic pavilions, pool, tennis courts, and miles of paved walking, running, and biking pathways. The [Jones Falls Trail](#) in particular passes through Druid Hill Park on its way south to the Inner Harbor and north to Mount Washington.

Restaurants and Cafés

Bolton Hill has a handful of locally owned restaurants, [Cookhouse](#), [Noona's](#), and [The Tilted Row](#), as well as two cafés, [On the Hill Café](#) and [Park Café & Coffee Bar](#). Other cafés in nearby neighborhoods include [Dovecoat Café](#) in Reservoir Hill and [Red Emma's](#) in Mount Vernon. Many additional restaurants, cafés, and bars—from casual to fancy covering a range of cuisines—can be found throughout [Mount Vernon](#).

Schools

Bolton Hill has a few primary school options located in the neighborhood. [Bolton Hill Nursery](#) offers pre-school for 2- to 4-year-olds. Public schools include [Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary School](#) (pre-Kindergarten to fifth grade) and [Mount Royal Elementary Middle School](#) (pre-Kindergarten to eighth grade), and [Midtown Academy](#) (Kindergarten to eighth grade) is a public charter school.

Transit

Bolton Hill's central location provides plenty of transit alternatives to cars. [Bike lanes and common bike routes](#) make Bolton Hill accessible to other parts of Baltimore by bicycle. The nearest [Light RailLink](#) station is at the southern edge of Bolton Hill and travels about 45 minutes south to the [Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport](#) as well as approximately 45 minutes in the opposite direction north of the city. Baltimore's [Metro SubwayLink](#) travels from northwest Baltimore to Johns Hopkins Medical Campus, with the closest station location at State Center. The [local bus](#) system also has additional routes depending on your destination. For eligible riders, MICA offers [shuttle services](#), as does the [University of Baltimore](#), [Johns Hopkins](#), and the regional [Collegetown Shuttle](#).

[Baltimore's Penn Station](#) is a 20-minute walk from Bolton Hill. In addition to Amtrak trains that travel up and down the East Coast, the [MARC](#) train regularly runs between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. in about an hour. [BoltBus](#) also picks up and drops off outside Penn Station.

For residents and guests with vehicles, some Bolton Hill homes have parking in the back of their own property off an alley, but street parking is generally available within a block of someone's residence. [Zipcar](#) vehicles are available as well at a central location in the neighborhood.