Museums (shown in pink dots) offer public restrooms during operating hours.
1/ Patent Pioneer
In the 1860s, this building was the office of a patent law firm that employed Lewis Latimer, a key collaborator of Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

2/ Technicolor Movies
One of the earliest MIT spin-outs, Technicolor shot its first color movie in Florida — and screened it for an audience here, in 1917.

3/ The Ice King
One of the first millionaires in America was a man named Frederick Tudor, who built a business selling ice harvested from Massachusetts ponds around the world.

4/ Combating an Epidemic
One of the key figures in Boston’s early scientific history was an enslaved African man named Onesimus, who introduced a way to protect people from smallpox.

5/ Inventing the Telephone
In an incubator space here, Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. Thomas Edison started his career as an inventor in the same building.

6/ Surgery Without Pain
The Ether Dome is a top-floor operating theater where surgical anesthesia was used successfully for the first time, in 1846.

7/ Museum of Medical History and Innovation
Showcasing the evolution of medicine, including an early iron lung and some of the instruments used in the first surgery with anesthesia, the Russell Museum of Medical History and Innovation opened on the Mass General Hospital campus in 2012.

8/ Museum of Science
Visit the Museum of Science, founded in 1830 as the Boston Society of Natural History.

9/ Startup Hub
The original CIC (Cambridge Innovation Center) building, and its nearby branches, are home to the densest collection of startups and venture capital firms anywhere. Nearby, next to the globe fountain, look for a photo spot declaring this area “The Most Innovative Square Mile on the Planet.”

10/ Entrepreneur’s Walk of Fame
Recognizes founders and inventors like Thomas Edison, Steve Jobs of Apple, and Mitch Kapor of Lotus Development Corp. Who else would you like to see here?

11/ MIT Museum
New location of the MIT Museum, open seven days a week. Showcases cutting-edge research at the world-famous Institute, along with past achievements and kinetic art.

12/ Googling Cambridge
If you own a phone that uses the Android operating system, that’s the primary reason that Google now has a sprawling office in Cambridge that employs about 2,000 people.

13/ MIT’s Cutting Edge
Inside the Stata Center at MIT are labs focused on computer science, artificial intelligence, and robotics. This site was previously home to the Rad Lab, which helped develop key radar technologies that helped the Allies win World War II.

14/ Broad Discovery Center
The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard seeks to better understand the roots of disease. The new Broad Discovery Center is a public education space that explains its work in a dynamic way. (Across the street at the Koch Institute is a public gallery space showcasing scientific imagery and art.)

15/ Human Genome Project
When the Human Genome Project set out to map the entire human genome, the Whitehead Institute was the single largest contributor.

16/ Biotech Trailblazer
Biogen was one of the earliest biotech companies. Two of its founders, Walter Gilbert and Phillip Sharp, were professors at Harvard and MIT respectively; both were awarded Nobel Prizes.

17/ Internet Accelerator
Akamai was a pioneer in distributing Internet content globally—and making it easier to watch videos online. Born at MIT in 1998.

18/ Getting to the Moon
Draper Labs began life as a lab inside MIT; among its greatest achievements are the guidance computers that enabled Apollo spacecraft to successfully travel to and land on the moon.

19/ Vaccine Breakthroughs
In 2020, Moderna developed and received emergency use authorization for a COVID-19 vaccine based on messenger RNA technology.

20/ Instant Photos
Home of Polaroid founder Edwin Land’s private research lab—and now LabCentral, a shared space for biotech startups.

21/ The Last Candy Factory
There were at one point 66 different candy companies operating in Cambridge. Tootsie Roll Industries owns the last one, which makes Junior Mints and Sugar Daddies.

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