Harvard University Bathroom Study

What is a gender non-specific bathroom?

A gender non-specific bathroom does not specify a gender in any way, or clearly lists both of the leading genders. The project serves to identify the location of bathrooms that are gender non-specific and to gather data about certain areas of the undergraduate campus that are lacking gender non-specific bathrooms.

Why gender non-specific bathrooms are important!

Everyone has the right to use the bathroom without fear! Besides reinforcing gender norms, bathrooms that are clearly marked as male/female force many individuals to enter bathroom environments that they consider uncomfortable and unsafe. People face discrimination daily for entering marked bathrooms containing other individuals who perceive their gender to be variant from the social norm. Increasing awareness and identifying the locations of gender-safe bathrooms will prevent people from being threatened by violence and harassment.

Abbreviations:
M- Marked. GNS- Gender non-specific. MS- Multiple Stall. SS- Single Stall

GNS (Gender Non-Specific) - a bathroom that does not specify a gender in any way, or clearly lists both of the leading genders. M (Marked) - a bathroom that specifies a particular gender SS (Single Stall) - One person can use at a time. If SS is not specified, that means the bathroom is a multi-stalled bathroom.

Harvard University Gender Marked Single Stall Bathrooms
De Wolfe Apartments:  4 M SS (2 in each building) (2M, 2F)
Winthrop House:  2 M SS. C entryway. Do not lock. (1M, 1F)
Widener Library:  4 M SS (3M 1F)
Science Center:  6 M SS (3 M, 3 F)
4 M SS history of Science Department: Floors 3 & 4 (2 on each floor)
2 M SS Statistics department:  7th floor (1M, 1F)
University Hall:  2 M SS: 4th Floor (1M, 1F)
Robinson Hall:  2 M SS (1M, 1F). Men's located on first floor. Women's located in basement.

Harvard University Gender Non-Specific Bathroom Listing (91 Bathrooms Total)
Freshman Dorms (12 Bathrooms)

Canaday Hall (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement of common lounge to the left of the laundry room.
Accessibility: Need a freshman Harvard ID to get into the Canaday Common Room. Open all hours. Wheelchair accessible.

Hurlbut Hall (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement of dorm near the vending machine.
Accessibility: Open all hours but need Freshman Harvard ID to enter Hurlbut. Wheelchair accessible.

Greenough (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement of the dorm next to the kitchen.
Accessibility: Need Freshman Harvard ID to enter Greenough. Wheelchair accessible.

Weld Hall (2 Bathrooms)
2 GNS SS
Location: Basement of the dorm. Get off of the elevator and turn left.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard Freshman ID to enter Weld Hall and bathrooms. Wheelchair accessible.

Strauss Hall (2 Bathrooms)
1 GNS SS
Location: Enter common room. Bathroom is located to the back left corner.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need freshman ID to enter Strauss. Wheelchair accessible.
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement of the A Entryway across from Music Practice Room A.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need freshman ID to enter Straus. Wheelchair accessible.

Holworthy Hall (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement entrance of the hallway on the right. This bathroom is located near the Harvard Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Supporters Alliance resource center.
Accessibility: Need freshman ID to enter Holworthy basement after 5pm during the academic year. Wheelchair accessible.
Apley Court (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement entrance off of the hallway near the laundry machines.
Accessibility: Open 24 hours. Need freshman ID to enter Apley Court. Wheelchair accessible.

Wigglesworth Hall (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement entrance off hallway between A and B entryways.
Accessibility: Open 24 hours. Need freshman ID to enter Wigglesworth.

Mower Hall (2 Bathrooms)
2 GNS SS
Location: Basement of A entryway. Go down the stairs down to the basement and go through the door. The bathroom is straight ahead.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need freshman ID to enter Mower. Wheelchair accessible.

Upperclass Houses (44 Bathrooms)

Adams (3 Bathrooms)
1 GNS SS
Location: Enter the building and take a right. A bathroom sign will be on your right.
Accessibility: Accessible 24 hours a day to anyone with a Harvard ID. Wheelchair accessible.
1 GNS SS
Location: Adams C-entryway
Accessibility: Accessible 24 hours a day to anyone with a Harvard ID.
1 GNS SS
Location: In G entryway (Randolf building) across the street from the main entrance to Adams House. The bathroom is located on the first floor.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Cabot (5 GNS Bathrooms)
1 GNS SS
Location: Located in A entryway. Go upstairs and turn left. On the right there is an unmarked door across from the Senior tutor suite.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need Harvard ID to enter Cabot. Wheelchair accessible.
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement of Eliot Hall, the building located across from the Pforzheimer Bell Tower to the left. Room J-02.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need Harvard ID to enter Cabot.
1 GNS SS
Location: Basement of Bertram Hall. Building located across from the Pforzheimer Bell Tower to the right. Room L-02.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need Harvard ID to enter Cabot.
2 GNS SS
Location: A entryway. Rooms A-02 and A-03.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need Harvard ID to enter Cabot.

Currier House (6 Bathrooms)

Daniels Hall
1 GNS SS
Location: Daniels lower main floor.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Currier. Wheelchair accessible.

1 GNS SS

Bingham Hall
2 GNS SS
Location: Located on Bingham first floor.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Currier. Wheelchair accessible.

Gilbert Hall
2 GNS SS
Location: Located on Gilbert first floor.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Currier. Wheelchair accessible.

Dunster House (3 Bathrooms)

1 GNS SS
Location: In F-entryway near the library.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need a Harvard ID to enter Dunster.

1 GNS SS
Location: In I entryway. Go upstairs and then into the computer lab on the second floor.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need a Harvard ID to enter Dunster.

1 GNS SS
Location: F entryway first floor.
Accessibility: Open 24 Hours. Need a Harvard ID to enter Dunster.

Eliot House (4 Bathrooms)

2 GNS SS
Location: Left side of J entryway, opposite of the dining hall.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to enter Eliot. Wheelchair accessible.

1 GNS SS
Location: Through foyer in A entryway basement.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to enter Eliot. Wheelchair accessible.

1 GNS SS
Location: H entryway. First floor on the right.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Eliot. Wheelchair accessible.

Kirkland House (1 Bathroom)

1 GNS Foyer
Location: Located in basement of G entryway.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Kirkland. Not wheelchair accessible.

Leverett House (3 Bathrooms)

McKinlock Hall (Old Leverett)
1 GNS, SS
Location: Located in D entry, off of the room with the mailboxes outside the dining hall. From Mill St. entrance to Old Leverett, walk through C entryway into the courtyard. The D entryway will be on your left. Enter D, go up the stairs into the mailbox room. The lobby and the bathroom will be on your right.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Leverett.

Leverett Library & Superintendent's Office
1 GNS, SS
Location: If you are walking through the underpass coming from DeWolfe St., enter the door on your right. The bathroom will be immediately on your left.
Accessibility: Accessible to all during the day.

Leverett F Tower
Location: To find the bathroom, just follow the pointing fingers on the signs that say "RESTROOM" when you enter the building. It is right around the corner down the hall beginning on the left side of the lobby.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to enter Leverett Towers. Wheelchair accessible.

Lowell House (5 Bathrooms)

Location: Basement of F-entryway. F-entryway is the blue door under the entrance archway, across from the superintendent’s office. At the bottom of the stairs, turn left. The bathroom is just past the mailroom, on your right.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to enter Lowell.

Location: F-entryway 6th floor. F-entryway is the blue door under the entrance archway, across from the superintendent’s office. Climb the stairs to the 6th floor. The bathroom is little known and very private.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to enter Lowell. Not wheelchair accessible.

Location: From the entrance, come across the courtyard to the dining hall entrance. The bathroom is just inside the blue door, on your right.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Lowell. Wheelchair accessible.

1 GNS Foyer
Location: Located downstairs from the dining hall. From the House entrance, cross the courtyard to the dining hall entrance. Inside, turn right. Before entering the dining hall, there is a spiral staircase to your left. At the bottom, to the left of the stairs is the bathroom.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to enter Lowell. Not wheelchair accessible.

1 GNS Foyer
Location: Located downstairs from the dining hall. From the House entrance, cross the courtyard to the dining hall entrance. Inside, turn right. Before entering the dining hall, there is a spiral staircase to your left. At the bottom of the staircase, make a left. Right before the fire door, there is an opening to your right. Deep inside that opening to the right is the bathroom.

Mather House (7 Bathrooms)

Location: Enter the library through the dining-hall entryway. If you walk straight, you will see signs to a coed, single-occupancy bathroom.
Accessibility: Do not need a Harvard ID to swipe into the library during the day. Library is open until midnight most of the year and later during reading and exam periods. Wheelchair accessible.

2 GNS SS
Location: Junior Common Room. As you enter the main gate straight ahead on the main pathway the JCR is to the right.
Accessibility: You need a Harvard ID card to access these bathrooms. Open 24 hours.

2 GNS SS
Location: First and second floors of the office/classrooms area of the building. When you enter the Mather courtyard, the office areas are on your right.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to enter Mather.

2 GNS SS
Location: Commons area first floor; as you enter the Commons area take a left almost at the end of the corridor past the mailboxes to the right.
Accessibility: The Commons area doors are programmed unlocked from 71m-8pm 7 days a week after that you will need a Harvard ID card to access these bathrooms.

Pforzheimer House (4 Bathrooms)
Comstock Building (2 Bathrooms)
2 GNS SS
Location: Located on first floor by dining hall.
Accessibility: Need Harvard ID to enter Pfoho. Not wheelchair accessible.

Moors Building (2 Bathrooms)
2 GNS SS
Location: first floor by the dining hall.
Accessible: Wheelchair accessible. Need Harvard ID to enter Pfoho.

Quincy House (2 Bathrooms)
1 GNS SS
Location: From Quincy's courtyard, look for the large cube-shaped annex New Quincy. That's the Qube, where the library is located. Enter from the stairs on the side, and ask the librarian for the directions to the bathroom since it is tricky to find.
Accessibility: Need a Harvard ID to be admitted into the Qube. Hours are Sun-Thurs 1pm-1am and Fri-Sat 1pm-7pm.

1 GNS SS
Location: From the main entrance, go upstairs through the dining hall. In the back of the dining hall there is a door on your right. Go through the door and turn left. The bathroom will be on your left hand side.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Need Harvard ID to enter Quincy.
Winthrop (1 Bathroom)

Standish Building
1 GNS SS
Location: Go into D entryway, go down the stairs into the basement, then go into the room with the drink vending machine, and the bathroom is on the left off of that room.
Accessible: Not wheelchair accessible. Need Harvard ID to get into building, and after 2:30 am you need a Winthrop ID.

Administrative and Classroom Buildings (17 Bathrooms)

Widener Library (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Enter near Massachusetts Ave. entrance. The bathroom is on the left near the checker’s desk.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Barker Center (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Barker Center fourth floor.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

Boylston Hall (1 Bathroom)
1 GNS SS
Location: Boylston hall fifth floor.
Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible.

Warren House (2 Bathrooms)
1 GNS SS
Location: Warren House first floor.
Accessible: Wheelchair accessible.

1 GNS SS
Location: Warren House second floor.
Accessible: Not wheelchair accessible.
Emerson Hall (2 Bathrooms)

1 GNS SS
Location: Emerson basement.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible.

1 GNS SS
Location: Emerson third floor.
Accessibility: Private Faculty Bathroom. Not wheelchair accessible.

Holden Chapel (2 Bathrooms)
2 GNS SS
Location: Enter chapel, restrooms located on either side.

Expository Writing Building: 8 Prescott Street (5 Bathrooms)

1 GNS SS
Location: first floor.
Accessibility: Wheelchair accessible. Open 9am-5pm.

2 GNS SS
Location: basement
Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible. Open 9am-5pm.

1 GNS SS
Location: Second floor
Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible. Open 9am-5pm.

1 GNS SS
Location: Third Floor
Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible. Open 9am-5pm.

Freshman Dean's Office: 6 Prescott Street (3 Bathrooms)

2 GNS SS
Location: First floor.
Accessibility: Only one wheelchair accessible. FDO is open M-F 9am-5pm.

1 GNS SS
Location: Second Floor
Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible. FDO is open M-F 9am-5pm.
Harvard Square Gender Non-specific Bathrooms (14 Bathrooms)

About Hair (hair salon/antique shop), 1 Arrow Street
1 SS GNS bathroom.
Location: Go in the hair salon entrance (the one on the right) and the bathroom is to the right of the counter.
Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible.

Games Workshop (games store), 11 Dunster Street
1 SS GNS, not wheelchair accessible
In basement, must get key from clerk to unlock door

John Harvard's (restaurant & bar), 33 Dunster Street
1 SS GNS, wheelchair accessible
On the far wall of the restaurant there is an entrance to a hall with the bathrooms on it. Just follow the signs point to the "washrooms". There is a SS GNS bathroom marked with a wheelchair symbol, in addition to two marked multi-stall bathrooms.

Upstairs on the Square (restaurant & bar), 91 Winthrop Street
1 SS GNS, wheelchair accessible
Enter on the Winthrop Street entrance, go up the stairs two flights to the mezzanine hallway where all the bathrooms are.
There is a SS GNS bathroom marked with a wheelchair symbol, in addition to two marked multi-stall bathrooms.

Penang (restaurant & bar), 57 JFK Street
2 SS GNS bathroom, not wheelchair accessible
Penang is located on the second floor of the little Galleria shopping complex on JFK Street. Enter the restaurant and turn right and the bathroom is on your left.

Cambridge Cleaners + Tommy's, 47 Mt. Auburn St.
2 GNS SS, not wheelchair accessible
Located downstairs in the basement. Ask the workers in the cleaners for the key.

The Wrap, 71 Mt. Auburn St.
1 GNS SS, wheelchair accessible
Located behind the counter as soon as you walk in. As the workers for the key.

Finale, 30 Dunster St.
1 GNS SS, wheelchair accessible
Head toward the back as soon as you enter. The bathroom is located to the right.

Starbucks, 81 Mt. St. Auburn, The Garage
1 GNS SS, not wheelchair accessible
Located in the garage. Note that this may be subject to change.

Dickson Bros, 26 Brattle Street.
1 GNS SS
Located on the second floor. Not open to the general public.

Harnett's, 47 Brattle St
1 GNS SS
Is wheelchair accessible.
Located in the Back. Ask employee for access.

L.A. Burdick Chocolates, 52D Brattle St.
1 GNS SS
Is wheelchair accessible
Located in the back of the store.