Freedom Trail Booth A Multi-Purpose Room

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This is the Freedom Trail
Information Center and also
the information center for all
tourists who come to Boston," said Winnie Phillips,
12, to a lady with a beby
strapped in a harness on her
back, preparing to walk the
Freedom Trail.

"A lot of people don't know
anything about us," explained
Winnie, who lives at 50 Camden St., Roxbury, "Soma get
off the subway at Park St.,
come over the booth and asic
where the Freedom Trail
Information Booth is."

The booth, located on Tremont St., near the Park St.
subway station is a Freedom
Trail Foundation project
whose construction costs were
shared by the MBTA and the
Boston Park Department.

STAFF OF FOUR

Winnie is one of four best

Young mothers use the booth's couch to change diapets, tourists bring their lunches in and young couples agree to meet there.

Nancy Taylor, 2i, of 169 Park st., Dorchester, says, "the best part of the job is the fanlastic people who come in here." The typical day has 560 visitors and during the Summer it was 700 to 800.

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The booth was dedicated on Sept. 8, Previously the girls operated from a makeshift wooden hut which Nancy referred to as "the chicken coop." "Although it would be too cold in the Winter, it was better because we had more contact with the people." Nancy said,

Yet the tourists seem delighted by the new building. Many walk over and peer in through the glass and wind up talking with the girls,

There are requests for directions to a post office, the bus station, Rie. 93, or a good restaurant. Booth operation is financed by a Boston Chamber of Commerce grant. The girls are forbidden to distribute business advertisments

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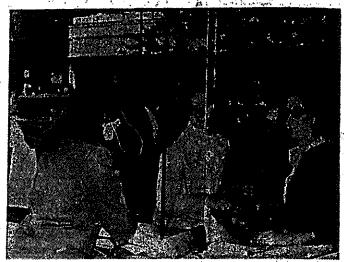
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Each girl is given two days of training before beginning work. They learn names and locations of streets, study maps and take tours.

UNLIKELY QUESTIONS

However, they were not prepared for the man who walked in to ask where he can buy a change of underwear or the lady who wanted to know where to take an injured pigeon she had found in the Common or two saliors looking for a place to buy Boston baked beans in a ceramic pot.

The girls often enjoy just chatting with tourists, many of whom return later for more talk or to ask for a date. "I fell in love this summer because of my job," one girl confided.



GIVING DIRECTIONS to Wheaton College students Mary Keogh and Lynn Davis is Terese Sarno, 19, of Beacon Hill.