



The Minute Man Messenger

The official newsletter of
Minute Man National Historical Park
2007 Edition

On April 19, 1775, Colonists took up arms in defense of their rights and clashed with British Regulars, thus igniting a war that would lead to the creation of an independent nation. Today, Minute Man National Historical Park is a global symbol of humanity's universal struggle for liberty.

The Battle Road ~ Scenic Byway



Paul Revere Capture Site, Rt 2A, Lincoln

The Colonists who fought for their rights along Battle Road on April 19, 1775 are central to our nation's history and to the principles on which our country was founded. Battle Road was the scene of the historic resistance to colonial rule that led to the birth of our nation and the spread of democratic government throughout the world. The designation of the Scenic Byway will help to preserve this historic setting and educate Americans and visitors from around the globe about the ideals of citizen responsibility.

On February 7, 2007, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts designated the *Battle Road Scenic Byway* to recognize and protect the unique historic, scenic, cultural and recreational resources along this celebrated route.

The byway begins on Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington near Spy Pond, runs through Lexington, enters Minute Man National Historical Park and crosses into Lincoln, passes through the center of Concord, crosses the Concord River and ends at the park's historic Muster Field on Liberty Street. All together 21 miles of roadway are included.

The four towns, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the National Park Service, with extensive public participation, will work to enhance the historically significant sites and landscapes within the Battle Road corridor. Together we can plan for the future of this historic area.

Carry in . . . Carry out . . .

Minute Man National Historical Park has a carry in, carry out policy. What you tote in, you must tote out. This includes any form of trash; bottles, cans, paper, left over lunch bags, wrappers, etc. There are no trash receptacles at visitor centers to dispose of waste materials.

While Minute Man does have a recycling program, it is not equipped to handle the waste generated by every park visitor. Please remember to pack discarded materials or any unwanted items out with you as you prepare to leave the park.

Park Watch

In order to protect historic and natural resources in the park, it is unlawful to use metal detectors or any other means to excavate, remove, disturb, deface or destroy any structure, exhibit, artifact, animal or plant.

The park has instituted a "Park Watch" program to protect park resources and to improve safety. Please help by reporting any criminal or suspicious activity or safety hazard to Park Rangers at (781) 674 - 1910

Please respect the rights of private families living inside the park. Thank you!

Your Canine Friend . . .

While visiting Minute Man National Historical Park with a pet, you must observe the following regulations to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the park for all visitors.

- *All pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet in length.
- * Pets are not allowed in visitor centers or other facilities.
- * Pets may not be left tethered or unattended.
- *Remove all pet droppings from trails. If using plastic bags, you must take them with you out of the park. **Failure to do so will result in a fine for littering.**

Welcome . . . Directions and Recommended Park Itinerary

We recommend that you begin your visit by viewing the theater program at the Minute Man Visitor Center, after which our park staff will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have about the park.



Directions

From I-95/Route 128:

Take Exit 30B, Hanscom Field/Concord. You will be on Route 2A west. Follow Route 2A approximately 1/3 mile. You will enter the park and see signs directing you to the Minute Man Visitor Center located less than one mile from I-95/Route 128.

From Routes 93 & 3:

Follow south, take I-95/128 south exit. Follow 95/128 south. Take Exit 30B and follow directions above.

From Route 2 west bound (from Boston):

Travel west on Route 2 watching for signs indicating I-95/Route 128 north. Take I-95/128 North exit. Take 30B Hanscom Field/Concord. Follow directions above.

From Route 2 east bound (to Boston):

Travel east on Route 2 through Concord to I-95/128. Take I-95/128 north one exit to 30B and follow directions above.

From North Bridge Visitor Center

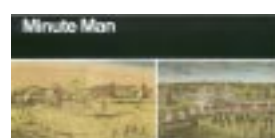
Turn left out of the North Bridge Visitor Center Parking Area onto Liberty St. At the end of Liberty St. turn left onto Lowell Road and follow to Concord Center. At the traffic circle in Concord Center, drive straight through onto Lexington Road. You will be traveling east for approximately 2 miles. At the flashing light and stop sign turn left onto Route 2A East. Follow Route 2A East for approximately 3 miles, passing Hanscom Drive and Paul Revere Capture Site. The Minute Man Visitor Center parking area is on your left. Signs will indicate this parking area.

Recommended Park Itinerary

See page 2 for site descriptions.

After visiting Minute Man Visitor Center turn right out of the parking area. You will be on Route 2A West. You will see the Paul Revere Capture Site and parking area on your right. Continue westward through one blinking light. After the blinking light, approximately 1/4 mile on your right, you will find

the Hartwell Tavern parking area. The Hartwell Tavern can be accessed from this parking area. Continuing west on Route 2A, at the yellow blinking light, bear right towards Concord Center. You will be on Lexington Road. You will see the Meriam's Corner parking area on your right. This marks the head of the Battle Road Trail. Approximately half a mile from Meriam's Corner you will see **The Wayside: Home of Authors**, a large yellow house on your right with a parking area to your left on Hawthorne Lane. To continue to the **North Bridge**, continue west on Lexington Road for 7/10 mile. Proceed straight through the traffic circle. When the Colonial Inn is directly in front of you, turn right onto Monument Street. The North Bridge Parking area is 1/2 mile ahead on the right. Cross the street and walk the footpath to the **North Bridge Visitor Center** (5 minute walk) or drive there by continuing on Monument Street. Take your first left onto Liberty Street. The entrance to the Visitor Center Parking area is 1/10 mile ahead on your left.



Our color park map is available at our Visitor Centers.

Accessibility



The Battle Road Trail, The Wayside Barn as well as the Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers are handicap accessible.

Park Attractions & Programs

Minute Man National Historical Park preserves significant historic sites, structures and landscapes, including the North Bridge, site of “the shot heard ‘round the world,” the Minute Man Statue, the first four miles of the “Battle Road,” where, on April 19, 1775, 700 British regulars ran through a gauntlet of fire from the angered colonial militia, and The Wayside: Home of Authors, where 19th-century authors Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Margaret Sidney kept the spirit of the Revolution alive and helped define a unique American literary identity. The five-mile Battle Road Trail connects many park sites.



Minute Man Visitor Center

Open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. March 31st - October 28th, 2007

Open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. October 29th - November 25th, 2007 *Closed Thanksgiving

Park staff recommend that you begin your visit to the park at the Minute Man Visitor Center. Our award-winning multimedia theater show, “The Road to Revolution” provides an excellent introduction to the park story. Pick up a park map and plan your visit. Exhibits include a 40-foot battle mural. Bookstore.

Audiovisual theater program: “The Road to Revolution”

Shows daily, every half hour from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in November)

Located at the Minute Man Visitor Center, this multimedia presentation orients the visitor to the historic events of April 19, 1775. FREE



Hartwell Tavern

Open Daily, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. May 26th - October 28th, 2007

Home to Ephraim and Elizabeth Hartwell and their children, this setting evokes the story of families who lived along the Battle Road of April 19, 1775. As a tavern, the structure played a significant role in the life of the community. Come visit an authentic period home and tavern. Meet costumed interpreters, observe historic craft and musket firing demonstrations and learn about the daily lives of those who took part in the Revolutionary movement.

Ranger Program: “Who Were the Minute Men?” Daily, 11:15, 2:15, 3:15, and 4:15

Join a costumed Ranger at the Hartwell Tavern for a 20 minute program that includes a musket firing demonstration. People with hearing impairments or hearing aids should exercise caution. FREE



The Wayside, Home of Authors

Open by guided tour only, May 26th - October 28th, 2007

Witness over 300 years of history. Once home to a Revolutionary patriot, the house gained lasting fame in the 19th-century when important reformers, writers and preservationists - the Alcotts, Hawthornes and Lothrop - made the house their home. Here, a young Louisa May Alcott penned her first published writings. Here, too, was the only home that Nathaniel Hawthorne owned. Harriett and Margaret Lothrop preserved and protected Concord's history and historical sites for present and future generations. Interpretive exhibits in The Wayside Barn include life-size cast figures of the Concord Authors. Admission fee.

Guided House Tours, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 & 4:30

Join a Ranger for a guided tour. Tours are limited to 10 people and last 40 minutes. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, free for people 16 years or younger and free with Annual, Access, Senior or Volunteer Pass. Group tours are \$4.00 per person. For more information, please call (978) 318 - 7826 or (978) 318 - 7863



North Bridge & North Bridge Visitor Center

Visitor Center Open Daily, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. March 31st - October 28th, 2007
(Winter hours TBA)

Ranger programs at North Bridge, May 26th - October 28th, 2007

On April 19, 1775, Colonists, in defense of their rights, fired “the shot heard ‘round the world.” Today, Concord's North Bridge and Daniel Chester French's Minute Man Statue are international symbols of liberty. The North Bridge Visitor Center on Liberty Street is a five minute walk up the hill from the Bridge. The center, in the 1911 Buttrick Mansion, features exhibits, a bookstore, and adjacent gardens.

Ranger Program: “On This Hallowed Ground” Daily, 11:30, 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Join a Ranger for a 20 minute program at the benches by the North Bridge. Learn about the opening battle of the American Revolution, which occurred here on April 19, 1775, and the powerful legacy of this event in American history. Reflect on the meaning of liberty in this beautifully restored, 19th century commemorative landscape, which includes Daniel Chester French's iconic Minute Man statue. FREE



April 2007

Patriots' Day Events

Saturday, April 7th

12:30 p.m. *Meriam's Corner Commemorative Ceremony*
Meriam's Corner, Concord

3:00 p.m. *Paul Revere Capture Ceremony*
Paul Revere Capture Site, Rt. 2A, Lincoln

Saturday, April 14th

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Battle Road*
Hartwell Tavern Area, Rt. 2A, Lincoln

Monday, April 16th

5:30 a.m. *Battle Reenactment* - Lexington Green

8:30 a.m. *Commemoration of the Concord Conflict, and Concord Parade* - The North Bridge, Concord

7:30 p.m. *6th Annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony*
The North Bridge, Concord

Thursday, April 19th

6:00 a.m. *Dawn Salute* - North Bridge

7:30 a.m. *North Bridge Remembrance Ceremony* - North Bridge

10:30 a.m. *Arrival of the Sudbury Militia* - North Bridge

Saturday, April 14h

Battle Road

At the Hartwell Tavern
& Captain William Smith House

Times: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Imagine that it's early April, 1775 and you have been granted safe passage between the British fortifications on Boston Neck (Captain Smith House) and the Massachusetts countryside (Hartwell Tavern) as tensions mount towards open conflict. Join British and Colonial Reenactors, Park Rangers and Volunteers as they portray a typical day in the weeks leading up to the events of April 19, 1775. Activities will include drill and musket firing demonstrations, cooking, clothing repair and recruiting for the colonial militia as well as life in the British Camp and cannon firing demonstrations.

In the afternoon, 200 Minute Men and British Regulars will stage a massed weapons demonstration representing tactics deployed on April 19th 1775, running over a half a mile of the Battle Road.



Monday, April 16th

Commemoration of the Concord Conflict

At the North Bridge in Concord,

Time: 8:30 a.m.

The peace of the Concord countryside will once more be shattered by the sounds of marching feet and musketry as British and Colonial Reenactors, Park Rangers and Volunteers bring the fateful morning of April 19, 1775 to life in this stirring commemoration of "the shot heard round the world."

Monday, April 16th

Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony

At the North Bridge and the Old Manse

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Luminary and song program honoring all those who fought at the North Bridge on April 19, 1775. Approximately 500 luminaria on either side of the bridge represent those present at the battle. The program includes a performance and sing-a-long of historic and patriotic songs. Please bring a flashlight.

Thursday, April 19th

Dawn Salute and North Bridge Remembrance Ceremony

At the North Bridge and the Old Manse

Time: 6:00 and 7:30 a.m.

The Concord Minute Men and The Concord Independent Battery observe the opening battle of the American Revolutionary War in a moving musket and cannon salute to America's past. Following this, at 7:30 join park staff and volunteers at the North Bridge for historical speeches and wreath laying.

Saturday, April 21st

Battle Road Heroes

Meet Guides at the Hartwell
Tavern Parking Area

Times: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Tours leave approximately every
15 minutes.

Walk down a candle-lit path to the past. Listen to the personal stories of residents who lived along the Battle Road on April 19, 1775. Join Captain William Smith, the Hartwells, drovers, musicians and His Majesty's Soldiers for this special evening of theater and history. *Admission is \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. Proceeds benefit the Minute Man National Park Association.*



May 2007

Saturday, May 12th

The Long Arm of the Law

At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

What kind of crimes came before the local Magistrate in the early 1770's? Come to the Hartwell Tavern and meet the Magistrate and Constable, as well as a motley group offenders, for what is sure to be a lively and entertaining living history event. Will the plaintiffs be fined, sentenced to be flogged, or perhaps exonerated? Performances will be held at 12:00, 1:00 and 3:00.

Sunday, May 20

The Lincoln Minute Men Come Home

At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A,
Lincoln

Times: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

On April 19th, 1775, the Lincoln Minute Men responded to Paul Revere's alarm, and marched to Concord in defense of self-government. Today, The Lincoln Minute Men (reactivated) enjoy a special place of honor in the National Park Service. The homes of their Captain, William Smith, and one of their Sergeants, John Hartwell, have been restored and are preserved as part of Minute Man National Historical Park.



Join us as we welcome The Lincoln Minute Men home once more. Activities will include drill and musket firing demonstrations, fife and drum music, tavern life, period crafts, children's games, drill with wooden muskets, and cooking as well as tours of the Captain William Smith House and the "Bloody Angle" where the Lincoln Minute Men had taken part in an ambush on the British column on April 19, 1775.

June 2007

Saturday, June 2nd

National Trails Day

June 2nd is National Trails Day. Minute Man National Historical Park is home to the historic Battle Road Trail which follows the route of the battle of April 19, 1775. Check our website: www.nps.gov/mima in May for more details on how Minute Man National Historical Park plans to mark the day.



Sunday, June 3rd

Colonial Tunes with the Hartwell Players

At the Hartwell Tavern

Times: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join the Hartwell Players in this ideal period setting for Revolutionary War era political tunes, tavern songs, children's ditties and dance tunes from Colonial America.



Sunday, June 3rd

Abigail Adams Meets Captain William Smith

At the Captain William Smith House

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Join Park Volunteer Michael Ryan as he portrays the controversial character of William Smith, the only brother of Abigail Smith Adams, and Captain of the Lincoln Minute Men on April 19, 1775. Michael Ryan will be joined by Park Volunteer Joyce Murray who will portray Abigail Adams, sister of Captain Smith. Ample parking is available at the Hartwell Tavern parking area, Rt. 2A, Lincoln.



Minute Man National Historical Park 2007 Special Event Calendar

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Sunday, June 10th

Father's Day Program at The Wayside - A Multi-Generational Living History Program

Times: 1:00 and 3:00 pm

Of the many places writer Nathaniel Hawthorne lived, none capture his personality as a father as does the Wayside, the only house he ever owned. Join his children, Una, Julian and Rose, as they lead you through their home and, through timeless anecdotes, invite you to discover Nathaniel Hawthorne as a compassionate father as well as the brilliant author. The Hawthorne children, portrayed by the *Concordant Volunteers*, bring their guests into their lifestyle of bustling 19th century Concord, then home to the Alcotts, the Emersons, the Thoreaus and the many others that surrounded and inspired the Hawthorne family.

Saturday, June 16th

Music, Minute Men, and the Making of America - Featuring the Stow Minutemen

At Hartwell Tavern

Times: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Come and learn first hand the role of music in the Revolution. This special event features the Stow Minutemen. In addition to music and musket demonstrations, the group will be offering period craft demonstrations to illustrate the all-important home front during the American Revolution. For kids, they will be hosting a special 18th century school session followed by period games.



Sunday, June 17th

Town Meeting

At the North Bridge benches

Times: 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.

It's January 10, 1774 and you are attending a town meeting in Concord. "Hot" topics for discussion include: committees of correspondence, educational funding and the dreaded tax on tea. You will have the chance to meet, hear and match or oppose the opinions of other Concord residents who will be portrayed by local historic reenactors. In the spirit of a true New England town meeting, you are encouraged to let your voice and opinions be heard!



Saturday, June 30th
and Sunday, July 1st

*Strangers in Arms ~
The Continental Army and the Birth
of American Identity*

At the Hartwell Tavern,
Rt. 2A Lincoln

Times: Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Photograph by Joseph Sohm

Minute Man National Historical Park, in partnership with the 10th Massachusetts Regiment and Virginia's Augusta County Militia is pleased to offer a unique historical experience at the Hartwell Tavern. The event, *Strangers in Arms ~ The Continental Army and the Birth of American Identity*, will focus on events that took place in 1775 following the battles of Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill, which transformed a provincial struggle for control of a single colony into the battle for the life of a new nation, and the army that would make it possible.

The event will feature approximately 100+ troops from some of the Nation's premier living history groups including the event's co-sponsors, the 10th Massachusetts Regiment, and Virginia's Augusta County Militia. John Koopman will portray General Washington, with Roger Wylie serving as the general's enslaved man-servant and right hand man, Billie Lee. Throughout the weekend there will be a variety of activities that will highlight the clash of cultures at Cambridge Camp early in Siege of Boston, as New Englanders and Virginians learned to work together for the common cause. Activities will include military drill and firings, cooking, laundry, competitions between the soldiers, courts martial, a Sunday church service, all culminating in General Washington's review of the troops and the formal change of command ceremony as Gen. Artemas Ward of Massachusetts gives command over to Gen. Washington.

All are invited to begin their Independence Day celebration with this "insiders view" of the birth of the American Army, and with it, the discovery of what makes us Americans.

July 2007

Saturday, July 7th

Battle Road Trail Walk

Meet at the Minute Man Visitor Center

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Join Park Ranger Jim Hollister for a 3 1/2 hour guided walk along the historic Battle Road Trail. Learn about the events of April 19th 1775, landscape changes, past, present and future, and the American Revolution from the perspective of the Concord Authors. Bring plenty of water!



Saturday and Sunday, July 14th and 15th

His Majesty's 1st Regiment, Foot Guards,
At the Hartwell Tavern,

Times: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sent to America in July of 1776, the 1st Reg't Foot Guards served faithfully through many bloody campaigns from New York to Virginia. Come and visit with the reenactors who portray this proud regiment. Watch them perform 18th century military maneuvers. See their uniforms and equipment and learn about life in the British Army during the American War for Independence.



Sunday, July 15th

Town Meeting

At the North Bridge benches

Times: 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.

(Repeat of June 17th program)

Tuesday, July 17th

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps

At the North Bridge

Times: 3:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the music that made a nation. Minute Man National Historical Park is pleased to host The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, a very special group of young musicians, ranging from 12 - 18 years of age, dedicated to bringing to life the music of the American Revolution. The Corps, dressed in the Continental uniforms of George Washington's personal Lifeguard, have appeared in hundreds of parades and festivals nationwide including the Flight 93 Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Colonial Williamsburg, the USS Wisconsin, Independence Hall, Fort Ticonderoga, and the Statue of Liberty.



Saturday, July 21st

The Long Arm of the Law

At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln

Time: 11:00 - 4:00

(Repeat of May 12th program)

Sunday, July 29th

Colonial Tunes with the Hartwell Players

At the Hartwell Tavern

Times: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

(Repeat of June 3rd program)

Sunday, July 29th

Abigail Adams Meets Captain William Smith

At the Captain William Smith House

Time: 2:30 p.m.

(Repeat of June 3rd program)

August 2007

Saturday, August 4th

Battle Road Trail Walk

Meet at the Minute Man Visitor Center

Time: 12:30 p.m.

(Repeat of July 7th program)

Minute Man National Historical Park 2007 Special Event Calendar

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Saturday, August 11th
The Long Arm of the Law
At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Repeat of May 12th program)

Saturday, August 18th
The Old Manse Civil War
At the Old Manse (adjacent to the North Bridge)
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Transport yourself back over 140 years to the summer of 1861. Come and see Lt. Ezra Ripley and his company of volunteers off as they prepare to leave for Washington. This event is sponsored by our neighbors at The Old Manse, a property of The Trustees of Reservations. For more information call (978) 369 - 3909.



Sunday, October 14th
The Wayside Through the Eyes of Children
At The Wayside: Home of Authors
Times: 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
(Repeat of September 9th program)

Saturday, October 20th
Halloween Tales
In the barn behind Hartwell Tavern
Times: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. (for young families)
and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (for those brave enough)
Join Park Rangers and Volunteers in a very spooky, candle-lit setting for an evening of traditional ghost stories from New England. FREE



September 2007

Saturday, September 1st
Battle Road Trail Walk
Meet at the Minute Man Visitor Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
(Repeat of July 7th program)

Sunday, September 9th
Tavern Talk
At the Hartwell Tavern
Times: 1:00 & 2:30 p.m.
It's September of 1774 and you are a guest at Hartwell Tavern. Join "Dr. Charles Russel," (portrayed by Park Volunteer D. Michael Ryan) and other characters for a spirited discussion on Revolutionary topics.



Sunday, September 9th
The Wayside Through the Eyes of Children,
At The Wayside: Home of Authors,
Times: 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Listen to the *Concordant Volunteers'* portrayal of a young Louisa and Elizabeth Alcott, Rose Hawthorne and Margaret Lothrop as the girls speak of their favorite childhood memories of The Wayside. This program is included with the regular house tour fee of \$5.00.

Sunday, September 16th
The Wayside Through the Eyes of Children,
At The Wayside: Home of Authors,
Times: 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
Repeat of September 9th program

October 2007

Saturday, October 6th
Battle Road Trail Walk
Meet at the Minute Man Visitor Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
(Repeat of July 7th program)

Saturday, October 6th
Battle Road Heroes
Meet Guides at the Hartwell Tavern Parking Area
Times: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Tours leave approximately every 15 minutes.
(Repeat of April 21st program)



Saturday and Sunday
October 13 and 14
Peters' Corps
At Hartwell Tavern
Times: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
This regiment of loyalist refugees served with the British Army from May 1777 through the Battle of Saratoga. Come and take a look at the American Revolution from a very different perspective.



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Sunday, October 21st
The Wayside Through the Eyes of Children
At The Wayside: Home of Authors
Times: 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.
(Repeat of September 9th program)

For a complete listing of Park events, please visit our web site: www.nps.gov/mima. All programs are subject to cancellation or delay due to inclement weather. If there is any question regarding a program or time, call park headquarters at (978) 369-6993 or the Park's Interpretive Division at (978) 318 - 7825, or the Minute Man Visitor Center at (781) 674 - 1920

Volunteer in Your Park!



Volunteering for Minute Man NHP can be a rewarding and fun experience for you. There are many volunteer opportunities to choose from: costumed interpretation, trail work, gardening, library cataloging, and information desk, to name a few. If you are interested in volunteering, please ask Park Rangers for a volunteer application at one of our visitor centers. Send or write to: Volunteer Coordinator, Minute Man NHP, 174 Liberty St., Concord MA. 01742 or call (978) 318 - 7824

Education Programs

Minute Man National Historical Park offers a range of special staffed programs for all ages. All programs have been designed to complement the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for History, Social Sciences and English. A fee of \$150.00 per group applies for all programs. For more information, contact the Park's Education Coordinator:



Education Coordinator, Minute Man NHP
174 Liberty Street, Concord, MA 01742
Call: (978) 318 - 7832
E-mail: jim_hollister@nps.gov
Visit Our Web site: www.nps.gov/mima/education

North Bridge Cafe

New in 2007, The North Bridge Cafe, the only dining facility in the park, is open for lunch and tea Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00 - 4:00, April 10- October.

The outdoor cafe, overlooking the Concord River, is located behind the North Bridge Visitor Center. The menu includes sandwiches, salads, BBQ chicken, meat turnovers, corn chowder, fresh breads and pastries. It is operated by Sweet Sorcery Catering. For more information, visit their web site: www.sweetsorcery.com/index.html or call (978) 772 - 2233



The bookstores at the Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers and The Wayside are operated by Eastern National. To contact the Eastern National bookstore at Minute Man National Historical Park, please call (978) 318 - 7810.

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Minute Man NHP Web site www.nps.gov/mima

The Wayside: Home of Authors www.nps.gov/mima/wayside

E-mail the park mima_info@nps.gov

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We invite you to communicate directly with us about your visit and experiences. Please pick up a "Letter to the Superintendent" at a visitor center or write to:

**Superintendent
Minute Man NHP
174 Liberty Street
Concord, MA 01742**

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ASSOCIATION

Minute Man National Park Association

If you are interested in helping the Association protect park resources by building partnerships, championing the interests of the park and neighboring towns, and fostering an increased legacy of education and enjoyment for all, join us through membership!

For more information, write to:

Minute Man NHP Association
174 Liberty Street
Concord, MA 01742
Phone: (978) 318 - 7813

Support Your Park!

Planning for the Future of Your Park

We are updating the General Management Plan for the Battle Road Unit of Minute Man National Historical Park. The Battle Road Unit is the section of the park that runs west from Fiske Hill (near Route 128) in Lexington to Meriam's Corner in Concord. When completed, the plan will guide park management for the next 15-20 years. Issues being addressed include how to better manage Battle Road traffic, possible new uses for underutilized historic buildings, challenges in caring for the cultural landscape, and overall park enjoyment including interpretation, education and recreation. We welcome your comments and involvement. Please go to the park's web site: www.nps.gov/mima and look for the "General Management Plan" link. There you can join our email list, review plan documents and send comments to the planning team.



Come on board for the first-ever transportation link between the historic towns of Lexington and Concord. Travel to the Lexington Battle Green and the North Bridge, the Hancock-Clark House and Orchard House, Lexington and Concord centers, and out to sites in the Minute Man National Historical Park on a comfortable bus with a costumed narrator on board to bring history alive.

The Liberty Ride is offering special tours on April 14th and 15th.

Daily tours run May 26th - October 14th.

Hours are 10:30 am. to 4:30pm. Buses leave from the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Rd, at the corner of Rt 2A in Lexington. The Lexington/Concord tour lasts one and a half hours and riders are welcome to get off and see the sites at any of the stops. The tour costs \$20 for adults, \$10 for children up to age 17. Children under 5 are free. Purchase your tickets at the National Heritage Museum, the Lexington Visitor Center, Concord's Colonial Inn, or on the bus. For more information, visit Liberty Ride on the web at www.libertyride.us or call 781-861-0500 ext. 702

Local Attractions

Arlington

Jason Russell House (781) 648-4300

7 Jason Street (at Mass Ave. in center)
Jason Russell farmhouse, period interior and furnishings, scene of fierce fighting on April 19; Smith Museum, changing exhibits. Call for schedule. (\$\$) contact@arlingtonhistorical.org

Concord

Concord Art Association (978) 369-2578

37 Lexington Road (near town center)
Changing art exhibitions in 18th-century period house. Open year round, closed on Mondays.

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery

Rt. 62. Graves of Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne, the Alcotts and Daniel Chester French. Open year round, closes at dusk. Free.

Concord Museum (978) 369-9609

Lexington Road & Concord Turnpike
Period rooms and galleries provide an introduction to Concord's history, Emerson's study, Thoreau collection and the Revere lantern. Open daily, year round. (\$\$)

Emerson House (978) 369-2236

28 Cambridge Turnpike (across from Concord Museum) Home of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Open mid-April through October. (\$\$)

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

(978) 443-4661

Walking trails, wheel chair accessible, pets on leash. Open year round. Free.

Orchard House (978) 369-4118

399 Lexington Road
Home of the Alcotts; site where Louisa May penned *Little Women*. Open year round, closed January 1- 15. (\$\$)

The Old Manse (978) 369-3909

Monument Street (near North Bridge)
Revolutionary period house, home to Reverend William Emerson, Ezra Ripley and Hawthorne. Open mid-April through October \$\$

Concord Free Public Library (978) 318-3300

Main Street and Sudbury Road. See a statue of Emerson by Daniel Chester French. Open year round. Free.

Town Visitors' Center

Keyes Road (behind Middlesex Savings Bank)
Tourism information, restroom facilities. Seasonal through October. Free.

Walden Pond State Reservation

(978) 369-3254 Route 126
Swimming, canoeing, hiking trails, replica of Thoreau's cabin. Open year round. Parking fee in summer.

Lexington

Hancock-Clarke House (781) 862-1703

36 Hancock Street. Home where Paul Revere and William Dawes alerted the sleeping Hancock and Adams. Open mid-April through October. (\$\$)

Lexington Battle Green

Intersection of Mass Ave. and Routes 4/225
Site of the first shots of the American Revolution. Statue of Captain Parker, town green and commemorative monuments.

National Heritage Museum (781) 861-6559

33 Marrett Road (also Route 2A)
"Lexington Alarm'd!" presents details of daily life in this farming village on the eve of Revolution. Changing exhibitions document American history and popular culture. Open year round. Free.

Buckman Tavern (781) 862-1703

Mass Ave. Tavern where Lexington Militia met on April 19th. Open mid-April through October. (\$\$)

Munroe Tavern (781) 862 - 1703

1332 Massachusetts Avenue
Tavern used by British as a field hospital on April 19th. Open mid-April through October. (\$\$)

Town Visitors' Center (781) 862-1450

Massachusetts Avenue
Tourist information, diorama. Open year round. Free.

Lincoln

Codman House (781) 259-8098

36 Codman Road (1/2 mile east of Route 126)
18th-century summer home of wealthy Boston family. Open June through October. \$\$

DeCordova Museum (781) 259-8355

Sandy Pond Road. Contemporary arts, sculpture garden. Open year round, closed Mondays. (\$\$)

Drumlin Farm (781) 259-9807

Route 117. Working farm with natural habitats; Open year round, Tuesdays - Sundays. (\$\$)

Gropius House (781) 259-8098

68 Baker Bridge Road (1/2 mile east of Route 126) Home of Bauhaus architect Walter Gropius. Call for hours. (\$\$)

Thoreau Institute (781) 259-4700

44 Baker Farm (south of Walden Pond)
Library includes collections of The Thoreau Society, Walden Woods Project, and others. Open by appointment.