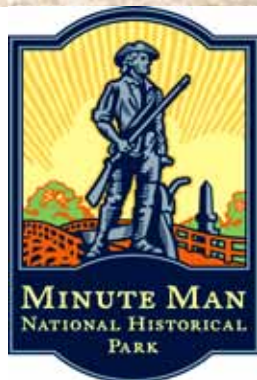


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Minute Man National Historical Park
Concord, Massachusetts



Battle Road Open House and Historic Trades Day



10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Twelve Historic Houses • Traditional Craft Demonstrations • Archaeological Exhibits
Family Friendly Activities • Colonial Music • Militia Muster • Free and open to all



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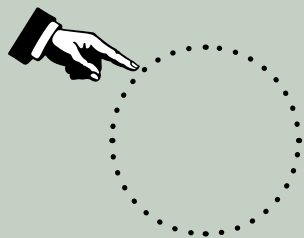
On April 19, 1775, a decade of political protests over the rights of the American colonists exploded into open warfare.

British regulars had been sent to Concord to confiscate military supplies. They clashed with colonial militia and minute men first on Lexington Green and then at the North Bridge in Concord. As colonial reinforcements arrived from surrounding towns, the battle continued along the 22-mile Bay Road back to Boston. The farms along the road became battlefields, and many farmhouses became hospitals.

The ideas of liberty and self-government that the citizen-soldiers fought for that day helped to forge the American republic. Today, Minute Man National Historical Park preserves the site of the opening battle of the American Revolution as a global symbol of humanity's universal struggle for liberty.

Over the last 50 years, the National Park Service has restored much of the landscape between Concord and Lexington along the old Bay Road and the structures that witnessed the events of April 19, 1775 to their 18th century appearance. The Battle Road Open House offers a rare opportunity for the public to visit the restored homes along what is now known as the Battle Road Trail and to see the work that has been completed to date.

Make sure to get your guidebook stamped at each site you visit!



The first 100 people to get 9 or more stamps can collect a commemorative magnet at the North Bridge Visitor Center!

Visiting the Battle Road Sites

In this guidebook, the sites are arranged East to West along a five-mile stretch of the old Bay Road.

You can start your visit either at Minute Man Visitor Center on the Lexington/Lincoln line (below) or at North Bridge Visitor Center in Concord (page 7). You can walk, drive, or cycle to each of the sites. Street addresses for parking lots are provided for GPS use.

All sites are open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, or later, as noted, and are free of charge. See the description of each site for information about special programs and craft demonstrations.

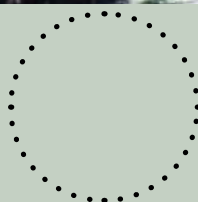
Please watch your step as you are visiting our historic landscape and buildings. Look out for uneven ground outdoors and unexpected stair heights and high thresholds as you visit buildings! Due to safety considerations, second floors of the historic houses are closed.

Minute Man Visitor Center

The exhibits and program at Minute Man Visitor Center introduce the story of April 19, 1775. Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Restrooms are available here.

Program: *The Road to Revolution*. A multi-media show. Presented every half hour, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

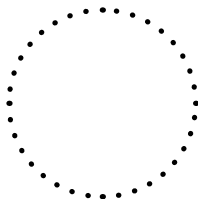
Parking: Minute Man Visitor Center parking lot, 250 North Great Road, Lincoln. (Route 2A)





Whittemore House

In 1775, Jacob Whittemore and his third wife Elizabeth Hoar owned a 100-acre farm. Their farmhouse has had a unique restoration—more than just the beams are exposed. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Program: *Hats Off! A Tribute to Homespun Heroes.* Make your own colonial hat and participate in a play to learn how spinning, cooking, cleaning, and shopping all helped to defend liberty. Just like the Revolution, there is a role for everyone to play! 20 minute play 11:00 am, 12:30 & 3:00 pm. Drop-in activities 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Craft Demonstration: *Woodworking.*

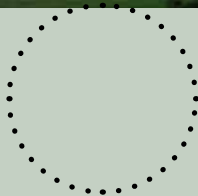
Dan Lacroix and Dave Workman will demonstrate the many uses for wood in colonial life.

Parking: Minute Man Visitor Center parking lot, 250 North Great Road, Lincoln. (Route 2A)



Nelson House

This house was originally built in the 18th century, but was updated in the early 19th century by local builder John Nelson. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Parking: Minute Man Visitor Center parking lot, 250 North Great Road, Lincoln. (Route 2A)





Smith House

On April 19, 1775 this was the home of Capt. William Smith, commanding officer of the Lincoln Minute Men and brother of Abigail Adams. The house, built about 1693, was restored by the National Park Service in 1985 to reflect its 1775 appearance. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.



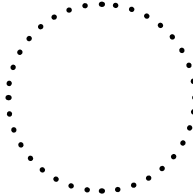
Program: *The Lincoln Minute Men at Col. Smith's.* Harpsichord performances, foodways demonstrations, and colonial clothing dress-up will be happening all day. The minute men will drill and fire their muskets at 10:30 am, noon, and 1:00 pm. The drill will be followed by a *Muster with the Militia* program, where children can learn the basics of 18th century drill with wooden muskets.

Parking: Hartwell Tavern parking lot, 136 North Great Road, Lincoln (Route 2A)



Hartwell Tavern

The home of Ephraim and Elizabeth Hartwell was a prosperous farm and tavern in 1775. Locals and travelers stopped for refreshment and discussed important issues of the day. Open 9:30 am-5:30 pm. Restrooms are available by the parking lot.



Program: *Who Were the Minute Men?* Learn about America's first soldiers and see a musket firing demonstration. 11:15 am, 2:15 pm, 3:15 pm & 4:15 pm.

Parking: Hartwell Tavern parking lot, 136 North Great Road, Lincoln (Route 2A)

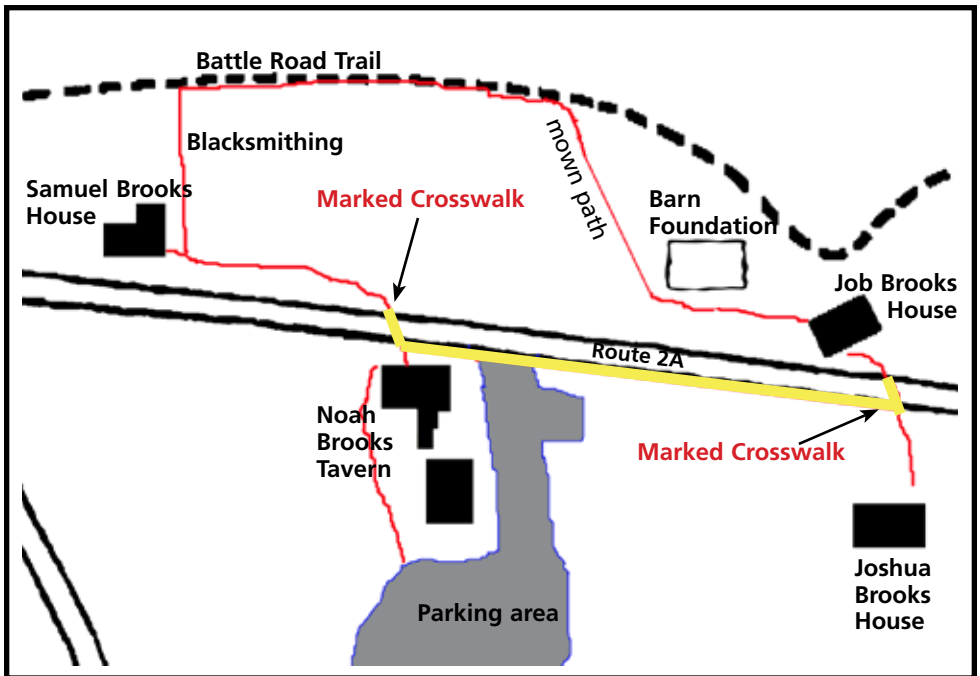


Brooks Village

The Brooks Family settled in the eastern end of Concord in the mid-17th century. By the time of the Revolution, this area was known as Brooks Hill, and the cluster of houses here Brooks Village. All of the Brookses farmed, and they also operated a successful tannery that was a major part of the economy of the area for over a century.

Visiting Brooks Village

Please park behind the Noah Brooks Tavern, 33 Great Road (Route 2A) in Lincoln. It is a short walk from there to visit the four homes that today make up Brooks Village. Restrooms are available in the Noah Brooks Tavern, Samuel Brooks House, and Joshua Brooks, Jr. House.



Route 2A is a very busy road. Please stay within the rope lines, and only cross at the crosswalks.



Noah Brooks Tavern

Noah Brooks built this tavern in 1798. It became a successful business after the Revolution. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Restrooms are available here.

Programs: *Meet the Friends.* Refresh yourself with a snack compliments of the Friends of Minute Man National Historical Park.

Meet the Brooks. Meet Noah Brooks and his family, and learn about life in the early 19th century.



Samuel Brooks House

Samuel Brooks was a typical example of the farmers who were the foundation of Concord society. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Restrooms are available here.

Craft Demonstration: *Blacksmithing.* Learn about blacksmithing with a ranger from Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site.



Job Brooks House

Job Brooks built this house in 1740. Job was a farmer and a carrier at the Brooks Tannery. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Program: *Archaeology.* Explore the park's archeology collection with National Park Service curators and archaeologists.



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Joshua Brooks, Jr. House

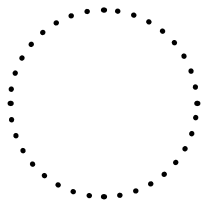
Deacon Joshua Brooks built this house circa 1779 on land settled by his father in 1713. In addition to the family farm he also ran a slaughterhouse and tannery. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Restrooms are available here.

Craft Demonstration: *Leatherworking.* Park Ranger Roger Fuller and volunteer Roy Najecki will demonstrate 18th century leatherwork



Meriam House

Nathan and Abigail Meriam lived in this 1705 house when the 20 mile running battle back to Boston began here at Meriam's Corner. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Restrooms are available behind the house.



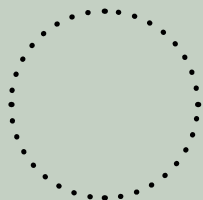
Program: *Colonial Music*. The Bay Road Travelers will perform songs and tunes popular at the time of the Revolution from 1:00pm - 4:00 pm.

Parking: Meriam's Corner parking lot, 750 Lexington Road, Concord



The Wayside

The Wayside is called the "Home of Authors" for good reason! This is where Louisa May Alcott wrote her first stories, and Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote his last. The house is fully furnished to the time of the last owner, Harriett Lothrop, who wrote the *Five Little Peppers* stories. Restrooms are available here.



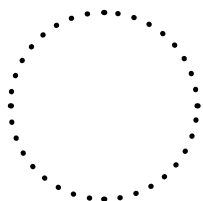
Program: Exhibits in barn open 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. House open for self-guided tours 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

Parking: Across from 455 Lexington Road, Concord



North Bridge

The site of the "shot heard round the world," where colonial troops were first ordered to fire on British regulars. Restrooms are available here.



Program: *Some Were for Making a Stand*. Learn what happened here in this 20-minute talk by a park ranger. 10:30 & 11:30 am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30 pm. Rain location: North Bridge Visitor Center.

Parking: North Bridge Parking Lot, 300 Monument Street or North Bridge Visitor Center Parking Lot, 174 Liberty Street, Concord



North Bridge Visitor Center

See “The Hancock,” one of four brass cannons hidden in Concord in 1775. Enjoy the bookstore and gardens planted by the Buttrick family in the early 20th century. This 1911 building was the summer home of Stedman Buttrick and his family.

Restrooms are available here.

Open 9:00 am-5:00 pm.



Program: *History Detectives* episode about the authentication of the Hancock cannon, 16 minutes.

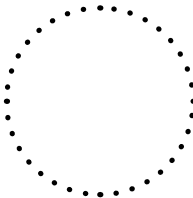
Parking: North Bridge Visitor Center Parking Lot, 174 Liberty Street, Concord



Major John Buttrick House

On April 19, 1775, this was the home of Maj. John Buttrick and his family. Maj. Buttrick gave the command for the colonists to fire on the British regulars at the North Bridge.

Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.



Craft Demonstration: *Clothing the 18th Century*. Learn from the ladies of “the Hive” about fabric and clothing construction of the Revolutionary era.

Parking: North Bridge Visitor Center Parking Lot, 174 Liberty Street, Concord

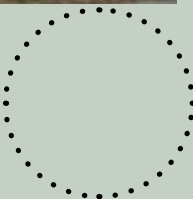


Barrett Farm

The farm of Col. James Barrett was one of the objectives of the British regulars’ march to Concord on April 19, 1775. Open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Program: *Restoring Barrett Farmhouse*. Meet some of the skilled craftsmen and volunteers working to restore this building. See the restoration in progress.

Parking: 488 Barrett’s Mill Road, Concord.





Historic photographs of some of the homes along Battle Road from the archives of Minute Man National Historical Park.

Clockwise from top left: Whittemore House, c. 1890; Smith House, c. 1900; Hartwell Tavern, c. 1900; Noah Brooks Tavern, 1899; Job Brooks House with the Sawyer Barn behind (only the foundation of the barn remains in Brooks Village, c. 1895; Meriam House, c. 1900.

Special thanks to our partners and the many volunteers who hosted our events today and who support us throughout the year!

Thank you for participating in our annual Battle Road Open House! For more information about events at Minute Man, please visit our web site at nps.gov/mima, pick up a Minute Man Messenger at our Visitor Centers, or follow the Friends of Minute Man National Historical Park on facebook: www.facebook.com/fommmnhp.

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If you are interested in volunteering at Minute Man National Historical Park, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Roger Fuller at 978-318-7824 or Roger_Fuller@nps.gov.



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