



The Minute Man Messenger

The official newsletter of
Minute Man National Historical Park

2008 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.

With a little help from our Friends...

The Friends of Minute Man National Park is a member based organization dedicated to historic preservation and restoration within the park, as well as improving the visitor experience and increasing the park's educational offerings. The Friends seek to support the Park's vital heritage through advocacy with local, state and national organizations, as well as through grants and donations.



The Guild of Historic Interpreters,
Friends of Minute Man National Park

The Friends of Minute Man National Park also include a volunteer living history branch, **The Guild of Historic Interpreters** (recipients of a *Northeast Region 2007 Excellence in Interpretation Award for Personal Services*). Founded in 1999, The Guild of Historic Interpreters create and present innovative living history programs for the park. Members specialize in music and theater, portraying various aspects of life in 18th and 19th century Massachusetts. They also assist Park staff in conducting education programs and meeting other mission goals.

To join The Friends of Minute Man National Park visit www.friendsofminuteman.org

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.

Leaving 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.

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 . . .

Pets Must Be Leashed



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 will be kept on a leash no longer than six feet in length, at all times.

Remove all pet droppings from the park. Do not leave plastic bags behind.

Pets are not allowed in visitor centers or other facilities.

Pets may not be left tethered or unattended.

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 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 29 - October 26th, 2008

Open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 27th - November 30th, 2008
(Closed Thanksgiving - See website for winter hours)

We 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 introduces the historic events of April 19, 1775. FREE



Hartwell Tavern

Open Daily, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. May 24th - October 26th, 2008

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. 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

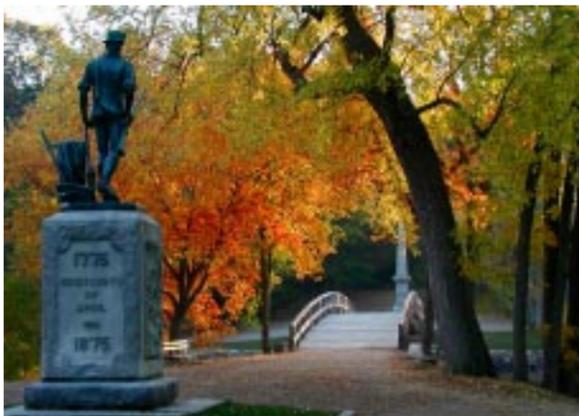
Open by guided tour only, May 24th - October 26th, 2008

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. \$\$

Guided House Tours, Wednesday - Sunday, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 & 4:30 (May 24 - Sept. 1)

Friday - Sunday, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 & 4:30 (Sept. 2 - October 26)

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 a.m. - 5 p.m. March 29th - October 26th, 2008

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. October 27th - November 30th, 2008

(Closed Thanksgiving - see web site for winter hours)

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 North Bridge. The center, in the 1911 Buttrick Mansion, features exhibits, a bookstore, and adjacent gardens.

Ranger Programs at the North Bridge: “On This Hallowed Ground”

Daily, May 24th - November 11th: 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. FREE



April 2008

Patriots' Day Events

Saturday, April 12th

1:00 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 19th

6:00 a.m. *Dawn Salute - North Bridge*
8:30 a.m. *Commemoration of the Concord Conflict,*
The North Bridge, Concord
10:30 a.m. *Arrival of the Sudbury Militia - North Bridge*
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Battle Road, Hartwell Tavern Area, Rt. 2A, Lincoln*

Monday, April 21st

5:30 a.m. *Battle Reenactment - Lexington Green*
9:30 a.m. *Concord Parade and Old Glory's Journey of Remembrance*

Saturday, April 19th

Dawn Salute and North Bridge Remembrance Ceremony

At the North Bridge and the Old Manse

Times: 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 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 19th

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."

Saturday, April 19th

Battle Road

At the Hartwell Tavern
& Captain William Smith House

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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



Monday, April 21st

Old Glory's Journey of Remembrance

At the North Bridge

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Upon the arrival of the Concord Parade to the North Bridge area, we invite you to join us as we raise a U.S. Flag that started its journey at the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, and has been flown at many of America's historic sites including Gettysburg, and now Minute Man NHP. The flag will ultimately end its journey at the U.S. Capitol on Memorial Day. This special event, sponsored by the White House Commission on Remembrance, is dedicated to America's fallen heroes.

For more information, visit: www.remember.gov



Monday, April 21st

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.

Saturday, April 26th

Battle Road Heroes

Hartwell Tavern Parking Area

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

*Tours leave 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.



May 2008

Saturday, May 10th

Training Day - A New England Tradition

At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln

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

Militia training day was a New England rite of Spring. Throughout the colonial period, New Englanders were largely responsible for their own defense. This one day "timeline" program at Hartwell Tavern features drills by Capt. Christopher Marshall's Co. of Jeremiah Moulton's, Mass. Provincial Regiment of 1745, and a Middlesex County militia company of 1775. See the differences in clothing, weapons and drill and immerse yourself in New England Military Tradition.



Sunday, May 18th

Family Pastimes

At The Wayside: Home of Authors, 455 Lexington Rd. Concord

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come to "Family Pastimes," a special open house at The Wayside in Concord, MA. The Wayside has been home to several notable families from history, including the Alcotts and the Hawthornes. Visit the house, learn its history, meet the children who lived there (portrayed by the talented young "Concordant Volunteers"), and experience some fun activities to do with your whole family! Admission is free and there will be a used book sale as well as games and crafts.

Monday, May 26th

Memorial Day Concert featuring the USAF Band of Liberty

At Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt. 2A, Lexington

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Minute Man National Historical Park is pleased to present The U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty at Minute Man Visitor Center for a very special Memorial Day concert. Come and listen to stirring patriotic music on the day set aside to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The Band of Liberty will also be doing concerts at Minute Man Visitor Center Sundays in November (except the Sunday after Thanksgiving). Check our website for a schedule.



Saturday, May 31st

The Lincoln Minute Men Come Home

At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln

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

The homes of Captain William Smith, and Sergeant John Hartwell, Revolutionary veterans of the Lincoln Minute Men, are preserved as part of Minute Man NHP. Join us as we welcome The Lincoln Minute Men home. 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 Smith House and the "Bloody Angle."



June 2008

Saturday & Sunday, June 7 & 8

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

At Hartwell Tavern

Time: 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 and period games.



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Sunday, June 8th

Father's Day at The Wayside

At The Wayside: Home of Authors, 455 Lexington Rd, Concord
Times: 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

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, to discover Nathaniel Hawthorne as a compassionate father as well as a brilliant author. The Hawthorne children, portrayed by the Concordant Volunteers, immerse their guests in 19th century Concord, home to the Alcotts, the Emersons, the Thoreaus and the many others that surrounded and inspired the Hawthorne family.

Saturday, June 14th

Footsteps of the Hawthornes

At The Wayside: Home of Authors, 455 Lexington Rd, Concord
Times: 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's legacy reaches beyond his literature and into the lives of his children. Join his children, Una, Julian and Rose, as they lead you through their home and share timeless anecdotes of their lives and house. The Hawthorne children, portrayed by the Concordant Volunteers, immerse their guests in 19th century Concord, home to the Alcotts, the Emersons, the Thoreaus and the many others that surrounded and inspired the Hawthorne Family

Saturday and Sunday, June 14th and 15th

Riverfest

At the North Bridge, Concord
Time: 10:30 a.m.

Minute Man National Historical Park celebrates Riverfest with a special talk at the North Bridge highlighting the importance of the Concord River in history. For a complete listing of Riverfest events visit www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org



Sunday, June 22nd

Colonial Tunes with the Hartwell Players

At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln
Time: 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 22nd

Abigail Adams Meets Captain William Smith

At the Captain William Smith House
Time: 2:30 p.m.

Join Park Ranger 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, portraying Abigail Adams, sister of Captain Smith. Ample parking is available at the Hartwell Tavern parking area, Rt. 2A, Lincoln.



Saturday, June 28th

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 1770s? 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.



July 2008

Saturday, July 5th

Revolution at the Doorstep - Exploring Meriam's Corner

At the Meriam House, Lexington Road, Concord

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

"The British marched down the hill with a very slow but steady step... Silence reigned on both sides..." Who fired first at Meriam's Corner? Were the militia responding to British aggression, or were they taking the initiative? Why? There are many unanswered questions regarding the fighting at Meriam's Corner. Join park staff for an exploration of this important action in the first battle of the American Revolution, and a tour of the Meriam House, itself a witness to history.



Saturday, July 5th

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 people and events of April 19th 1775, and changes in the landscape through time. Bring plenty of water!



Sunday, July 6th

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!

Sunday, July 13th

Colonial Tunes with the Hartwell Players

At the Hartwell Tavern
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

(Repeat of June 22nd program)

Sunday, July 13th

Abigail Adams Meets Captain William Smith

At the Captain William Smith House
Time: 2:30 p.m.

(Repeat of June 22nd program)

Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20

His Majesty's 40th Regiment of Foot

At the Hartwell Tavern

Times: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday

Minute Man National Historical Park is pleased to host His Majesty's 40th Regiment of Foot! How did the British Army really function and fight during the American Revolution? What lessons did they learn from the fighting at Lexington and Concord? Visit Hartwell Tavern, temporarily established this weekend as the headquarters of the 40th Regiment and learn about the tactics, weapons, camp life and armies on the march.



August 2008

Saturday, August 2nd

Revolution at the Doorstep - Exploring Meriam's Corner

At the Meriam House, Lexington Road, Concord

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

(Repeat of July 5th program)

Saturday, August 2nd

Battle Road Trail Walk

Meet at the Minute Man Visitor Center

Time: 12:30 p.m.

(Repeat of July 5th program)

Saturday and Sunday,

August 9th and 10th

1774: The Gathering Storm

At Hartwell Tavern

Times: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday

In the latter half of the year 1774, the freeholders and farmers of the Massachusetts countryside were becoming radicalized. Well informed, well organized, and pushed to the limit, their unrest would eventually prove fatal to British authority in the Bay Colony.



Minute Man National Historical Park, in partnership with the 10th Massachusetts Regiment, is pleased to bring you **1774: The Gathering Storm**, a living history event focusing on that turbulent, momentous, and largely overlooked year in the making of America. Learn about the closing of the Port of Boston. Hear the personal stories of displaced refugees. Witness the re-organization of the Massachusetts Militia, the formation of the elite minute man companies, and the defiant rise of home manufacture as local communities prepare for hard times. Most of all, we invite you to immerse yourself in the period and see those times for what they were - revolutionary!

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Saturday, August 16th
The Long Arm of the Law
At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Repeat of June 28th program)

Sunday, August 24th
Town Meeting
At the North Bridge benches
Times: 1:30 & 3:00 p.m.
(Repeat of July 6th program)

September 2008

Saturday, September 6th
Revolution at the Doorstep - Exploring Meriam's Corner
At the Meriam House, Lexington Road, Concord
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
(Repeat of July 5th program)

Saturday, September 6th
Battle Road Trail Walk
Meet at the Minute Man Visitor Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
(Repeat of July 5th program)

Sunday, September 14th
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 Ranger Michael Ryan) and other characters for a spirited discussion on Revolutionary topics.



Saturday, September 20th
The Long Arm of the Law
At the Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(Repeat of June 28th program)

October 2008

Saturday, October 4th
Revolution at the Doorstep - Exploring Meriam's Corner
At the Meriam House, Lexington Road, Concord
Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
(Repeat of July 5th program)

Saturday, October 4th
Battle Road Trail Walk
Meet at the Minute Man Visitor Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
(Repeat of July 5th program)

Saturday, October 11th
Battle Road Heroes
Meet Guides at the Hartwell Tavern Parking Area
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
*tours leave approximately every 15 minutes.
(Repeat of April 26th program)



Saturday, October 18th
Halloween Tales
In the barn behind Hartwell Tavern
Times: 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Join Park Rangers and Volunteers in a very spooky, candle-lit setting for an evening of traditional ghost stories from New England. FREE



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 you have questions, call park headquarters at (978) 369-6993 or the Minute Man Visitor Center at (781) 674 - 1920.

Education Programs

Minute Man National Historical Park offers a range of special programs for all ages, designed to complement the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. A fee of \$150.00 per group applies for all programs. Reservations are required.

Brother Jonathan and Thomas Lobster

Students participating in this 45 minute program meet a colonial militia man or a British soldier (portrayed by a Park Ranger) and learn about the soldiers who fought at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775. The program includes a musket firing demonstration.



Target Audience: Grades 3 - 8

A View of the Participants



Students participating in this one hour program use primary sources to develop a narrative account of what happened at Concord's North Bridge on April, 19, 1775. Conflicting interpretations and perceptions of the battle prompt students to consider the sources and origins of history.

Target Audience: Grades 8 & up

A Walk to the North Bridge with the Concord Authors

In this one hour program, students learn about the Revolutionary events of 1775 from the perspectives of Concord's 19th-century literary circle. A closing conversation prompts students to think critically about the extent to which issues faced by 18th century colonial farmers and 19th century writers remain relevant today.

Target Audience: Grades 9 & up



Contact: 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

Volunteer in Your Park!



Volunteering for Minute Man NHP is a rewarding and fun experience for you. There are many volunteer opportunities to choose from: 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



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.

Lunch at North Bridge Visitor Center

Bag lunches will be available for purchase at North Bridge Visitor Center from May 1 to October 31. These lunches will include a delistyle sandwich on freshly baked bread, chips, pickle, drink and homemade cookie. The lunches will be available at North Bridge Visitor Center and can be eaten outside on the patio or on the grounds. Groups of over ten should call ahead with orders. Contact Short Order Gourmet for more information 978-264-0602 or 978-621-1956

"Battle Road Farms" Farm Stand

Open April 1 through December 31, seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The farm stand will offer pesticide-free, locally grown produce. Located at 955 Lexington Rd. Concord MA. Contact F. Busa Farms at

Bike Tours

Guided historical bike tours through Minute Man National Historical Park are available 7 days a week, April - November, and include bikes, helmets and snacks. For more information, contact Sue Merlino, Concord Bike Tours, (978) 697 - 1897 or www.concordbiketours.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Park Headquarters	(978) 369-6993
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Education Program Information	(978) 318 - 7832
Group Tour Information	(978) 318 - 7832
Facilities Available for Public Use	(978) 318 - 7819

Visit us on the web:

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

EMERGENCY 911

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**

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.
National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior



Friends of Minute Man National Park

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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 and become a member!

For more information, pick up a brochure at one of the visitor centers or write to:

Friends of Minute Man National Park
174 Liberty Street
Concord, MA 01742
Phone: (978) 318 - 7813
Visit The Friends on the web:
www.friendsofminuteman.org

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 Minute Man National Historical Park on a comfortable bus with a costumed narrator on board to bring history alive.

Liberty Ride will conduct special tours on April 19th and April 20th. Daily tours run May 24th - October 19th.

Tours leave from the **National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Rd, corner of Rt 2A in Lexington, at 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 and 3:00.** 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. Admission to one of the Lexington Historical Society's houses is included in the ticket. For more information, visit www.libertyride.us or call 781-861-0500 ext. 702

TOURISM INFORMATION LODGING & DINING INFORMATION

Concord Chamber of Commerce (978) 369-3120
www.concordchamberofcommerce.org

Lexington Chamber of Commerce (781) 862-2480
www.lexingtonchamber.org

Greater Merrimack Convention & Visitor's Bureau (800) 443-3332
www.lowell.org

MA Office of Travel & Tourism (800) 227-MASS
www.mass-vacation.com

Kayak/Canoe rentals - Concord South Bridge Boat House (978) 369-9438

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.