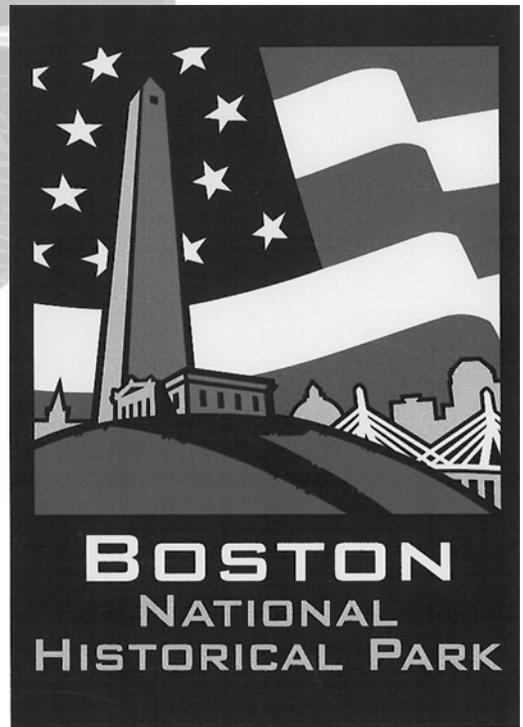


Downtown Boston

**NATIONAL
PARK
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***Junior Ranger
Activity Book***



Boston National Historical Park

Experience Your America

Tips for Parents

Hot Tip

DO NOT BRING YOUR CAR INTO TOWN.

Even the locals have difficulty navigating the streets of Boston and parking is **EXPENSIVE**.

The public transit system is extensive, covering up to 50 miles and more outside the city with trains and buses on regular schedules. Within the city, the cost is \$1.50 and under for adults.

WALKING THE FREEDOM TRAIL with small children can be a challenge. If you have the time, you may wish to do a section of the trail, instead of the entire 2 1/2 miles. We have divided the booklet to include 2 sections of less than one mile each. This booklet covers the downtown section.

Allow yourself a full day for the whole trail or a half day for each section. There are lots of things to see. Make sure everyone is wearing appropriate footwear and clothing for the trail and the season.

If you've walked the trail and are looking for an easy way to get back to the starting point, take public transportation, including bus, subway and commuter boat. Ask the rangers at the visitor centers for the best way to get to your destination.



FREE PUBLIC RESTROOMS can be found at the two National Park Visitor Centers (15 State St./downtown and Navy Yard/Charlestown); Faneuil Hall (2nd floor) and Quincy Market as well as the Constitution Museum in the Navy Yard and Bunker Hill Monument.



Bathrooms are available at restaurants if you are eating there and in many of the private museums along the trail, such as Old South Meeting House, Old State House and North End Visitor Center (near Old North Church, open seasonally). Please note: Except for the North End VC, these sites charge admission (nominal) and you must pay the admission to use the facilities.

Hot Tip

FOOD is plentiful along the trail. Two places downtown with lots of variety are Quincy Market and the North End. Charlestown has a more limited selection, but it is quite adequate.

SITES, HOURS and SEASONS: As a general rule, sites along the Freedom Trail are open year round. Most sites are open basically 9am - 5pm, between April and November. Hours may shorten at some sites during the winter months and some sites close one day a week during the winter months. Three sites in downtown Boston charge admission. They are the Old South Meeting House, the Old State House and the Paul Revere House. The charges are nominal (\$5.00 or less) and you may



purchase a combination ticket at any of the three sites or at the National Park's Visitor Center, 15 State St., and save on the admission. All three sites have special programs for children that are free with admission.

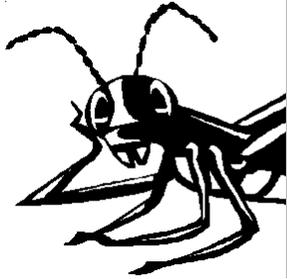
TOURS OFFERED: USS Constitution is open Tuesday through Sunday in Spring, Summer and Fall. It's open Thursday through Sunday in the Winter. Our ranger-guided tours are offered daily from mid-April thru the end of November. Tours range from one to three tours per day depending on the season. Please check! Boston National Historical Park is open seven days per week, year round with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.



For further information call
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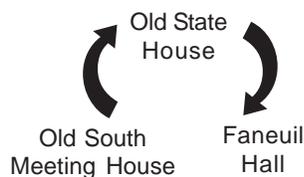
Hello!



My name is Gilda. That's right; I'm a grasshopper - but not just any grasshopper. I am first cousin to Gus, the famous grasshopper on top of Faneuil Hall! Faneuil Hall is one of the special places on Boston's Freedom Trail.

The people who help take care of these places are called park rangers. You can help take care of these special places too; by learning why they are special. This booklet will give you fun ways to learn about these places. I will help you along the way. I'll give you fun clues and special tips. Once you've learned, you will be a junior ranger.

Maybe you've visited other National Parks. Some are really big and have lots of animals. Some are very small, but are special because something important happened there. Boston is one of those parks, with many sites where historic events took place. These places are on the Freedom Trail. Most of these places are where important things happened to start our American Revolution.



The national park in Boston is called Boston National Historical Park. The park rangers at the park help to take care of many of the places on the Freedom Trail: Old South Meeting House; Old State House, Faneuil Hall, Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Bunker Hill Monument and part of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The Freedom Trail may seem very long because you will be seeing and learning lots of things. The whole trail is only 2 1/2 miles long. Our special places are in two different spots. Many of these places are in downtown Boston and the others are in Charlestown, across the river.

2.5 miles
= 4 kilometers



When you look at your booklet, you will see different places the rangers help to take care of. They are divided so you can do either downtown Boston or Charlestown to become a junior ranger. If you do both, you will get a bonus!

To become a junior ranger, you need to do the following things:

1 In downtown Boston or Charlestown, you must do one special program with a ranger. In Charlestown, these programs include USS CASSIN YOUNG Tours or a talk at Bunker Hill. In downtown Boston, the programs are Freedom Trail Tours or a talk at Faneuil Hall. In both places, at least one of the programs is available year round.

2 Next, look at the pages of your booklet. There are one or two pages for each place. Each page has questions for you to answer and a puzzle or a game. You will also see something from a page of an old newspaper that tells a thing or two about the place and what happened there. Stamp your booklet at each spot along the Trail!

3 After you have done the ranger program and finished all the pages, take your booklet to a ranger at one of the Visitor Centers (15 State Street /downtown or Charlestown Navy Yard/Charlestown) The ranger will check your booklet to make sure you've finished and give you an official junior ranger badge/patch. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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Boston National Historical Park

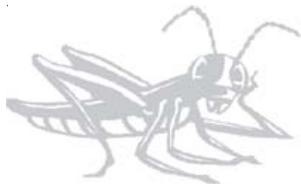
Downtown Boston Freedom Trail Facts

Distance: 1.25 miles
Time to walk: 2-3 hours
Sites to see: Old South Meeting House
Old State House
Faneuil Hall
Paul Revere House
Old North Church



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Activities: Freedom Trail Tour (in season)
Faneuil Hall Talk
Booklet Activities



Downtown Boston

WHY IT HAPPENED IN BOSTON or TALK ABOUT A REVOLUTION...



Boston, 1775

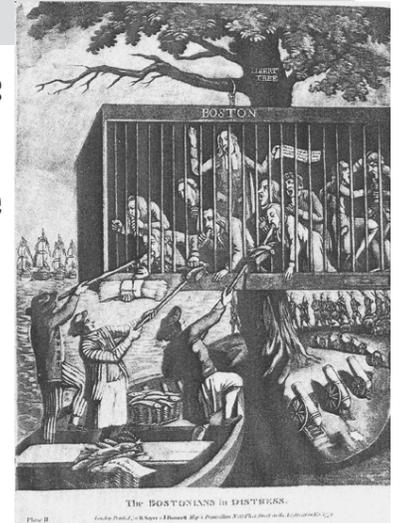
Boston is an old town; almost 400 years old. Folks from England, called Puritans, came here in 1630 and started Boston, as well as lots of other towns in the Massachusetts Bay colony. All of these towns had their own government, called town meeting. Boston became a big town and an important seaport. It also was the capitol of the colony.

For lo and many years the people of Boston were content to be a part of England and always celebrated the king's birthday. For their loyalty, the king protected them. The town was prosperous. Townsfolk dressed in the latest English fashion. The people governed themselves. Bostonians became used to living in this manner and, at times, showed a spark of rebellion when they didn't get their way.

Then there came to the English colonies a great conflict called the French and Indian War. This war cost lots of money and after it was over in 1763, the king wanted more money to keep soldiers in America. Who should pay? The colonies of course! The time had come for them to take some responsibility.

The people of Boston suddenly realized they were not the King's beloved children. Now they had to pay! First our money, then our liberty! The cries rose across Boston from Faneuil Hall to the Liberty Tree. "Taxation Without Representation is Tyranny"!

For over ten years the people protested; boycotting English goods, rioting in the streets, attacking British soldiers and dumping tea in Boston Harbor. But the King would not listen to them. Only then did they speak of independence.



Bostonians in Distress, November 1774

Walk in the footsteps of these men and women. Read their words and hear their stories. Discover the road to revolution along Boston's Freedom Trail.

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Downtown Boston

Old South Meeting House

Welcome to the Old South Meeting House! This building is pretty big, isn't it? Back in Revolutionary times, this was the biggest building in Boston! On Sundays, people went to church here - all day!!! But other times people could meet here. You may have heard of some of the people who went to church here: Benjamin Franklin and Phillis Wheatley and Samuel Adams. Anyone not familiar - well look around, I bet you'll find some clues.

When the British Army occupied Boston from 1774-1776, they did something to the meeting house that upset many people. Hint: They left something behind that gives us a clue.

Think About it...

During church services teenage boys had to sit in the balcony. Why do you think there was such a rule?

Question

The newspaper notice talks about something that happened here in 1773. What was it?

Hint: What does it say was on board the ships?

At a Meeting of the PEOPLE of Boston and the neighboring Towns, at the Old South Meeting House in Boston, on Tuesday December 14, 1773, and continued by Adjournment to Thursday the 16th of said Month, occasioned by the perfidious Arts of our restless Enemies, to render ineffectual the late Resolutions of the Body of the People.

Mr. SAMUEL PHILLIPS SAVAGE,
A Gentleman of the Town of Weston, was chosen
Moderator.

A Motion made and passed that Mr. Rotch, Owner of Capt. Hall's ship, be desired to give his attendance. Captain Bruce, Master of one of the ships with Tea on board, being present, It was move that he might be asked, Whether he will demand a clearance for his ship of the custom house, and if refused, enter his Protest, and then proceed on his voyage to London—— He replied, that when all his goods were landed, he would demand a clearance, but if refused, he was loth to stand the shot of thirty-two pounders.

Mr. Rotch appeared, and was required at his peril to apply immediately to Mr. Collector Harrison for a clearance for his ship; and Benjamin Kent, Esq; with nine other gentlemen, were appointed to proceed with him to the Collectors.

Boston Newspaper Notice, December 1773

Riddle

I hang above the minister's chair.
They placed me there so folks can hear.
WHAT AM I ???

Answer is below.

Parents

Kids can do a scavenger hunt in Old South as part of the admission price! Ask at the admissions desk.

Answer: The sounding board helped to make the speakers voice louder.

Fun Fact

As you read the colonial newspapers, check out the punctuation and spelling. They were different in colonial times.

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Downtown Boston

Old South Meeting House

On December 16, 1773, over a hundred men dressed up as "Mohawks" (Indians) to dump tea into Boston Harbor. Draw a picture of how you think they may have looked:

Stamp



Here

Downtown Boston

Old State House

The Old State House is the oldest public building in Boston! It was built in 1713! The government for the whole Massachusetts colony was on the second floor. The first floor was a place for merchants. The merchants would store things there that they would later sell. Also, it was a meeting place for the merchants (kind of like a clubhouse!). On the second floor was the royal governor and lieutenant governor; legislature (assembly or court) and the superior court. Take a look in the governor's chamber to see some cool stuff!

Fun Fact

In 1766, the legislature placed a gallery in their chamber so people could watch them work!

Questions

What kinds of things did the merchants store on the first floor?

Could only men be merchants?

Clue: Look at the newspaper ad!

What terrible thing happened just outside the Old State House on March 5, 1770?

Hint: Look for the circle of stones!

TO BE SOLD CHEAP

By Mrs. Sheaffe,

At her shop on the corner of Queen Street,
GROCERIES of all Kinds

And the best qualities

By WHOLESALE and RETAIL,

Among which are,

Choice Fontineac WINE

— ALSO, —

Superfine and common Philadelphia Flour By the Barrel or less, Brown Sugars, Fresh Jar and Cask Raisins, Currants, Choice Hyson, Souchong and Bohea Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Fresh Spices, very fine Citron, Almonds, Capers, Anchovies, Spanish and French Olives, Rice, ground do., Race and ground Ginger, Pepper, Allspice, basket Salt, Cayenne Pepper, Mustard, . . . N.B. She will engage to sell as Cheap as can be bought in Town, and earnestly solicits the Continuance of those Favors, for which she is already much obliged.

Boston Newspaper Ad, December 1773

Riddle

I look to the East to England's shore with stately pride and mighty roar. To my left, the horned horse who is the pride of Scotland (of course!) Who are we and why are we here?

Answer is below.

Parents

Kids can participate in a scavenger hunt inside the Old State House as part of the admission to the site.

Downtown Boston

Old State House

On the 18th of July, 1776, for the very first time, the Declaration of Independence was read in Boston from the balcony of the Old State House. If there was a stamp to remember this special day, what would it look like? Draw it below:

USA

Stamp

Here



Downtown Boston

Faneuil Hall

This is Cousin Gus's place! Look up top - you may have to stand back a ways - and there he is! My cousin Gus is one smart grasshopper. He's been hanging out at Faneuil Hall for over 260 years! And, oh!, the things he's seen! Gus saw the first Faneuil Hall, which was very small. He saw the men meet and talk about revolution. Faneuil Hall was Boston's town meeting hall and down below was the market!. Listen to the ranger's talk and learn all about what happened here. Look around and see what clues you can find inside and outside. There are lots of things to read and see.

Fun Fact

Gus fell from his perch in 1755.
He fell because there was an earthquake!

Questions

Samuel Adams spent a lot of time at Faneuil Hall. Today, you can see him in two places. Where are they?

and

Where is Gus the Grasshopper?

The newspaper article is describing a town meeting in Faneuil Hall. The town offices had some funny names. Some were called Fence Viewers. Can you find two other town offices?

and

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town at Faneuil-Hall on Monday last, the Honourable THOMAS CUSHING, Esq; was chosen Moderator; and the following Town Officers for the Year ensuing, viz.

Town-Clerk; Mr. William Cooper.

Select-Men. Joshua Henshaw, Esq; Joseph Jackson, Esq; John Ruddock, Esq; John Hancock, Esq; Mr. Henderson Inches, Samuel Pemberton, Esq; Mr. Jonathon Mason.

Firewards. John Scolly, Esq; Newman Greenough, Esq; John Rowe, Esq; Mr. William Cooper; Mr. John Mico Wendell; Thomas Marshall, Esq; William Homes, Esq; Mr. Joseph Taylor; Capt. Adino Paddock; Mr. James Richardson; Capt. Benjamin Waldo; John Hancock, Esq; Mr. Samuel Adams, Capt. Martin Gay, Thomas Dawes, Esq; and Mr. Alexander Hill.

Informers of Deer. Messers. Nathaniel Gardner, and William Dawes, jun.

Sealers of Leather. Samuel Bangs, Benjamin Cooper, Nathan Green, Thomas Knowlan, Benjamin Bass.

Hogreeves. Messers David Simons, Thomas Curtis.

Boston Newspaper Article, March 1770

Riddle

My hands are still unless I'm wound.
Symbols of Massachusetts my face surround.
WHAT AM I?

Answer is below.

Answer: The clock on the back wall in the Great Hall.

Downtown Boston

Faneuil Hall

I think my cousin Gus is a handsome fellow. Let's see what you think. Below is some space to draw Gus. Let's see what you can do!

Stamp



Here

Downtown Boston

Paul Revere House

This place sure looks old! Did you know this is the oldest house in downtown Boston? It was already 90 years old when Paul Revere bought it in 1770!

When do you think it was built? Paul Revere had more than one job. He was also an engraver and a dentist. Perhaps his most famous job was as a messenger for the Committee of Safety. He carried a lot of messages for committee member, Dr. Joseph Warren.

After the Revolution, Paul Revere had another job. He cast bells that were put in churches. His sons helped him. They made over 900 bells! You can see one of these bells in the courtyard of Paul Revere's house.

Fun Fact

Using silver wire, Paul Revere wired in individual false teeth for people. He used hippopotamus teeth to make them!

Questions

Paul Revere was a silversmith. He didn't go to a school to learn that trade. He was an apprentice to his father, who was also a silversmith. Do you think girls could be apprentices in Paul Revere's time?

If you lived in Revere's time, what trade or skill would you like to learn as an apprentice?

Wanted for an Apprentice,

A Sober smart YOUTH about fifteen years of Age, who can write a tolerable good hand, and understands something of accompt. Enquire of the Printers.

Boston Newspaper Ad, January 1769

Hot Tip

If you go inside Paul Revere's House ask if you can dress in colonial clothes. I'll bet you can! You can also learn fun things about being a kid in Paul Revere's time!

Downtown Boston

Paul Revere House

What kind of bell would you want Paul Revere to make for you?
Draw a picture of it here:

Stamp



Here

Think About It...

Paul Revere had a large family.
He fathered a total of sixteen children!
This house doesn't look very large.
Do you think it may have been bigger?

Downtown Boston

Old North Church Take a look at this steeple! It sure is tall. You can even see it from across the river in Charlestown! That's why Paul Revere had the church sexton, Robert Newman, hang two lanterns there on the night of April 18, 1775. The militia in Charlestown saw those lanterns and knew British soldiers were marching out of town! They sent out riders to warn the folks at Lexington and Concord.

The old North Church is one of many historic buildings along Boston's Freedom Trail. Did you know old North Church is still a church today? You may go inside. Please be respectful. You are able to visit this special place today because it has been preserved. Preservation can be very expensive.

Fun Fact Although Old North Church is famous for the two lanterns that warned the Patriots, the people who attended the church included British officers and Loyalists!

Questions

Look in the park behind the church.
Whose statue is there?

See the newspaper article which
tells how the United States
government is helping to preserve
Old North. How much money did
Old North get to fix its windows?

Old North Foundation Awarded \$317,000 Grant Under Save America's Treasures Program, August 8, 2003

Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton announced today that the Old North Foundation of Boston, Mass., has been approved to receive a \$317,000 grant under the nation's Save America's Treasures Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program. The Save America's Treasures grants are used to preserve the legacy of historic landmarks. This grant will be used to preserve Boston's Old North Church.

"This structure played a role in the nation's quest for freedom and independence and the legendary ride of Paul Revere," Norton said. "I am delighted to share in advancing the protection and preservation of this national legacy for future generations to learn from and enjoy."

Old North Church was designated as a National Historic Landmark Jan. 20, 1961. Founded in 1723, it is the oldest church building in Boston and a spectacular example of Georgian architecture based on the style of Sir Christopher Wren. The \$317,000 grant announced today will be matched by the Foundation and used to address the immediate need for repair and restoration of the windows in the aging structure and to make the building more accessible to the American public.

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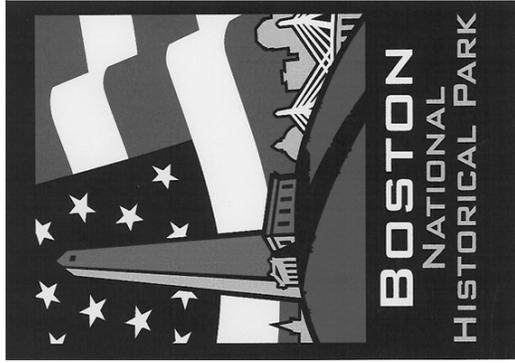
Old North Church

Robert Newman hung two lanterns in the belfry of the steeple. Below draw a picture of how you think the two lanterns looked in the steeple:

Stamp



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This certifies that



*has successfully completed
the requirement to be inducted
into the ranks of
Junior Park Ranger*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. J. Job".

Date

Park Ranger
Boston National Historical Park