



# Hurry Up!

Imagine you're a minute man in the town of Framingham, alerted that the British are marching to Concord. These days you'd hop in a car, bus or train and get there in 20 minutes. Ah! But this is 1775 and most people travel on foot!

*Below is a map showing all of the towns whose militia took part in the battle. The lines indicate where along the Battle Road they arrived.*



**Using the map and the scale of miles, calculate the approximate number of miles the militia had to travel that day to reach the battlefield from the following towns:**

- Acton: arrived at North Bridge, Concord – 9:00 a.m.
- Billerica: arrived at Meriam’s Corner, Concord – 12:30 p.m.
- Sudbury: arrived at Brooks’ Hill, Concord – 12:45 p.m.
- Woburn: arrived at Bloody Angle, Lincoln – 1:00 p.m.
- Dedham: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Danvers: arrived at Menotomy – 4:00 p.m.
- Dracut: arrived at Cambridge – 5:30/6:00 p.m.

**Now, let’s say a militiaman, weighed down with equipment and weapons, can walk 4 mph (miles per hour) on average.**

1. Divide each distance by 4 to find out how long it took each town to arrive.
2. Subtract that time from their approximate time of arrival and estimate the latest they could have started their march.

### **Remember**

These times are approximate! Also, the roads back then were often winding and the actual distance they marched was probably longer; but at least you’ll get the idea!

### **Hey! What about us?**

If you are from one of the towns that took part in the battle but are not listed above, here they are. Feel free to replace one of the towns listed with your town.

- Lexington: Lexington Common – 5:00 a.m.
- Concord: mustered at Concord – 3:00 a.m.
- Lincoln: arrived at North Bridge, Concord – 4:00 a.m.
- Bedford: arrived at North Bridge, Concord – 8:00 a.m.
- Stow: arrived at Concord -10:30 a.m.
- Westford: arrived at Concord -10:30 a.m.
- Framingham: arrived at Brooks’ Hill, Concord – 12:45 p.m.
- Reading: arrived at Meriam’s Corner, Concord – 12:30 p.m.
- Chelmsford: arrived at Meriam’s Corner, Concord – 12:30 p.m.
- Cambridge: arrived at Lincoln – 1:30 p.m.
- Newton: arrived at Lexington – 1:40 p.m.
- Brookline: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Watertown: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Medford: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Malden: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Roxbury: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Needham/Natick: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Lynn: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Beverly: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.
- Menotomy: arrived at Menotomy – 3:30 p.m.