



The Minute Man Messenger

The official newsletter of
Minute Man National Historical Park
2015 Edition

Centennial Vision

On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service turns 100! The Centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America’s national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs, and will celebrate achievements of the past 100 years.

The National Parks are uniquely American. Celebrate the visionaries who came before us with groundbreaking ideas – not only about preserving our nation’s “crown jewels”, but also extending the National Park Service mission to some of the nation’s other uniquely American treasures. Because of them, the agency today manages a range of cultural sites, including monuments, parkways, battlefields, cemeteries, and recreation areas. This rich variety has created a portfolio of more than 400 parks, each with their own special contribution to the American story.

Minute Man National Historical Park is a National Park. Here, the opening battle of the American Revolution is brought to life as visitors explore the battlefields and structures associated with April 19, 1775, and witness the American revolutionary spirit through the writings of the Concord authors. Our rangers, volunteers and partners lead tours and provide for visitor safety. Others maintain, clean, and repair our parks. And even further behind the scenes, are a legion of administrators, historic preservationists, archeologists, and ecologists striving to discover more about America’s past, so that it can be preserved for future generations.

To engage school children, the National Park Service has launched “Every Kid in a Park” initiative, which calls for parks to inspire a new generation of Americans to experience their country’s unrivaled public lands and waters. Starting in September 2015, every fourth-grader in the Nation will eligible to receive an “Every Kid in a Park” pass that’s good for free admission to America’s federal lands and waters -- for them and their families -- for a full year. For information about obtaining a pass, visit www.nationalparks.org



Welcome



...to Minute Man National Historical Park!

I am proud to announce that in 2016, your National Park Service will turn 100 years old. As Superintendent, I have the privilege to see the dawning of the second century of stewardship for the park and it’s offerings. The employees of Minute Man National Historical Park, our volunteers and partners in the our host communities of Lexington, Lincoln and Concord continue to preserve, interpret and protect this site we, as a nation hold dear.

All Americans are encouraged to join the Find Your Park campaign to reconnect and support their favorite park. You can visit www.findyourpark.com for more information.

Nancy A. Nelson
Superintendent



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Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Walk, Run, or Bike the Battle Road Trail

Distance in miles between park sites, going east to west	Parker’s Revenge	Minute Man Visitor Center	Paul Revere Capture Site	Hartwell Tavern	Bloody Angle	Historic Hay Meadow	Brooks Hill	Meriam’s Corner
Fiske Hill (starting point)	.96	.99	1.52	2.44	2.76	3.5	3.92	5.01



Minute Man Visitor Center

(781) 674 - 1920, 250 North Great Road, Lincoln, MA (for mapping only)

**Open daily
April 1 - October 31, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

We recommend that you begin your visit to the park at Minute Man Visitor Center. Pick up a park map and plan your visit. Exhibits include a 40-foot mural of the April 19th battle. Museum Store, restrooms.

“The Road To Revolution” Multimedia Theater Presentation

Our award-winning multimedia theater presentation provides an excellent introduction to the park story.

**Shows run every 30 minutes
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**



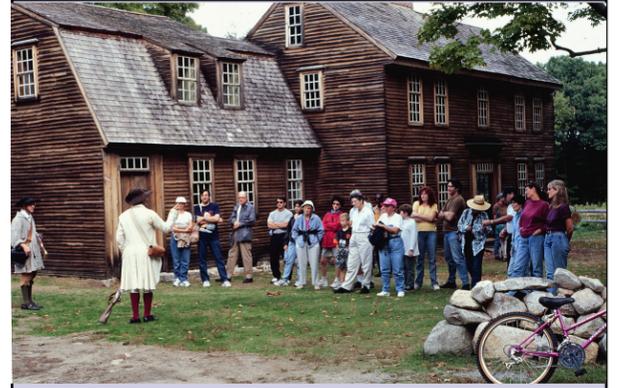
Jacob Whittemore House

(781) 674 - 1920, Marrett Road, Lexington, MA

**Open Monday - Thursday
June 22 - August 13, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Open Tuesday and Thursday
August 18 - October 29, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

A witness to the fighting on April 19, 1775, the Whittemore House was home to Jacob Whittemore, his wife Elizabeth, daughter Sarah and her husband Moses Reed, plus three children all under the age of 4. Their experiences on April 19th represent some of the hard choices confronting ordinary men and women that day. Meet costumed interpreters, explore hands-on exhibits, try on colonial children’s clothing and learn about daily life in 1775.



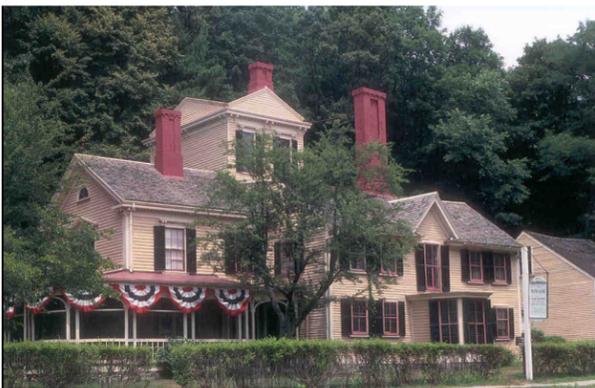
Hartwell Tavern

(781) 674 - 1920, 136 North Great Road, Lincoln, MA (for mapping only)

**Open Wednesday - Sunday
June 21 - August 16, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Open Monday and Saturday
August 17 - October 31, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Home to Ephraim and Elizabeth Hartwell and their children, this setting evokes the story of families who lived along the Battle Road on April 19, 1775. Visit an authentic period home and tavern. Meet costumed interpreters, observe historic trade and musket firing demonstrations, and learn about the people who experienced the American Revolution first hand.



The Wayside, Home of Authors

(781) 674 - 1920, 455 Lexington Road, Concord, MA.

For up-to-date information on Wayside walking tours and programs see page 3 and check the website www.nps.gov/mima.

Built in the early 1700s, the original sections of the house witnessed the events of April 19, 1775. In the 19th century The Wayside was home to Nathaniel Hawthorne, and to Louisa May Alcott. The house sheltered fugitive slaves during the Alcott years and is part of the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The Wayside was later preserved by Harriet Lothrop and Margaret Lothrop.

Renovations will continue through 2015. Watch for information about re-opening in 2016 for the NPS Centennial.



North Bridge

(978) 318 - 7810, 174 Liberty Street Concord, MA

**Open daily, sunrise to sunset
Staffed April 18, 19 and 20
Saturday and Sunday, May 16 - June 13
Daily June 21 - October 31**

On April 19, 1775, at Concord’s North Bridge, colonial minute men and militia were first ordered by their own officers to fire on British soldiers. Though they were defending their rights as British subjects their actions were considered treason. Today, the event is known as the “shot heard round the world.” Concord’s North Bridge and the Minute Man statue are international symbols of liberty.



North Bridge Visitor Center

(978) 318 - 7810, 174 Liberty Street Concord, MA

**Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
April 1 - October 31, 2015**

**Open Tuesday - Saturday
11a.m. - 3p.m.
November 3 - December 31, 2015
(Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 26, and Christmas Day, December 25)**

North Bridge Visitor Center, in the 1911 Buttrick House, is a five minute walk up the hill from the North Bridge. View the 8-minute movie “*Treason or Liberty*,” explore museum exhibits, including the “Hancock” cannon, and visit the museum store. Stroll in the adjacent gardens.

Minute Man National Historical Park Guided Tours and Programs

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“Some Were For Making A Stand” North Bridge Ranger Program

Learn about the opening battle of the American Revolution on April 19, 1775 and the legacy of this event in American history. **20 minutes - FREE**

“Patriots of Color” North Bridge Ranger Program

During the American Revolution thousands of African and Native Americans took up the struggle for liberty. Learn about these forgotten Patriots and ponder the sacrifices they made for a country that still considered them inferior. **20 minutes - FREE**

“Muster the Minute Men!” Ranger-led activity and musket firing demonstration

Join a costumed park ranger and learn about the minute men at the start of the American Revolution. Participate in a militia muster and drill with wooden muskets. You will be challenged to master REAL battle formations from 1775. The program includes a musket firing demonstration. People with hearing impairments or hearing aids should exercise caution. **20 minutes - FREE**

Battle Site Explorations

Join a park ranger and explore one of the key battle sites on April 19, 1775.

Bloody Angle: Gather at **Hartwell Tavern** and walk down the Battle Road Trail to the site of one of the sharpest engagements of the day where colonial militiamen caught the British soldiers in a deadly crossfire. **30 minutes - FREE**

Parker’s Revenge: Gather at **Whittemore House** and explore the site where Captain John Parker and the Lexington militia fought the British for the second time with far different results than the first! **30 minutes - FREE**

Hawthorne’s Neighborhood Walking Tours

Join a park ranger at The Wayside for a tour of the neighborhood surrounding The Wayside: Home of Authors. The walk is almost one mile with return to parking lot; wear comfortable shoes.

Authoring a Nation: Explore the neighborhood where Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau lived and worked. Discover how their writings helped develop a unique American identity **45-60 minutes; FREE.**

Liberty for Whom?: Walk along the road followed by the British troops on April 19, 1775. Learn about unresolved issues of the American Revolution including slavery and the abolition movement in Concord. **45-60 minutes; FREE.**

Tour and Program Schedule

May 16 - June 13	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Some Were for Making A Stand						North Bridge 2:30 p.m.	North Bridge 2:30 p.m.
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Patriots of Color							North Bridge 1:30 p.m.
Muster the Minute Men!	Whittemore House 10:15 a.m. & 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.	Whittemore House 10:15 a.m. & 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.	Hartwell 10:15 a.m. & 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.	Hartwell 10:15 a.m. & 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.	Hartwell 10:15 a.m. & 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.	Hartwell 10:15 a.m. & 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.	Hartwell 10:15 a.m. & 12:15, 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.
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Dawn Salute, Sunday April 19th

April 2015 / Patriot's Day Events

Saturday, April 11th

Meriam's Corner Exercise

At Meriam's Corner, Concord

1:00 p.m.

The Town of Concord, joined by area minute companies, fife and drum units, and the Concord Independent Battery, pay remembrance to the fight at Meriam's Corner which marked the beginning of the six-hour running battle back to Boston. Tour the Meriam House from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Paul Revere Capture Ceremony

At Paul Revere Capture Site, Lincoln

3:00 p.m.

The Lincoln Minute Men and the Town of Lincoln, joined by other reenactment units, observe the historic capture of Paul Revere with fife and drum music and a musket fire salute.

Saturday, April 18th

"Armed as According to Law" - Captain David Brown's Company of Minute Men

At North Bridge

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

At Concord Museum

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

In 1775, how were companies of minute men armed and trained? What did they actually look like? Visit North Bridge and you will have the opportunity to see a full-strength minute company (about 40 men), meticulously researched and fully armed and equipped "as according to law." This event will feature drill and musket firing demonstrations.

Tough Ruck

Step off at The Old Manse field, adjacent to North Bridge

7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Minute Man National Historical Park is honored to once again host the "Tough Ruck," military personnel marching in memory of our fallen soldiers. Come out and support our soldiers in this 26 mile hike along the historic Battle Road Trail. For more information go to <http://www.militaryfriends.org/programs/toughruck>

Junior Ranger Day

At Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers, and Whittemore House

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at North Bridge Visitor Center or Minute Man Visitor Center and have fun exploring the park and the activities in the booklet. At the end of your day show your work to a Ranger at one of the visitor centers to earn your new badge.



Life on the Battle Road

At Hartwell Tavern and Captain William Smith House

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Park staff and living history volunteers from the Lincoln Minute Men, the Guild of Historic Interpreters, and the Ladies of Refined Taste will be demonstrating various aspects of life in Massachusetts at the beginning of the American Revolution. Explore Bloody Angle with "Edmond Foster," a veteran from Reading, portrayed by Park Volunteer Ed Hurley at 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. The Whittemore House (see page 2) will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Battle Road: Returning to Lexington

Battle Road Trail behind Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt. 2A, Lexington

2:00 p.m.

Hundreds of British and Colonial Reenactors will engage in a tactical weapons demonstration showing the running battle that took place along this deadly stretch of road on the border of Lincoln and Lexington.



Battle Road: Returning to Lexington, Saturday April 18th

Sunday, April 19th

Dawn Salute

At North Bridge

6:00 a.m.

Concord and Acton Minute companies, the Concord Independent Battery, and The Old Guard observe the opening battle of the Revolution in a 21 gun salute.

"America's Army" featuring soldiers from the 4th Battalion of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment - The Old Guard

At North Bridge

7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

The 3rd U.S. Infantry, known as The Old Guard, is the oldest active-duty infantry regiment in the U.S. Army. "America's Army" will tell a story about America's history, beginning with the Revolutionary War era to the present day, with military music and a narrative inspired by the patriotism that fueled the heroic acts celebrated during Patriots Day.

Arrival of the Sudbury Militia

At North Bridge

11:30 a.m. (approximately)

The Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute, commemorating the 1775 march to Concord, will make their annual march to North Bridge from the Town of Sudbury. They will fire three musket volleys from North Bridge as a soldierly salute.

Warlike Preparations at Barrett Farm

Col. James Barrett House, Barrett's Mill Road, Concord

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In 1775, Col. James Barrett of Concord was responsible for all the military supplies in town. Visit the Barrett House and learn about the military preparations that helped launch the colonies into the Revolutionary War.

Monday, April 20th

Lexington Battle Reenactment

At Lexington Green

5:30 a.m.

The Town of Lexington re-creates the first shots of the American Revolution with a dramatic battle reenactment.

Commemoration of the North Bridge Fight and Concord Parade

At North Bridge

8:45 a.m.

British and colonial reenactors will conduct a battle demonstration of the North Bridge fight featuring musket firing. The Concord Parade arrives at North Bridge around 9:30 a.m. NOTE: All of the roads in the center of town are closed to vehicles beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 25th

Battle Road Heroes

Gather at Hartwell Tavern Parking Area, Battle Road, Lincoln

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tours leave every 15 minutes.

Listen to the personal stories of residents who lived along the Battle Road on April 19, 1775. Join the Guild of Historic Interpreters for a special evening of theater and history. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Admission: \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family.

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Hidden Treasures: Find Paul Revere, May 16th



Buttrick Garden Party, May 27

May 2015

Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd

William Diamond Jr. Fife and Drum Muster
Friday Tattoo: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Lexington Green
Saturday Muster at Minute Man Visitor Center
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The William Diamond Junior Fife and Drum Corps will present their annual Fife and Drum Muster. The event features 25 fife and drum corps from all over New England.

Saturday, May 9th

American Loyalists – featuring Peters' Corps
At North Bridge
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Peters' Corps is a Revolutionary War reenactment group that focuses on the story of American Loyalists during the war, many of whom took up arms in support of the British government. Visit North Bridge and learn about the American Revolution from a very different point of view!

Saturday, May 16th

Hidden Treasures: Find Paul Revere!
At Minute Man Visitor Center and Whittemore House
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Learn about Paul Revere and explore the very road he traveled on his midnight ride. Search for him as he rides along while trying to avoid a British patrol. Be sure to visit the Whittemore House and learn about daily life in colonial times. Watch a performance of a fun play about the differences between the real Paul Revere and Longfellow's famous poem "Paul Revere's Ride" by the Guild of Historic Interpreters.

This event is offered as part of "Hidden Treasures," a Freedom's Way National Heritage Area event featuring historic sites and hidden treasures from dozens of local communities. To learn more about Hidden Treasures and Freedom's Way NHA visit <http://www.freedomsway.org/projects/treasures.html>



Wednesday, May 27th

Friends of Minute Man National Park Buttrick Garden Party
At North Bridge Visitor Center / Buttrick Garden
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Join us for a celebration of the famed Buttrick Gardens. Enjoy great company, a hat contest, tours of the garden, and light refreshments. Tickets: \$25 tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Minute Man National Park to help support maintenance of the beautiful gardens.

June 2015

Saturday, June 13th

Abigail Adams: Life, Love, Letters
At North Bridge Visitor Center / Buttrick Garden
1:00 p.m.

Join Abigail Adams, portrayed by actress and historian Pat Bridgman, as she reflects on her courtship, marriage, and love in wartime.

Saturday, June 20th

The Long Arm of the Law
At Hartwell Tavern
1:00 and 3:45 p.m.

What crimes came before the local Magistrate in the early 1770s? Come to Hartwell Tavern and meet the Magistrate and the Constable, as well as a motley group of offenders (portrayed by The Guild of Historic Interpreters). Will the defendants be fined, sentenced to community service or exonerated?

Saturday, June 27th

Colonial Music
At Hartwell Tavern
2:40 p.m.

Join Park Volunteer Laura Asson for a program about colonial music. Listen to real 18th century tunes played on a fiddle and learn about the social and military uses of music and dance in colonial times. Have fun learning about history through music!

The Lincoln Minute Men
At the Captain William Smith House
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Lincoln Minute Men spend the day at the home of Captain William Smith, commander of the company in April of 1775. Learn about life in 1775, try on colonial clothing, learn the manual exercise with wood muskets and watch a firing demonstration of real muskets.

July 2015

Saturday, July 4th

Declaring Independence
At North Bridge
1:00 p.m.

The fighting at North Bridge on April 19, 1775 set the 13 British Colonies in North America on a path towards independence. Join park rangers and volunteers as we mark the occasion with a reading of the Declaration, followed by a musket salute to American Independence.

Saturday, July 11th

Abigail Adams: Life, Love, Letters
At North Bridge Visitor Center / Buttrick Garden
1:00 p.m.
(Repeat of June 13th program)

Saturday, July 18th

The Long Arm of the Law
At Hartwell Tavern
1:00 and 3:45 p.m.
(Repeat of June 20th program)

Saturday, July 25th

Town Meeting - Let Your Voice Be Heard!
At North Bridge
1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

It's January, 1774 and word has reached the Town of Concord about the turbulence in Boston and the destruction of the East India tea. Will the town vote to support the Boston patriots and ban the consumption of tea? Debate revolutionary issues with Concord residents of 1774 (portrayed by The Guild of Historic Interpreters). In the spirit of a true New England town meeting, you are encouraged to take part and let your voice be heard!

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Battle Road Heroes, April 25th and October 10th



Halloween Tales, October 24th

August 2015

Saturday, August 15th

Town Meeting - Let Your Voice Be Heard!

At North Bridge

1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

(Repeat of June 13th program)

Saturday, August 22nd

Abigail Adams: Life, Love, Letters

At North Bridge Visitor Center / Buttrick Garden

1:00 p.m.

(Repeat of June 13th program)

September 2015

Saturday, September 26th

Battle Road Open House

Minute Man National Historical Park

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visit some of the restored colonial homes in the park. Pick up informational materials at Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers to guide your visit. This year's event will feature:

Historic Trades and Colonial Food Preservation – Hartwell Tavern

Lincoln Minute Men (clothing, music, musket firing) – Captain Smith House

British Army Uniforms of the American Revolution – Col. James Barrett House

“If These Walls Could Speak” ranger program at Whittemore House, 3:00 p.m.

October 2015

Thursday, October 1st

Ray Raphael - From The Tea Party to Lexington and Concord: The Missing Sixteen Months

At Minute Man Visitor Center

7:30 p.m.

Minute Man National Historical Park is pleased to host author and historian Ray Raphael (*A People's History of the American Revolution*, *The First Revolution: Before Lexington and Concord*, and *Founders: The Men Who Brought You a Nation*) to talk about the critical months leading up to the first battle of the Revolution in April of 1775 when all of Massachusetts was getting ready for war. He and his wife and co-author, Marie will be on hand afterwards to sign copies of their new book, *The Spirit of '74: How the American Revolution Began*.

Saturday, October 3rd

American Loyalists – featuring Peters' Corps

At Hartwell Tavern

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

Peters' Corps is a Revolutionary War reenactment group that focuses on the story of American Loyalists during the war, many of whom took up arms in support of the British government. Visit Hartwell Tavern and learn about the American Revolution from a very different point of view!

Saturday, October 10th

Battle Road Heroes

Gather at Hartwell Tavern Parking Area

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Tours leave every 15 minutes.

(Repeat of April 25th program)

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Saturday, October 24th

Halloween Tales

At Hartwell Tavern

5:30 p.m. Lantern Walk (designed for children 7 and under)

7:00 p.m. Story telling (appropriate for 7 and above)

Celebrate Halloween with The Guild of Historic Interpreters and the Friends of Minute Man National Park! Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a spooky lantern walk down the Battle Road Trail to meet the spirits of 1775. Starting at 7:00 p.m. gather at the barn for an even spookier selection of ghost stories from Old and New England. Please bring a flashlight for the walk from the Hartwell parking area to the barn behind Hartwell Tavern.

November 2015

Tuesday, November 11th

Honoring Sacrifice

At North Bridge

11:00 a.m.

At the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918, an armistice went into effect bringing an end to the First World War. Today, we commemorate this as “Veterans’ Day” honoring the sacrifice of all the brave Americans who serve or have served in our country’s military. Join a park ranger at North Bridge to learn about America’s first soldiers, the minute men, and what was at stake when they answered the call to arms.



Revolutionary Dogs: ‘Paws for the Cause!’ May 10th and October 18th.
See page 7 for details

Minute Man National Historical Park Programs Occuring Monthly

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Battle Road Trail Walk

Join a park ranger for a 3 1/2 hour guided walk along the historic Battle Road Trail. Learn about the people and events of April 19, 1775 and landscape changes through time. Bring plenty of water and wear comfortable walking shoes! Tours may be cancelled in extreme weather. Call (781) 674 - 1920 to check tour status. **FREE**

Minute Man Visitor Center
Saturday, May 23rd and August 1st
12:30 p.m.

The British Redcoat

Far from home, the British Redcoat of 1775 was faced with declining budgets, duplicitous natives, and a divided people back home. His task was to keep the peace and stop an insurgency. Join Park Ranger Roger Fuller, dressed as a British Redcoat, to explore the experience of the British soldier of 1775. **FREE**

Minute Man Visitor Center
Sunday, May 31st, July 19th, August 9th, October 25th
1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Amos Doolittle - Combat Artist

In the aftermath of April 19 1775, Amos Doolittle, a soldier from Connecticut, created images of the event to record these scenes for posterity. Join Park Ranger Roger Fuller for a fifty-minute walking tour of the Concord combat area through the eyes of Amos Doolittle. The tour will gather in Concord center at the base of Concord's Old Hill Burying Ground, located next to St. Bernard's Church, and conclude at North Bridge. **FREE**

Old Hill Burying Ground next to St. Bernard's Church
Sunday, May 24, August 2nd and September 20th.
2:00 p.m.

"Revolutionary Dogs: 'Paws for the Cause!'"

Join Ranger Roger Fuller and his pug, Cricket, in a forty-five minute walk on the Battle Road to explore the life of dogs in colonial America, and in the Revolution. The tour starts at Minute Man Visitor Center and goes to Paul Revere Capture Site, about half a mile, with four stops along the way. The walk is open to all. You are welcome to bring along your well-behaved, friendly dog, too.

Minute Man Visitor Center
Sunday, May 10th and October 18th
2:00 p.m.

For Teachers

Bring history to life on the Road to Revolution! Students learn that history can be fun as they gain a deeper understanding of the people and events of the past. Park education programs align with Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and connect to Common Core. For programs and reservations visit www.nps.gov/mima/forteachers. Reservations for 2015-16 school year open June 1. **FEE. Reservations are required.** For more information email mima_reservations@nps.gov

Professional Development: Self Study for Professional Development Points:

Choose from our schedule of events, talks, tours, and programs to create your own immersive experience in colonial or American Revolution history to enhance your classroom lessons. Participate in 8-10 hours of programming and follow the guidelines at: www.nps.gov/mima/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm to receive PDPs.



Rebels, Redcoats and Homespun Heroes

The Robbins House



Robbins House, located at North Bridge parking area
Monument Street, Concord

The Robbins House was the home of the son of slavery survivor and Revolutionary War veteran Caesar Robbins in the early 1800s. This house was originally located at the edge of Concord's Great Meadows where a handful of self-emancipated Africans and their families established their homes. In 2011 the Drinking Gourd Project moved the house to land adjacent to the North Bridge parking lot to serve as an interpretive center about Concord's early African history.

The Robbins House will be open Patriot's Day Weekend:

Saturday April 18 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Monday April 20 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m..

On Saturday, April 18 historian John Hannigan will be on site to talk about patriots of color who fought in the American Revolution.

Summer and Fall Hours:

Memorial Day Weekend (May 23rd) - August

11am - 4 pm, (Closed Tues)

September & October, Fri-Sun,

11am - 4pm, (Closed Mon-Thurs)

For more information, please visit www.drinkinggourdproject.org

Contact Information and Directions

Park Headquarters: 978-369-6993
 North Bridge Visitor Center: 978-318-7810
 Minute Man Visitor Center: 781-674-1920
 Group Tours and Reservations: 978-318-7832
 Bookstore manager: 978-318-7809

www.nps.gov/mima
 mima_info@nps.gov

EMERGENCY 911

Communicate with us about your visit to the park. Pick up a "Letter to the Superintendent" at either visitor center or write to:

Superintendent
 Minute Man NHP
 174 Liberty Street
 Concord, MA 01742

Directions to Minute Man Visitor Center (250 North Great Road, Lincoln MA. 01773)

From I-95/Rt-128

Take Exit 30B, Hanscom Field/Concord, 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 Route 2 westbound (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 eastbound (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 will be on your left.

Explore, Learn, and Protect



Become a Minute Man Junior Ranger!

Ask any Ranger at Minute Man Visitor Center or North Bridge Visitor Center for a Junior Ranger Booklet to guide your visit. Do the activities during your visit. Turn in your work to take the Junior Ranger pledge and earn a badge!



Thank a Volunteer Today!

We serve over one million visitors each year at Minute Man National Historical Park. We rely on an amazing cadre of volunteers working each day to help us protect and interpret the place where the American Revolution began. Join us! We have many different volunteer opportunities from which to choose. Pick up an application in the visitor center or visit our website: www.nps.gov/mima/support your park.

Also in the Park

Liberty Ride

Take a 90 minute guided bus tour of Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord. \$25 for adults, \$10 for children up to age 17. Children under 5 are free. Tours leave from the Lexington Visitor Center, 1875 Massachusetts Ave. or the Colonial Inn, 48 Monument Square, Concord
 Saturdays & Sundays, April 4th - May 17th, Daily, May 23rd - October 25th
 (339) 223 - 5623 www.libertyride.us



The museum stores in the park are located in both park visitor centers. Operated by Eastern National, a not-for-profit cooperating association, the stores offer a variety of educational and interpretive items to support your visit to the park. Net proceeds from the sales provide direct donations to the National Park Service and other public trusts.

Friends of Minute Man National Park



Support your park! If you are interested in helping the Friends 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 - 7822
 email: info@friendsofminuteman.org
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 978-224-4905

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