

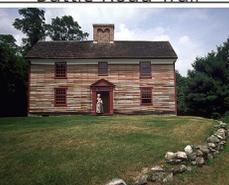


# Junior Ranger Guide

Minute Man National Historical Park



Explore, Learn, Protect:  
Be a Junior Ranger

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 <p>Duck</p>	 <p>Hartwell Tavern</p>	 <p>Stone Walls</p>	 <p>18<sup>th</sup> Century Clothing</p>	 <p>Minute Man Statue</p>
 <p>N. Hawthorne</p>	 <p>Who Were the Minute Men?</p>	 <p>Cow</p>		 <p>North Bridge</p>
 <p>The Wayside</p>	 <p>Chipmunk</p>		 <p>Battle Road Trail</p>	 <p>Talk to a Park Ranger</p>
 <p>Tour with a Ranger</p>	 <p>American Flag</p>	 <p>Revere Capture</p>	 <p>Smith House</p>	 <p>Chickadee</p>
	 <p>Major Buttrick</p>	 <p>Doolittle Print</p>	 <p>Turkey</p>	 <p>1836 Monument</p>

Look for these objects and activities while you explore Minute Man National Historical Park. Circle the ones you see. Try to get five in a row!

# Introduction:

## How to Use this Jr. Ranger Guide

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The Junior Ranger Guide is designed to help you explore Minute Man National Historical Park. As you do the activities in this Guide with your family and friends, you will explore the “real” places where important events in American history happened. You will learn about the colonial people who lived in this area and about the opening battle of the American Revolution. As you explore the park and learn its stories, we hope your experience will help you to appreciate and care about the park so that you will help us protect the park for more visitors, just like you, in the years to come.

To earn your Junior Ranger Badge, please complete at least three pages (three different activities) in this Guide and participate in at least two of the “extra activities.” You are also welcome and encouraged to do more!

We recommend that you start your exploration by watching *The Road to Revolution* at Minute Man Visitor Center in Lexington, and visit the park by working your way west. (However, if you pick up your Junior Ranger Guide at the North Bridge Visitor Center, in Concord, it also works to start your park visit there and work your way east.) Be sure to pick up a park map to help guide you.

Please note that it takes most visitors about two hours to finish enough activities to earn a badge. The activities will require you to move around the park, attend programs, read exhibits, and express yourself creatively. There are things to do at six different sites in the park: 1) Minute Man Visitor Center, 2) Paul Revere Capture Site, 3) Hartwell Tavern, 4) Brooks' Village, 5) The Wayside, and 6) The North Bridge. If you are visiting during the summer, most of the park sites should be open and accessible. If you are visiting during colder weather, some of the park sites may be closed. No matter what time of year you are visiting, you will be able to earn your Junior Ranger badge.

When you have completed at least three pages and two extra activities in the Guide, please show your work to a Park Ranger at either Visitor Center. The Ranger will sign your certificate and present your Minute Man National Historical Park Junior Ranger badge. Congratulations!

Participating in the Junior Ranger program is a great way to learn about our National Parks and to have fun. Ask about Junior Ranger programs in all of the National Parks you visit!

Become a WebRanger!

Go to [www.nps.gov/webrangers](http://www.nps.gov/webrangers). Enjoy!

# Minute Man Visitor Center

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Start by watching our 23-minute, multi-media show, *The Road to Revolution*, shown every half hour. Listen carefully so that you will be able to answer the questions below. Hint: some of the answers may also be found in the exhibits.

Please answer the following questions:

1. How did the minute men get their name? \_\_\_\_\_

2. List two of the "Midnight Riders:"

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which "Midnight Rider" brought the word to the Village of Concord that the "Regulars were out?" \_\_\_\_\_

4. What were the British soldiers looking for in Concord? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many British Soldiers marched to Concord? \_\_\_\_\_

6. List two British officers who marched to Concord: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Who shouted "Will you let them burn the town down?" when he saw smoke rising over Concord? \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Activity: The large, overhead mural shows the fighting along the Battle Road as the British Regulars marched back to Boston, April 19, 1775. Can you find the following soldiers?

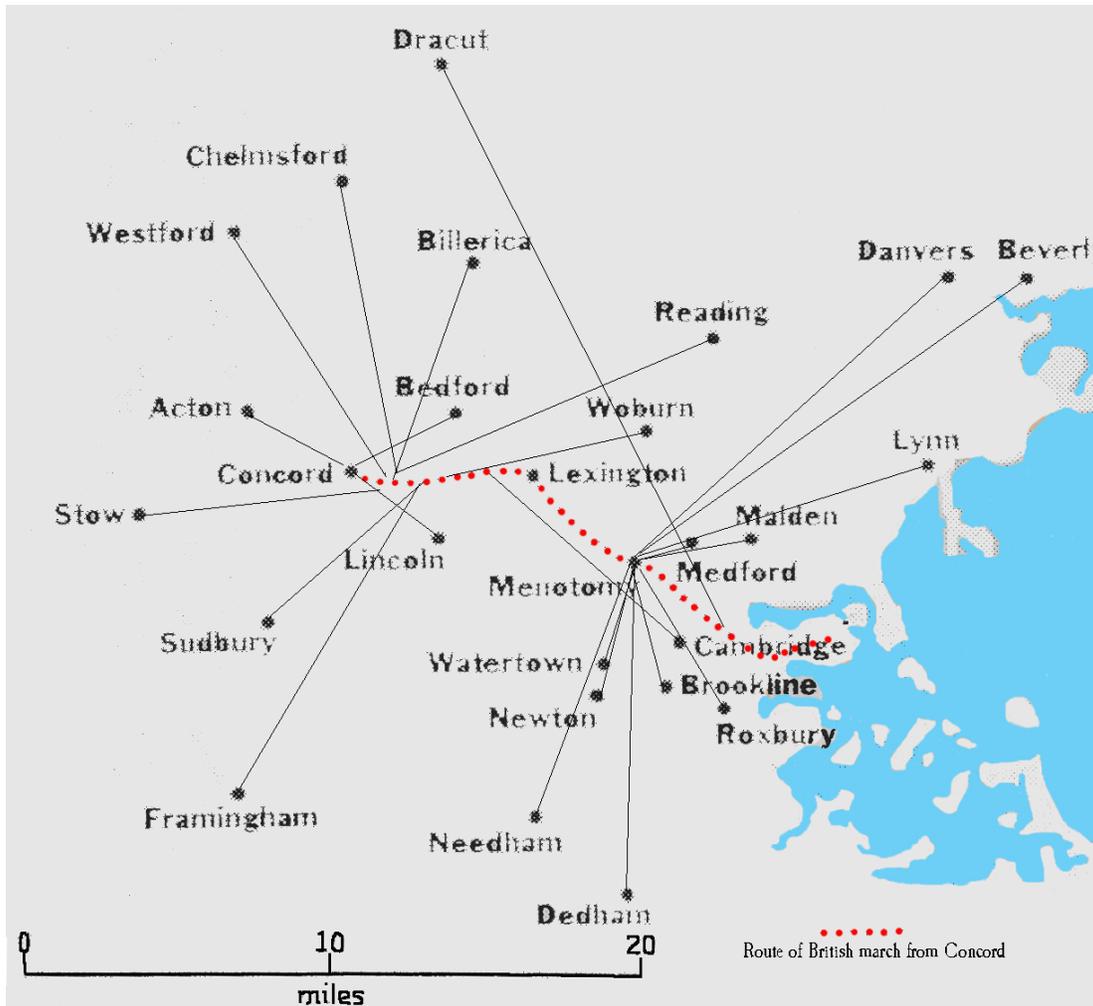
*I am running up the hill, sniping at the Colonial militia companies.*

*I am trained to be ready at a moment's notice.*

*I am trained to throw grenades, and I wear a tall, bearskin cap.*

# The Call to Arms

On April 19, 1775 4,000 colonial troops took part in the fighting. (Thousands more answered the call to arms and would arrive over the next several days.) The map below shows the towns whose militia arrived in time for the battle. Follow the lines drawn from the various towns to the points where they entered the battle. Use the scale on the map to figure out which town's militia traveled the farthest.



The militia from which town traveled the farthest? \_\_\_\_\_

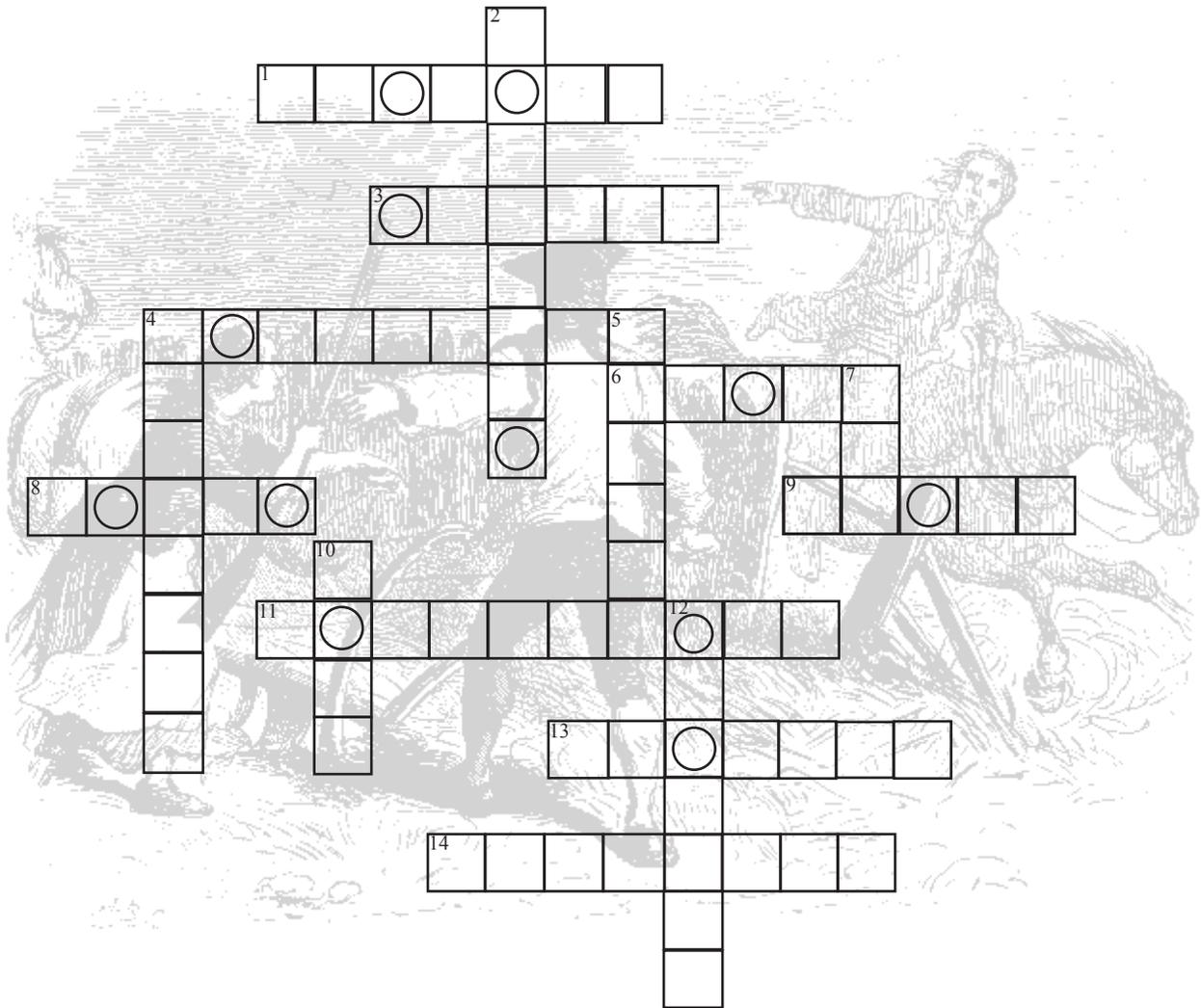
What is your hometown? \_\_\_\_\_

How far did you travel to get to the park today? \_\_\_\_\_

# Paul Revere Capture Site

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# Paul Revere Crossword Puzzle

## Across

1. Paul Revere was a member of the sons of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Paul Revere's home town.
4. The soldiers were looking for \_\_\_\_\_ hidden by the people of Concord.
6. One of the two men Revere was sent to Lexington to warn.
8. First name of the famous American poet who wrote about Paul Revere.
9. Another rider that night was named William \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Last name of 8 across.
13. One of the two men Revere was sent to Lexington to warn.
14. British soldiers were often called \_\_\_\_\_ because of the color of their coats.

## Down

2. Last name of the doctor who carried the warning to Concord.
4. "Listen my children, and you shall hear, Of the \_\_\_\_\_ ride of Paul Revere."
5. First name of 2 down.
7. "One if by land; two if by \_\_\_\_\_."
10. First name of 13 across.
12. Town where Paul Revere was captured.

[ ]Extra Activity: Unscramble the circled letters to reveal the name (according to legend) of Paul Revere's horse. *\*Hint\* One of the words is a color.*

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Paul Revere Capture Site, Minute Man NHP, Lincoln MA.

# Hartwell Tavern

Hartwell Tavern sits along the old "Bay" Road. In the 1700s this was a major highway between Boston and "the lakes" of northern New York.

Imagine you are traveling to Boston in 1775 and it's getting dark. Ahead, you see lights and hear the inviting sounds of music and laughter. Noticing the sign out front, you discover that this house is a tavern!

Look around you for clues to answer the following questions:

-From here, how many miles is it to Boston?

-In the 1700s traveling at night was dangerous. Why?

-In 1775, guests often drank \_\_\_\_\_, made from the apple orchard beside the tavern.

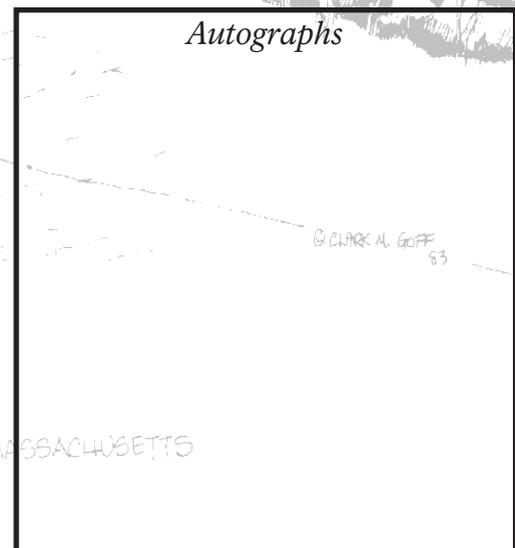
-Besides food, drink and a place to sleep, why else might you want to visit a tavern in 1775?

If you meet any characters from 1775 (people wearing 18th Century clothing), ask them these questions:

1. Who are you dressed like?

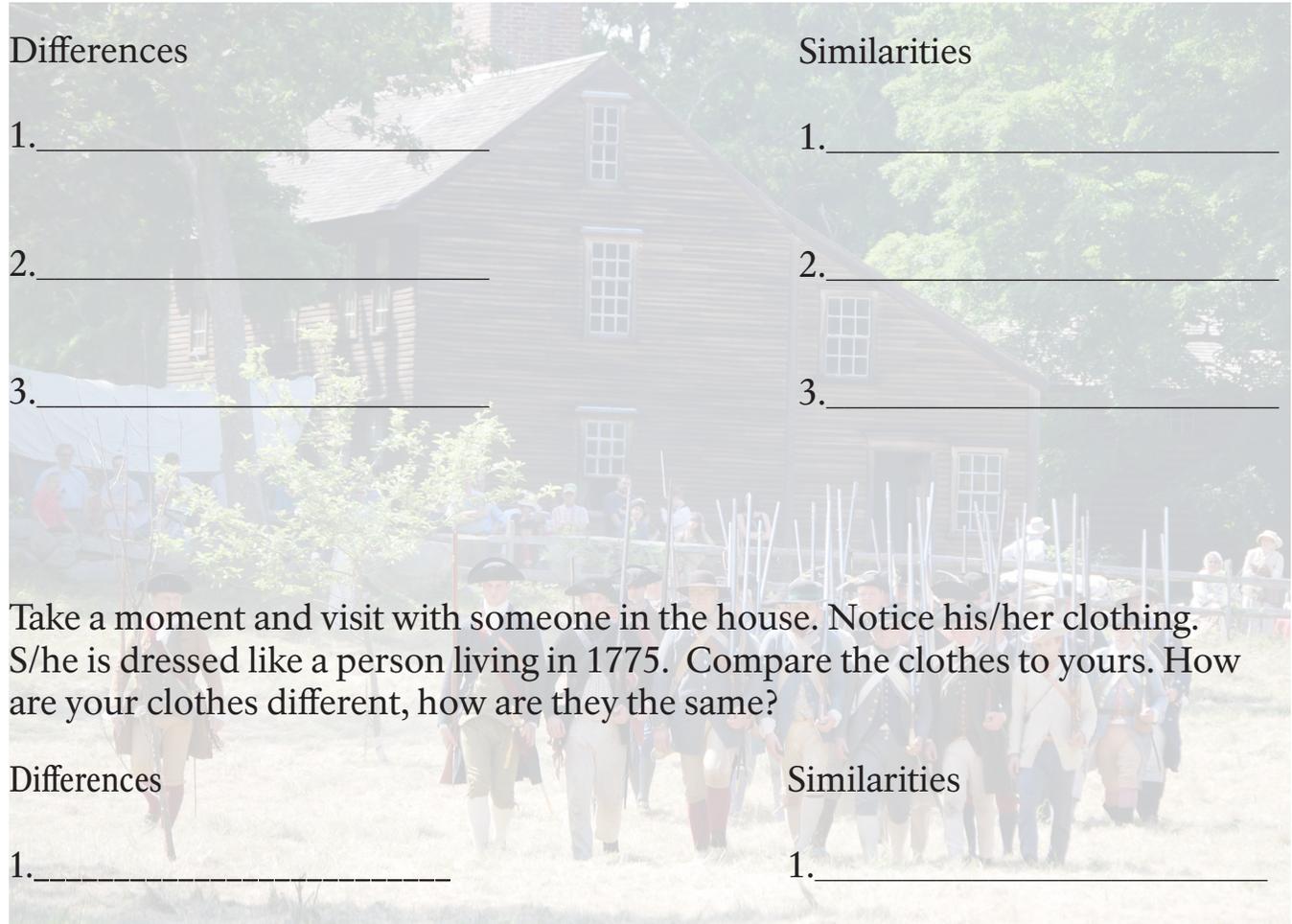
2. What did you see or do on April 19, 1775?

3. Why was April 19, 1775 important?



## Then & Now

Inside the Hartwell Tavern it looks like it did in 1775. How is the Hartwell's house different from your house? How is it similar?



Differences	Similarities
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
<p>Take a moment and visit with someone in the house. Notice his/her clothing. S/he is dressed like a person living in 1775. Compare the clothes to yours. How are your clothes different, how are they the same?</p>	
Differences	Similarities
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[ ] Extra Activity: Attend the “Who Were the Minute Men?” program.

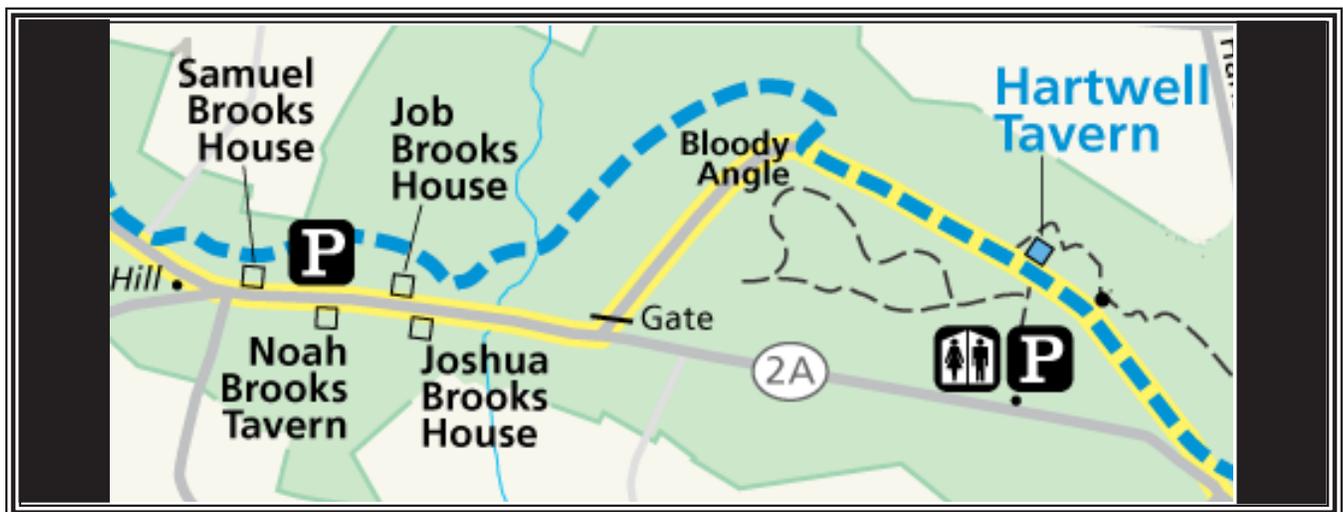
# Brooks' Hill :

## A Walk Through the Past

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As the British soldiers returned to Boston on April 19, 1775, the minute men fired upon them. The Brooks' Hill area is a short but exciting portion of the Battle Road Trail which roughly follows the route taken by the minute men as they raced ahead to ambush the British soldiers. Leave your car and the 21st century behind as you pretend to be a minute man chasing the British soldiers! This walk is a total of 1 mile (1/2 mile to Hartwell Tavern and 1/2 mile back). You will travel over boardwalks and go up and down hills.



After parking your car in the Brooks Hill Lot, read the following paragraph. It will help to set the mood:

*It's a bright, cool spring day. Imagine that you are a member of the Reading minute men. Young Edmund Foster, home from school at Yale, is marching with you. The musket you carry weighs ten pounds, but it's getting heavier with each step you take; the leather straps of your cartridge (ammunition) box dig into your right shoulder. Your company is chasing the British column in the road. Ahead, you notice the road turning north, then east again. If you hurry, you will be able to get there ahead of the Redcoats, perhaps by crossing over the meadow.*

Start your walk now. The trail will proceed to the right down the hill, and over a boardwalk across the wetland. Be sure to look at the exhibit panels along the trail for clues to the following questions.

Trades along the Battle Road

The Brooks family operated a \_\_\_\_\_ for tanning leather hides.

Historic Hay Meadow

In 1775, the minute men ran across this field. Could people easily do this today? yes / no

Why or why not?

Just before you start uphill again, stop and read the next paragraph.

Imagine a long line of British troops on the road to your right. What's that noise? Musket shots! There are British soldiers in the fields coming at you! Not too much cover here. Best not to be caught in the open with no place to hide. Quickly, you make a run for the woods up ahead. Arriving just in time to meet the British, you point your musket and fire - A loud boom! - And a puff of smoke. It's hard to hide when the musket smoke gives you away. No time to catch your breath. Keep moving!

Bloody Angle

Look at the road and the surrounding area. Why do you think this would be a good place for an ambush?

Continue walking on the trail, which now follows the old Bay Road.

Soon you are out of the woods. There is too little cover here so everyone races away from the road to escape the British flankers that are moving out toward you. Up the road, you come to the Hartwell Tavern. You stop to rest, tired from the excitement and the miles that you have marched today.

# The Wayside: Home of Authors

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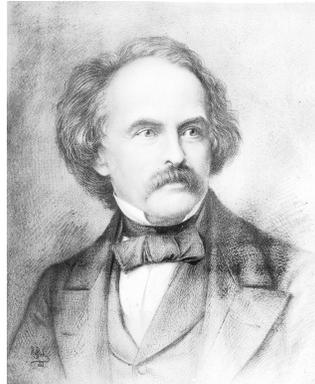
Many famous authors lived at the Wayside House, including Louisa May Alcott, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Harriet Lothrop (her pen name was Margaret Sidney). In the Wayside barn, please read the exhibit panels. For each author, please list two of his/her works:



Harriet Lothrop

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Nathaniel Hawthorne

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Louisa May Alcott

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Louisa May Alcott and Nathaniel Hawthorne also kept journals. They wrote their ideas and observations, their thoughts and feelings and their reflections about popular events. Please write your own journal entry about your visit to Minute Man National Historical Park.

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[ ] Extra Activity: Take a tour of the Wayside with a Park Ranger

# Slavery and Abolition



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NETWORK TO FREEDOM

Slavery was outlawed in Massachusetts in the 1790s. The owners of the Wayside had many different opinions about slavery in America. Read the exhibits in the Wayside barn to answer the following questions.

Samuel Whitney and his family lived at the Wayside in the 1770s. In 1771 the Concord Tax Record mentions that he owned: 1 house, 1 horse, and 4 oxen. How many slaves did Samuel Whitney own? \_\_\_\_\_

Others who lived in the Wayside actively opposed slavery. The Alcott family lived in the Wayside from 1845 until 1852. How did the Alcott family help slaves here at the Wayside?



Nathaniel Hawthorne lived at the Wayside during the American Civil War. The Civil War ended slavery in America. Hawthorne was saddened by the war. Although he did not like slavery, he did not like to see Americans die in war. What did he do to better understand the Civil War?

[ ] Extra Activity: Explore the Wayside grounds. Find the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom plaque and the exhibit panel about Casey.

# Historic Preservation: One person CAN make a difference!

In addition to writing children's books, Harriett Lothrop also saved many of the most historic sites in Concord. Here is a list of some of Concord's most famous homes. Can you circle the ones Harriett saved?

The Old Manse

Public Library

Walden Pond

The Wayside

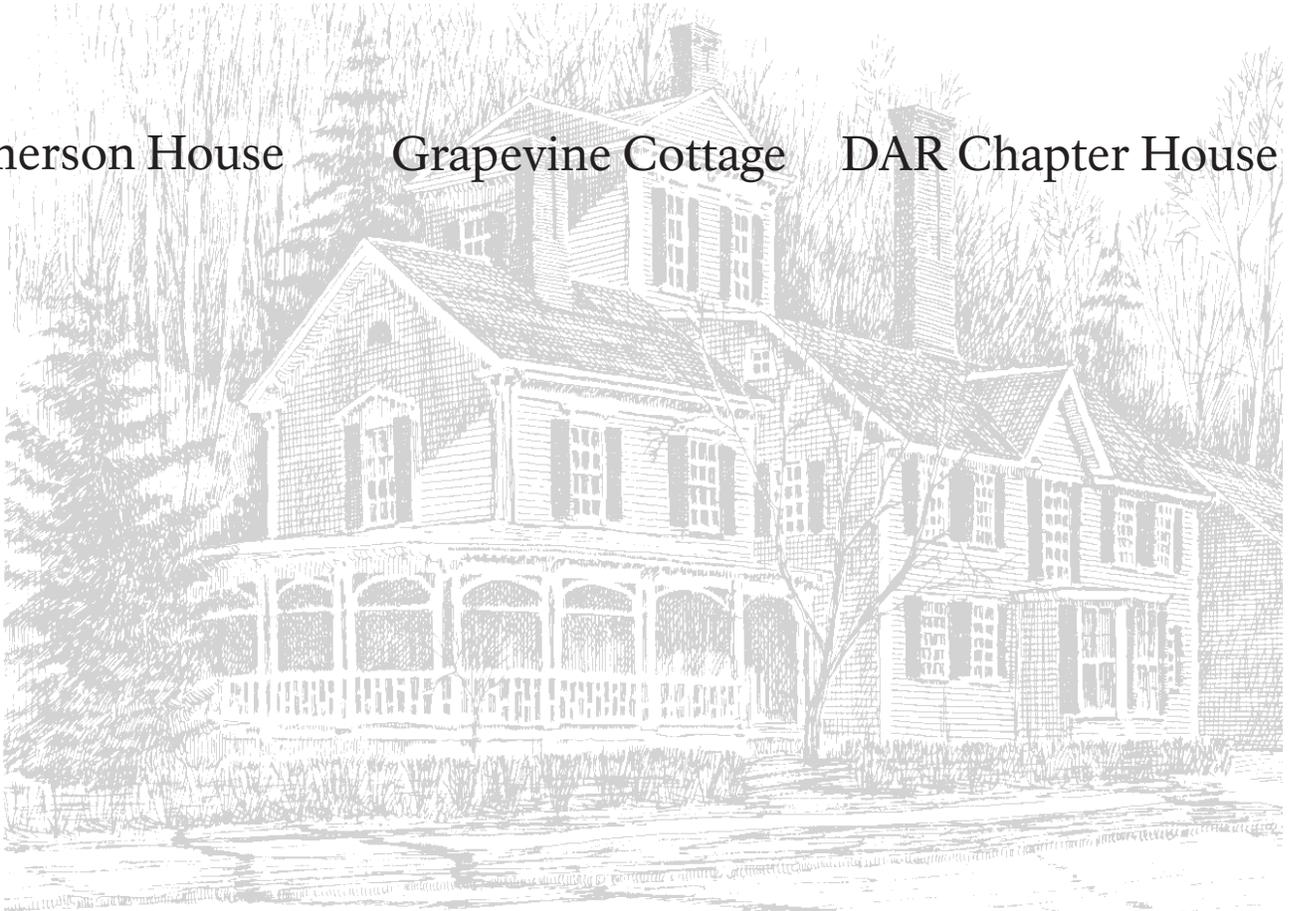
Orchard House

Bullet Hole House

Emerson House

Grapevine Cottage

DAR Chapter House

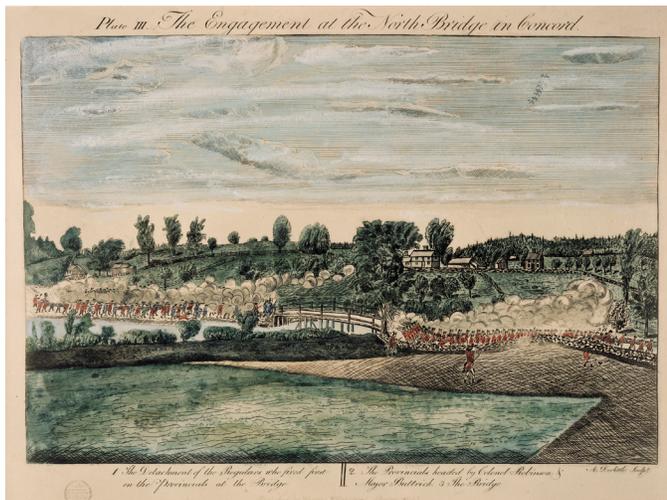


# The North Bridge

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## Doodle like Doolittle



Amos Doolittle came to Lexington and Concord with the Connecticut Militia. He used his artistic skill to make four images of the events of April 19, 1775. Thanks to his drawings, we have a very good idea of how things happened 200 year ago.

Now it's your turn! Draw something you see around you to preserve it for future generations. Don't forget to sign your name!



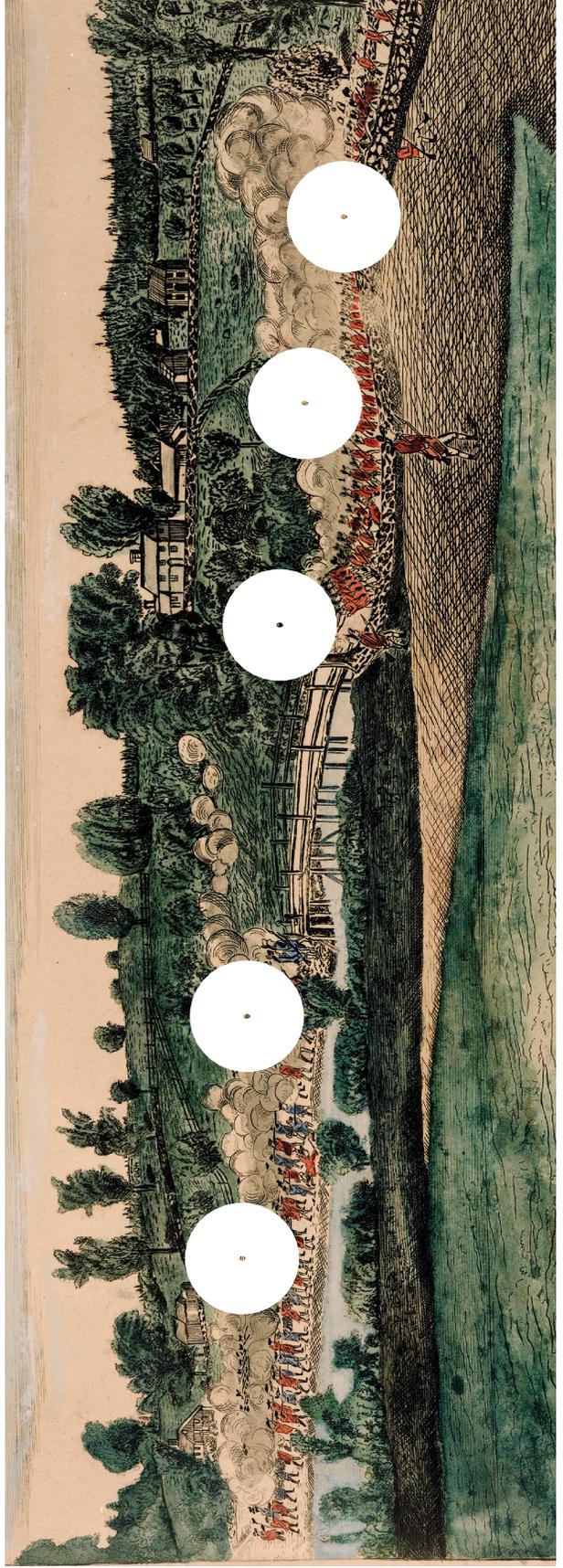
[ ] Extra Activity: Attend the “Some Were for Making a Stand” program at the North Bridge in Concord.

## Reading the Landscape

Look at the North Bridge Battlefield today and compare it to the 1775 Doolittle Engraving below. Based on what you see, find the locations of the following...

1. Position of the minute men during the battle
2. Position of the British during the battle
3. The Minute Man Statue
4. The 1836 monument
5. Grave of British Soldiers

Write the number in the appropriate circle. Good luck!





## Junior Ranger Pledge

As a Junior Ranger, I promise to:

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Protect the buildings, flowers, plants and trees, animals, and other things in the park by not disturbing them.

Collect litter while I am out exploring, whenever possible.

Stay alert, and be aware of traffic – in cars, buses, or on foot – on the roadways.  
Stay on the marked pathways, and be careful of poison ivy and insects.

Show respect in historical and cultural places.

Continue learning about National Parks and teach others about the importance of places like Minute Man National Park.



# Junior Ranger Certificate of Achievement

is Awarded to:

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for exploring, learning about, and protecting  
Minute Man National Historical Park

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Park Ranger

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Date



