



# The Minute Man Messenger

The official newsletter of  
Minute Man National Historical Park  
2014 Edition

## A New View of the Events of April 19, 1775



An unprecedented opportunity for learning about and understanding the significance of the events of April 19, 1775 unfolds this spring! An exciting new exhibit at Concord Museum, “The Shot Heard Round the World,” tells the story of what happened in Minute Man National Historical Park, at Lexington and Concord and along the Bay Road to Boston. Beginning April 18 through September 21, 2014, visitors can pair a visit to the Concord Museum’s new exhibit with a visit to the park to explore the objects and the places where the first armed conflict of the American Revolution took place.

The park offers the “real” places where history happened: the North Bridge in Concord, the Battle Road Trail, and the site where Paul Revere was captured, to name a few.

The exhibition reunites an extraordinary assemblage of objects—from the lantern Paul Revere had flashed as a signal, to William Diamond’s drum that summoned the Lexington militia, to James Hayward’s powder horn pierced by the bullet that killed him—that were eyewitnesses to the fateful day that began the eight-year battle for independence. The exhibition freshly explores the part these fifty objects played and the evidence they hold.

Experiencing the objects and a visit to the park together brings new dimension and understanding about the impact of the events of April 19. Special events throughout the season highlight this special opportunity:

- April 19 & August 16: Captain David Brown’s Company at North Bridge (see page 4)
- May 24 & September 9: Gallery Talk, Park Ranger Jim Hollister at Concord Museum (pages 5-6)
- September 20: Battle Road Open House (see page 6)

## Patriots of Color

Between 20 and 40 colonists of the approximately 4,000 who fought on the Battle Road on April 19, 1775, were African or Native American. By the end of the war, an estimated 5,500 African and Native American men had served on the colonial side. Many more served on the side of the British, particularly after the war moved south. Why would these men fight for a society that considered them inferior? Why don’t we hear more about this part of the story of the American Revolution?

Groundbreaking research by George Quintal, Jr. in his 2002 *Patriots of Color* report about African and Native Americans at Battle Road and Bunker Hill<sup>1</sup> provides the significant historical detail upon which the National Park Service can begin to bring this story to light. Today, a figure representing Peter Salem, an African American minute man who fought on the Battle Road, is included in the exhibit in Minute Man Visitor Center, helping to tell the story about Patriots of Color.

If you are interested in helping us research and more accurately interpret this topic, please contact us at [info\\_mima@nps.gov](mailto:info_mima@nps.gov). For a list of further reading on the topic of African Americans in the American Revolution, visit our website at [www.nps.gov/mima/PatriotsofColor](http://www.nps.gov/mima/PatriotsofColor)



Peter Salem by artist John Rush

### Welcome...



to Minute Man National Historical Park!

We, as stewards of your national park, hope that your visit is enjoyable and inspirational. This is one of our nation’s most treasured places and its significance extends to others around the world. It is a place where everyone can contemplate and appreciate the sacrifices required to obtain and sustain liberty through the generations.

Whether you choose to walk or bike on the Battle Road Trail, visit the new exhibits and movie at North Bridge Visitor Center, attend a special event, or participate in a ranger-led interpretive program during your visit, we hope that you leave inspired by those who have gone before us and that you will return often.

Nancy A. Nelson  
Superintendent

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## Minute Man Visitor Center

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

**Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., April 1 - November 2, 2014**

We recommend that you begin your visit to the park at 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 mural of the April 19 battle. Museum Store.



## Hartwell Tavern

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

**Open Patriot's Day weekend, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. April 19, 20, and 21**  
**Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., June 21 - October 13, 2014**

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 daily lives of those who experienced the American Revolution first hand.



## North Bridge & North Bridge Visitor Center

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

**Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., April 1 - November 2, 2014**  
**Open Tuesday - Saturday, 11a.m. - 3p.m., November 4 - December 31, 2014**  
**(Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 27, and Christmas Day, December 25)**

On April 19, 1775 colonists fired "the shot heard round the world" in defense of their rights. Today, Concord's North Bridge and the Minute Man statue are international symbols of liberty. The 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*," exhibits, and visit the museum store. Stroll in the adjacent gardens.



## The Wayside, Home of Authors - Closed 2014 Renovation Update - Reopens 2015

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

The original sections of the house witnessed the events of April 19, 1775. In the 19th century The Wayside was home to Nathaniel Hawthorne at the end of his life and to Louisa May Alcott when she wrote her first works. On the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, the house sheltered fugitive slaves during the Alcott years. In the 20th century, Harriet Lothrop and her daughter Margaret preserved and protected The Wayside.

In January 2013 a multi-year project to restore The Wayside began. Work in 2013 focused on repairs to the exterior. The roof was replaced and the exterior painted. Extensive repairs to the screened piazza were completed. Repairs to the masonry of the foundation and the multiple chimneys were begun. In 2014 work will focus on the interior of the house to include carpentry repairs, repairs to plaster ceilings, painting, and replacement of wallpaper and of some carpet. This work is being done by the NPS Northeast Region Historic Architecture, Conservation, and Engineering Center.

### The Captain David Brown Musket at North Bridge Visitor Center



Very likely the weapon David Brown carried into battle at the North Bridge, this musket, though showing later alterations, is currently on display as part of the exhibit at North Bridge Visitor Center, courtesy of **The Museum of the American Revolution** (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

# Minute Man National Historical Park Guided Tours and Program Schedule

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## “The Road To Revolution” Multimedia Theater Presentation

Our award-winning multimedia theater presentation provides an excellent introduction to the park story. Start your visit here! **FREE**

## Minute Man Visitor Center

Daily, April 1 - November 2, 2014  
Every half hour, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## “Who Were the Minute Men?” Ranger Program

Join a costumed park ranger at Hartwell Tavern and learn about America’s first soldiers. The program includes a musket firing demonstration. People with hearing impairments or hearing aids should exercise caution. **20 minutes - FREE**

## Hartwell Tavern

Daily, June 21 - October 13, 2014  
11:15 a.m., 12:15, 2:15 p.m., & 3:15 p.m.

## “Some Were For Making A Stand” 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**

## North Bridge

Thursday - Sunday, June 21 - October 13, 2014  
2:30 p.m.  
(Check at visitor centers for additional times)

## “Muster with the Militia” Ranger-led Activity

Have you ever wondered what it was like to train for battle in 1775? Participate in a militia drill with wooden muskets. You will be challenged to master REAL battle formations from 1775. (The militia drill is limited to 30 participants.) **20 minutes - FREE**

## Hartwell Tavern

Monday - Friday  
June 21 - October 13, 2014  
10:30 a.m.  
Saturday & Sunday  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

## Programs Occuring Monthly

### Battle Road Trail Walk

Join a park ranger for a 3 1/2 hour guided walk along the historic Battle Road Trail. Visit historic homes such as the Meriam House and Hartwell Tavern. 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 31st, and October 11th  
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 from breaking out. 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 25th, June 15th, July 6th, August 10th, September 21st, October 5th and 26th  
1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

### If These Walls Could Speak

Join Park Ranger Polly Kienle and trace how Jacob Whittemore’s family grew and changed, using original documents and their former home. The program is held at the park’s only “witness house” in Lexington, which has undergone an unusual renovation you won’t want to miss. What you find may surprise you! 45 minutes. **FREE**

## Minute Man Visitor Center

Sunday, June 29th, July 20th, August 31st, September 28th, October 19th  
3:00 p.m.

### Celebrating Nathaniel Hawthorne: Hawthorne’s Neighborhood

Join a park ranger to walk the neighborhood where Hawthorne, the Alcotts, Emerson, Thoreau, and others lived and worked. Get a view of these authors and their families as neighbors and friends. (About 1 hour. Wear comfortable shoes for this half-mile walk.) **FREE**

## The Wayside: Home of Authors Parking Area, across from 455 Lexington Rd., Concord

Sunday, June 8th, August 3rd, September 7th and October 12th  
4:00 p.m.

### Celebrating Nathaniel Hawthorne: The Hawthorne Family Making The Wayside Home

Celebrate the life and work of Nathaniel Hawthorne at The Wayside in Minute Man National Historical Park. The author lived here with his wife Sophia Peabody Hawthorne and their three children from 1852-1853 and 1860-1864. Park Ranger Michelle Bles will be on site to share photos and exhibits about how the Hawthornes made the house a home and about the restoration effort underway today. (Due to renovations, the talk will occur outside near the house.) **FREE**

## The Wayside: Home of Authors Parking Area, across from 455 Lexington Rd., Concord

Sunday, July 13th, 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Sunday, August 24th, 3:30 - 5:00 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, April 27th, June 22nd and October 18th  
2:00 p.m.

## Did You Know . . .

The Centennial of the National Park Service is coming in 2016! What would you like to see at Minute Man National Park in celebration? What would be most important to you at this park? Send your response to [mima\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:mima_info@nps.gov)



# Minute Man National Historical Park 2014 Special Events Calendar

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3rd U.S. Infantry, "The Old Guard"  
Monday, April 21st  
North Bridge, Concord

## April 2014 / Patriot's Day Events

### Saturday, April 12th

**Meriam's Corner Exercise**  
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**  
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 19th

**Dawn Salute**  
North Bridge, Concord  
6:00 a.m.

The Concord Minute Men and the Concord Independent Battery observe the opening battle of the Revolution in a 21 gun salute with musket and cannon. This year, we will be joined by the "Tough Ruckers," military personnel marching in memory of our fallen soldiers. <http://www.militaryfriends.org/programs/toughruck/>

**Arrival of the Sudbury Militia**  
North Bridge, Concord  
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 off North Bridge as a soldierly salute.

**From Dawn to Dead of Night - Captain David Brown's Company of Minute Men**

North Bridge, Concord, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Concord Museum, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

On April 18 - 19, Concord Museum will host an overnight encampment of Captain David Brown's Company of Minute Men on the museum's lawn in conjunction with the museum's special exhibition "The Shot Heard Round the World: April 19, 1775." The company will also participate in events at North Bridge on April 19. See how companies of minute men were armed and trained. Visit Concord Museum to see the actual artifacts in the new exhibit.

**Life on the Battle Road**  
Hartwell Tavern and Captain William Smith House, Battle Road, Lincoln  
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Hartwell Tavern and the Captain William Smith House will be open. Park staff will be joined by living history volunteers from the Lincoln Minute Men (until 1:30 p.m.) and other local organizations. (Hartwell Tavern will also be open April 20 and 21)

### Sunday, April 20th

**Warlike Preparations at the 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. Searching his house was part of the mission of the British soldiers when they marched to Concord. Visit the Barrett House and learn about the intense military preparations that helped launch America into the Revolutionary War.



### Monday, April 21st

**Lexington Battle Reenactment**  
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**  
North Bridge, Concord  
8:45a.m.

British and colonial reenactors will conduct a special commemoration of the North Bridge fight featuring musket firing. The Concord Parade will arrive at North Bridge around 9:30 a.m. with ceremonies featuring minute man companies, British reenactors, and music groups. NOTE: All of the roads in the center of town are closed to vehicles beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**3rd U.S. Infantry - The Old Guard**  
North Bridge, Concord  
1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

The 3d U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the U.S. Army, serving our nation since 1784. The Old Guard is the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president, and it also provides security for Washington, D.C. in time of national emergency or civil disturbance. They will demonstrate authentic 18th century battle tactics and musket firing as well as fife and drum music.

**The British Redcoat**  
Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt 2A, Lexington  
2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

See page 3 for program description

### Saturday, April 26th

**Junior Ranger Day**  
Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers,  
and Whittemore House  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Take part in "Hat's Off!" in our Reader's Theater and a militia drill with wooden muskets. At the end of your day show your work to a Ranger. Become a Junior Ranger and earn your new patch. For program times and details visit [www.nps.gov/mima/forkids](http://www.nps.gov/mima/forkids)



**Battle Road Heroes**  
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. Children wearing their Junior Ranger Badges attend free.

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William Diamond Junior Fife and Drum Muster, May 3rd



Buttrick Garden, Photo by Susan Spector

## May 2014

### Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd

**William Diamond Junior Fife and Drum Muster**  
Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt. 2A., Lexington  
Friday Tattoo: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday Muster: 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The William Diamond Junior Fife and Drum Corps presents their annual Fife and Drum Muster. The event features 27 fife and drum corps from all over New England. Bring a chair or blanket.

### Saturday, May 10th

**Peters' Corps**  
North Bridge, Concord  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Peters' Corps presents 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 17th

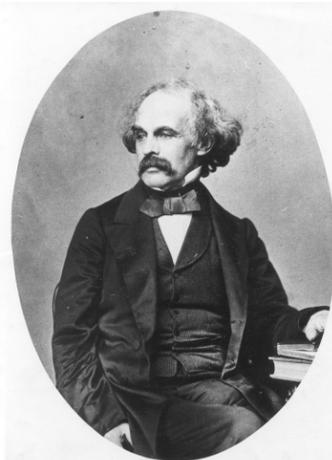
**Armed Forces Day – Muskets, Pikes, Bayonets, and Beyond**  
North Bridge, Concord  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Colonial regiments that fought at Lexington and Concord in 1775 continue to serve our country to this day as part of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. This timeline event will cover more than three hundred years of Massachusetts military history. Park staff and volunteers, joined by National Guard soldiers, will demonstrate 17th century pike drill, 18th century musket, and 19th century bayonet exercise. Wooden muskets will be on hand for families and children to try.

### Sunday, May 18th

**Celebrating Nathaniel Hawthorne: The Hawthorne Family Making Concord Home**  
The Old Manse, 269 Monument Street, Concord: 1:30 pm  
The Wayside, 455 Lexington Road, Concord: 3:15 pm

Join the staff at The Old Manse and at Minute Man National Historical Park to celebrate the life and work of Nathaniel Hawthorne in the two places in Concord he and his family called home. Tour The Old Manse where Hawthorne and his wife Sophia settled as newlyweds. The Hawthorne's bought The Wayside as a family with three children; learn how they made the house a home and about the restoration effort underway today. (Please note: Reservations are suggested for The Old Manse. Call (978) 369 - 3909. Due to renovations at The Wayside, the talk will occur outside near the house.) FREE



July 4, 1804 - May 19, 1864

### Friday, May 23rd

**Celebrating Hawthorne: Nathaniel Hawthorne's 150th Memorial**  
Starting at First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road  
6:00 p.m.

On May 23, 1864 Concord residents and noted writers laid to rest one of the leading lights in American literature, Nathaniel Hawthorne. Follow in the footsteps of Hawthorne's funeral through readings from Hawthorne's contemporaries such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louisa May and Bronson Alcott, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The program will include presentations at First Parish church in Concord, a procession to Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, and a reception at The Old Manse. FREE

### Saturday, May 24th

**Concord Museum Gallery Talk with Park Ranger Jim Hollister**  
Concord Museum, 200 Lexington Road, Concord  
11:00 a.m.

Join us as we continue our collaboration with Concord Museum and their new exhibit, "The Shot Heard Round the World: April 19, 1775." Explore what historical evidence reveals about the extent of military preparations on the eve of April 19. 30 min. Regular museum entry fee applies: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children 6 - 17

### Wednesday, May 28th

**Friends of Minute Man National Park 4th Annual Buttrick Garden Party**  
North Bridge Visitor Center, Concord  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

\$25 per person

Join the Friends in celebration of the beautiful Buttrick Garden. To register or for more information contact the Friends at [info@friendsofminuteman.org](mailto:info@friendsofminuteman.org).

## June 2014

### Saturday, June 7th

**A Gown in a Day**  
Hartwell Tavern, Battle Road, Lincoln  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In the 18th Century, off the rack and ready-to-wear clothing was uncommon. Garments were made or altered to fit each individual. Visit Hartwell Tavern, where volunteers Stephanie Smith and Hallie Larkin will demonstrate the process of making an open-front "English" gown from start to finish.

### Saturday, June 14th

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

Debate revolutionary issues with Concord residents of 1774 (portrayed by The Guild of Historic Interpreters). In the true spirit of a New England town meeting, you are encouraged to take part and let your voice be heard!

### Saturday, June 21st

**The Long Arm of the Law**  
Hartwell Tavern, Battle Road, Lincoln  
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?

### Sunday, June 22nd

**Riverfest 2014 - Musketaquid: The People of the Marsh Grass River**  
North Bridge, Concord  
Time: 1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate Riverfest through this special program about the original inhabitants of "Musketaquid," the place we now call Concord. For more information and a list of Riverfest events, visit [www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org](http://www.sudbury-assabet-concord.org)

### Saturday, June 28th

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

Join Abigail Adams as she reflects on her courtship and marriage, and love in wartime.

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Abigail Adams, July 26th



Highlights from the Archeology Collection, October 4th

## July 2014

### Friday, July 4th

***Declaring Independence***  
North Bridge, Concord  
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 of Independence.

### Saturday, July 12th

***Town Meeting - Let Your Voice Be Heard!***  
North Bridge, Concord  
1:30 and 3:00 p.m.  
Repeat of June 14th program

### Saturday, July 19th

***The Long Arm of the Law***  
Hartwell Tavern, Battle Road, Lincoln  
1:00 and 3:45 p.m.  
Repeat of June 21st program

### Saturday, July 26th

***Abigail Adams: Life, Love, Letters***  
North Bridge Visitor Center / Buttrick Garden, Concord  
1:00 p.m.  
Repeat of June 28th program

## August 2014

### Saturday, August 9th

***Town Meeting - Let Your Voice Be Heard!***  
North Bridge, Concord  
1:30 and 3:00 p.m.  
Repeat of June 14th program

### Saturday, August 16th

***Armed as According to Law - Captain David Brown's Company of Minute Men***  
North Bridge, Concord  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
See how companies of minute men were armed and trained. This event will feature drill and musket firing demonstrations. Visit Concord Museum and see the actual artifacts in their new exhibit, "The Shot Heard Round the World, April 19, 1775."

### Saturday, August 23rd

***Abigail Adams: Life, Love, Letters***  
North Bridge Visitor Center / Buttrick Garden, Concord  
1:00 p.m.  
Repeat of June 28th program

## September 2014

### Tuesday, September 9th

***Concord Museum Gallery Talk with Park Ranger Jim Hollister***  
Concord Museum, 200 Lexington Road, Concord  
2:00 p.m.  
Repeat of May 24th program

### Saturday, September 20th

***Battle Road Open House- Celebrate the Park's 55th Anniversary***  
Minute Man National Historical Park  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to visit some of the restored colonial "witness" houses in the park, many open only on this day, this year. Pick up an event schedule at Minute Man or North Bridge Visitor Center to guide your visit. You will find:

- Historic Trades and Colonial Food Preservation, Hartwell Tavern
  - Lincoln Minute Men (clothing, music, musket firing), Captain William Smith House
  - British Army Uniforms of the American Revolution, Barrett Farm
- Fee Free Today: Visit "The Shot Heard Round the World" exhibit at Concord Museum (exhibit closes September 21!)

### Saturday, September 27th

***National Public Lands Day: Helping Hands for America's Lands***  
Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt. 2A. Lexington  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pitch in to help clean up the Battle Road Trail and other areas within Minute Man National Historical Park. Whether you can spare an hour or only thirty minutes today, your participation will be appreciated! Sign in and pick up supplies at Minute Man Visitor Center.

National Public Lands Day is an annual national event encouraging everyone to explore public lands and to help care for them. For more information go to: <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

## October 2014

### Saturday, October 4th

***Highlights from the Archeology Collection***  
Major John Buttrick House, parking at North Bridge Visitor Center, Concord  
1:00 p.m.

Over a quarter million artifacts have been recovered from archeological excavations at Minute Man National Historical Park. The collection includes objects from the late 17th through the early 20th centuries, as well as pre-contact Native American artifacts. Join Alicia Paresi, Curator of Archeology for the Northeast Region, National Park Service, for a presentation on highlights from the park's archeological collections. Selected pieces from the museum collection will also be on display during the presentation. FREE

### ***Battle Road Heroes***



Battle Road Heroes

Hartwell Tavern, Battle Road, Lincoln  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Repeat of April 26th program

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## Saturday, October 25th

### Halloween Tales

Hartwell Tavern, Battle Road, Lincoln

6:00 p.m. Lantern Walk (appropriate for children 6 and under - meet in the Hartwell Parking Area)

7:00 p.m. (appropriate for everyone else - meet in the Hartwell Barn)

Join The Guild of Historic Interpreters and the Friends of Minute Man National Park in a very spooky setting for an evening of traditional New England ghost stories. Please bring a flashlight for the walk from the Hartwell parking area to the barn behind Hartwell Tavern.



Experience the Battle Road Trail

## November 2014

## Tuesday, November 11th

### Honoring Sacrifice

North Bridge, Concord

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.

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

Distance in miles between landmarks	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

## For Teachers

Bring history to life on the Road to Revolution! Ranger-guided programs connect classroom lessons to memorable field experiences. 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](http://www.nps.gov/mima/forteachers). Reservations for 2014-15 school year open June 1.

### 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](http://www.nps.gov/mima/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm) to receive PDPs.



Rebels, Redcoats and Homespun Heroes

## The Robbins House



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 on a small farm at the edge of Concord's Great Meadows, in an area where a handful of self-emancipated Africans and their families established their homes. The last African American occupants left the house in the 1860s, and in the winter of 1870-71 the building was moved to Bedford Street in Concord. In 2011 the Drinking Gourd Project moved the house to land adjacent to the North Bridge parking lot, where it will serve as an interpretive center about Concord's early African history.

The Robbins House will be open Patriot's Day weekend, Saturday April 19 and Monday April 20, as well as weekends in late spring and early fall, and 5 days a week in the summer, including weekends. For dates and hours, please visit [www.drinkinggourdproject.org](http://www.drinkinggourdproject.org) "The Robbins House."

# 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

### 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 the Minute Man Visitor Center or North Bridge Visitor Center for a Junior Ranger Booklet. 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 5th - May 18th, Daily, May 24th - October 13th (339) 223 - 5623 www.libertyride.us

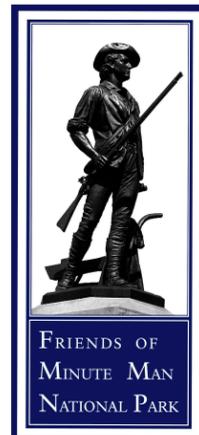
### Bike Tours

Guided historical bike tours through Minute Man National Historical Park are available April - November, and include bikes, helmets, and snacks. For more information, visit Concord Bike Tours, www.concordbiketours.com.



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  
 on the web: www.friendsofminuteman.org

Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter. We can be found at <https://twitter.com/FriendsMinManNP>.



Join the Parker's Revenge Initiative. Find out more at [www.friendsofminuteman.org](http://www.friendsofminuteman.org)

## Minute Man National Historical Park

## Battle Road Cell Phone Tour



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March of the British Soldier	stop 3
Paul Revere & the Alarm Riders	stop 4
Paul Revere Captured	stop 5
Grave of British Soldier	stop 6
Capt. William Smith	stop 7
Mary Carries the Alarm	stop 8
Hartwell Tavern	stop 9
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 978-224-4905

**Minute Man Visitor Center**  
 Begin your visit here

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