



# Concord & Lexington

## APRIL EVENTS 2008



The Patriot's Day Events commemorate and bring to life the famous day and year when Colonists took up arms in defense of liberty and started the American Revolution. The parades, ceremonies and reenactments mark the place in history where American Independence began.

throughout the month  
of April

**Tours with a Patriotic Flair at Orchard House** – *Concord*. Orchard House—home of a Concord Minute Man long before it became the “Home of Little Women”—will celebrate Patriot's Day and the spirit of independence by enhancing regular guided tours with special anecdotes and excerpts from journals and letters of the Alcotts relating to the Revolutionary War, Concord's Centennial Celebration of 1875, and Louisa May Alcott's Revolutionary War tale, “Tabby's Tablecloth.” *Open from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. on Patriots Day; 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays; and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.*

Saturday, April 12th  
1:00 pm

**Meriam's Corner Exercise** – *at the corner of Lexington Road and Old Bedford Road, Concord*. The Town of Concord joined by area minute companies and fife and drum units pay remembrance to the fight at Meriam's Corner that marked the beginning of the six-hour running battle back to Boston. *Meriam House will be open 12 pm - 3 pm.*

Saturday, April 12th  
3:00 pm

**Paul Revere Capture Ceremony** – *Paul Revere Capture Site, Route 2A, Lincoln.*

Saturday, April 19th  
6:00 am

**Dawn Salute - Minute Man NHP** – *North Bridge Area*. Concord Minutemen and the Concord Independent Battery observe the opening battle of the American Revolutionary War in a musket and cannon salute to America's past.

Saturday, April 19th  
8:30 am

**Commemoration of the Concord Conflict - Minute Man NHP** – *at the North Bridge*. The peace of the Concord countryside will once more be shattered by the sounds of marching feet and musketry as British and Colonial Re-enactors, Park Rangers and Volunteers bring the fateful morning of April 19, 1775 to life in this stirring commemoration of “the shot heard round the world”. The event will also include a moving military ceremony, “Mourn Arms,” to honor the British dead who lie buried on the hallowed grounds of the North Bridge Battlefield.

Saturday, April 19th  
10:30 am

**Arrival of the Sudbury Militia - Minute Man NHP** – *at the North Bridge*. Join us as we welcome the Sudbury Militia as they finish their annual march from Sudbury to the North Bridge.

Saturday, April 19th  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Battle Road - Minute Man NHP** – *Hartwell Tavern Historical Area*. Battle Road features hundreds of British and Colonial Reenactors encamped at the Hartwell Tavern and Captain William Smith House. There are drill and musket demonstrations, 18th century artillery demonstrations, crafts, games and more! The highlight of the day is a massed tactical weapons demonstration running over a half-mile of the original Battle Road. *The event site and parking are accessed from Rt. 2A in Lincoln.*

Saturday, April 19th  
7:30 pm – midnight

**Patriot's Ball** – *at the Armory, Stow Street, Concord*. Dance the night away and then walk to the First Parish church to greet Samuel Prescott as he announces that the British are on the move! Light refreshments, live band, door prizes, cash bar and the patriotic Grand March. Dress code ranges from black tie to colonial attire and from military to casual. *Tickets \$25 per person. Tables of ten may be reserved. Call 978-371-0192 for information and tickets.*

Saturday & Sunday,  
April 19th and 20th  
10:30 am – 4:30 pm

**Liberty Ride** – A Unique Trolley Tour of Lexington & Concord. Visit the birthplaces of American liberty and 19th century literature! Ride along the historic Battle Road while your costumed guide recounts the exciting events of April 19, 1775 and the literary legacy that defined American identity and culture. Stops at Lexington & Concord's historic sites and attractions. Easy on/off stops close to local attractions, hotels, shopping, and dining with free re-boarding. *Departs daily at 10:30am, 12 noon, 1:30pm, and 3pm from the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road in Lexington. Free parking. Tickets (2-day non-transferable pass): \$20 Adults, \$10 Students, Free under 5.*

Monday, April 21st  
5:30 am

**“The Alarm”** – *at the Old Belfry, Belfry Hill, Massachusetts Avenue at Clarke Street adjacent to the Battle Green, Lexington*. Come ring the bell that sounded the Alarm that the British were coming.

Monday, April 21st  
6:00 am

**Battle Re-enactment on Lexington Green** – *Lexington Center*. The Town of Lexington celebrates the start of the American Revolution with a battle re-enactment of the early morning engagement between the town's militia and the British regulars (*Rain date: April 26th*) (*Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, April 6th, 2:00pm*).

Monday, April 21st  
6:00 am – 10:00 am

### Pancake Breakfasts

- Lions Club at Monument Hall, Monument Square in Concord
- Boy Scout Troop #160 at St. Brigid Church, 2001 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington
- First Baptist Church of Lexington, 1580 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington
- Church of Our Redeemer, 6 Meriam Street, Lexington

Monday, April 21st  
7:30 am

**Lexington Sunrise Youth Parade** – *Starting at Munroe Cemetery driveway, proceeding west along Massachusetts Avenue through Lexington Center onto the Battle Green.*

Monday, April 21st  
7:30 am – 5:00 pm

**The Old Manse Patriot's Day Activities** – *Concord*. Visit the Manse for guided tours by costumed guides reflecting house inhabitants at the time of the battle and a behind the scenes tour of the Manse attic from 11am-5pm. *Last tour 4:30pm. House tours: Members: FREE. Nonmembers: adult \$8, senior/student \$7, child \$5.*

- Monday, April 21st**  
9:00 am **Battle Facts** – *Lexington Depot Building, Depot Square, Lexington Center.* Come talk with Colonial and Redcoat re-enactors about the events of April 18th and 19th, 1775. Presented by Lexington Historical Society.
- Monday, April 21st**  
9:00 am **CONCORD PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE** – *celebration of the 233rd anniversary of our Country's birth.* The parade route covers a distance of approximately 2.5 miles from Concord Center, down Lowell Road, up Liberty Street and passing over the North Bridge. The parade returns to Stow Street through Concord Center, ending around noon. *The streets around Concord center will be closed from 8:30 am until the parade's conclusion at 12:00 noon.*
- Monday, April 21st**  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm **Concord's Colonial Inn Patriot's Day Activities** – Take a history tour of Concord's Colonial Inn, refreshments on the porch. *Entertainment in the Forge lounge in the evening beginning at 8pm.*
- Monday, April 21st**  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm **Patriot's Day at the Concord Museum** – Celebrate “the shot heard round the world” with activities for visitors of all ages. Visit crew members from the HMS Somerset to experience life in the navy of His Majesty King George III. Pick up a fife and join martial musicians playing the stirring music of the Revolutionary Armies. Apprentice with a village tinsmith to share the art and mystery of his trade. Visit the outstanding collection of treasures from April 1775, including the famous Paul Revere lantern and Amos Barrett's powder horn. *Patriot's Week hours: Monday – Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm; Sunday 12noon – 5:00pm.*
- Monday, April 21st**  
10:00 am **Lexington Lions Club 93rd Annual Five-Mile Road Race** – *starting/ending on Massachusetts Avenue at the Battle Green. Call (781) 862-1170 for information*
- Monday, April 21st**  
11:15 am – 12 noon **Concert of Patriotic Music, Lexington** – Presented by the Hancock Church Bell Choir, Hancock Church, 1912 Massachusetts Avenue.
- Monday, April 21st**  
12 noon – 4:00 pm **Patriot's Day Celebration at the National Heritage Museum** – *Lexington, Corner of Route 2A and Massachusetts Avenue.* Visit the museum and celebrate with activities that will take you back in time. Participate in arts and crafts that tell stories of what life was like for redcoats and rebels and the families of Lexington. *\$5/family (members); \$7/family (non-members).*
- Monday, April 21st**  
1:00 pm **Paul Revere Arrives at the Battle Green** – *Lexington.* Witness Paul Revere's arrival at the Green. Greeted by Board of Selectmen and the Lexington Minute Men Company.
- Monday, April 21st**  
2:00 pm **LEXINGTON PATRIOT'S DAY PARADE** – “Lexington... It Began Here, April 19, 1775” – Parade begins in East Lexington at Massachusetts Avenue and Maple Street, proceeds west along Massachusetts Ave. and through the center of town to Lexington Green, left onto Worthen Road ending at the Town pool parking lot.
- Monday, April 21st**  
7:30 pm **7th Annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony** – *at the North Bridge.* Sponsored by The Old Manse. Luminary and song program honoring all those who fought at the North Bridge on April 19th, 1775. Hundreds of luminaries on either side of the bridge represent those present at the battle. *Please bring a flashlight.*
- Saturday, April 26th**  
7:00 -8:30 pm **“Battle Road Heroes” – Minute Man NHP – Hartwell Tavern, Battle Road.** You've watched the battle reenactments and the parades. Now you are invited to walk down a candle-lit path to the past. Listen to the personal stories of people who lived along the Battle Road on April 19, 1775. Join Captain William Smith, the Lincoln Minute Men, the Hartwells, drovers, musicians, and His Majesty's soldiers for this special evening of theater and history. *Tours leave every 15 minutes. Admission for “Battle Road Heroes” is \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Minute Man National Park.*

*Please note: Because activities are coordinated among many groups and volunteers, times are approximate and subject to change.*

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**Chambers of Commerce**

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**Town Celebrations Committees**

Concord Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee: 978-369-1897

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**Minute Man National Historical Park**

North Bridge Visitor Center, Concord: 978-369-6993

Minute Man Visitor Center, Lexington: 781-674-1920

[www.nps.gov/mima](http://www.nps.gov/mima)

**Historical Sites and Programs**

Battle Road Events: [www.battleroad.org](http://www.battleroad.org)

Concord Museum: 978-369-9763 [www.concordmuseum.org](http://www.concordmuseum.org)

National Heritage Museum, Lexington: 781-861-6559 [www.monh.org](http://www.monh.org)

Orchard House, Concord: 978-369-4118 [www.louisamayalcott.org](http://www.louisamayalcott.org)

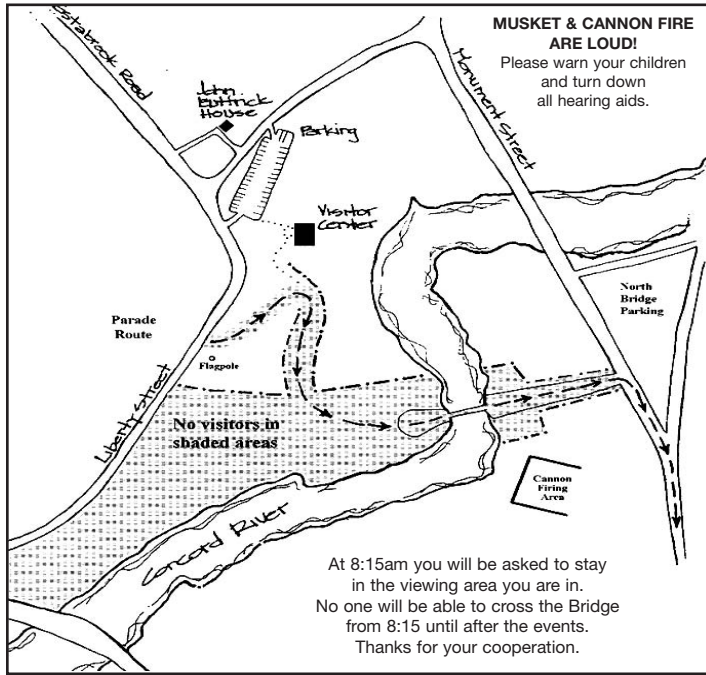
Old Manse, Concord: 978-369-3909 [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org)

Walden Pond State Reservation: 978-369-3254 [www.Massachusettsparks.org](http://www.Massachusettsparks.org) or [www.walden.org](http://www.walden.org)

**2008 AT THE NORTH BRIDGE:**

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th - BATTLE COMMEMORATION

MONDAY, APRIL 21st - TOWN OF CONCORD PARADE



**Concord Visitor Center: Guided Walking Tours**

March 29th through November 2nd, 2008  
Tours on Fridays and Mondays, at 11 am  
Saturday and Sundays at 11 am and 1 pm

No tours on Monday, April 21st, Patriot's Day

Tours last 1.5 hours including Revolutionary & literary history.

Meet at Visitor Center at 58 Main St. 15 mins prior to tour.

\$18 Adult, \$12 Senior or Student, \$7 Child under 12.

For reservations or special tours, call 978-369-3120  
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**Minute Man National Historical Park Visitor Center**

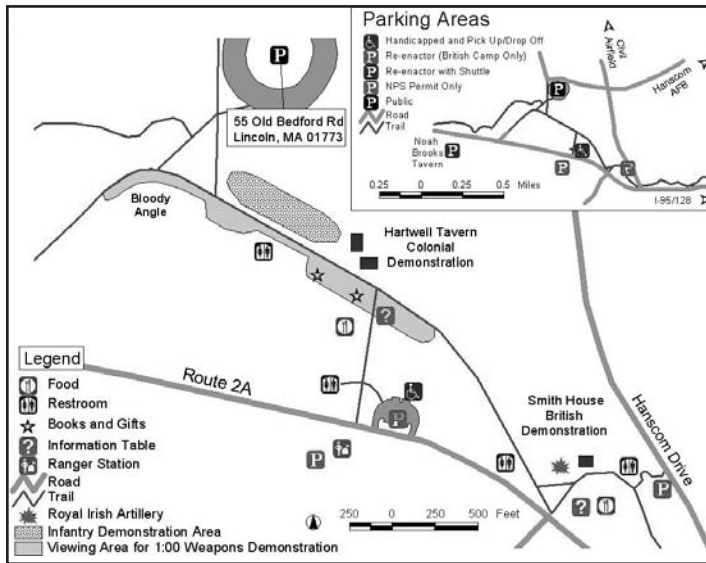
The National Park Service's award-winning multi-media theater program, "The Road To Revolution" tells the story of the historic events at Lexington and Concord.

Beginning March 29th, open daily, shown every half hour from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Admission is free.

The Visitor Center is on Route 2A in Lexington, 1/2 mile west of I-95 (Route 128) exit 30B.

**Hartwell Tavern, Minute Man NHP**  
This authentic period home and tavern will be open Patriot's Day Weekend  
Sat. April 19, Sun. April 20: 10am-5pm; Mon. April 21: 1pm-5 pm.  
[www.nps.gov/mima](http://www.nps.gov/mima)

**BATTLE ROAD - APRIL 19th, Minute Man National Historical Park**



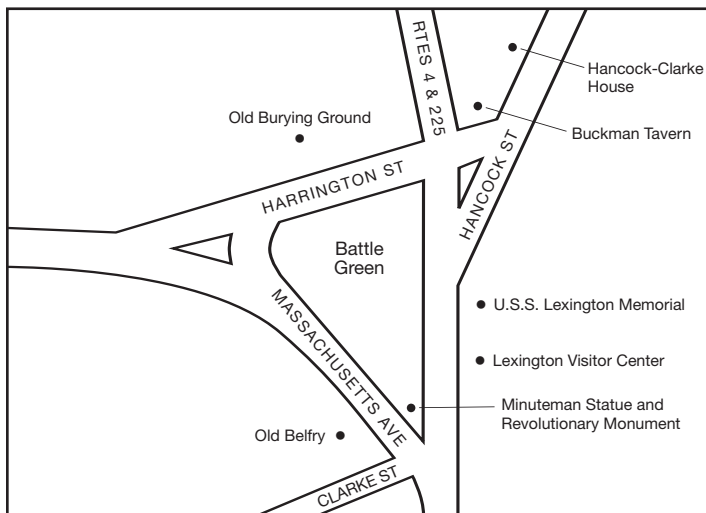
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