



# Concord & Lexington

## APRIL EVENTS 2010



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.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

- 1:00pm **Meriam's Corner Exercise** – at the corner of *Lexington Rd. and Old Bedford Rd., 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. House open 11:00am-2:00pm.
- 3:00pm **Paul Revere Capture Ceremony - MMNHP** – *Paul Revere Capture Site, Route 2A, Lincoln*. The Lincoln Minute Men and the Town of Lincoln, joined by other reenactment and fife and drum units, observe the historic capture of Paul Revere.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

- Concord Museum Exhibition Opening: Into Your Hands** – *Lexington Rd. and Cambridge Tpk., Concord*. A new exhibition in honor of the 375th anniversary of the founding of the town features extraordinary objects—a number related to the events of April 19th—that have been passed down through generations of Concord families and then entrusted to the Concord Museum. Through Sept. 19.
- 7:00pm **An Artist's Perspective – Don Troiani and "Concord Bridge: The Nineteenth of April, 1775"** – *Minute Man Visitor Center, Lexington*. World-renowned military artist, Dan Troianai, will discuss the creation of his new painting, "Concord Bridge: The Nineteenth of April, 1775," and what sources he used to bring this moment in history, "the shot heard round the world," to life on canvas.

### APRIL 17, 18, 19

- 10:00am-5:00pm **The Old Manse: Patriot's Day Holiday Weekend Events** – *269 Monument Street, Concord*. The occupants of The Old Manse referred to the Minutemen and Redcoats clash as "The Battle in the Backyard". The Old Manse grounds provide the perfect vantage point for all celebratory events. Special tours, music performances, and special book sale at the newly renovated bookstore. Landscape, house and attic tours are available all weekend. Refreshments available.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:30am **Commemoration of the North Bridge Fight - MMNHP** – *North Bridge, Concord*. The peace of the Concord Countryside will once more be shattered by the sounds of marching feet and musketry as British and Colonial Reenactors, 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."
- 10:30am **Parker's Revenge** – *Behind Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt. 2A, Lincoln*. The Lexington Militia fire ceremonial volleys at the site where Captain Parker's men fought in the afternoon of April 19, 1775.
- 9:30am-5:30pm **Battle Road 2010 - MMNHP** – Activities at Hartwell Tavern and Captain William Smith House (*Lincoln*) will include drill and musket firing demonstrations, cannon firing, period music and a view of daily life in the British Camp and Massachusetts countryside. The event site and parking are located on Rt. 2A in Lincoln. Hartwell Tavern open 9:30am-5:30pm; Captain William Smith House open 9:30am-12noon.
- 12:30pm **Bloody Angle Tactical Demonstration** – *Hartwell Tavern area, Lincoln*. Nearly 300 Colonial and British reenactors will present a tactical weapons demonstration covering over a half mile of Battle Road.
- 4:00pm **Tower Park Battle Reenactment** – *Tower Park on Massachusetts Avenue opposite Pelham Road, Lexington*.
- 7:30pm-midnight **Patriots' 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.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 18

- 3:00pm **Lexington Symphony Concert** – *Cary Hall, 1605 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington*. Signature program is fun for all ages. Fee.
- 9:30am-5:30pm **Living History at Hartwell Tavern** – *Route 2A, Lincoln*. Reenactors and demonstrations throughout the day.
- 8:00pm **"In Their Own Words"** – *Pilgrim Congregational Church, Lexington*. Dramatic re-telling of the story of the Battle of Lexington in the words of those who were there. \$7 Adults/\$5 Child. Call 781-862-1703 for tickets.
- 11:30pm **Paul Revere Ride Re-enactment** – *Hancock-Clarke House, 36 Hancock Street, Lexington*.

### APRIL 18 & 19

- 10:00am-4:00pm **Barrett Farm Open House** – *448 Barrett's Mill Rd, Concord*. Visit Barrett Farm for a rare opportunity to see mid-phase restoration in progress. The Barrett Farm was a key objective of the British march on Concord. Its owner, Colonel James Barrett, was commander at the Old North Bridge and responsible for the supplies in the region. Activities: house tours with the historic architect, timber framing, musket ball molding, and more!

### MONDAY, APRIL 19

- 5:30am **"The Alarm," at the Old Belfry - Belfry Hill, Lexington** – *Massachusetts Avenue at Clarke Street adjacent to the Battle Green*. "Come ring the bell that sounded the Alarm that the British were coming"
- 5:30am **Reading of the Script** by the Lexington Minute Men Company on the Battle Green, *Lexington*
- 6:00am **Dawn Salute** – Church bells at First Parish in *Concord* toll at 5:45am to sound the alarm. "Dr. Prescott" arrives at the North Bridge after riding across the fields calling out the warning to towns and villages that the Regulars were on the march and that their destination was Concord. The Concord Minutemen fire salutes and the Concord Independent Battery fire several volleys from the field at the Old Manse. Following this, at 7:30 join park staff and volunteers at the North Bridge for historical speeches and wreath laying.
- 6:00am **Lexington Battle Reenactment** – *Lexington Green*. The Town of Lexington Celebrates the first shots of the American Revolution with a battle reenactment of the early-morning engagement between the town's militia and the British regulars. (Rain date: 4/24/10) (Dress Rehearsal: Sunday 4/3/10, 2:00pm)

- 6:00am-10:00am **Pancake Breakfasts Sponsored by:**
- Lions Club at Monument Hall, Monument Square in Concord (6am-noon), **Concord**
  - Boy Scout Troop #160 at St. Brigid Church, 2001 Massachusetts Ave., **Lexington**
  - First Baptist Church of Lexington, 1580 Massachusetts Ave. (across from Police Station), **Lexington**
  - Church of Our Redeemer, 6 Meriam Street (Massachusetts Ave @ Meriam St.), **Lexington**
- 7:30am **Lexington Sunrise Youth Parade** – Starting at *Munroe Cemetery driveway, proceeding west along Massachusetts Avenue through Lexington center onto the Battle Green, Lexington.*
- 8:15am **Ceremonies at the Battle Green** – *Massachusetts Avenue at Bedford Street, Lexington.*
- 9:00am-noon **First Shot! The Day the Revolution Began** – *1794 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington.* Orientation film, shown on the hour. Q & A session with reenactors following the film. \$3 Adults/\$1 Child
- 9:00am-5:00pm **Patriot's Day at Concord Museum** – *Lexington Rd. and Cambridge Tpk., Concord.* Explore the *Why Concord?* galleries and treasures from April, 1775 including the famed "one, if by land..." Revere lantern; enjoy a spirited discussion between a British Redcoat and a colonial Militiaman; listen to foot-tapping music by The Jolly Rogues; go on a museum history hunt; visit the new exhibition, *Into Your Hands*. All free with Museum admission, ongoing throughout the day.
- 9:00am **Concord Patriot's Day Parade** – Join us and the Town of **Concord** for this annual celebration of the start of the American Revolution. Participants include musicians, Minuteman companies, color guards, cultural and youth groups and dignitaries from neighboring towns, the State, the nation, and several foreign countries with ties to Concord. At the North Bridge there is a ceremony to commemorate the engagement between the Minuteman companies and British troops with a wreath laying ceremony. The parade route winds from Main St., down Lowell Road, up Liberty St., and passes over the North Bridge before returning to town. Concord center streets closed from 8:30 am until 12:30pm.
- 9:30am-5:30pm **Hartwell Tavern - MMNHP** – *Rt. 2A, Lincoln.* Special activities all day.
- 10:00am **Lexington Lions Club 96th Annual Five-Mile Road Race** – *Starting/ending on Massachusetts Avenue at the Battle Green, Lexington.* Call (781) 652-8788 for information.
- 10:15am **Lexington Minute Men Company/DAR Memorial Decoration** – *On the Battle Green, Massachusetts Ave. at Bedford St., Lexington.*
- 11:00am **USS Lexington Memorial Ceremonies at the Visitors Center** – *1875 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington.*
- 11:15am **Concert of Patriotic Music** – Presented by the Hancock Church Bell Choir, Hancock Church, 1912 Massachusetts Ave., **Lexington.** Call (781) 862-4220 for more information.
- 11:30am-2:00pm **2nd Annual Patriot's Day Lunch** – *First Parish Church, Lexington Green.* Menu reflecting fare from 1775 with musical entertainment. A La Carte, to eat in or take out.
- 12 noon **Belfry Plaque 100th Anniversary Rededication** – *Battle Green, Lexington.* By the Lexington Chapter of the DAR.
- 12:30pm **Float Judging** – *East Lexington on Massachusetts Ave., Lexington.*
- 1:00pm **Paul Revere Arrives at the Battle Green** – **Lexington.**
- 1:00pm-3:00pm **Thoreau and the Two Revolutions** – *Walden Pond, Concord.* Learn about the two revolutions of Concord: the Revolution of 1775 and the literary revolution of the 19th century. Local historian Richard Smith will portray Henry David Thoreau at the Thoreau house replica. This is a free program but there is a \$5.00 parking fee.
- 2:00pm **Afternoon Parade** – **Lexington.** Starting at Massachusetts Ave. and Maple St. in East Lexington, proceeding west along Massachusetts Ave. through Lexington Center, left onto Worthen Road ending at the Town Pool Parking Lot.
- 2:45pm **Afternoon Parade Arrives at Minute Man Statue in Lexington Center**

#### APRIL 20-23

**Welcome to Our Home: A Living History Tour** – *Orchard House, 399 Lexington Rd., Concord.* Your visit to Orchard House becomes a trip to the past as you have an interactive tour with an expert, authentically costumed guide portraying an Alcott family member or one of their famous friends. Hear fascinating anecdotes and learn first-hand about their lives and times. Tours daily at 1:00pm. Fee. Plumfield Fun Week children's workshops in drama, creative writing, games, crafts, and art from 9:00-11:00am daily. Preregistration strongly suggested.

#### APRIL 22-24

2:00pm

**Discord in Concord** – Tour gathers at the train station, 90 *Thoreau Street*, in **Concord**. 90 minute tour. This walking tour will compare and contrast how the residents of Concord, Massachusetts chose to defy the laws of the land on April 19, 1775 and their participation in the Underground Railroad. Free and open to the public. 1.5 miles (3 miles round trip) This tour is timed to meet train # 422 from Fitchburg arriving in Concord at 1:53 pm. and train # 423 from North Station arriving in Concord at 1:56 pm. The tour will end at the North Bridge.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

2:00pm

**Junior Ranger Day** – *Minute Man and North Bridge Visitor Centers and Hartwell Tavern.* Pick up a Junior Ranger Day booklet and complete the pages and earn a new badge. Special activities.

7:00pm-8:30pm

**"Battle Road Heroes"** - **MMNHP** – *Hartwell Tavern, Rt. 2A, Lincoln.* Walk down a candle-lit path to the past. Listen to the personal stories of residents who lived along the Battle Road on April 19, 1775. Join Captain William Smith, the Hartwells, the Lincoln Minute Men, drovers, musicians, and His Majesty's soldiers for this special evening of theater and history. Starting at 7:00pm, tours leave approximately every 15 minutes. \$5.00 pp. \$10.00 per family.

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

#### **For more information contact:**

##### Chambers of Commerce

Concord Chamber of Commerce: 978-369-3120 [www.concordchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.concordchamberofcommerce.org)  
 Lexington Chamber of Commerce: 781-862-2480 [www.lexingtonchamber.org](http://www.lexingtonchamber.org)

##### Town Celebrations Committees

Concord Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee: 978-369-1897 / Lexington Town Celebrations Committee: 781-862-0500 x708

##### 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)

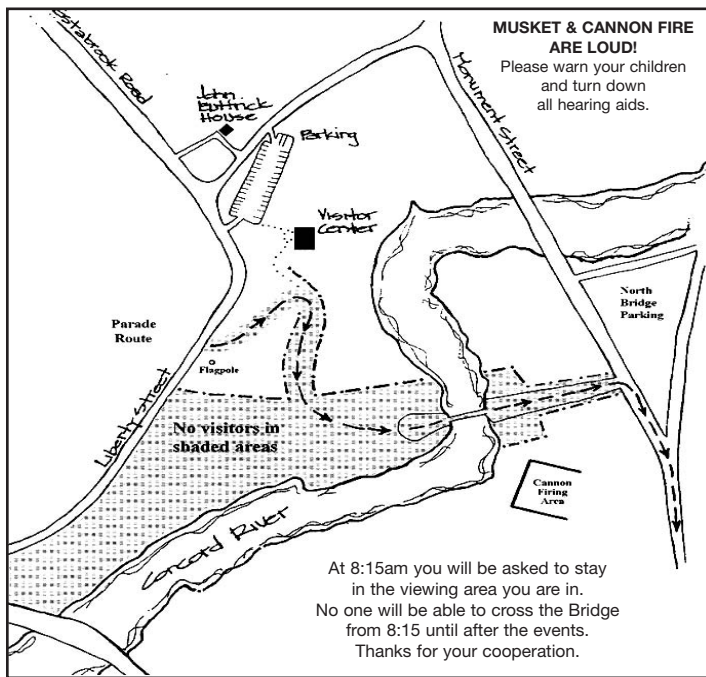
##### Historical Sites and Programs

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)  
 Lexington Historical Society: 781-862-1703 [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org) / Liberty Ride: 781-862-0500 x 702 [www.libertyride.us](http://www.libertyride.us)  
 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)

**2009 AT THE NORTH BRIDGE:**

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th - BATTLE COMMEMORATION

MONDAY, APRIL 19th - TOWN OF CONCORD PARADE



**Concord Visitor Center: Guided Walking Tours**

April 3rd through October 31st, 2010  
Tours on Fridays and Mondays, at 11 am  
Saturday and Sundays at 11 am and 1 pm

No tours on Monday, April 19th, 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.

\$20 Adult, \$12 Senior or Student, \$5 Child under 12.

\$25 Single Supplement, \$45 Family

For reservations or special tours, call 978-369-3120  
[www.concordchamberofcommerce.org](http://www.concordchamberofcommerce.org)

**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 20th, open daily, shown every half hour from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Admission is free.

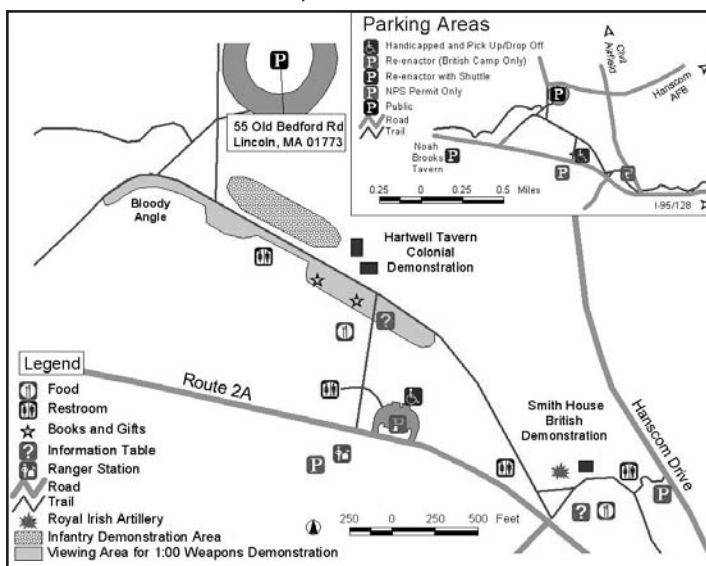
The Visitor Center is on Route 2A in Lexington, 1/2 mile west of I-95 (Route 128) exit 30B.

**Hartwell Tavern, Minute Man NHP**

This authentic period home and tavern will be open Patriot's Day Weekend Sat. April 17, Sun. April 18, Mon. April 19: 9:30am-5 pm.

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

**BATTLE ROAD - APRIL 17th, Minute Man National Historical Park**



**Liberty Ride**

Sat. April 17th: 10:30-4:30  
Sun. April 18th: 10:30-4:30

A unique trolley tour of the historic Battle Road through Lexington and Concord.

Tickets required.  
Board at the National Heritage Museum, Marrett Road, Lexington (free parking) or at the Colonial Inn on Monument Square in Concord.

[www.libertyride.us](http://www.libertyride.us)  
781-862-0500 x 702

**Lexington Historical Society**

**Historic Houses Tours:**

**Munroe Tavern**

1332 Massachusetts Ave  
Sat. & Sun. 12-4,

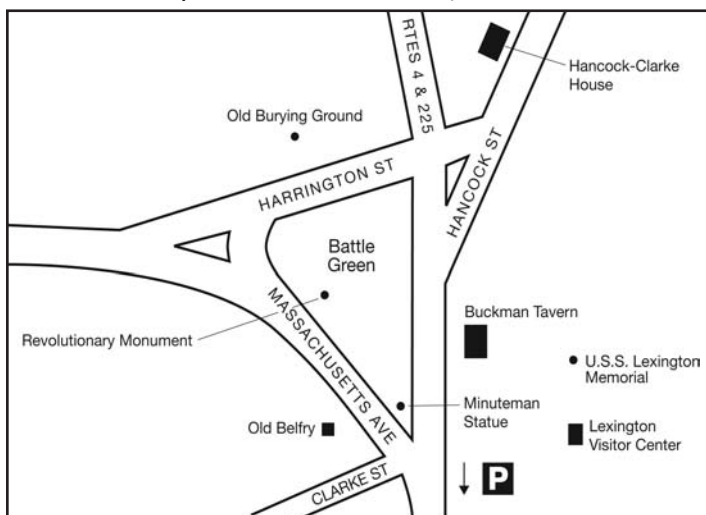
**Buckman Tavern**

1 Bedford Street  
Sat. 10-4, Sun. 10-4  
Mon. 6:30am - 2pm

**Hancock-Clarke House**

36 Hancock Street  
Sat.-Sun. 10-4, Mon. 10-2pm  
Admission charge. Multi-house discount  
[www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

**BATTLE GREEN, LEXINGTON - MONDAY, APRIL 19th**



**Area Lodging**

**Best Western at Historic Concord**

740 Elm Street, Concord, MA 01742  
Tel. 978-369-6100 [www.bestwestern.com/historicconcord](http://www.bestwestern.com/historicconcord)

**Concord's Colonial Inn**

48 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742  
Tel. 978-369-9200 [www.concordscolonialinn.com](http://www.concordscolonialinn.com)

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727 A Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421  
Tel. 781-761-1700 [www.aloft-hotels.com/Lexington](http://www.aloft-hotels.com/Lexington)

**element Lexington**

727 B Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02421  
Tel. 781-761-1750 [www.element-hotels.com/Lexington](http://www.element-hotels.com/Lexington)

**Quality Inn & Suites**

440 Bedford Street, Lexington, MA 02421  
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