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SAMPLE ITINERARIES

Explore Lexington

■ Begin your Lexington adventure at the Lexington Visitors Center, across from the famous Battle Green, where you'll see a diorama of the Battle of Lexington and gather information about their daily programs.



■ Walk the 5-mile interpretive Battle Road Trail or board the Liberty Ride, a comfortable hop-on, hop-off guided trolley tour, to see numerous historical sites.

■ Take a break in Lexington's town center and enjoy lunch at one of the fine restaurants including Lexx Restaurant. After lunch stop by one of the many great shopping spots including A Pocketful of Posies where you can find one of a kind gifts to remember your visit to Lexington.



■ Tour the Buckman Tavern, Hancock-Clarke House and the Munroe Tavern, three of Lexington's most historic homes, all of which played important roles in the Battle of Lexington.

■ Pay a visit to the Minute Man National Historical Park Visitor Center where you'll view "The Road to Revolution" which provides a great introduction to the park and be sure to visit The Wayside which was home to famous authors Louisa May Alcott, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Margaret Sidney.

■ On your way to explore Concord, pay a visit to the neighboring town of Bedford and see the original Bedford Flag from the battle of Lexington and Concord on display at the public library. Visit the Bedford Depot Park, a historic park commemorating railroad activity in Bedford or explore the Job Lane House, a beautifully preserved home once home to one of Bedford's founding families which is now open for tours twice a month, May to December.



Explore Concord

■ Begin your visit to Concord at the Concord Museum, whose treasures include Thoreau's Walden desk, the 1775 Revere lantern, and Emerson's study as well as a remarkable collection of Concord antiques.



■ A Short walk away, you'll find the Orchard House, home to author of *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott, where you'll find original artifacts still intact and the house set similar to how it was during their life.



■ Enjoy lunch in Concord center, where you'll find a variety of dining options including the historic Concord's Colonial Inn, a favorite among visitors. After lunch, stroll the picturesque streets of Downtown Concord where you will find many boutique shops including Barrow Bookstore.

■ Visit the North Bridge where "the shot heard 'round the world" was fired during the Battle of Concord. Enjoy views of the Concord River and see the famous Minute Man Statue created by Daniel Chester French, designer of the statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

■ Take a walk (or a swim) around Walden Pond, inspiration for Henry David Thoreau's "Walden." See a replica of Thoreau's cabin and stop into the Thoreau Society's shop for unique books and gifts.

■ End your day in Lincoln at deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, a unique indoor and outdoor oasis focusing on contemporary sculpture and art. An exciting place to explore, engage, learn and play. Fun for all ages!



BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICAN LIBERTY

LEXINGTON & CONCORD
MASSACHUSETTS

Visit the region where freedom began...



History was made here on April 19, 1775, when the Minute Men set out to defend their homes and farms by challenging the British Redcoats in what would become the Battles of Lexington and Concord – the beginning of the American Revolution.

More than two centuries later, the Lexington Battle Green, home to the country's oldest war memorial, including sections of the 5-mile Battle Road, still evokes that historic battle. Visit the Munroe Tavern – headquarters for Brigadier General Earl Percy on April 19, 1775 – where you'll find the Museum of the Redcoats. See a bullet hole from the firing of a British musket at the Buckman Tavern, and visit the Hancock-Clarke House where Paul Revere stopped to warn the townspeople that the Regulars were coming.

Much of the area has been preserved as part of Minute Man National Historical Park, including sections of the famous Battle Road, which retains many of its original buildings, stone walls, woods and farmland. Concord's North Bridge, the place where "the shot heard 'round the world" was fired, is hallowed ground.



North Bridge, Concord, Massachusetts

Many of the historic houses that witnessed the famous battle still stand. Displayed in the Concord Museum, among other priceless pieces of Americana, is the lantern that hung in the steeple of Boston's Old North Church on the night of Paul Revere's famous Ride.

In Concord, the homes of authors Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne have been maintained and are open to visitors. Walden Pond, the inspiration for Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," is as idyllic today as it was 150 years ago.

Lexington and Concord are also home to several state parks and forests, providing opportunities for hiking, biking, fishing and canoeing. Cross-country and downhill skiing are available nearby, along with several golf courses that are open to the public. Visitors can also take advantage of the many lovely shops and restaurants located in the two towns. Your visit to Lexington and Concord need not be limited to one day. Several fine inns and hotels call the area home, offering accommodations for every taste and budget.

Visit neighboring town, Bedford, whose history is just as rich. The Bedford flag on display at the Bedford Free Public Library is the oldest known surviving intact battle flag in the United States. It is celebrated for having been the first U.S. flag flown during the American Revolutionary War. Enjoy a scenic and serene walk through Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, or bike to the Bedford Depot Park located along the Minute-man Bikeway where you can go inside and explore a Boston & Maine Railroad passenger car.

Whether your visit is for a day or a week, these historic towns offer year-round enjoyment for visitors of all ages. Discover for yourself the birthplace of American liberty.

For visitor information please contact the Greater Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800.215.9805 or visit www.merrimackvalley.org

Cover image: Minute Man statue on Lexington Battle Green Massachusetts ©James Higgins



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LEXINGTON

1. Buckman Tavern

Opposite Battle Green
781.862.5598
www.lexingtonhistory.org
Gathering place of Lexington militia on April 19, 1775. Among the many items on display is the old front door, with its bullet hole made by a British musket ball during the Battle. Admission.

2. Hancock-Clarke House

36 Hancock Street
781.862.5598
www.lexingtonhistory.org
On the evening of April 18, 1775, John Hancock and Samuel Adams, prominent leaders in the colonial cause, were guests of the Reverend Jones Clarke. Admission.

3. Lexington Battle Green

Bedford Street & Massachusetts Avenue
www.tourlexington.us
On the morning of April 19, 1775 “the first blood was split in the dispute with Great Britain” as George Washington wrote in his diary. View the Minute Man Statue and America’s oldest war memorial at this National Historic Landmark. Free guided walking tours in season.

4. Lexington Depot

781.862.1703
www.lexingtonhistory.org
Restored 1847 railroad shed depot, one of the few remaining in New England. Headquarters of the Lexington Historical Society. No admission fee.

5. Lexington Visitors Center

1875 Massachusetts Avenue
781.862.1450
www.lexingtonma.gov/visitors-center
Tourist information, and historic diorama depicting the Battle of Lexington. Gift Shop. Guided tours. Open daily (9am–5pm April–November & 10am–4pm December–March)

6. Liberty Ride

781.862.0500 ext. 84588
www.libertyride.us
Ride along the historic Battle Road in an air-conditioned trolley while your guide in colonial clothing recounts the exciting

events of April 19, 1775 and the literary legacy that defined American identity and culture. 90-minute tour, free re-boarding.

7. Minute Man Visitor Center

Minute Man National Historical Park–Route 2A 781.674.1920
www.nps.gov/mima
Begin your visit to the park here. Multi-media theatre program, exhibits, and museum store. Open daily April 1–October 30, 2016. No admission fee. ♿

8. Munroe Tavern

1332 Massachusetts Avenue
781.862.5598
www.lexingtonhistory.org
On the afternoon of April 19, 1775, the tavern served as the headquarters for Brigadier General Earl Percy. Admission. Museum of the British Redcoats.

9. The Old Belfry

Massachusetts Avenue & Clark Street
781.862.5598
www.lexingtonhistory.org
This structure housed the bell that summoned the Militia to the Green.

CONCORD

10. Concord Museum

53 Cambridge Tpk., Concord
978.369.9763
www.concordmuseum.org
The gateway to explore historic Concord. Treasures include Thoreau’s Walden desk, the 1775 Revere lantern, and Emerson’s study. A rich schedule of events includes special exhibitions, lectures, gallery tours, family activities, and school programs. Open daily. Admission. ♿

11. Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Monsen Road
978.443.4661
www.fws.gov/refuge/great_meadows
Walking trails and wildlife observation tower. Pets and bicycles are not allowed. Rest-rooms available. No admission fee. ♿

12. North Bridge

Minute Man National Historical Park – Monument Street
978.369.6993
www.nps.gov/mima
The Minute Man Statue, grave of British Soldiers and monuments, marks “the shot heard round the world.” Check visitor center or website for the ranger talk schedule. ♿

13. North Bridge Visitor Center

Minute Man National Historical Park – 174 Liberty Street
978.318.7810
www.nps.gov/mima
Exhibits include the historic “Hancock” cannon. See film, *Treason or Liberty?* Information, museum store. Open daily, April 1–October 30, 2016, Tuesday–Saturday November 1–December 31, 2016 (except Thanksgiving and Christmas). No admission fee. ♿

14. Louisa May Alcott’s Orchard House

399 Lexington Road
978.369.4118
www.louisamayalcott.org
Home of Louisa May Alcott, famous author of *Little Women*, and her family including her father Amos Bronson Alcott, philosopher, writer and educator. Open daily. Admission.

15. Sleepy Hollow Cemetery

34 Bedford Street
978.318.3233
www.concordnet.org/pages/ConcordMA_Cemetery/sleepy
A short walk from Concord Center, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places is Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. The grave site of Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne, the Alcotts, Margaret Sidney all of whom are buried within Author’s Ridge, a measure of Concord’s dominance of 19th century American literature. Daniel Chester French is laid to rest behind Melvin Memorial, a sculpture in which French created himself.

16. The Wayside

455 Lexington Road
978.369.6993 www.nps.gov/mima
Home of the Alcotts, Nathaniel Hawthorne (the only home he ever owned), and Margaret Sidney.

The house reopens this season! For tour times, and information about special programs see the park Messenger, visit the park website, or call. Fee.

17. Walden Pond State Reservation and Visitors Center

915 Walden Street (Route 126)
978.369.3254
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/walden-pond-state-reservation.html
Walden Pond boasts a variety of recreational activities and hiking trails to Thoreau’s historic house site. Pets are not permitted. Parking fee charged. New Visitor Center Opening in 2016! ♿

LINCOLN

18. deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

51 Sandy Pond Road
781.259.8355 www.decordova.org
Established in 1950, deCordova fosters the exploration of contemporary sculpture and art through exhibitions, learning opportunities, and a unique outdoor setting encompassing 30 acres. Only 20 miles northwest of Boston.

19. The Gropius House

68 Baker Bridge Road
781.259.8098
www.historicnewengland.org
Influential architect of the 20th century, Walter Gropius, designed this home for his family. With the family’s possessions still in place, Gropius House has a sense of immediacy and intimacy. Tours offered, Fee.

20. Hartwell Tavern

Minute Man National Historical Park–Battle Road
978.369.6993
www.nps.gov/mima
Meet living history interpreters, watch musket firing and historical craft demonstrations in this authentic period home. Open daily, June 18–October 30, 2016. No admission fee.

CONCORD

A. Barrow Bookstore

79 Main Street
978.369.6084
www.barrowbookstore.com
Bookstore specializing in Concord authors and history, children’s books and literature, used and rare titles. Also, in-store: literary and historic-themed gifts, postcards, birdhouses, beeswax candles.

B. Best Western at Historic Concord

740 Elm Street
978.369.6100
www.bestwesternconcord.com
Located on four acres of beautifully manicured grounds. Two miles from Concord Center and historic sites. Features 106 clean, comfortable newly renovated rooms. Complimentary full hot and cold breakfast buffet, fitness room, wireless high speed Internet and outdoor pool. Pets are welcome. Plenty of free parking. ♿

C. Concord’s Colonial Inn

48 Monument Square
978.369.9200
www.concordscolonialinn.com
Located in the green in downtown Concord, built in 1716, 56 individually appointed guestrooms and suites. Two restaurants, pub & lounge featuring entertainment. Great for pleasure or business travel. Featuring complimentary wireless high speed internet access throughout the Inn.

D. Gatepost Tours

PO Box 56 Concord, MA 01742
978.399.8229 www.gateposttours.com
Want to invite Henry David Thoreau to dinner? Or take a guided tour of the Old North Bridge with soldiers from 1775? Gatepost Tours provides Concord’s most outstanding historic experiences for groups of all sizes.

E. North Bridge Inn

21 Monument Street
978.371.0014 www.northbridgeinn.com
European style B&B located in the heart of historic Concord. Within walking distance to sites of interest. Private baths. Full Breakfast. Families welcome. WiFi.

F. The Thoreau Society Shop at Walden Pond

915 Walden Street
978.287.5477
www.thoreausociety.org
www.shopatwaldenpond.org
Open daily all year. Hours vary. Parking adjacent to Shop. Extensive selection of books and other items related to Henry David Thoreau & nature, located at the Pond he made famous. ♿

G. Verrill Farm

11 Wheeler Rd
978.369.4494
www.verrillfarm.com
Verrill Farm features fine produce, baked goods, a deli and kitchen. Picnic tables for outdoor dining. We are a working farm located in an historic agricultural area three miles south of Concord Center. ♿

LEXINGTON

H. Artistry on the Green

2027 Massachusetts Ave
781.301.6655
www.innathastingspark.com/dining-en.html
Our menu showcases New England favorites with an inspired twist. Our creative culinary team uses fresh, seasonal ingredients to create delicious meals.

I. Crafty Yankee

1838 Massachusetts Avenue
781.863.1219
www.shopcraftyyankee.com
A Lexington favorite destination for contemporary or traditional special occasion gifts, unique jewelry, distinctive table art and tokens of appreciation. Our focus is on American made artisans and responsibly sourced global specialties. Celebrating 35 years!

J. Lexington Arts & Crafts Society

130 Waltham Street
781.862.9696 www.lacsm.org
The Society, a regional, non-profit founded in 1935, is composed of nearly 400 artists in nine guilds: *Ceramics, Decorative Arts/Basketry, Metalworkers, Needle Arts, Painters, Polymer Clay/Beaders, Photography, Weavers and Woodworkers.* We feature ongoing exhibits, classes/workshops and sales.

“...rich in historic significance...and much more”



K. Lexx Restaurant

1666 Massachusetts Ave.
781.674.2990
www.lexx-restaurant.com
Deliciously fresh American cuisine is offered for lunch and dinner in a unique chef inspired restaurant. A full bar and lounge offers your favorite libations and a great selection of craft draft beers. Lunch: 11:30–4. Dinner 4–9pm (Friday and Saturday until 10pm) and Sunday Brunch 10–3. Open 7 days a week for lunch and dinner. ♿

L. Pinot’s Palette

7A Meriam Street
781.862.3200 www.pinotpalette.com/lexingtoncenter
Located in Lexington Center, we are all about great art entertainment- for all ages! Offering classes to the public on every Thursday-Saturday at 7:00 PM as well as adult/kid’s birthday parties, girl’s night out and corporate events all 7 days a week. Mix, Mingle and Sip on wine (BYOB) all while painting step-by-step.

M. Quality Inn & Suites -Lexington

440 Bedford Street
781.861.0850
www.qualityinnlexington.com
The hotel has more than 196 rooms, including 2 room suites and executive rooms, featuring new pillow-top mattresses. Complimentary Hot American Breakfast with freshly made waffles. Computers with Internet access, and a refreshing outdoor pool. Local tradition has it that guests have been awakened by Paul Revere riding by, just before his capture down the road!

N. Spectacle Management

4 Muzzey Street
www.spectacleshows.com
Spectacle Management is a live entertainment booking, marketing and producing organization presenting performances throughout New England, including at the Town of Lexington’s Cary Hall. Visit www.caryhalllexington.com for an event calendar.

BEDFORD

O. Bedford Depot Park

120 South Road
781.275.4880 www.bedforddepot.org

A National Register Historic Landmark located at the Bedford terminus of the popular Minuteman Bikeway with facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Onsite Visitor Center, Outdoor Seating, and a Vintage Boston & Maine Railroad passenger car on display alongside the Freight House.

P. Job Lane House

295 North Road (Rte 4)
781.275.5643 www.joblanehouse.org
One of Bedford’s colonial treasures. Built around 1713 by one of Bedford’s founding families, it has been beautifully restored.

Guides in colonial dress give tours. Tours are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays, May to October, 2–4 PM.

Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area
978.772.3654 www.freedomsway.org
Experience this inspiring region of New England that lit the spark of freedom, environmental stewardship, and social justice. Online tour guides and educational materials are available at www.freedomsway.org. Freedom’s Way is dedicated to protecting, preserving, and promoting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of 45 communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.