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The
Freedom
Trail



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The Freedom Trail® walk is sponsored by the Boston Minuteman Council, in conjunction with the Freedom Trail Foundation. The Freedom Trail was established in 1958 as a 16-site walking trail through Boston and tells the story of the American Revolution as it began in Massachusetts and of the establishment of the nation.

Participation in the Freedom Trail hike is intended to help Tiger Cubs, Cubs, Boy Scouts and Explorers, as well as parents and unit leaders become more aware of the historic significance of Boston, Massachusetts and its role in American heritage.

The Trail

The Freedom Trail is a two-and-one-half mile walk through two and a half centuries of America's past in downtown Boston. It is marked by a red brick or painted red line along the streets of Boston and Charlestown that lead you to 16 original historic sites that were locations of major events of the American Revolution and emancipation. The most convenient place to begin the Trail is at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center (on the Tremont St. side of Boston Common) between the Park Street and Boylston Streets MBTA stations. Park Street Station can be reached using the MBTA Red and Green lines. The other end of the Trail is at the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown.

Note: There is an admission fee at three of the Freedom Trail sites, but entrance to these historic sites is not required for you to earn the trail awards. On-street parking is hard to find in downtown Boston and parking lot prices can be expensive. We suggest using the MBTA.

Requirements

Registered youth and adult members of the BSA can qualify for the Freedom Trail Awards. All hikers must wear as much of the official uniform as possible. Out of council units must have a BSA tour permit form 4426 or 4419A from their home council. BSA policy requires two (2) adult leaders on all trips and tours. The tour leader in charge must be at least 21 years old and accompany the group at all times.

Freedom Trail Sites

1. Boston Common: The oldest public park in the country (1634); it was once used as a cow pasture for grazing herds and as a training area for the militia.

2. The State House: Designed by Charles Bulfinch, a famed Boston architect of the time, the building was completed in 1798. The golden dome, its most distinct feature, once made of wood was later overlaid with copper by Paul Revere. Today, it is the seat of Massachusetts state government.

Open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm Scheduled tours available.

3. Park Street Church: Built in 1809, this was the site of William Lloyd Garrison's first anti-slavery address on July 4, 1829.

Mid-June-August : Tuesday-Saturday 9:30am-3:30pm.

4. Old Granary Burial Ground: This 1660 cemetery is the final resting place for a host of historical figures, including three signers of the Declaration of Independence, eight governors and five victims of the Boston Massacre.

Open daily until 5:00 pm.

5. King's Chapel Burying Ground: Located next to King's Chapel, this burying ground was the first "proper" burying place for nearly 30 years. John Winthrop, Massachusetts' first governor is buried here.

Open daily until 5:00 pm.

King's Chapel: The first Anglican church in Boston built under the authority of Kings James II in 1688, it became the first Unitarian church in America after the American Revolution.

Open May-September, Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm

Open March-May and September-October on Monday, Friday, and Saturday from 10am-4pm

Open November-February on Saturday from 10am-4pm

* **Donation suggested for groups**

6. Boston Latin School & Benjamin Franklin's Statue: Built in 1636, Boston Latin School was the first public school in America. Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Ben Franklin, Cotton Mather and other noted historical figures went to school here.

7. Old Corner Bookstore: Now used for commercial purposes, this building dating from 1718 housed a flourishing literary center in the mid-1800's where many famous books were published including *The Scarlet Letter* and *Walden*.

8. Old South Meetinghouse: It was here that outraged colonists met on Dec. 16, 1773 for what became known as the Boston Tea Party.

Open daily November-March 10:00am-4:00pm; April-October 9:30am-5:00pm.

***admission fee required**

9. Old State House: Site of the first seat of the Colonial government. Following the Revolution it was the Commonwealth's first State House. Some of the most significant events of the Revolution took place within these walls as colonials argued for fairer representation, freedom and relief from certain laws imposed by the mother country, English.

Open daily 9am -5pm; January 9am-4pm; July and August 9am-6pm.

***admission fee required**

10. Boston Massacre Site: Located across from the east balcony of the Old State House where the Declaration of Independence was read to the city of Boston in 1776, this bloody moment in American history in 1770 is marked with a simple marker on the street.

11. Faneuil Hall: Built in 1742 and presented to the town by Peter Faneuil, the hall has been a meeting place upstairs and a marketplace downstairs ever since. The fourth floor is now the home of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company Museum.

Open daily 9am-5pm

12. Paul Revere House: Located in Boston's North End is the Paul Revere House. The oldest remaining structure in Boston, this is where Paul Revere and his family lived and worked. Paul Revere is well known for his famous ride to warn of British soldiers advancing through the countryside.

Open November to April 9:30am-4:15pm

Open April to October 9:30am-5:15pm. (Closed Mondays)

***admission fee required**

13. Old North Church: Built in 1723 as an Anglican church, Old North Church is still an active congregation. It was from the steeple of this church that Sexton Robert Newman and others hung two lanterns to warn of the British attack.

Open March – June 9:00 am-5:00pm; July – October daily 9:00am-5:00pm; November –December 10:00am-5:00pm. Sunday services conducted 9 am, 11 am, 4 pm.

14. Copp's Hill Burying Ground: Founded in 1659, Copp's Hill is the second oldest graveyard in Boston and contains the remains of some very notable Bostonians, many ordinary citizens, and a significant number of free African-Americans of the colonial period.

Open daily 9 am-5 pm.

15. USS *Constitution*: Nicknamed "Old Ironsides," the USS *Constitution* is the oldest commissioned warship in the world. Launched in 1797 from Boston Navy Yard, she sailed against the Barbary pirates and fought the British in the war of 1812. To this day "Old Ironsides" has never lost a battle.

Open April-October Tuesday-Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm; November-March Thursday-Sunday 10:00am-4:00 pm. Free tours daily.

16. Bunker Hill Monument: The monument was built to commemorate the first major battle of the American Revolution fought here on June 17, 1775.

Open April-October Tuesday-Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm; November-March Thursday-Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm.

FREEDOM TRAIL HIKE CREDENTIAL

The following information and/or signatures should be provided:

1. Obtain the signature of the receptionist at the Freedom Trail Visitor Information Center on the Boston Common at Tremont Street.

Name _____ Date _____

2. Two figures flank the staircase at the Bulfinch Entrance to the State House. What are the names of these men? Who were they?

3. What is the historic significance of the Park Street Church?

4. Obtain names of three historical figures buried at the Old Granary Burying Grounds and dates on headstones:

Name _____ Date _____

Name _____ Date _____

Name _____ Date _____

5. How many columns stand in front of the King's Chapel? _____

6a. Describe one of the engravings on the side of Ben Franklin's statue.

6b. How many children are in the mosaic at the site of the oldest public school in the United States?

7. In what year was the Old Corner Bookstore originally opened?



8. In what year was the Boston Tea Party planned and carried out?

9. What date was the Old State House was built: _____

10. What marks the site of the Boston Massacre?

11. What is the historical significance of Fanueil Hall?

12. Name something Paul Revere is known for other than his famous ride.

13. On what date were the two signal lanterns displayed in the steeple of the Old North Church?

14. In which famous battle did the British man a battery from Copp's Hill?

15. Signature of the Officer on duty at the U.S.S. *Constitution*:

Name _____ Date _____

16. What famous quote was spoken during the Battle of Bunker Hill?

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Postage for 1 - 5 patches @ \$.60 = \$ _____

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Postage for 11 - 20 patches @ \$1.20 = \$ _____

_____ Freedom Trail Hat Pins @ \$4.00 each = \$ _____

Postage for 1 - 5 hat pins @ \$.60 = \$ _____

(\$.05 for each additional pin)

_____ Freedom Trail medals @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

Postage for 1st medal @ \$.60 = \$ _____

(\$.25 for each additional medal)

Attn: Postage exceeding \$3.95 will be shipped US Postal "Priority Mail" @ \$4.95 S&H

Total amount enclosed = \$ _____

Please ship my Freedom Trail awards to:

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Note: Freedom Trail awards may also be purchased at our Sayre Reservation Scout Store, for those of you who choose to use Sayre as a base camp for your hike.

Please make check payable to Boston Minuteman Council and return with this order form:

Boston Minuteman Council
411 Unquity Rd.
Milton, Ma. 02186

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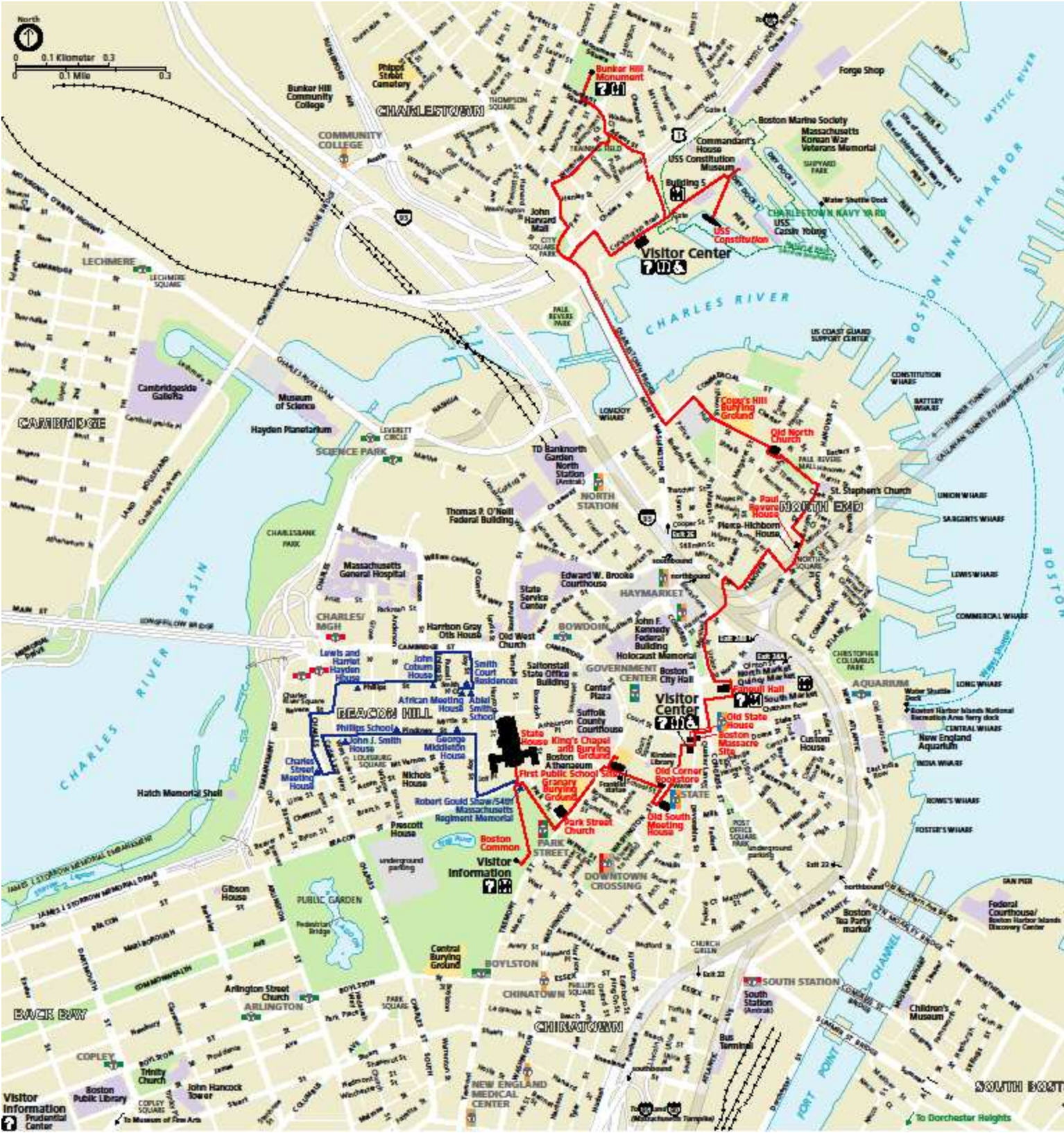
Daily service is available between the hours of 5 am and 1 am.

For information on MBTA services for fares, please refer to the map or call: 617-722-3200 or 1-800-392-6100 (toll free). If you choose to take the "T" into Boston you will want to go to the "Quincy Adams Station" located in Braintree, MA.

Call the Freedom Trail Foundation for additional historic information about the Freedom Trail and maps. 617.357.8300 Check out TheFreedomTrail.org for further information. The Freedom Trail is a registered trademark of the Freedom Trail Foundation and cannot be used without permission. 90 walking tours of the freedom Trail offered daily. Group tours available by reservation.

Directions from Camp Sayre:

Take Rte 93 North to where Rte 93 North and Rte 3 South meet. By this time, you should see signs that will direct you to "Quincy Adams Station." Stay to the right as if going to Rte 3 South, take Exit #18 and the exit for the station will be half way down the ramp on your left. (Parking is available for \$7/day.)



Visitor Information
Prudential Center

SOUTH BOSTON

To Dorchester Heights

