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Freedom Trail® Foundation Gears Up to Host Record-Breaking Tours

Whether you are a visitor or long time area resident, Boston's Freedom Trail® provides affordable family fun while learning more about our country's rich history. The Freedom Trail offers a great escape, close to home, and on a reasonable budget. The "season" begins on May 1 with a full schedule of tours, exhibits, activities, and events for adults and children, history buffs and the simply curious. The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th century costumed guides hit the streets of Boston with more tour options than ever. This year marks the first time the Freedom Trail Foundation will offer 12 public tours per day from June through October up from 8 tours in 2010.

Tours are offered daily **on the hour every hour** from the Boston Common from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and **on the half hour every hour** from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Walk Into History tour from Boston Common is the official 90-minute walking tour of the Freedom Trail featuring tales of desperate housewives, commanders in chief, survivors, and real American idols of the American Revolution and is offered seven days a week with an 18th century costumed guide. The *Walk Into History* North End tour is offered from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace schedule at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily and features stops along the Trail including Paul Revere's House, Old North Church, and Copp's Hill Burying Ground. The Foundation also offers an African-American Patriots tour and a Historic Pub Crawl by reservation and will debut the Pirates & Patriots tour in June.

All Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours with 18th century costumed guides are \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors/students, and \$7 for children. The Historic Pub Crawl is \$43 for adults 21 years or older. Tickets may be purchased by calling 617.357.8300, at the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common or at the ArtsBoston booth at Faneuil Hall, or via TheFreedomTrail.org to receive a 10% discount.

The Foundation has partnered with two Freedom Trail sites and is now offering special combo-tickets (up to \$30 value) that include a *Walk Into History* tour with admission to either RevolutionaryBoston at the Old State House or Old North Church. These tickets are only \$14.95 for adults (\$7.50 for kids), which is only \$1.95 more than the walking tour alone! The *Walk Into History*/ RevolutionaryBoston combo includes admission to the Old State House Museum and is available at RevolutionaryBoston.org and the Old State House Museum. The *Walk Into History*/Old North Church ticket provides visitors with a *Behind the Scenes* tour of special places in the church and is available at the Old North Church gift shop. Both combination tickets are also sold at the Boston Common and Faneuil Hall Marketplace visitor information centers or on-line at TheFreedomTrail.org.

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“The Freedom Trail has so much to offer and is seeing increased attendance numbers year-round at the sites and on walking tours” said Suzanne Taylor, executive director of the Freedom Trail Foundation. “We continue to work with the sites along the Trail and other partners to create exciting opportunities for people to learn our history and enjoy our great city. What we are offering is American history, but not the same old story.”

The Foundation and Old Town Trolley make guests’ experience easier – hop on hop off – with the Trolley/Freedom Trail Combo ticket priced at \$49 for adults, \$45 for seniors and students, and \$21 for children. Additionally, stand-alone tickets for our *Walk Into History* tours are available from all Old Town Trolley booths.

All Freedom Trail Foundation tour tickets include a \$1.00 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation Preservation Fund. Regular maintenance of 18th century historic buildings is critical, for these sites are not immune to the New England climate, wear and tear of daily use and the ravages of time. The 16 Freedom Trail sites have current preservation needs estimated at over \$58 million. This year, the Freedom Trail Foundation made its first Preservation Fund grant of \$100,000 to assist the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department with capital expenses at the Granary Burying Ground.

For more Freedom Trail information and to buy tickets, interesting books, a downloadable audio tour, or other items, and learn about special Freedom Trail hotel packages, please call 617. 357.8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org

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