

3rd Annual Minutemen's Pursuit Trail Hike April 19, 2019



Trip Description: 1 day hike up to 20 miles from Concord to Boston.

A great way to spend the day during school vacation week and complete the 10 or 20 mile hike requirement for the Hiking Merit Badge. Join scouts and scouters from throughout the Spirit of Adventure Council hiking one of the BSA's newest National Historic Trail –Minutemen's Pursuit Trail – on the actual date that the Minutemen pursued the British from the Old North Bridge to Boston. Enjoy a stop for ice cream in Lexington, lunch in Arlington and donuts in Union Square. Then ride the train back to Concord or make your way home.

To earn one of the very first Minutemen Pursuit Trail medals, you must meet the following requirements:

- Hike at least from Meriam's Corner to Prospect Hill
- Wear Class A or Class B uniform while hiking the trail
- Complete a questionnaire to be provided the day of the hike.

When: Friday April 19, 2019

Muster Time & Location: 7:15 AM @ Monument Square, Concord, MA

End Time & Location: 7:00 PM @ Prospect Hill, Somerville, MA

Signup by April 1, 2019 at 5PM: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0849ACAE28A7FE3-3rdannual

Trail Info: www.concordscouthouse.org

Honchos: David Owen – david.owen@concordscouthouse.org – 781-879-4714

Transportation: You are responsible for your transportation to Monument Square and from Prospect Hill Tower.

Scouts food planning:

1. Eat a hearty breakfast before arriving. Helen's in Monument Square is an excellent choice.
2. Bring high protean snacks and water.
3. Bring \$35 for ice cream in Lexington, lunch at the [Menotomy Grill](#) in Arlington and donuts at Union Square Donuts.

Merit Badges to Pursue: Hiking (10 or 20 mile hike). Scouts are responsible for any merit badge prep-work that needs to get completed prior to the trip. Feel free to contact a MB counselor prior to trek.

Itinerary

- Muster at 7:15 AM at Concord Train Station at 90 Thoreau Street.
- Hike to Old North Bridge.
- Hike from Old North Bridge to Meriam's Corner by way of secret trails used by the Minutemen
- Traverse the Minuteman National Park
- Hike into Lexington Center – 11:30 AM **10 miles total** Break for ice cream at *Rancatore's*
- Hike from Lexington Center to Arlington, all along Mass. Ave. – 2:00 PM **15 miles total**
- Lunch at *Menotomy Grill*
- Hike from *Menotomy Grill* to *Union Square Donuts* in Somerville and visit the tower on Prospect Hill – 5 PM **17.5 total EARN THE MINUTEMEN'S PURSUIT TRAIL MEDAL AND PATCH**
- Hike from Prospect Hill to North Station – 6:30 PM **20 miles total**
- Take 7:15 PM train home to Concord from North Station – 8PM

Personal Equipment

1. Good boots or shoes with plenty of toe room for wool socks. The trail is primarily concrete and hard packed earth
2. Two thick pairs of wool or poly socks with three thin inner poly layer socks. *No cotton socks!* Bring at least an extra pair for sock changes.
3. Daypack
4. Fleece pullover or coat as weather dictates.
5. Shell top and wind/water resistant pants as weather dictates.
6. Poly or wool hat/cap as weather dictates.
7. Warm, water-resistant mittens (or gloves if you must), liners if mittens are lighter as weather dictates.
8. Water container. One liter will probably do, because there are many places to refill water.
9. Smartphones permitted with Google maps and/or Alltrails installed for navigation



Minutemen's Pursuit Trail Participant Questionnaire

What is carved in the stone located in the stone wall at Merriam's corner?	
What is the name of the last survivor of the Battle of Lexington who's house is located at 955 Massachusetts Avenue in Lexington?	
What is carved in the stone located in the stone at the Foot of the Rocks?	
What happened at the Jason Russell House?	
What is "Uncle Sam's" last name?	
Who is Whittemore Park named after and what did he do?	
What town was called "West Cambridge" in 1807?	
How many flags are on display at the Menotomy Grill?	
How many historic sites are located on the Minutemen's Historic Trail in Cambridge?	
Where and what date was the first American flag flown according to the mural visible from 63 Union Square in Somerville?	
Why does the trail patch say "Concord to Charlestown," but the trail only goes as far as Somerville?	

Participant Name:	
Date Trail Hiked:	
Participant Rank:	
Participant Unit No.	
Participant Home Address:	

AWARDS ORDER FORM:

Upon the completion of hiking the Minutemen’s Pursuit Trail EVERYONE, (not just Boy Scouts) has the option of purchasing trail awards. Please attach completed copies of the MPT questionnaires along with this page for your group's order.

(The patch is 3". The medal is 2.5” and includes an Olympic-style ribbon to be worn around the neck.)



I wish to purchase _____ MPT patches at a cost of (\$6.00) each: \$ _____

I wish to purchase _____ MPT medals at a cost of (\$10.00) each: \$ _____

I wish to purchase _____ MPT patch & medal sets at a cost of (\$15.00) each: \$ _____

Subtotal \$ _____

Postage: \$1.00 for 1-5 patches, \$2.00 for 6-19 patches, \$2.50 for 20 patches & up. \$ _____

Postage: \$2.25 for 1-3 medals, \$3.25 for 4-9 medals, \$4.25 for 10 medals & up. \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Concord Scout House Total \$ _____

(Do not forget to attach a completed copies of the questionnaire!)

Mail Checks and Forms to:
MPT – Concord Scout House
c/o David Owen
281 Lexington Road
Concord, MA 01742

Ship orders to:

Medals and patches are available to registered members of Scoutreach units at no cost, other than shipping.

The price of the medals and patches is nominally greater than the cost to fund the administration of the trail and the provision of medals and patches to Scoutreach unit members.

Minutemen's Pursuit Trail

3 Legs (plus 2 Adjunct Legs)

Concord Adjunct Leg: 3.9 Miles

Concord Train Station – Concord Visitors' Center – Old North Bridge – Wright Tavern – Concord Museum – Meriam's Corner

<https://goo.gl/maps/tr6BWvvCMjE2>

Leg 1: 5.0 miles

Meriam's Corner – Minuteman Visitor Center – Old Mass Ave. & Wood St.

<https://goo.gl/maps/mhXeZL7punT2>

Leg 2: 5.1 miles

Old Mass Ave. & Wood St. -- Lexington Common – Buckman Tavern – Monroe Tavern – Old Schwab Mill – Foot of the Rocks

<https://goo.gl/maps/ZzWU2zic6WU2>

Leg 3: 6 miles

Foot of the Rocks – Jason Russell House – Menotomy Indian Hunter Sculpture – Uncle Sam Memorial -- Whittemore Park/Cyrus Dallin Museum – Menotomy Grill – Union Square – Prospect Hill

<https://goo.gl/maps/d6wCArYMctR2>

Boston Adjunct Leg: 2.4 miles

Prospect Hill – Gold Star Mother's Park – Science Museum – North Station

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Bibliography

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