



The Stow Minutemen

**60th Anniversary Trail March to Concord
Celebrating the 250th Start of the American Revolution
Saturday, April 26, 2025 5:30am - 11:30am**

STOW, MASS. — The Stow Minutemen Company is pleased to announce its 60th anniversary Trail March to Concord! This year marks the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolutionary War. Reenactors will march along the 9.5-mile route taken by our militia in April of 1775 upon receiving the news that British Regulars were marching to seize stockpiled military supplies. A predawn muster starts at 5:15 am at the Stow Lower Village Shopping Center. The air is crisp and all is quiet, but not for long. The marching begins promptly at 5:30 am in-step with colonial fife and drum music. The sounds of musket volleys will raise alarm to townsfolk along the way. The march will end at Minuteman National Park North Bridge Visitor Center. The trek is a rain or shine event.

The public is invited to turn out and join us in this truly unique experience to honor our community, past and present. We have changed the date and the start time so you can follow along. Non-Company participants may fall in behind the Company column and march at their discretion. [*The Stow Minutemen do not actively organize, supervise, or chaperone non-Company marchers so the participation liability rests solely with the participant. Children MUST be accompanied and supervised by an adult.*] We encourage all followers to bring water and snacks. There are three short breaks along the route with an extended breakfast break at the Rideout Playground in Concord. Limited bus transportation may be available back to Stow. Contact us if you need a ride, otherwise plan to arrange your return trip.

The Stow Minutemen Company is always looking for new members (men and women) to join our ranks as musket militia, musicians, craftsmen, artisans, or general camp followers. We can provide limited clothing pieces for anyone wanting to try out the hobby. We also provide free fife and drum lessons for adults and kids and 1764 Manual of Arms musket instruction for those who can obtain a Massachusetts Firearms Identification (FID) card.

For more information on the Trail March, e-mail us at info@stowminutemen.org or call us at 978-206-1775. You may also find more information about the Stow Minuteman Company at www.stowminutemen.org.

**Stow Minutemen to Re-enact the Country's
Original Marathon on Patriots' Day**

The 2025 schedule for the annual Trail March is as follows:

- 5:15 Muster at the Stow Shopping Center (Shaws – Gather near Gardner Road)
- 5:20 Musket safety inspection
- 5:30 Step Off
- 5:32 Volley at Old Cemetery - Pompositticut Rd. & Great Road (Rt. 117)***
- 5:35 March up Pompositticut Rd. into Maynard - becomes Summer St.
- 6:13 Left onto Concord St. in Maynard
- 6:21 Meet Assabet Village Minute Men at Concord St. and Acton St. (Rt. 27);
5 minute break; volley fired***
- 5:26 Cross Rt. 27 on Concord St., heading for Acton
- 5:42 Enter Acton; continue on Parker St.
- 6:52 Cross High St. in Acton; follow Parker Street to end
- 7:18 Brief stop at Cucurbit Farm (10 minute necessary break)**
- 7:28 Depart Cucurbit Farm and continue down Parker Street
- 7:36 Right turn onto School Street
- 7:43 Continue straight on to Laws Brook Road
- 7:57 Pass Hillside Ave (it gets hilly here)
- 8:14 Arrive at Rideout Playground (food and necessary break)**
- 8:44 Depart Rideout Playground
- 9:04 Through the Concord Rotary, and march on Barrett's Mill Road**
- 9:29 Brief stop at Col. Barrett's house (necessary break)**
- 9:39 Depart Col. Barrett's house
- 9:59 Cross Lowell St. onto Barnes Hill Rd. (this is our “Heartbreak Hill”)
- 10:22 Arrive at North Bridge Visitors Center, Minuteman National Park
- 10:30 Walk down to North Bridge
- 10:45 End at Monument Street Parking Lot for Minuteman National Park.

Total Trail March distance: approx. 9.5 miles

* (Items above in bold are prime locations to get good photographs of Company)

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If you are interested, either reach out to info@stowminutemen.org or
see our web site for more information about the
group: <http://www.stowminutemen.org>.*

Map of the route: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/izJy5vxRPu5JbCWS9>