



# The Stow Minutemen

**61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Trail March to Concord  
Celebrating the 251<sup>st</sup> Start of the American Revolution  
Monday, April 20, 2026 4:30am – 10:00am**

**STOW, MASS.** — The Stow Minutemen Company is pleased to announce its annual Trail March to Concord, commemorating the opening of the American Revolutionary War. Before dawn breaks and while most are still asleep, the Company will step off into history.

Each year, Company members and fellow reenactors retrace the 9.5-mile route marched by Stow's militia in April 1775, after word spread that British Regulars were advancing to seize colonial military stores. The march begins with a predawn muster at 4:15 a.m. at the Stow Lower Village Shopping Center, stepping off promptly at 4:30 a.m. to the cadence to fife and drum. Along the route, musket volleys will sound the alarm, echoing the urgency of that historic morning. The march concludes at the Minuteman National Historical Park, North Bridge Visitor Center. The event is held rain or shine (unless the Concord Parade is canceled).

The public is warmly invited to take part in this unique living history experience honoring our shared past. Non-Company participants are welcome to follow behind the column and march at their own pace. *Participants should note that the Stow Minutemen Company does not supervise non-members; all participation is at one's own risk. Children must be accompanied by an adult.* Marchers are encouraged to bring water and snacks. The route includes three short rest stops and an extended breakfast break at Rideout Playground in Concord. Limited return transportation may be available upon request; otherwise, participants should plan accordingly.

The Stow Minutemen Company welcomes new members of all ages and interests. From musket-bearing militia and musicians to artisans and camp followers, we have a place for everyone. A limited number of period clothing items are available to borrow for those interested in trying reenacting. The Company also offers free fife and drum instructions for adults and children. Those interested in joining the militia line will be trained in period manual of arms and must hold a valid Massachusetts FID or LTC.

For more information on the Trail March, e-mail us at [info@stowminutemen.org](mailto: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](http://www.stowminutemen.org).

**The 2026 schedule for the annual Trail March is as follows:**

- 4:15 Muster at the Stow Shopping Center (Shaws – Gather near Gardner Road)
- 4:20 Musket safety inspection
- 4:30 Step Off
- 4:33 Volley at Old Cemetery - Pompositticut Rd. & Great Road (Rt. 117)\***
- 4:38 March up Pompositticut Rd. into Maynard - becomes Summer St.
- 5:13 Left onto Concord St. in Maynard
- 5:20 Brief break Concord St. and Acton St. (Rt. 27); 8 minutes; volley fired\***
- 5:28 Cross Rt. 27 on Concord St., heading for Acton
- 5:43 Enter Acton; continue on Parker St.
- 5:55 Cross High St. in Acton; follow Parker Street to end
- 6:18 Brief stop at Cucurbit Farm (10 minute necessary break)**
- 6:28 Depart Cucurbit Farm and continue down Parker Street
- 6:36 Right turn onto School Street
- 6:43 Continue straight on to Laws Brook Road
- 6:58 Pass Hillside Ave (it gets hilly here)
- 7:15 Arrive at Rideout Playground (30 minute food and necessary break)**
- 7:45 Depart Rideout Playground
- 7:54 Through the Concord Rotary, and march on Barrett's Mill Road**
- 8:18 Brief stop at Col. Barrett's house (10 minutes)**
- 8:28 Depart Col. Barrett's house
- 8:48 Cross Lowell St. onto Barnes Hill Rd. (this is our “Heartbreak Hill”)
- 9:10 Arrive at North Bridge Visitors Center, Minuteman National Park

Total Trail March distance: approx. 9.5 miles

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

*The Stow Minutemen are always looking for new members to join our ranks!  
If you are interested, either reach out to [info@stowminutemen.org](mailto: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>