



# The Stow Minutemen Company

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## PLEASE JOIN THE STOW MINUTEMEN COMPANY ON OUR ANNUAL PATRIOT'S DAY TRAIL MARCH FROM STOW TO CONCORD

**Date:** Monday April 18, 2016

**Why we do this:** **It is a LOT of fun...** why else would someone get up at 3:30 AM or 4 AM? The Stow Minutemen did this back in 1775; we follow parts of the road that they would have taken. On the night of April 18, 1775, General Gage sent out a force of troops to seize military stores in Concord, some of which had already been moved to Stow and other nearby towns for safety. Forewarned by a local doctor, Samuel Prescott, Stow dispatched at least one company of Minutemen to Concord during the day, perhaps leaving the rest behind to guard the munitions from Concord. Although not certain, it is believed that men of the Stow militia engaged the British line retreating not far from Meriam's Corner, where local tradition is that Daniel Conant of Stow was wounded. Records indicate that men from Stow were along the historic battle road, harassing the retreating soldiers as far as Cambridge.

**Description:** We start out at predawn, the air is cool and quiet. Not for long as the sounds of the fifes and drums, the firing of the muskets awaken the townsfolk along our route. We arrive at the North Bridge around 9am then join up with the Parade coming out of and then back to Concord center.

**Meet at:** Papa Gino's in Stow at 4:15 AM. We depart on the march PROMPTLY at 4:30 AM.

**Finish:** The Concord Parade which ends around noon.

**Length of walk:** The walk to Concord is about 10 miles. We take three breaks during the hike (the mid-way break is the longest) and arrive in Concord by 9:00 AM to join the parade.

**Rest facilities:** Porta-potties are provided at the mid-way rest break at Cucurbit Farms in Concord as well as at Rideout Playground where we stop for breakfast.

**Water and Food:** Bring water, snacks and food. Breakfast is served at the mid-way rest-break but if there are lots of marchers there might not be enough food for everyone.

**Travel back:** The Minutemen will take a bus back to Stow and include others if space allows. Call us by Friday April 8 to see if there is space on the bus for the return trip: 978-206-1775 or e-mail us at [info@stowminutemen.org](mailto:info@stowminutemen.org).



**Parental supervision:** Children **MUST** be accompanied and supervised by an adult.