

**The Stow Minutemen to Re-enact
Original Massachusetts Patriots' Day “Marathon”
Monday April 17, 2017 4:30am-Noon**

STOW, MASS.—The Stow Minuteman Company will once again march along the 9.5 mile route taken by the Stow colonial militia in April of 1775 upon hearing the news that the British Regulars were marching on Concord. The pre-dawn Trail March muster starts at 4:15am at the Stow Lower Village Shopping Center. The music and marching begins promptly at 4:30am when the air is crisp and all is quiet (but not for long.) The Company will march in step to its own colonial fife and drum music while the sounds of musket volleys raise the alarm with the townsfolk along the way. At around 9:00am the Trail March will end at the Minuteman National Park North Bridge Visitors Center where the Company will participate in Concord’s Battle at Old North Bridge Ceremony and Parade. This annual Stow Minutemen Company Trail March is a rain or shine event.

Please come out and join us in this truly unique experience to honor our community (past and present) on Patriots' Day. Non-Company participants (children MUST be accompanied and supervised by an adult) may fall in behind the Company column for the march at their own discretion. [The Stow Minutemen do not actively organize, supervise, or chaperone non-Company marchers so the participation liability rests solely with the participant.] We encourage all non-Company marchers to bring water and snacks. There are three 5 min breaks along the route with an extended breakfast break at the Rideout Playground in Concord (7:00am). Limited bus transportation is available back to Stow after the Concord parade but please contact us if you desire to use that option.

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 Trail March Schedule
(17 April 2017, in the am)

- 4:15 Muster at the Stow Lower Village Shopping Center (near Papa Gino's)
- 4:20 Musket safety inspection
- 4:30 Trail March Step Off**
- *4:35 Volley at Old Cemetery - Pompositticut Rd. & Great Road (Rt. 117)
- 4:35 March up Pompositticut Rd. into Maynard - becomes Summer St.
- 5:07 Left onto Concord St. in Maynard
- *5:15 Meet Assabet Village Minute Men at Concord St. and Acton St. (Rt. 27)[5 minute break and musket volley]
- 5:20 Cross Rt. 27 on Concord St., heading for Acton
- 5:37 Enter Acton; continue on Parker St.
- 5:47 Cross High St. in Acton; follow Parker Street to end
- *6:15 Brief stop at Cucurbit Farm [5 minute “necessary” break]
- 6:20 Depart Cucurbit Farm and continue down Parker Street
- 6:27 Right turn onto School Street
- 6:35 Continue straight on to Laws Brook Road
- 6:52 Pass Hillside Ave (it gets hilly here)
- *7:07 Arrive at Rideout Playground in Concord [20 min food and “necessary” break]
- 7:27 Depart Rideout Playground
- *7:45 Through the Concord Rotary (yes, we march thru it), and on to Barrett's Mill Road
- *8:15 Brief stop at Col. Barrett's house [“necessary” break]
- 8:20 Depart Col. Barrett's house
- 8:42 Cross Lowell St. onto Barnes Hill Rd. (up “Heartbreak Hill”)
- 9:00 Arrive at North Bridge Visitors Center, Minuteman National Park
- 9:00 Reenactment of battle at Old North Bridge
- 9:15 Join Concord parade as it passes through the Park (scheduled to reach North Bridge at 9:30)
- 11:00-11:15 Concord Parade ends at Armory (Hunt's Gym) on Stow St.

Total Trail March distance: approx.9.5 miles (11 including the parade)

*** Denotes prime locations to get good photographs of Company**

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