Showcasing the nature, culture & history of Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area

MAY 2018

The Freedom’s Way Heritage Association works in partnership with the National Park Service to support the Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
**HIDDEN TREASURES** is a month-long celebration of the natural, cultural and historical resources located within the Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area. It provides an opportunity to explore “treasures” hidden in plain sight through family-friendly, community-organized programs and activities offered free of charge.

**DISCOVER** exciting and unexpected stories and places within the Heritage Area’s 45 communities.

**EXPLORE** the region’s landscape, public monuments, historic buildings, agricultural properties, cultural and natural features, objects and documents.

**LEARN** about the visionaries and experimenters who, since before the founding of the nation, lived within the Heritage Area and formulated new ideas about the relations of nature and society.

**CONNECT** with the shared stories and places that are part of your own and neighboring communities.

**FIND** your place in the Heritage Area!

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**ABOUT**

**Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area**

Designated by Congress for its unique, nationally-significant qualities and resources, the Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area is a place where a combination of natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources have shaped a cohesive, nationally-distinctive landscape. Its story is intimately tied to the character of the land, as well as to those who shaped and were shaped by it.

Home to Minute Man National Historical Park and Walden Pond, the Heritage Area is steeped in concepts of individual freedom and responsibility, community cooperation, direct democracy, idealism and social betterment; perspectives that have inspired national and international movements in governance, education, abolitionism, social justice, land conservation and the arts.

The Freedom’s Way Heritage Association is the local coordinating entity for the 45 communities within the Heritage Areas. As a partner with the National Park Service, the non-profit organization implements the mission and vision articulated in its management plan through education, interpretation, communication, collaboration and the stewardship of the Heritage Area’s historical, natural and cultural resources.

**MISSION**

We connect the people, places and communities of the Heritage Area through preservation, conservation and educational initiatives to protect and promote our shared resources and encourage residents and visitors to explore our landscape, history and culture.

**VISION**

The Heritage Area is a place where people are inspired by the historical and intellectual traditions that underpin the concepts of freedom, democracy, conservation and social justice. Building upon this legacy, we collaborate to create strong communities and support a regional identity.

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Visit DiscoverHiddenTreasures.org for full program details, event registration and updates.
ACTON, MA

Family Bay Circuit Trail Hike
Space is limited. Reservations Required.
Bay Circuit Trail: North Acton
Sun. May 6 | Noon–4:00 PM
Join us for a hike about 5 miles long with some gentle ups and downs on a section of the Bay Circuit Trail overlying the Trail Through Time at Nashoba Brook and adjacent trails in the North Acton Conservation Area. Our path crosses a Bruce Freeman Rail Trail section which opens this spring. An AMC Family Beginner Hiking Program hike.
AMC Boston Family Outings

Birds of the New England Swamp
Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street
Wed. May 23 | 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
Wildlife photographer Peter Christoph presents a narrated slideshow, sharing both his award-winning images and his photographic secrets as he provides an intimate look into the many varieties of birds that inhabit our New England swamps.
Acton Memorial Library
Friends of the Acton Libraries

Celebrating the Faulkner House Loom
Jones-Faulkner Homestead, 5 High Street
Sun. May 27 | 3:00 PM–5:00 PM
The Nashoba Valley Weavers' Guild members join with Iron Work Farm to show their restoration work on the 19th-century “barn” loom at Acton’s 1707 Jones-Faulkner Homestead. Watch fiber demonstrations, and try your hand on this room-sized loom!
Iron Work Farm
Nashoba Valley Weavers' Guild

ARLINGTON, MA

On & Off Lake Street
Space is limited. Reservations Required.
Lake Street
Sat. May 5 | 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
The walking tour will start in the East Arlington Arts District and will include visits to the eastern shores of Spy Pond, residential areas bordering Lake Street, as well as early to mid-20th century subdivisions such as Orvis Road and Kelwyn Manor.
Old Schwamb Mill

Amazing Architectural Variety of the Academy-Maple District
Space is limited. Reservations Required.
Academy-Maple District
Sun. May 20 | 2:00 PM–3:30 PM
Join local author and historian Richard Duffy for a walking tour of the Academy-Maple District in Arlington.
Arlington Historical Society

Recent Frame Conservation Projects at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston
The Old Schwamb Mill, 17 Mill Lane
Thurs. May 31 | 6:30 PM–7:30 PM
Responsible for the “care and feeding” of the MFA’s collection of some 5,000 frames, Andrew Haines will speak on selected recent frame conservation projects. Mr. Haines’s talk will take place on the shop floor of our 1864 picture frame factory museum. Reception to follow.
Old Schwamb Mill
Museum of Fine Arts

ASHBY, MA

Ashby Historical Society Grand Opening
Old Engine House, 846 Main Street
Sat. May 12 | 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
Opening for the first time in many years, come see the display of artifacts related to Ashby’s history. Included are wood works clocks by A. & C. Edwards and Ruth Henshaw Bascom portraits.
Ashby Historical Society

AMHERST, NH

Hiking & Lunch at Haseltine Trail
Haseltine Trail Kiosk, Austin Road
Sat. May 12 | 10:00 AM–11:30 AM
This leisurely, guided hike along Amherst’s Haseltine Trail reveals new and old growth white pine, vernal pools and granite erratics left by the ice age. Bring your own lunch to enjoy at the end of the hike.
Amherst Heritage Commission

History Museum Tours
The Chapel and Wigwam Museums
5 & 17 Middle Street, respectively
Sat. May 12 | 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Discover Amherst’s two local history museums. Located close together, both are chock-full of interesting artifacts, many from Amherst’s heyday as the shire town of Hillsborough County. Stop in for a guided tour of some of these fascinating items.
Historical Society of Amherst, NH

ASHBURNHAM, MA

Piano Collection Tours
Space is limited. Reservations Required.
The former Stevens Library building
30 Main Street (Rte. 12)
Thurs. May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Sat. May 5, 12, 19, 26 | 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
One of the world’s leading collections of historical, mostly European grand pianos, built ca. 1780-1928, the Frederick Piano Collection consists of some two dozen pianos. All in fine playing condition, they are the basis of the Historical Piano Concerts series, now in its 33rd spring season. A typical tour takes three hours.
Historical Piano Concerts, Inc.

Birding Marathon: Part I
Kirby Conservation Area, Wilker Road
Sat. May 5 | 8:00 AM–10:00 AM
Bird enthusiast Clay Hobart will lead an easy 2-hour walk around Kirby Conservation Area. Group reconvenes for Birding Marathon: Part II at 11 am in Fitchburg at Crocker Conservation Area. Attend one or both parts. Must provide own transportation.
North County Land Trust
**BEDFORD, MA**

**Bedford Flag Viewing**
Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way
Sat. May 19 | 10:00 AM–Noon
The 300-year-old Bedford Flag will be on display. Town Historian Sharon McDonald will be on hand to tell its story.  
*Bedford Free Public Library*

**Family Multimedia Presentation—Hiking the Bay Circuit Trail**
Reservations Required.
First Parish Church UU, 75 Great Road
Sat. May 19 | 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Dan and Marilyn Brielmann, along with Alan French, will be your guides for the documentary video “Long Live the Bay Circuit”, taking you along the Bay Circuit Trail, a 200-mile natural wonder that arcs the city of Boston from Newburyport to Kingston.  
*AMC Boston Family Outings  
AMC Boston Conservation Committee*

**AMC Boston Family Outings**
**Family Bay Circuit Trail Hike**
Space is limited. Reservations Required.  
Bedford Town Common, 75 Great Road  
Sun. May 20 | Noon–4:00 PM  
Family walk on the Bay Circuit Trail from Bedford Town Common to Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, approximately 5 miles on flat land. Optional exploration on the wildlife refuge trails and observation platforms. An AMC Family Beginner Hiking Program hike.  
*AMC Boston Family Outings*

**BOLTON, MA**

**Dr. Sawyer on Rounds in Bolton**
Sawyer House, 676 Main Street  
Thurs. May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Sat. May 19 | 9:00 AM–3:30 PM  
Look inside Dr. Levi Sawyer’s medical case for a rare glimpse into the medical practice of a rural doctor in Bolton from 1818 to 1844. See unique medical instruments from earlier times.  
*Bolton Historical Society*

**CARLISLE, MA**

**Smart Barn Tour**
Space is limited.  
Great Brook Farm State Park, 165 North Road  
Sat. May 26 | 1:00 PM–2:00 PM  
Sun. May 27 | 1:00 PM–2:00 PM  
Mon. May 28 | 1:00 PM–2:00 PM  
Home of the first robotic milking machine in Massachusetts. Visit the dairy barn, get up-close with the cows and learn how today’s technology makes the barn ‘smart’. $3 per vehicle parking fee applies.  
*Massachusetts State Parks*

**CLINTON, MA**

**Music Through the Decades**
Bigelow Free Public Library, 54 Walnut Street  
Thurs. May 3 | 6:30 PM–8:00 PM  
This program showcases the pop music inspired by what was happening in America from 1895 through 1960.  
*Bigelow Free Public Library*

**CONCORD, MA**

**ArtWalk: Cultural Heritage Through Image**
Space is limited. Reservations Required.  
Minute Man National Historical Park  
174 Liberty Street  
Sat. May 5 | 9:00 AM–3:00 PM  
A unique day of presentations, photo walks and workshops exploring cultural heritage and photographing the park’s historical sites.  
*Fitchburg Cultural Council  
Mass Cultural Council  
Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library at Fitchburg State University*

**Tour Concord’s Historic Meetinghouse**
Reservations Required.  
First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road  
Wed. May 9 | 2:00 PM–4:00 PM  
Tour the historic fourth meetinghouse founded in 1636. Senior Minister Rev. Howard N. Dana will guide the group, sharing aspects of its nearly 400 year history.  
*First Parish in Concord*

**CULTURE**

**Boxborough, MA**

**Old Town Center/North Cemetery Historic District Tour**
Boxborough Museum, 575 Middle Road  
Sun. May 20 | 2:00 PM–5:00 PM  
Boxborough Historical Society members will be at the Museum to answer questions about this ‘treasured spot’, distribute copies of the Society’s Town Center self-guided walking brochure and lead walking tours.  
*Boxborough Historical Society*

**Brookline, NH**

**Potanipo Rail Trail Hike**
Potanipo Rail Trail, 28 Oak Hill Road  
Sat. May 5 | 10:00 AM–Noon  
Take a leisurely, family-friendly hike along the Potanipo Rail Trail. View the Nissitissit River and its surroundings, and learn about efforts to preserve and protect this area for future generations.  
*Brookline Conservation Commission  
Piscataquog Land Conservancy*

**15th Annual Riverwalk**
Nashua River Conservation Area  
Water Street Bridge  
Sun. May 20 | Noon–2:00 PM  
Explore the beautiful Nashua River Conservation Area and the rare natural community known as “Dry Riverside Bluff”, a unique and globally endangered habitat.  
*Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust*

**Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust**
**Patriots, Prejudice, & Protest: The Hidden Stories of Concord's Early African Americans**

*Space is limited. Reservations Required.*

**Sat. May 19 | 1:00 PM–4:00 PM**
**Rain Date Sun. May 20**
**1:00–2:15 PM | Brister's Hill**

Hapgood Wright Town Forest Parking Lot

Peter Robbins will recount the lives of Patriots of Color who gained their freedom during the Revolutionary War and began lives as free men in Concord.

**2:45–4:00 PM | The Robbins House**
**320 Monument Street**

Ellen Garrison talks about being raised in 1820-30s Concord, and her pursuit of independence at a time of racial injustice.

**The Robbins House**
**The Walden Woods Project**

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**Wright Tavern Open House**
**Wright Tavern, 2 Lexington Road**
**Sat. May 19 | 2:00 PM–4:00 PM**

The Concord Museum opens the first floor of Wright Tavern (built in 1747) to the public to celebrate this historic and hidden treasure. Come enjoy colonial games and crafts, and learn more about the history of the Tavern. At 3:00 pm join in on a walking tour of the Old Hill Burying Ground, just up the hill from the Tavern.

**Concord Museum**

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**Home Sweet Home—The Art of the Garden: Inspiration Grows Here**
**The Old Manse, 269 Monument Street**
**Sat. May 19 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM**

Come explore the Old Manse with a self-guided tour at your own pace or join a guide for a short program bringing you inside Ralph Waldo Emerson’s study. Find inspiration in our landscape while you journal, read, draw (we’ll have supplies on hand), or walk to our boathouse dock to watch the Concord River. Picnics welcomed!

**The Trustees—The Old Manse**

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**Hawthorne’s Wayside Tower Murals: Their Story & Conservation**
**Space is limited.**
**The Wayside: Home of Authors**
**455 Lexington Road**
**Sun. May 20 | 2:00 PM–3:00 PM**

Climb to Hawthorne’s Study Tower at The Wayside for a talk about the murals that were dedicated to him. Learn about the diverse furniture lines manufactured and the people who worked there from 1836 to 1979.

**Levi Heywood Memorial Library**

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**Letterpress & Bookbinding in Chair City**
**Chair City Community Workshop**
**306 Central Street**
**Sun. May 6 | 2:00 PM–5:00 PM**

Tour our letterpress and book-making workshop and try your hand at printing and bookbinding the old-fashioned way. We’ll train you on the spot! Volunteer a total of 3 hours in May and get a book in the Chair City Oral History Series for free.

**Chair City Community Workshop**

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**DEVENS, MA**

**Bill Ashe Trail Walk & Pratt Boat House Tour**
**Bill Ashe Trail, Hospital Road**
**Sat. May 5 | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM**

Explore the hidden gem of Devens—the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. Meander along its nature trails, visit the architectural remains of an historic, riverside boathouse, listen and watch for the wildlife that call the refuge home and learn about the new pollinator garden.

**Friends of the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge**

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**GARDNER, MA**

**Walking Tour of the Heywood Wakefield Factory**
**Levi Heywood Memorial Library**
**55 West Lynde Street**
**Sat. May 5 | 10:30 AM–11:30 AM**

A walking tour among buildings that once comprised the nation’s largest furniture factory in the world. Learn about the diverse furniture lines manufactured and the people who worked there from 1836 to 1979.

**Levi Heywood Memorial Library**

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**DUNSTABLE, MA**

**Rest in Peace**
**Space is limited. Reservations Required.**
**Central Cemetery, Main & Westford Streets**
**Sat. May 19 | 10:00 AM–11:30 AM**

Tour Central Cemetery, the final resting place for Dunstable residents since the early 1760s. Its use continues today. Hear stories from local historian, Alan Chaney, as he leads this tour through the centuries.

**Tyngsborough Dunstable Historical Society**

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**FITCHBURG, MA**

**Birding Marathon: Part II**
**Crocker Conservation Area, Flat Rock Road**
**Sat. May 5 | 11:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Bird enthusiast Clay Hobart will lead a tour to spot warblers and other species on the move. Birding Marathon: Part I begins at 8 am at Kirby Conservation Area in Ashburnham. Attend one or both parts. Must provide own transportation.

**North County Land Trust**

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**Rollstone Hill Historic “Rock Walk”**
**Boulder Art Gallery, 960 Main Street**
**Sat. May 19 | 10:00 AM–1:00 PM**

Join us for a two-mile, guided and historically narrated tour of the ‘Rock Walk’ trail from the Rollstone Boulder in Fitchburg’s Upper Common to the original site of the Boulder on the summit of Rollstone Hill. Scenic, easy walk for all ages.

**Fitchburg Historical Society**
**Boulder Art Gallery**
**Fitchburg Art Museum**
**Fitchburg Greenway Committee**

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**DEVENS, MA**

**Armed Forces Day Open House**
**Fort Devens Museum, 94 Jackson Road**
**Suite #305**
**Sat. May 19 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM**

Come by for a day of history and memories as we honor the United States Armed Forces. Learn the stories of the men and women who lived, trained, and worked at Camp Devens and Fort Devens. New exhibits, guest speakers, and raffles.

**Fort Devens Museum**
FREEDOM’S WAY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA BY THE NUMBERS

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MASSACHUSETTS

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Mason, Milford, Nashua, New Ipswich

Visit DiscoverHiddenTreasures.org for full program details, event registration and updates.
Announcing the Inaugural

HIDDEN TREASURES PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all shutterbugs—amateur and professional photographers alike!

You’re invited to submit images that

• Reflect the natural, cultural, and historical resources of the Heritage Area
• Inspire a connection to the people, places, and stories that make Freedom’s Way unique
• Provide a narrative that links the past to the future, reinforcing the Heritage Area’s sense of place

Photo Contest Categories

What’s Your Nature?
The beauty and magic of the natural world surrounds us in Freedom’s Way. Explore and share the intricate network of rivers, wetlands, forests, drumlins, hiking trails and conservation areas within the region that inspire and evoke wonder.

Show the magic and wonder of the natural world that gives you pause and provides inspiration for you to explore the Heritage Area.

Culture Reframed
From the public buildings and landscapes where the New England community was founded to the celebrations and artistic endeavors which shape our civic life today, share how culture has both defined and redefined the Heritage Area.

Show us expressions of arts and culture within the 45 unique communities of the Heritage Area.

History in the Making
History is all around us and can be found in sites, both large and small, that tell the stories of the past. The imprint of past generations is all around us and is visible in the traces of those individuals, places and events that shaped the region’s formation, including the quest for freedom and independence.

Show us the treasured places that reveal the Heritage Area’s history—both the stories that are well known and those that are yet to be revealed.

Entries must be submitted using the online form by at 5:00 PM EST Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category:

First Place—$100 Gift Certificate
80 Thoreau Street, The Bull Run and Forge & Vine at The Groton Inn

Second Place—$50 Gift Certificate
Battle Road Brew House, The Rail Trail Flatbread Co. and True West Brewery

Third Place—$25 Gift Certificate
Cataldo’s Gift & Garden, Idylwilde Farms and Mahoney’s Garden Center

Additionally, one award will be given for each of the following:

Youth Award (age 13–17)—
$50 Photo Book Certificate Chatbooks

Kids Award (under age 13)—
$50 Photo Book Certificate Chatbooks

People’s Choice Award—
$70 Sunday Brunch Certificate Concord’s Colonial Inn

Freedom’s Way Staff Pick Award—
$25 Gift Certificate Gibbet Hill Grill

Please read the complete Photo Contest rules at DiscoverHiddenTreasures.org
**GROTON, MA**

**Open House & New Exhibit**
Boutwell House, 172 Main Street
**Sun. May 6 | 2:00 PM–4:00 PM**
The Boutwell House will be open, showcasing a new exhibit about Groton inns, taverns, and stage coach travel.
*Groton History Center*

**Hike to the Center of the Swarm**
Williams Barn, 160 Chicopee Row
**Sat. May 19 | 1:00 PM–3:30 PM**
This two-hour hike will go through forests and wetlands and up and over Groton’s highest point, providing highly diverse wildlife, flora, and scenic experiences that are provided by the glacial features sculpted during the Pleistocene epoch.
*Groton Trails Network*

**Listen to the Spring**
Nashua River Rail Trail, Groton Center NRRT lot
**Sat. May 26 | 8:30 AM-11:00 AM**
Birds are singing, frogs are croaking, trees are blossoming. Join birding enthusiasts Russ and Wanfang Murray for a spring bird and nature walk through the Nashua River Rail Trail.
*Groton Trails Network*

**Suburban Homesteader: Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Beneficials**
**Space is limited. Reservations Required.**
Groton Public Library, 99 Main Street
**Tues. May 29 | 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**
Naturalist John Root offers guidance on attracting a variety of beneficial wildlife. Descriptions of annuals and perennials that sustain these organisms are presented, along with discussion of organic gardening and landscaping methods.
*Groton Public Library*

**HARVARD, MA**

**Alpaca Ranch Tours**
Harvard Alpaca Ranch, 58 Old Mill Road
**Sat. May 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM**
Sun. May 6, 13, 20 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Visit the ranch and meet our herd of friendly alpacas. Learn about why we raise these fascinating and beautiful creatures and what we create with their soft and luxurious fiber.
*Harvard Alpaca Ranch*

**Old Frog Pond Farm & Studio Tour**
Reservations strongly suggested.
Old Frog Pond Farm & Studio, 38 Eldridge Road
**Sun. May 6 | 2:00 PM–3:30 PM**
Join sculptor and orchardist, Linda Hoffman, for a spring tour of the farm including the apple orchard, espaliered apple trees, grafted trees, the hoop house, mediation hut, and sculptures.
*Old Frog Pond Farm & Studio*

**Artists’ Evening at Harvard Alpaca Ranch**
**Space is limited. Reservations Required.**
Harvard Alpaca Ranch, 58 Old Mill Road
**Fri. May 18 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM**
*Harvard Alpaca Ranch*

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**Sun. May 6 | 2:00 PM–4:00 PM**
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*Old Frog Pond Farm & Studio*

**HARVARD, MA**

**Visitors Center Open House**
**Sat. May 5 | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM**
The Visitors Center will be open to the public. Visit and learn about the various programs and events the Harvard Historical Society has to offer.
*Harvard Historical Society*

**Harvard Shaker Village Industry Tour**
**Harvard Shaker Village, Shaker Road**
**Sun. May 20 | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM**
Join us for a guided walking tour through the Harvard Shaker Village (occupied by Shakers 1782-1918) focusing on sites of Harvard Shaker Industry. See the ruins of the Great Barn, the South Family Stone Barn, the interiors of the herb drying house and South Family Sisters’ Shop.
*Harvard Historical Society*

**Town of Hudson, Division of Recreation**

**LANCASTER, MA**

**Family Multimedia Presentation—Hiking the Bay Circuit Trail**
**Space is limited. Reservations Required.**
Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main Street
**Wed. May 2 | 6:30 PM–8:00 PM**
Dan and Marilyn Brielmann, along with Alan French, will be your guides for the documentary video “Long Live the Bay Circuit”, taking you along the Bay Circuit Trail, a 200-mile natural wonder that arcs the city of Boston from Newburyport to Kingston.
*LANCASTER, MA*

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**Vernal Pool Program**
Danforth Falls, Approx. 156 Lincoln Street
**Sun. May 6 | 10:00 AM–Noon**
Members of the Conservation Commission will conduct a program aimed at educating attendees about the ecosystem surrounding a vernal pool and its importance in nature.
*Town of Hudson, Division of Recreation*

**Lancaster Trails & Bike Way Coalition**

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**Guided Tour of Cook Conservation Area**
**Space is limited. Reservations Required.**
Cook Conservation Area, Lunenburg Road
**Sat. May 5 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**
Join us for a guided tour of Cook Conservation Area. Discover local history along the way. Options for shorter under one-hour walk or longer approximately three-hour, easy 5.5 mile hike. An AMC Family Beginner Hiking Program hike.
*LANCASTER, MA*

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**Luminosity—The Story of Henrietta Leavitt:**
Astronomer; Computer; Trailblazer
**Space is limited.**
Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main Street
**Sun. May 6 | 2:00 PM–3:30 PM**
Boston actor and producer Erin Eva Butcher performs her one-woman show about astronomer and Lancaster native Henrietta Leavitt, and her
contributions to astronomy. Her research and discoveries allowed astronomers such as Edwin Hubble to measure the distance between the Earth and faraway galaxies.

Thayer Memorial Library

The Birds Are Back Family Walk
Space is limited. Reservations Required.
Lancaster Town Forest, Brockelman Road
Sat. May 12 | 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Audubon Certified Birder and North County Land Trust Board Member Clay Hobart shares the wonders of spring birds during this early morning, 1 to 2 mile walk. An AMC Family Beginner Hiking Program hike.

Lancaster Recreation Committee
AMC Boston Family Outings

LEOMINSTER, MA

Apple Blossom Festival & Craft Show
Sholan Farms, 1125 Pleasant Street
Sat. May 19 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Rain Date Sun. May 20
Visitors are welcome to take self-guided, interpretive strolls through the property and enjoy magnificent displays of apple blossoms throughout the month. Take hikes, bird watch, enjoy nature at its best and so much more.

Sholan Farms

Declaring Independence: Then & Now
Leominster Public Library, 30 West Street
Sun. May 20 | 2:00 PM–3:30 PM
A joint initiative by Freedom's Way National Heritage Area and the American Antiquarian Society, Declaring Independence: Then & Now aims at engaging citizens in the ideas and potential of the Declaration of Independence. A "living history" cast of reenactors will present the Declaration as we may have never heard it and attendees will be invited to discuss the Declaration's ideas of liberty and equality and the relevance of those ideas to today.

Leominster Public Library

LEXINGTON, MA

Lexington Fife & Drum Weekend:
Lexington Tattoo
The Lexington Battle Green
Massachusetts Avenue & Hancock Street
Fri. May 4 | 6:45 PM–8:00 PM
Come hear America’s Fife and Drum Music by Lantern Light on the Battle Green, where the Revolutionary War began, and enjoy a short parade of four uniformed Fife and Drum Corps.

William Diamond Junior Fife & Drum Corps

The State of Clay
Lexington Arts and Crafts Society
Parsons Gallery, 130 Waltham Street
Sat. May 5 | 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Thurs. May 31 | Noon–4:00 PM
The biennial State of Clay, on exhibit through June 6th, is a juried show, showcasing original and innovative ceramic work of current and former residents of Massachusetts. The pieces juried into the show reveal a wide array of ceramics. Visit State of Clay website for full event listing.

Lexington Arts & Crafts Society

Lexington Fife & Drum Weekend:
Lexington Muster
Minute Man NHP Visitors Center
3113 Marrett Road /Rte. 2A
Sat. May 5 | Noon–5:00 PM
Twenty-five uniformed Fife and Drum Corps perform our nation's historical music in an outdoor concert. Parade of all groups at Noon, including Colonial Vendors and re-enactors. Come for an hour or bring a picnic and stay for the afternoon.

William Diamond Junior Fife & Drum Corps

Annual Bike Walk ‘N Bus Week
Town of Lexington, various locations
Sat. May 12–Sun. May 20
A week of free events including historic walks, guided bike rides, free Lexpress rides, and more! The event celebrates and promotes healthy, sustainable, and safe transportation options available in town.

Lexington Bike Walk N’ Bus Week
Lexington Bicycle Advisory Committee
Lexington Greenways Corridor Committee
Lexington Safe Routes to School

Wild Edibles of Lexington’s Waysides
Lincoln Park, Worthen Road
Wed. May 23 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
Join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of Wild Plants I Have Known…and Eaten, on a two-hour ramble in and around Lincoln Park to learn about at least eighteen edible species.

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LINCOLN, MA

Gropius House Tours
Space is limited.
Gropius House, 68 Baker Bridge Road
Sat. May 5 | 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
Walter Gropius, Bauhaus founder, was one of the most influential architects of the 20th century. Modest in scale, the 1938 Gropius home was revolutionary in impact. Free admission to hourly tours at Gropius House for Freedom's Way guests.

Historic New England—Gropius House

Birds & Their Habitats
Reservations Required.
Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, 208 South Great Road
Sat. May 19 | 10:00 AM–11:30 AM
Join a Drumlin Farm Teacher Naturalist to learn why habitats are so important to local animals. Take a walk out to our fields to discover what Drumlin Farm is doing to manage our habitats for farming as well as native animals.

Mass Audubon’s Drumlin Farm

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LITTLETON, MA

Nashoba Woodlands
Nashoba Woodlands Conservation Land
426 Newtown Road
Sat. May 19 | 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Explore the Yapp and Cobb Conservation Areas. Join a guided trail walk and learn the history of the Yapp family farm and how Cobb’s Chicks became an international poultry breeder. Special discovery activities for kids throughout the day. Creature Teacher Rick Roth brings his local wild animals for an up-close look.
Littleton Historical Society
Littleton Conservation Trust

Littleton Community Farm Open House
Registration Required.
Littleton Community Farm, 7 Wilderness Road
Sat. May 26 | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
Join us for a day of hands-on learning on the farm! Help with transplanting and other planting activities. Drop by and pitch in or view activities and workshops online.
Littleton Community Farm

LUNENBURG, MA

Blossom Festival
Lanni Orchards, 294 Chase Road (Rte. 13)
Sat. May 12 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Sun. May 13 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Spend a day on the farm in the beautiful month of May. The apple blossoms will be out and you can take a hayride or stroll through the orchard.
Lanni Orchards, Inc.

MALDEN, MA

Salem Street Cemetery Walking Tour
Salem Street Cemetery, Salem Street
Sat. May 19 | 11:00 AM–Noon
Sat. May 19 | 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Discover the hidden treasures in Malden’s second cemetery during this one-hour walking tour. Learn about who is buried here, some of the stone carvers, and the history of the cemetery.
Malden Historical Society

MAYNARD, MA

ArtSpace Maynard
ArtSpace Maynard, 63 Summer Street
Wed. May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11:00 AM–3:00 PM
Sat. May 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11:00 AM–3:00 PM
Explore this 100-year old historic school house that holds 45 artist’s studios and the community-based Acme Theater. View our current gallery exhibit, interact with our artists as they work and explore our unique grounds with Honeybee Meadow and sculptures.
Self-guided.
ArtSpace Maynard

Declaring Independence: Then & Now
ArtSpace Maynard, 63 Summer Street
Thurs. May 17 | 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
A joint initiative by Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area and the American Antiquarian Society, Declaring Independence: Then & Now aims at engaging citizens in the ideas and potential of the Declaration of Independence. A “living history” cast of reenactors will present the Declaration as we may have never heard it and attendees will be invited to discuss the Declaration’s ideas of liberty and equality and the relevance of those ideas to today.
ArtSpace Maynard

MEDFORD, MA

Wright’s Tower Tour
Wright’s Tower, Middlesex Fells State Reservation
Sat. May 5 | 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
Wright’s Tower, the stone structure visible from Route I-93 North, will be open and staffed by a DCR Park Interpreter and Friends of the Fells leaders, who will be on hand to field questions about the park’s founders, its cultural history, recreational opportunities, summer program calendar, and more!
Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation
Massachusetts DCR

NASHUA, NH

Nu Muse Festival
Space is limited. Reservations Required.
Main Street, 170 Main Street
Sat. May 5 | 11:00 AM–10:00 PM
Nu Muse, now in its second year, will bring a day-long festival featuring an eclectic array of what the national music scene has to offer. The unique festival will also feature the roll out of the Nashua Street Pianos, street performers, an arts and artisans market, food trucks and more!
Great American Downtown

Neighborhood Connections Concert
Space is limited. Reservations Required.
St. Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church of Nashua, 39 Chandler Street
Sun. May 13 | 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Join Symphony NH musicians for a free concert of music from our diverse Nashua community. The performance includes music from Europe, India, the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, and more. This is one of many concerts in Symphony NH’s Neighborhood Connections Series funded by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.
Symphony NH

PEPPERELL, MA

Breakfast with the Birds 2018
Heald Street Orchard Conservation Area
88 Heald Street—East Gate
Sat. May 12 | 6:30 AM–10:30 AM
Join local bird expert Michael Veit for a guided walk through one of the region’s birding hotspots for migrating warblers and many other bird species.
Pepperell Conservation Commission
Nashoba Conservation Trust

PRINCETON, MA

Shepherd for a Day
Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary
113 Goodnow Road
Sat. May 5 | 1:30 PM–3:00 PM
Come learn how sheep have influenced our landscape and how our current, small flock helps to maintain our open meadows. Help bring the
Shirley Meeting House floor only. Intervals. Wheelchair accessible on first levels. Learn the history of the 1773 meeting house and its artifacts, including the 1847 Stevens Tracker Organ. Thirty-minute, guided tours are conducted throughout the day at recurring intervals. Shirley Historical Society, The Trustees

Meetinghouse Cemetery Exploration Meetinghouse Cemetery, Mountain Road Sat. May 5 | 10:00 AM–Noon Explore the 1780’s cemetery near the location of the first meetinghouse (1770). This small but beautiful site displays many early New England gravestone carvings. A plan of the cemetery, a listing of names, and a printed brochure will be available along with an explorers’ challenge to point out markers of special interest. Princeton Historical Commission

Family Hike to Wachusett Mountain Space is limited. Reservations Required. Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Sun. May 13 | 10:30 AM–2:00 PM Celebrate Mother’s Day on a leisurely hike to the summit of Wachusett Mountain. The hike will be approximately 3 miles with a roughly 800-foot elevation gain. Pack a lunch to enjoy! An AMC Family Beginner Hiking Program hike. AMC Boston Family Oatings

SHIRLEY, MA

Tours of the Shirley Meeting House Shirley Meeting House, 41 Brown Road Sun. May 6 | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM Learn the history of the 1773 meeting house and its artifacts, including the 1847 Stevens Tracker Organ. Thirty-minute, guided tours are conducted throughout the day at recurring intervals. Wheelchair accessible on first floor only. Shirley Meeting House

Benton MacKaye Memorial Hike Benton Historical Society Museum 182 Center Road Sat. May 12 | 1:00 PM–3:30 PM Participants meet at the Shirley Historical Society Museum for an illustrated talk on the life of conservationist Benton MacKaye, followed by a hike through The Trustees’ Farandnear reservation. Shirley Historical Society, The Trustees

SUDBURY, MA

Self-Guided Glacial Features Walk SVT’s Gray Reservation Hudson and Old Lancaster Roads Tues. May 1–Thurs. May 31 | Dawn to Dusk SVT’s Gray Reservation and the surrounding lands offer excellent examples of evidence left behind by the glacier covering our region around 10,000 years ago. Self-guided audio tour (approximately 60 minutes and 2 miles) explains highlights, such as kettle holes, eskers, and erratics at designated spots along the trail. Sudbury Valley Trustees

Evening Tour of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Assabet River NWR, 680 Hudson Road Tues. May 8 | 6:00 PM–7:30 PM Come stretch your legs and watch the sun begin to set over the pond. Trails will be a mix of paved sidewalks and flat, dirt trails. All ages and skill levels are welcome. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Friends of the Assabet River NWR

Evening Hike at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Assabet River NWR, 680 Hudson Road Thurs. May 17 | 5:45 PM–7:45 PM Join us for a fast-paced evening walk. All ages welcome, but this is not recommended for young children as we will keep a steady pace to complete our walk before sunset. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Friends of the Assabet River NWR

WICHENDON, MA

Historic Bunker Tour Space is limited. Reservations Required. Assabet River NWR, 680 Hudson Road Sat. May 19 | 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Join local historian Jan Wright for an informative slideshow, talk, and tour of one of the munition storage bunkers at the Refuge. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Friends of the Assabet River NWR

WINCHESTER, MA

Smith’s Country Cheese Farm Festival 2018 Registration Required for 5K Run. Smith’s Country Cheese, 20 Otter River Road Sun. May 20 | 11:00 AM–5:00 PM Join us for our third farm festival. The event will kick-off with a 5K Fun Run at 9:00 AM followed by a family-friendly festival with great music, food, activities for the whole family and food trucks featuring our farmstead cheeses, beer, wine and more. Smith’s Country Cheese

WOBURN, MA

Horn Pond Out Back Horn Pond, Ice House Park, Sturgis Street Sat. May 19 | 9:00 AM–11:00 AM Fri. May 25 | 4:00 PM–6:00 PM Behind the Lagoon at Horn Pond lie several different environments with different plant life, different animals and a different history! Learn about the varied wildlife found here. Discover the history of this area and why it looks like it does. WREN—Woburn Residents Environmental Network

Friends of the Assabet River NWR
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
The Friends of the Assabet River NWR work in partnership with the National Park Service.
Mark your calendars for these Freedom’s Way events!

Reconsidering the Promises of the Declaration of Independence

A Narrated Performance and Conversation

Declaring Independence—Then & Now 2018 Performance Schedule

- **April 30th—7:00-8:30 PM**
  Woburn Memorial High School

- **May 17th—7:00-8:30 PM**
  ArtSpace Maynard

- **May 20th—2:00-3:30 PM**
  Leominster Public Library

- **June 3rd—2:00-3:30 PM**
  Minute Man National Historical Park Visitor Center, Lexington

- **June 6th—7:00-8:30 PM**
  First Parish Church United, Westford

- **June 10th—3:00-4:30 PM**
  Boxborough Town Hall

- **July 2nd-4th—10:30 AM & 1:00 PM**
  Center Meetinghouse, Old Sturbridge Village (with admission)

- **July 3rd—11:00AM, 1, 3 & 5 PM**
  Old North Church and Historic Site, Boston

- **July 4th—7:00-8:30 PM**
  Lexington Depot

Panel Discussion at The American Antiquarian Society

- **May 31st—7:00-8:30 PM**
  “Holding These Truths: A Panel Discussion about the Declaration of Independence” with David W. Blight, Annette Gordon-Reed, and Peter S. Onuf
  Partner: American Antiquarian Society (Worcester)

For more details visit www.freedomsway.org

People’s History—Local History

**June 4, 2018, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA**

A conference by and for local and public history organizations and people in Massachusetts

Keynote by Franklin Odo, UMass Amherst and Smithsonian Institution

A day of learning and networking in peer sessions, workshops, and hallways as we explore how historical organizations can and do become part of the social dialogue at a challenging moment.

**Panel Discussion: Self-Guided Tours: To App or not to App?**

Self-guided tours are coming into their own—as are expensive ways to create them. Does it make sense to even go that route? The discussion will focus on conversation that leads to unearthing the issues at play in choosing and using digital platforms and apps for self-guided tours.

Registration opens April 18.

Hosted by the Massachusetts History Alliance (masshistoryalliance.org)

Supported by Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area, Mass Humanities, Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (MA SHRAB), Massachusetts Historical Society, University of Massachusetts Amherst Program in Public History, University of Massachusetts Boston Public History and Archives Tracks and the Joseph P. Healey Library

For more details visit www.freedomsway.org

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