

FREEDOM'S WAY

National Heritage Area | Nature • Culture • History



Freedom's Way Hidden Treasures 2016



DISCOVER • EXPLORE • LEARN • CONNECT • FIND

Celebrating the Hidden Treasures of Freedom's Way National Heritage Area

Saturday May 14 through **Sunday May 22, 2016**

Visit www.discoverhiddentreasures.org for complete program information.



Freedom's Way National Heritage Area works in partnership with the National Park Service

HIDDEN TREASURES 2016



Celebrating the unique natural, cultural and historic “treasures” located within the Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area.

***Discover** exciting and unexpected stories and places “hidden in plain sight” within the heritage area’s 45 communities.*

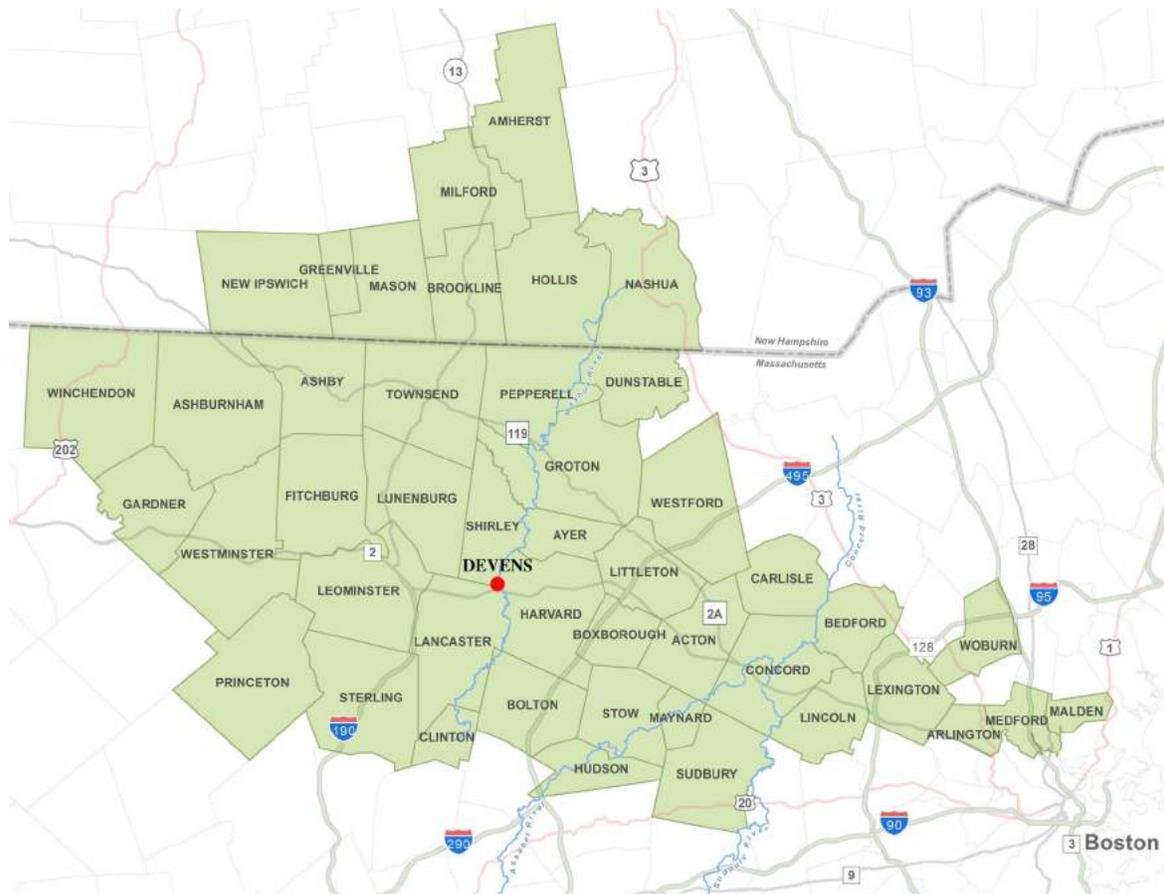
***Explore** the region’s natural history and landscape, and see how music, art and architecture influenced our region and visit the historic buildings, monuments and documents that highlight our heritage.*

***Learn** about the visionaries and experimenters who, since before the founding of the nation, lived within the Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area creating new ideas about relationships to society and the natural world.*

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

***Find** your place in the heritage area at www.discoverhiddentreasures.org*

Special instructions and directions for programs are detailed on the website.



HIDDEN TREASURES 2016

ACTON

Acton Arboretum

2 Taylor Road, Acton, MA

Visit with the Gardeners

Thurs May 19 | 10–11:30 AM

Garden Walks

Sun May 22 | 1 PM

Walk to the Bog and Back

Sun May 22 | 2:30 PM

*Friends of the Acton Arboretum, Inc.;
Town of Acton Natural Resources
Department*

Great Hill Exploration Walk

Wed May 18 | 10 AM

*The Discovery Museums, 177 Main St.,
Acton, MA*

AMHERST, NH

Guided Tours of the Village of Amherst, NH and Its Museums

Village Walking Tours

Sat May 14 | Tours at 10:30AM & 3PM, *Rain Date: Sun May 15 at 3PM*
Meet at Soldier's Monument across from Chapel Museum.

Guided Tours of Amherst's Wigwam Museum

Sat May 14 | Tours at 1PM & 2PM
Museum will be open from 1–4PM.
17 Middle St., Amherst, NH

Guided Tours of Amherst's Chapel Museum

Sat May 14 | Tours at 1PM & 2PM
Museum will be open from 1–4PM.
5 Middle St., Amherst, NH
Historical Society of Amherst, NH

ARLINGTON

Jason Russell House

7 Jason St., Arlington, MA

Architectural Tour of Arlington Center

Thurs May 19 | 6PM
Arlington Historical Society

Learn About Optical Toys and Games

Sat May 21 | 10AM
Arlington Historical Society

“Connecting Threads” at the Jason Russell House

Sat May 21 | 1PM
*Arlington Historical Society;
Menotomy Minutemen*

Cyrus Dallin, Hidden Treasure of American sculptors: A Walking Tour in Arlington

Sat May 21 | 2PM
Rain date: Sun May 22 at 2PM
*Cyrus Dallin Art Museum,
594 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA*

Boston's Early German Community in the Theatre District and South End: The Pre-Arlington Home of the Schwambs (1838-1848)

Sat May 14 | Tours 11AM–2PM
Speaker and Reception 2–4PM
*The Old Schwamb Mill, 17 Mill Lane,
Arlington, MA*

ASHBURNHAM

Meet Grand Pianos Like Those of the Great Composers

Sat May 14 & Sat May 21 | 1–4PM
Thurs May 19 | 10AM–4PM
*Historical Piano Concerts, Inc.
30 Main St., Ashburnham, MA*

AYER

J. C. Ayer and The Ayer Town Hall

Sat May 14 | 1:00 & 3PM
Ayer Town Hall 1 Main St., Ayer, MA
Ayer Historical Commission

BOLTON

The Declaration of Independence in Bolton

Bolton Public Library Hours:
Tues-Thurs May 17–19 | 10AM–8PM
Fri May 20 | 10AM–5PM
Sat May 21 | 10AM–2PM
*Town of Bolton. Bolton Historical Society,
738 Main St. (Rte 117), Bolton, MA*

BOXBOROUGH

Discover Boxborough's Esker at the Beaver Brook Valley Preserve
Reservations Required by May 12



Ashburnham piano—Ashburnham, MA

Sat May 14 | 10AM
Rain Date: Sun May 15
Meet at end of Swanson Road (known as West Whitcomb Road at the end) located just west of Route 495 in Boxborough.
RSVP to president@bctrust.org
Age 11+ or children capable of hiking while listening to the presentation materials along the way.
The Boxborough Conservation Trust

BROOKLINE, NH

Living Treasures of Brookline, NH

Sat May 21 & Sun May 22 | 10AM–3PM
Brookline Historical Society, 17 Meeting-house Hill Road, Brookline, NH

CARLISLE

Smart Barn Tour at Great Brook Farm State Park

Sat May 14 & Sun May 15 | 1, 3, 5PM
Sat May 21 & Sun May 22 | 1, 3, 5PM
No pets or food are allowed on the tour.
*Mass DCR/Great Brook Farm,
165 North Road, Carlisle MA*

CLINTON

Museum of Russian Icons

Sun May 22 | 11AM–5PM
Enjoy free admission to the Museum of Russian Icons when you mention Hidden Treasures 2016.
*Museum of Russian Icons,
203 Union Street, Clinton, MA*

HIDDEN TREASURES 2016



Nashua Symposium—Nashua, NH

CONCORD

Through Thoreau's Eyes: A Look at Nature at the Concord Museum

Sat May 14 | 2–4PM

Concord Museum, 200 Lexington Rd, Concord, MA

Meet Henry David Thoreau

Sat May 14 & May 21 | 11AM, 1PM, 3PM

Thoreau Farm, 341 Virginia Road, Concord, MA

Thoreau Farm and Historic Interpreter Richard Smith

Tracks and Trails on Brister's Hill

Registration Required

Wed May 18 | 1:00–2:30 PM

Meet at the Hapgood Wright Concord Town Forest Parking Lot, opposite the Concord-Carlisle High School, 500 Walden Street, Concord, MA
Register at whitney.retallic@walden.org
The Walden Woods Project

Meet Ellen Garrison at The Robbins House

Sun May 22 | 2–4PM

The Robbins House: Concord's African American History, 320 Monument St., Concord, MA

DEVENS

Oxbow: Home of the Blanding's Turtle, a State Threatened Species

Sun May 15 | 1–3PM

1–2PM Talk by Jared Green, Biologist at US Fish & Wildlife

2–3PM Guided trail hike

The Friends of Oxbow, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Hospital Rd., Devens, MA

Armed Forces Day Open House

Sat May 21 | 10AM–4PM

Fort Devens Museum, 94 Jackson Road, 3rd Floor, Devens, MA

United Native American Cultural Center's 21st Annual Powwow

Sat May 21 & Sun May 22 | 10AM–5PM

United Native American Cultural Center, 29 Antietam Street, Devens, MA

FITCHBURG

Fitchburg in the Civil War: A Living History

Sat May 14 | 10AM–2PM

Monument Park, 597 Main St., Fitchburg, MA

Fitchburg Public Library; Fitchburg Historical Society; 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Reenactment Group

See What You've Been Missing: Art at the Fitchburg Public Library

Sat May 14 & Sat May 21 | 10AM–4PM

Mon–Thurs May 16–19 | 10AM–8PM

Fri May 21 | 10AM–5PM

Fitchburg Public Library, 610 Main St., Fitchburg, MA 01420

Rollstone Hill "Rock Walk"

Sat May 21 | 10AM–1PM

Meet at Boulder Art Gallery, 960 Main St., Fitchburg, MA
Fitchburg Greenway Committee; Fitchburg Historical Society; Peter Capodagli

GARDNER

Made in Gardner: The Chair City Oral History Project

Sat May 14 | 12–3PM

Hands-on letterpress project; Tours and hands-on bookmaking;

Tues. May 17 | 4–7PM, Friday May 19 | 3–6PM, Sunday May 22 | 1–4PM
City Chair Community Art Center, 306 Central Street, Gardner, MA

Heywood Wakefield Walking Tour

Sat May 14 | 11AM

Levi Heywood Memorial Library, 55 West Lynde Street, Gardner, MA

Cummings Otter River Conservation Area Guided Hike

Sun May 15 | 1–3PM

Reservations required

RSVP to jlegros@gardner-ma.gov

Meet at Cummings Otter River Conservation Area, Bridge St., Gardner, MA
City of Gardner Community Development Office; North County Land Trust; Millers River Watershed Council; Doug and Barbara Fleming

GREENVILLE, NH

Greenville's Industrial Heritage

Chamberlin Free Public Library Hours:

Sat May 14 & Sat May 21 | 9AM–1PM

Mon May 16 & Wed May 18 | 3–8PM

Tues May 17 & Thurs May 19 | 9AM–8PM

Fri May 20 | 9AM–5PM

Greenville Historical Society; Chamberlin Free Public Library, 45 Main Street, Greenville, NH

GROTON

From Torrent 1 to Drydock 1: Loammi Baldwin, Local Engineer

Sat May 14 | Open 10AM–3PM

Talk at 1PM

Groton Historical Society, 172 Main St., Groton, MA and Harrie Sloodbeck of the USS Constitution Museum

"What Glaciers Left Behind" — A Geology Trolley Tour

Registration Required

Sat May 14 | 9–11:30 AM

Sat May 21 | 12–2:30 PM

Meet at Groton Town Hall

Pre-register at geologytour@embedinc.com

HIDDEN TREASURES 2016

Canoe and Kayak the Nashua River

Sat May 14, 9:30 AM–6:30 PM
Mention Freedom's Way Hidden Treasures to receive a 25% discount on rentals or to launch your own boat (launch fees and restrictions will be waived)
Nashoba Paddler, 398 W. Main St., Groton, MA

Rich State Forest Hike

Sat May 14 | 12–2PM
Meet at the Tinker Trail parking lot
Groton Trails Committee

Rocky Hill Sanctuary Hike

Sun May 15 | 1:00–3PM
Meet at Robin Hill Road
Appalachian Mountain Club-Boston Chapter; Groton Trails Committee

"Gifts of the Glaciers" Film Showing

Sun May 15, 3:30–5PM | Groton Town Hall
Groton Conservation Trust;
Groton Historical Society

Gibbet Hill Hike

Sun May 15 | 5:00–6:30 PM
Meet at Groton Town Hall
Groton Trails Committee

John Tinker Trail Walks

Wed May 18, 12:00–4PM | Meet at John Tinker Trail Parking Lot
Groton Trails Committee

Groton Town Forest Mountain Bike Tour

Wed May 18 | 5:30–7PM
Meet at the parking lot at Town Forest Rd.
Groton Trails Committee

Groton Trails Mountain Bike Tour

Sun May 22 | 8:30 AM–1PM
Groton Trails Committee

Gamlin Crystal Spring's Indian Rock Trail and Boulder Trail Hike

Sun May 22 | 1:00–3PM
Meet at Lawrence Academy's Spaulding parking lot.
Groton Conservation Trust; Groton Trails Committee

HARVARD

Family Drop-in Workshop: Gardens at Fruitlands

Sat May 14 | 12–4PM
Best for children ages 3–10 yrs
Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA

Harvard Shaker Village Walking Tour

Sun May 22, 1:30 PM | Meet at Shaker Cemetery, South Shaker Rd., near intersection of Shaker Rd. Age 10+.
Harvard Historical Society

HOLLIS, NH

Hidden Blooms and Birds

Guided Warbler Walk
Sun May 15, 8:30–10:30AM
Rain cancels guided hikes

Guided Wildflower Hike
Wed May 18, 10AM–12PM
Rain cancels guided hikes

Guided Nesting Hike
Sun May 22, 8:30–10:30AM
Rain cancels guided hikes

Self-Guiding Trail Hike
Sat May 14 through Sun May 22
Anytime
Beaver Brook Association
117 Ridge Road, Hollis, NH

**"...and they're killing our men!"
The story of the Nevins Stone and the
"Call to Arms" of the Hollis Militia**

Sat May 14 | 11AM–3PM
Lawrence Barn, Depot Rd, Hollis, NH
Hollis Heritage Commission

**Always Ready and Still Standing:
One Building's Legacy of Community
Pride, Purpose and Preservation**
Sat May 14 | 10AM–3PM
Hollis Historical Society, 26 Main St,
Route 122, Hollis, NH

HUDSON, MA

**Assabet River—En Plein Air
Painting Workshop**
Sun May 15 | 10AM–12PM
Rain Date Sun May 22 | 10AM–12PM
Wood Park, 65 Park Street
Hudson, MA
Hudson Parks and Recreation
Department; Hudson Public School



Shaker Village—Harvard, MA

LANCASTER

Memorial Hall: A Civil War Footprint on Lancaster's Town Green

Sat May 14 | 11:30 AM–12:30 PM
Tues May 17 | 6:30–7:30 PM
Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main St., Lancaster, MA

An American Masterpiece— A Tour Back in Time

Sun May 22 | 2–5PM
Bulfinch Meeting House,
725 Main St., Lancaster, MA
The Bullfinch Fund

LEOMINSTER

Sholan Farms Apple Blossom Festival and Walking Tour

Sat May 14 | 10AM–4PM
Rain date May 15
Sholan Farms, 1125 Pleasant Street,
Leominster, MA
Friends of Sholan Farms

Leominster Chronicles: Obscure Stories from the Comb City

Wed May 18 | 7PM
Meet at Leominster Public Library,
30 West St., Leominster, MA
Leominster Public Library; Leominster
History Society

HIDDEN TREASURES 2016



Thoreau Library, Walden Woods Project—
Lincoln, MA

LEXINGTON

Cary Memorial Library

Sat May 14 & Sat May 21 |
9AM–5PM

Sun May 15 & Sun May 22 |
1AM–5PM

Mon May 16–Thur
May 19 | 9AM–9PM.

Fri May 20 | 9AM–5PM

Discover the Edwin B. Worthen Collection at Cary Memorial

Library Tour of Cary Memorial Library's Permanent Art Collection

Cary Memorial Library, 1874 Mass Ave.,
Lexington, MA

9th Biennial State of Clay— LACS Ceramics Guild

Fri May 20 | Gallery Hours 12–6PM
Reception and Guest Speaker 6–9PM

Open Gallery Hours: Tues–Sun
12–4PM; Sat 10AM–4PM

Lexington Arts & Ceramics Guild

LINCOLN

Paul Revere Rode Here!

Sat May 14 | 11AM–2PM

Battle Explorations : 11AM–1PM

Paul Revere Play: 11:45–1:45

Whittemore House Activities:

11AM–2PM

Minute Man National Historical Park,
250 North Great Road, Lincoln, MA

History of deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

Registration required

Sat May 21 | 10:30 AM

Register at dberube@decordova.org
deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum,
51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA

Transcendental Treasures

Registration required

Tues May 17 | 2:00–3:15 PM

Age 18+. Register at whitney.retallic@walden.org

The Walden Woods Project

44 Baker Farm Road, Lincoln, MA

LITTLETON

Tophet Chasm: Littleton's Grand Natural Wonder

Sat May 14 | 10AM–3PM

4 Oak Hill Rd., Littleton

Littleton Historical Society;

Littleton Conservation Trust;

Littleton Conservation Commission;

Littleton Historical Commission

LUNENBURG

Stillman Dairy Farm: Farm History and Processing Plant Tours

Sat May 14 & Sat May 21 | 12–4PM

Stillman Dairy Farm, 991 Lancaster

Avenue, Lunenburg, MA

MALDEN

Bell Rock Cemetery Walking Tour

Sat May 14 & Sun May 15 | 11AM

Meet at Bell Rock Cemetery,

Green St., Malden, MA

Malden Historical Society

MAYNARD

Walking Tour of Glenwood Cemetery

Sun May 15 | 2PM

Meet at Cemetery, Parker St. &
Great Rd., Maynard

Maynard Historical Commission;

Maynard Historical Society

MEDFORD

Middlesex Fells Friends & Partners

Visit www.friendsofthefells.org/events-calendar/ for program details.

Friends of the Fells Running Club

Sat May 14 & Sun May 15 | 8–9:30AM

Sat May 21 & Sun May 22 | 8–9:30 AM

Spring Bird Migration at The Fells

Sun May 15 | 10AM–12:30 PM

Meet at Flynn Rink 300 Elm Street,
Medford, MA

Of Beavers and Burns

Sun May 15 | 1–3PM | Meet behind
the Medford High School,

489 Winthrop St., Medford, MA

A Hike for Photography Enthusiasts

Mon May 16 | 2–4PM

May Flower Tour

Tues May 17 | 10AM–12PM

Meet opposite Gate 8 on South Border
Road, Medford, MA

Spring Is Exploding

Thurs May 19 | 9:15–11:30 AM

Meet at Bellevue Pond Parking Lot,
South Border Rd., Medford, MA

Hard, steady rain cancels ride.

Hike to Wright's Tower

Thurs May 1 | 3–5:30 PM

Meet at Medford High School,
489 Winthrop St., Medford, MA.

Medford High School Fells

Mustang Club

Middlesex Fells Novice Bike Tour

Helmets required.

Fri May 20 | 4:00–6:10 PM

Meet at Flynn Rink at 300 Elm Street,
Medford, MA. *Hard, steady
rain cancels ride.*

Wright's Tower Tour

Sat May 21 | 10AM–12PM

and 2–4PM

Massachusetts DCR

Babes in the Woods and Hike and Seek.

Tues May 17 | 11AM–12PM

Meet at Sheepfold Path,
Stoneham, MA

Massachusetts DCR

HIDDEN TREASURES 2016

MILFORD, NH

A Few Steps Back in Time

Meet at Milford Historic Society Museum
“The Carey House” located at 6 Union St.,
just off the historic town square.

Guided Historic Village Tour

Sat May 14 & May 21 | 10AM

Guided Cemetery Tour

Sat May 14 & May 21 | 2PM
Milford Historical Society

NASHUA, NH

From Provincial Township to Planned Manufacturing City: The Nashua Manufacturing Co. Mill-Yard Historic Walking Tour

Sat May 14 | 1–2:30 PM

Rain Date: Sunday, May 15th 1–2:30PM
Meet at ClockTower Place front entryway,
Factory St., Downtown Nashua, NH
Alan S. Manoian, Urban Heritage Guide

Nashua International Sculpture Symposium

Sat May 21 | 10AM

Meet the sculptors event. Visit
www.nashuasculpturesymposium.org for
complete details. NIMCO, One Pine Street
Extension, Nashua, NH. *Nashua
International Sculpture Symposium
Committee; City Arts Nashua*

PEPPERELL

A Bridge to the Past: The History of Pepperell’s Covered Bridge

Sun May 22 | 1–4PM

Covered Bridge and Prudence Wright
Scenic Overlook: Intersection of
Lowell Road and Groton Street
*Pepperell Historical Commission;
Pepperell Historical Society;
Lawrence Library*

PRINCETON

Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History of Wachusett Meadow’s Stone Walls

Sat May 21 | 1–3PM

with Dr. Robert Thorson
*Mass Audubon Wachusett Meadow
Wildlife Sanctuary, 113 Goodnow Road,
Princeton, MA*

SHIRLEY

Discovering Your Roots

Sat May 14 | 7PM

*Shirley Historical Society, 182 Center Road,
Shirley, MA*

Tour of Pinetum (*living collection of conifer trees*) at Farandnear

Sun May 15 | 2PM

*The Trustees of Reservations,
156 Center Rd, Shirley, MA*

Tour of Shirley Meeting House

Sat May 21 | 10–3PM

*First Parish Meeting House Preservation
Society of Shirley, Inc., 41 Brown Rd,
on Shirley’s Common, Shirley, MA*

STERLING

Sterling Historical Society “Mary had a little lamb” and Beyond

Tues May 17 | 9AM–12PM

Sat May 21 | 10AM–2PM

*Sterling Historical Society, 7 Pine Street,
Sterling, MA*

STOW

One Room Was Enough: Stow West School Museum

Sun May 22 | 12–4PM

At the intersection of Harvard & Hiley
Brook Rds, just past 185 Harvard Rd.
*Stow Historical Commission;
Stow Historical Society*

SUDBURY

Bird Walk at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn

Registration Required

Sat May 14 | 7–9AM

Meet at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn,
72 Wayside Inn Rd., Sudbury, MA.
Register at www.svtweb.org/calendar
Sudbury Valley Trustees

WESTFORD

Westford Knight Carving and Related Sites

Thurs May 19 | 7PM

Meet at Abbot School
25 Depot St., Westford, MA
*The Westford Historical
Society and Museum*



Road to Revolution—Woburn, MA

A Tour of the Graniteville Section of Westford

Sat May 21 | 10–11:30 AM

*United Methodist Church,
10 Church Street, Westford, MA
The Westford Historical Society
and Museum*

WINCHENDON

Toys from “Toy Town”

Sun May 15 & Sun May 22 | 12–4PM

*Winchendon Historical Society,
151 Front Street, Winchendon, MA*

WOBURN

Horn Pond Out Back

Sun May 15 | 9–10:30AM

Thurs May 19 | 4–5:30PM

Rain date Friday, May 20 | 4–5:30PM

*Ice House Park, Sturgis Street,
Woburn, MA*

*Woburn Residents’ Environmental Network
(WREN).*

Woburn’s Road to Revolution

Sat May 21 | 12:00–3PM

*Tarky Park 256 Russell St., Woburn, MA.
Woburn Historical Commission*

To Render Dwelling-Houses More Comfortable—The Invention of the Rumford Fireplace and the Development History of the 1714 Home

Sun May 22 | 1–4PM

*Rumford Museum, 90 Elm St.,
N. Woburn, MA.*

Rumford Historical Association

About Freedom's Way

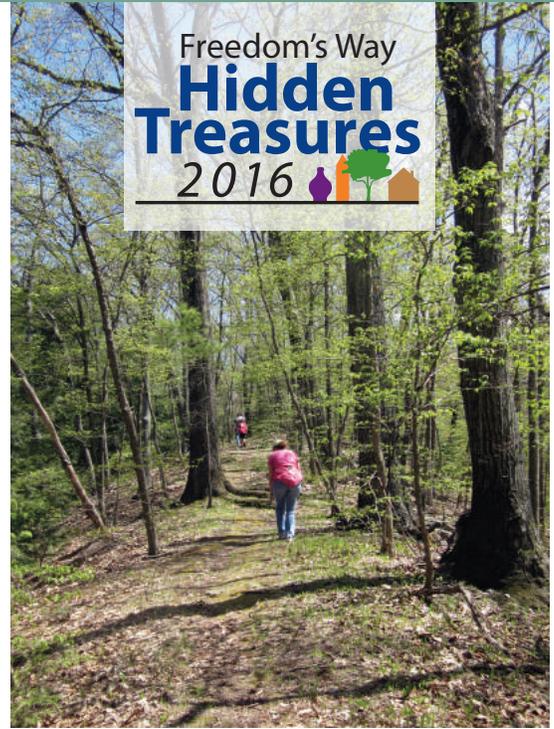
Encompassing forty-five communities in North Central Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire, Freedom's Way National Heritage Area (FWNHA) was established by Congress in 2009 to foster a close working relationship between local and regional partners, governmental agencies, and the private sector to preserve the special historic identity of the region.

Roughly triangular in shape, Freedom's Way National Heritage Area is a large landscape encompassing 994 square miles (636,160 acres) and extending almost 55 miles from metropolitan Boston to its northwest boundary. Reflective of its scale, the Heritage Area is home to a richly textured mosaic of historic, natural and cultural features and sites that reveal the region's story and its continuing role in the shaping of an American identity.

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 to encourage residents and visitors to explore our landscape, history and culture.

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