



Patriot's Day 2015

Reenactor Registration Packet



April 18 - 20, 2015

Registration Process

All unit commanders are asked to provide the following documents:

- A Federal Volunteer Agreement Form (301A) included in this packet
- A Minute Man NHP Firing Permit, included in this packet*
- Roster of participating members.

All individuals must sign in at their respective registration table upon arrival (Crown Forces at Paul Revere Capture Site, Provincial Forces at Minute Man Visitor Center), check their name off their unit's roster and receive a registration tag. Registration is open from noon - 1:00 p.m. **All participants must be registered by 1:00 p.m.**

This registration covers participation for all events at Minute Man NHP April 18 - 20, 2015. If your unit is only participating in the North Bridge event on April 20th, make sure all members of your unit are on site at North Bridge Visitor Center no later than 8:15 in order to check in and receive a tag.

Please sign all registrations documents and send them to me by **April 1, 2015**

Please send to:

Jim Hollister, Park Ranger

Minute Man National Historical Park

174 Liberty St. Concord MA. 01742

jim_hollister@nps.gov

fax (978) 318 - 7800

phone (978) 318 - 7829

*When you, as unit commander, sign the Firing Permit, you agree to the event standards for historic weapons/black powder safety and historical authenticity. You are responsible for making sure the participating members of your unit understand and meet all event standards prior to the event.

Battle Road Participant Schedule: Saturday, April 18, 2015

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. British parking and registration is open - Paul Revere Capture Site

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Colonial parking and registration open - The Bluff and Minute Man Visitor Center

NOTE: registration closes promptly at 1:00 p.m. Make sure you are registered before 1:00 p.m.

1:15 p.m. Arms inspection and ammunition distribution

1:30 p.m. Troops deploy for action

2:00 p.m. Troops engage at area of Parker's Revenge and the scenario begins

2:30 p.m. British and Colonial units march to Fiske Hill Parking area, clear weapons, collect remaining ammunition and board buses to Tower Park.

North Bridge Participant Schedule, Monday April 20, 2015

Arrival and Inspection

8:15 - 8:30 a.m. Crown Forces arrive at Monument Street parking area for inspection and ammunition distribution

8:15 - 8:55 a.m. Provincial Forces gather outside the North Bridge Visitor Center for inspection and ammunition distribution (Acton marches in at 8:55). **Anyone not present by 8:55 for inspection may not participate.**

For units not marching in, Concord Roads close at 8:30 a.m. so make sure to arrive before that time. Please park across the street from North Bridge Visitor Center in the field next to the Maj. John Buttrick House. Space is limited. Carpooling is encouraged.

8:45 a.m. Crown Forces march to North Bridge and occupy the area. Units deploy on both sides of the Bridge.

9:00 a.m. Provincial Forces step off and advance upon North Bridge and the scenario begins.

9:15 a.m. Crown and Provincial Forces will re-assemble on the Bridge for a combined volley. Scenario Ends.

NOTE: Please secure cartridge papers after each load. Be careful of your boxes too, as I have often found many dropped cartridges following the scenario. We need to open the Bridge to visitors as soon as possible before the parade arrives at 9:30 and we cannot do so until we have policed the area. Thank you!

Parking

April 18th: Crown Forces will park at the Paul Revere Capture Site on Rt. 2A. Provincial Forces will park at the Bluff and Fiske Hill, Rt 2A parking. (see April 18th Event Site Map)

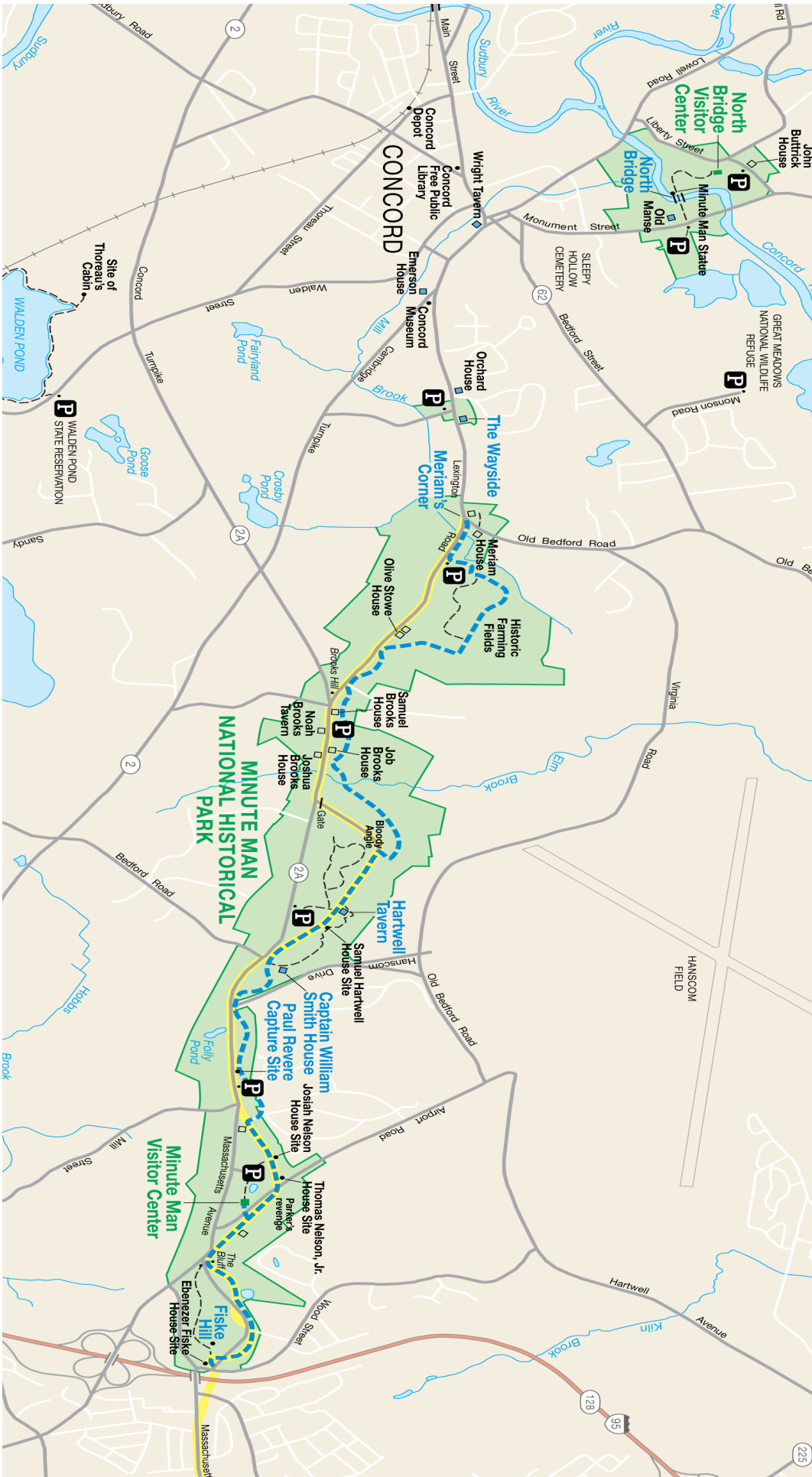
April 20th: For Provincial forces not marching in with the Acton Minute Men, please park in the field next to the Maj. John Buttrick House - Yellow Colonial house across Liberty St. from North Bridge Visitor Center parking area. (See April 20th Event Site Map)



April 20th Event Site Map



Minute Man NHP Map



Minute Man NHP Historic Weapons/Black Powder Safety Regulations

Acceptable Weapon Types: Only reproduction firearms may be used at Minute Man National Historical Park. The use of original firearms is prohibited. Acceptable reproduction small arms are:

- Early to mid-18th century flintlock muskets, fusils, or fowling pieces.
- British Long Land Pattern
- British Short Land Pattern
- French Charleville

Unacceptable Weapon Types

- Pistols
- Blunderbusses
- Rifles
- Percussion-cap weapons
- “Belgian Bombs”
- Dog lock muskets

Prohibited weapons brought on site will be returned to the owner’s vehicle, or secured by the NPS and returned after the event.

Weapon Safety and the Public

- Visitors are not allowed to handle or touch a loaded weapon.
- DO NOT HAND YOUR WEAPON TO VISITORS.
- No weapon is to be left unattended.
- NEVER point your weapon (firearm or edged weapon) at anyone at anytime.
- Participants under the age of 16 may not handle weapons (firearms or edged weapons) or powder.

Ammunition

All ammunition will be provided by the NPS. Do not bring ammunition with you on site.

Small Arms Inspections:

All small arms used in firing demonstrations will be inspected by the NPS to ensure serviceability, and then just prior to and immediately after every firing demonstration to ensure the weapon is clear. **Weapons that do not pass may not be carried and must be returned to the owner’s vehicle or secured by the NPS and returned after the event.**

Weapons must meet the following standards to pass inspection:

- weapon must be clean and free of fouling
- no excessive rust or corrosion on the barrel, lock and touch hole
- secured flashguard and hammer stall
- no cracks or splits in the stock
- furniture and barrel fit securely to stock
- no missing stock pins or screws
- lock is flush with the barrel with no charring around the mortise
- half-cock position works properly
- flint is secured by leather or lead
- barrel free from visible dents or cracks

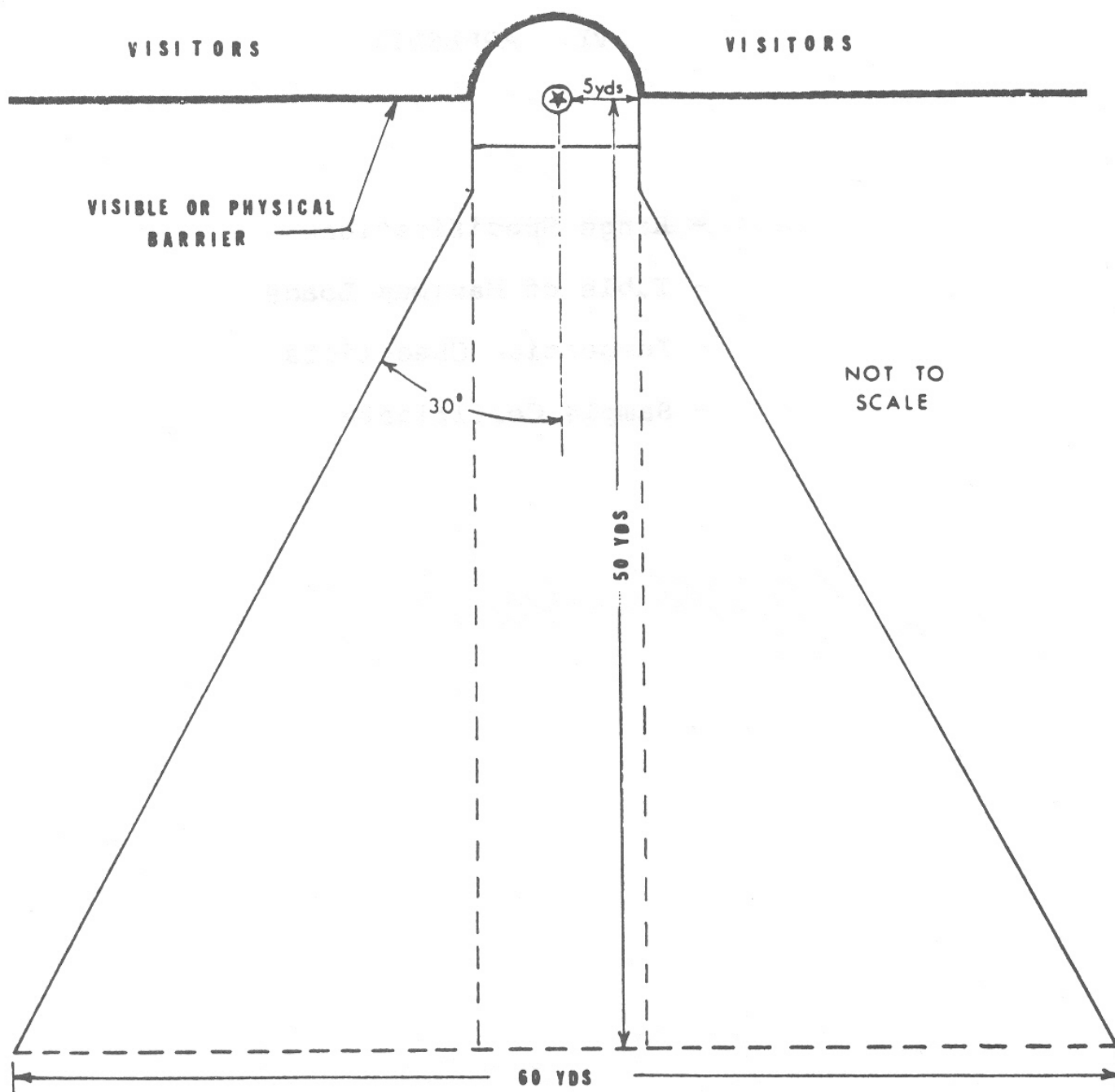
Firing Procedures

- All firing demonstrations taking place on park property may only be done under the direct supervision of the NPS.
- Ramrods may not be drawn on the field during firing demonstrations.
- No soldier may carry a loaded weapon when crossing over stone walls or passing through woods, as doing so may cause an accidental discharge of the weapon. Officers, when leading their troops over or through the aforementioned obstacles, will either order a volley to empty weapons or have their troops dump charges and priming.
- Range safety standards will be observed at all times.
- No opposed firing or casualty portrayals (elements of simulated combat) are permitted.
- Firing will commence or cease at the discretion of the NPS.
- If you even suspect that your weapon has missed fire, call out "misfire!," hold at "present" for 10 seconds, dump the charge and priming. "When in doubt, dump it out."

Edged Weapons

- Edged weapons may be drawn and brandished in a safe and prudent manner, when the bearer and the weapon are behind a barrier in a secure area out of the reach of visitors, i.e. officers carrying swords during the tactical demonstration, or infantrymen in a bayonet demonstration.
- At no time may participants engage in simulated combat with edged weapons or simulated edged weapons.
- When not behind a barrier, out amongst visitors, swords, knives, bayonets and the like may not be fully drawn. They may be partially drawn enough to expose some of the blade for visual inspection for interpretive purposes, but no visitor may touch the blade.
- Soldiers on sentry duty may fix bayonets but must keep the musket in a vertical position and the bearer must maintain control of the weapon.

Firing Range Minimum Distances



RANGE FOR BLANK SMALL ARMS FIRING



Minute Man NHP Living History Authenticity Standards



General Protocol

The people we portray in living history can no longer represent themselves. **They deserve our best efforts.**

Participants are required to dress in as an appropriate manner for Eastern Massachusetts, 1775 as possible. Western frontier and native dress are not acceptable; this includes hunting shirts, fringe, beads, Native American accessories/accoutrements and a general "buckskin" appearance. No anachronisms such as: cameras, cell phones, cigarettes, plastic items, wrist watches, modern jewelry, sleeping bags, coolers, non-period glasses or sunglasses, etc., will be used in sight of any visitor during hours of operation.

For safety and authenticity purposes clothing must be of natural fiber such as wool, linen or cotton. Polyester, nylon, Velcro, or other synthetic fabric presents a safety hazard and may not be worn. Any modern accoutrements such as company pins, logos, nameplates or any other paraphernalia are not authentic to the period may not be worn.

Men's Clothing

Facial Hair: Beards and moustaches (and goatees, soul patches, etc.) are not appropriate for 18th century New England and may not be worn by anyone engaged in 18th century living history at Minute Man NHP. A maximum of 3-days' stubble is permitted. Anyone who appears with a full beard, moustache etc. may not field.

Frock coat or workman's jacket is required for all civilian and military impressions: of wool or linen (flax or hemp). 18th century men of all social classes would not go out in their waistcoats and shirtsleeves. Farmers smocks are acceptable if portraying a farmer or tradesman **at work**, but absolutely will not be allowed for military impressions. Militia/minute companies may not take the field in matching coats, or uniforms of any kind. Leather coats and frontier/rifle/hunting shirts (the garment with the cape and the fringe) are not acceptable.

Shirt and neckwear: long, full sleeved, closed neck with stock, cravat, or neck cloth: Linen, cotton, wool in white, natural, or checked. Laced-trimmed jabots and ruffled stocks sold by several sutlers are not acceptable.

Waistcoat: wool, linen, cotton (or silk if appropriate to the overall impression). Necessary with frock coat, optional with buttoned workman's jacket.

Breeches: wool, linen, leather, or cotton (or silk if appropriate to the overall impression). Trousers are acceptable as part of a lower class impression. Fringed suede frontier-style trousers are not acceptable.

Stockings: over the knee, wool, cotton or linen (or silk if appropriate to the overall impression), white or colors, held up with leather or cloth tape garters. Horizontally striped stockings and athletic socks are not allowed.

Shoes: period-style leather shoes with buckles or 2 hole lace up, black or brown (appropriate modern leather shoes may be worn if covered with gaiters)

Gaiters: Farmer's half boots or half gaiters of dark brown or black wool, or linen canvas may be worn over period style shoes. Knee length F&I style gaiters are not appropriate.

Hat: Must be worn out of doors. Cocked hat (civilian or military, depending upon your particular impression,) uncocked hat, knitted cap, workman's cap. For civilian or militia impressions, please leave your hat undecorated, meaning no feathers, plumes, pipes or bits of dead animals.

Knapsacks: Knapsacks are recommended for militia impressions. Market wallets and work bags are also

appropriate, as is the use of your pockets. Haversacks were military camp equipage for carrying rations and not appropriate for civilian and militia impressions. **If you portray a minute/militiaman or colonial civilian, you may not wear a haversack.**

Proper Fit: The fit of clothing was extremely important to the 18th century person. Breeches should fit snugly around the leg and knee band, and should not be too long (i.e., the knee band should close about three fingers' width below the knee cap - and not extend down the calf). Coats should fit well about the body and should move with you unlike modern coats where you move within the coat.

Women's Clothing

Sleeved outer garment: such as gown, jacket, caraco, bed gown, or riding habit of wool, linen, or cotton (or silk if appropriate to the overall impression). Because of the difficulty of obtaining period-appropriate prints, it is recommended that you avoid prints unless you have studied them in detail or can find exact replicas (such as Williamsburg replicas though not all their offerings are authentic); paisleys, cabbage roses, and 19th century calicoes are not correct. The sleeveless so-called "French bodice" and "English bodice" are not acceptable. A sleeved outer garment is required.

Petticoats: recommended 2.5-3 yards in circumference, longer than mid-calf; high-ankle/low-calf suggested. At least one petticoat with full-length gown; otherwise at least two. See above concerning prints. Print petticoats are only acceptable if worn with a gown or jacket of the same fabric.

Shift: low necked, sleeves reaching slightly below elbow. Linen, cotton, or wool in white or natural.

Stays or Jumps: highly recommended. If wearing a fitted garment like gown, caraco or jacket, stays or jumps are necessary.

Neck handkerchief: recommended. Triangle or folded square of linen, cotton, or wool (or silk appropriate to the overall impression) in white, natural, solid color, or small checks, stripes or period block print. Shawls are not acceptable.

Apron: Wool, linen, or cotton (or silk if appropriate to the overall impression) in solid color or small checks or stripes. No eyelet or bibbed aprons.

Stockings: over the knee, linen, wool, silk, or cotton, white or colors, held up with leather or cloth tape garters. Horizontally striped stockings and athletic socks are not allowed. (As stockings do not show above low calf at most, plain modern knee socks are acceptable and garters are optional.)

Shoes: Period-style leather or cloth shoes with buckles or 1 hole lace up, black or brown (appropriate modern leather shoes may be worn if petticoats reach ankles or lower).

Cap: White linen or organdy. Acceptable cap styles are too numerous to list here, but "mobcaps" (a single circle of cloth gathered with a casing and/or elastic to form a ruffle) are not acceptable. Note that a plain cap with front band and gathered back is the simplest to make. A cap or hat is required except for fine ladies with dressed hair. No eyelet.

Hat: Low-crowned women's style in straw, or felt, plain or covered; or bonnet. A cap or hat is required except for fine ladies. Flowers, and feathers should be avoided, unless doing a gentry interpretation.

Hair: Either long, pulled back from the face, and put up, or hidden with a cap. Long or thick bangs should be pulled back off the face. Obviously-dyed hair (a color not naturally occurring in hair) should be well-covered by a cap.

Make-up: If worn at all, should not be noticeable.

Cold weather gear: Optional. Period-pattern cloaks, mantles, tippets, hoods, etc. Wool kerchiefs. Woven or knitted wool, linen, or cotton (or silk appropriate to the overall impression) mitts, mittens, or gloves. Wool and/or fur muffs. Kinsale cloaks are discouraged as are Celtic pins and penannular brooches. Wearing a men's military uniform coat is unacceptable. To keep warm, we highly recommend wearing layers underneath your clothing where they are not seen. For example, silk or polypropylene long johns, and/or tights.

About lace: Eyelet and tatting are not authentic to the period. Crochet is not acceptable in any form (lace, shawls, etc.). Machine-made lace is acceptable if it is in imitation of period-style lace.

Baskets, market baskets and workbags: Baskets should be made of wood splint or willow,; metal parts are discouraged. Also use of pockets is strongly encouraged.

Children's Clothing

Babes in arms: Shirt or shift, and cap, of linen, cotton, or wool, in white. A frock and petticoat are optional but preferred. Shoes and stockings optional. If plastic diapers are used, cover with a cloth.

Young children: (unbreeched boys from toddlers through age 3 to 7 and girls from toddlers through early puberty) shift of linen, cotton, or wool, in white or natural with a child's frock (back closing for either gender / front closing for boys only) and petticoat. Cap and / or hat for girls (optional but preferred), workman's cap or uncocked or single cocked hat for boys (optional). Stockings, as for women. Period-style shoes; due to the expense of children's shoes, any black or brown leather lace-up modern shoes are also acceptable. Shoes and stockings are optional but strongly recommended.



Historic Weapons Firing Permit Minute Man NHP April 18 - 20, 2015

Before a unit can participate in a living history event involving historic black powder weapons at Minute Man NHP, each unit commander must sign a Historic Weapons Firing Permit, which includes a copy of the Historic Black Powder Weapons Safety Regulations, event schedule, and clothing authenticity standards. This permit must be signed by the unit commander and returned to the event Black Powder Safety Officer by email, mail or fax.

Mail the completed permit to:
Jim Hollister, Park Ranger
Minute Man National Historical Park
174 Liberty St.
Concord MA.
01742
Or fax to: (978) 318 – 7800 or email to jim_hollister@nps.gov

Unit Name: _____

Commander's Name: _____

Email: _____

Please check one or both: My unit is participating in

☐ **Battle Road, April 18th (invitation only)**

☐ **Dawn Salute and/or Sudbury, April 19th (invitation only)**

☐ **North Bridge, April 20th (invitation only)**

In signing this permit, I acknowledge that I have read the Historic Black Powder Weapons Safety Regulations, Event Schedule and Authenticity Standards, have communicated the same to all participating members of my unit and will comply with them fully.

Signature of Unit Commander

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Historic Weapons Supervisor

_____ Date: _____

Participant Roster

Battle Road, April 18th	Dawn Salute and Sudbury April 19th	North Bridge, April 20th

Volunteer Services Agreement for Natural Resources Agencies

for Individuals or Groups –

Please print when completing this form

Site Name Minute Man National Historical Park	Agency National Park Service	Reimbursement (if any)	
Name of Volunteer or Group Leader – Last, First, Middle, then Group Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip

IF VOLUNTEER IS UNDER AGE 18 – Name of Parent or Guardian	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip
<p>I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named volunteer. I understand that the agency volunteer program does not provide compensation, except as otherwise provided by law; and that the service will not confer on the volunteer the status of a Federal employee. I have read the attached description of the work that the volunteer will perform.</p> <p>I give my permission for _____ to participate in the specified volunteer activity sponsored by _____ at _____ (Name of Sponsoring Organization, if applicable) (Name of Volunteer Duty Station)</p> <p>From _____ to _____ (Date) (Date) (Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)</p>			

Emergency Contact Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Brief description of work to be performed.

Volunteer(s) will participate in living history activities at Minute Man NHP, according to safety and authenticity standards as set up by the site management. These activities include wearing period-appropriate clothing, horseback riding, demonstrating historic black powder weapons, cooking demonstrations, and tactical demonstrations. Volunteer(s) will also participate in training as deemed appropriate by NPS management. Volunteer will supply own clothing, equipment and accoutrements, including horses, tack and historic weapons, if appropriate.

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See attached position description, if needed.

Government Vehicle required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Valid State Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> International Driver's License
Personal Vehicle to be used?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Please verify that the volunteer is in possession of one of these documents. DO NOT keep a copy of the document for his/her file.

I understand that I will not receive any compensation for the above work and that volunteers are NOT considered Federal employees for any purpose other than tort claims and injury compensation. I understand that volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other employee benefits. I also understand that either the government or I may cancel this agreement at any time by notifying the other party.

I understand that my volunteer position may require a background investigation in order for me to perform my duties.

I understand that all publications, films, slides, videos, artistic or similar endeavors, resulting from my volunteer services as specifically stated in the attached job description, will become the property of the United States, and as such, will be in the public domain and not subject to copyright laws.

I do hereby volunteer my services as described above, to assist in agency-authorized work.

(Signature of Volunteer)

(Date)

The above-named agency agrees, while this arrangement is in effect, to provide such materials, equipment, and facilities that are available and needed to perform the work described above, and to consider you as a Federal employee only for the purposes of tort claims and injury compensation.

(Signature of Government Representative)

(Date)

Termination of Agreement

Volunteer requests formal evaluation ☐ Yes ☐ No

Evaluation Completed

(Date)

Agreement terminated on

(Date)

(Signature of Government Representative)

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