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Guided group, step-on and charter tours available year round.

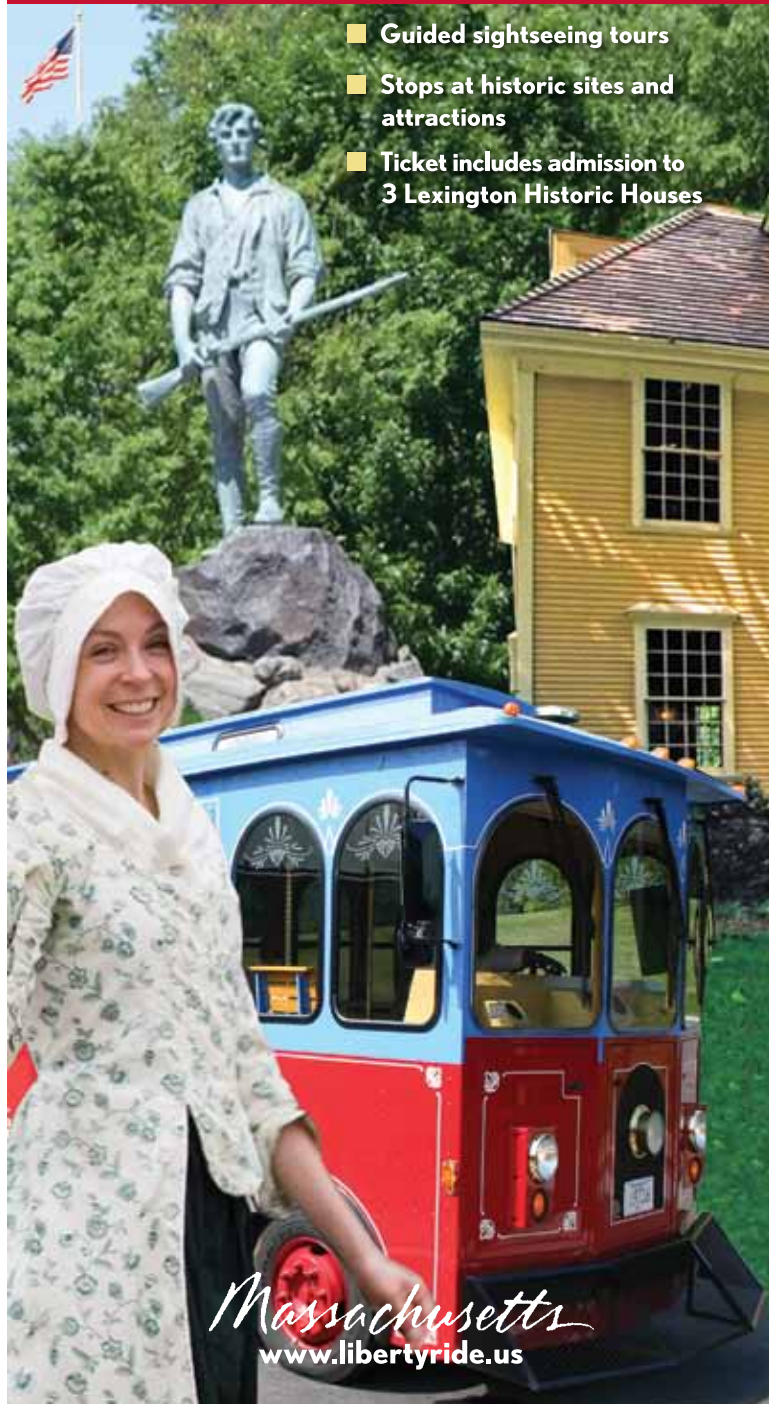


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Trolley Tour of Historic Lexington and Concord



- Guided sightseeing tours
- Stops at historic sites and attractions
- Ticket includes admission to 3 Lexington Historic Houses

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Ride along the historic Battle Road while your costumed guide recounts the exciting events of April 19, 1775 and the literary legacy that defined American identity and culture.

Visit the birthplaces of American liberty and 19th century literature!

Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library — permanent and changing exhibits celebrating American history and culture from Colonial times to present day.
 — Free admission and parking.
 — Liberty Ride operates as scheduled on days Museum is closed.

Lexington Visitors Center located close to restaurants and shops, offers information and hospitality, guided walking tours of Battle Green, public restrooms, and diorama of the Battle of Lexington.

Lexington Battle Green — view the Minute Man statue and America's oldest war memorial where the Lexington militia confronted 800 British Regulars as the sun rose on April 19, 1775.

Minute Man National Historical Park — View "The Road to Revolution," a moving multimedia presentation and exhibits at the Visitor Center.

— *Paul Revere's Capture Site*, where the famous "midnight ride" came to an abrupt end.

— *Hartwell Tavern*, an historic home and tavern brought to life with living history demonstrations. (limited handicap accessibility)

— Walk the *Battle Road Interpretive Trail*.

— *Merriam's Corner*, terminus of the Battle Road trail and place where British regulars first came under fire as they retreated to Boston.

— *North Bridge*, where colonial militia men were first ordered to fire upon British regulars. See Daniel Chester French's Minute Man statue, the grave of British soldiers, and other battle monuments.

— *North Bridge Visitor Center at Buttrick Mansion* features exhibits detailing the events in 1775, an information center and bookstore located in a home built by the descendants of Major John Buttrick, the colonial officer who gave the command to fire at the North Bridge.

— Free admission and parking at the *Visitor Center* on Rt. 2A.

Lexington Historical Society Houses

Buckman Tavern—where the Lexington militia gathered the night before the Battle.

Hancock-Clarke House —Paul Revere and William Dawes' destination on the night of April 18, 1775 to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock of the coming of British troops.

Munroe Tavern—British headquarters and field hospital—Washington really dined here in 1789! Garden.

Admission to these 3 historic houses included with Liberty Ride ticket.

Old Belfry —an exact reproduction atop Belfry Hill from where the original bell sounded the alarm of April 19, 1775.

Orchard House —the home of Louisa May Alcott and her family, and setting for the beloved *Little Women*. \$\$

Colonial Inn —a functioning inn and historic landmark at the heart of the village green, was a part of the events of April 19, 1775 and was later home to Henry David Thoreau.

The Wayside was home to the Alcotts, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Margaret Sidney. \$\$

Old Manse —home of minister William Emerson, his grandson Ralph Waldo Emerson, and the honeymoon home of Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne. \$\$

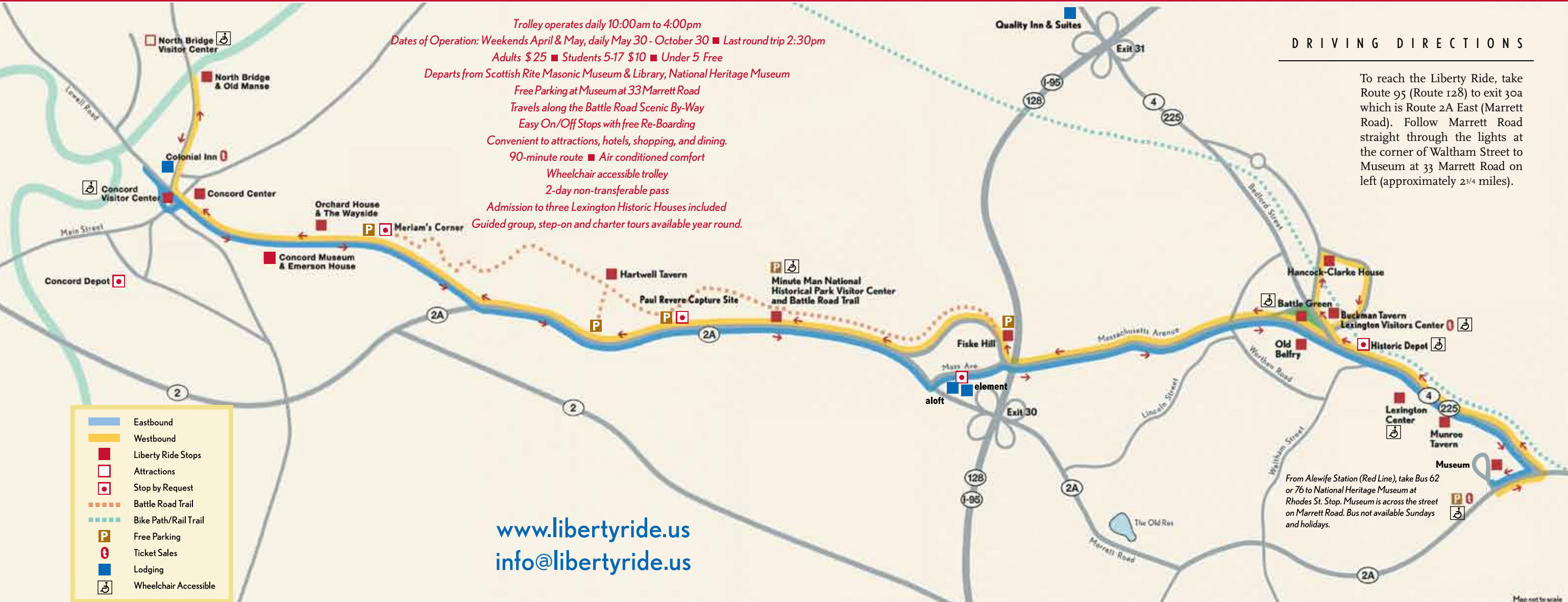
Emerson House —where Ralph Waldo Emerson, foremost 19th century literary figure, lived and wrote from 1835 until his death in 1882. Original furnishings and family memorabilia are on display. \$\$

Concord Museum holds a nationally significant historical collection including the famed Revere lantern, Emerson's study, and Thoreau's Walden desk. Hands-on family activities, period rooms, and film "Exploring Concord." \$\$

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Tour Lexington and Concord, the Birthplace of American Liberty



Liberty Ride Trolley Minute Man Statue Museum & Library Buckman Tavern Hancock-Clarke House Munroe Tavern Hartwell Tavern Concord Museum Orchard House—Home of the Alcotts