



**Located 20 miles west of Boston,** Concord is a picturesque New England community of handsome residences, preserved open spaces, family-owned farms and thriving commercial centers. The town is served by MBTA commuter rail to Boston, Cambridge and Fitchburg. State highway Route 2 runs through Concord, and Routes 128/95 and 495 are conveniently accessed.

Concord, signifying agreement and harmony, was incorporated as the first inland settlement in Massachusetts through a grant from the Massachusetts General Court dated September 12, 1635. Concord supported Native American activity long before the European settlers arrived. The area was inhabited by the various Nipmuc groups, and the village of Musketaquid, which means “reedy river,” was established as a principle center of the Massachusetts tribe. The native people called the area where the Assabet and Sudbury rivers meet “Nashawtuc,” which means “between the rivers.” This area of Concord is comprised of about 400 acres and is home to these significant people and milestones in American history:

- Concord’s part of the onset of the American Revolution began on April 19th, 1775 with a battle between the Minutemen and the Redcoats that lasted less than five minutes at the Old North Bridge. The British retreated back to Boston, hotly pursued all the way by Minutemen from Concord and our neighboring towns.

- As the scene of the first battle of the American Revolutionary War (War for Independence) on April 19, 1775, it is considered the birthplace of the nation, where the "shot heard 'round the world" for liberty and self government was fired.

- Daniel Chester French, one of America’s most famous sculptors, designed the minuteman statue at the Old North Bridge when he was 23. One of his most famous works of art was the statue of Abraham Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial down in Washington DC.

- Paul Revere, who made his famous midnight ride on April 19th, 1775 to warn the people that the British were on the march, never got here. He was captured after he left Lexington. Doctor Samuel Prescott, a Concord citizen, who he had just met on the road, took the message to Concord.

- Concord is also rich in literary history as home to many current authors as well as being the home of Louisa May Alcott, Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Sleepy Hollow Cemetery was opened in 1855. Concord’s most famous authors are buried there.

- There are many houses in Concord that were stops on the Underground Railroad. The Alcotts, Thoreaus and Emersons were all antislavery activists. The sisters, aunts, mothers and wives of those famous Transcendentalists formed the “Concord Female Anti-Slavery Society”. Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Lewis Hayden, William Lloyd Garrison and John Brown all visited and spoke in Concord.

## Visitor Center

**Address** 58 Main St. Concord, MA 01742

**Phone Number** 978.318.3061

**Website** [www.visitconcord.org](http://www.visitconcord.org)



## Historic Tour

Historic walking tour departs the Concord Visitor Center. The 75 minute experience will introduce guests to the Downtown Concord area and will touch on Concord’s rich Revolutionary and Literary history while visiting sites such as The Milldam, Monument Square, The Old Hill Burial Ground and more.

Call the Visitor Center at 978-318-3061 or check out [visitconcord.org](http://visitconcord.org) for current schedules.

Adults (13+) \$15 Youth (12 & under) \$12 Senior Citizens (65+) \$12

## Little Women Tour

This 90 minute tour features Louisa May Alcott in her starring role in Concord History. Guests will depart the Visitor Center and walk through Downtown Concord, learning about Louisa’s role as a suffragette and continue to Sleepy Hollow Cemetery’s Author’s Ridge, where Louisa and many other famous authors are buried.

This tour is available year round with an advanced reservation. Please email [visitors@concordma.gov](mailto:visitors@concordma.gov) to reserve your date today!

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**New tours being added - watch the website for details!**



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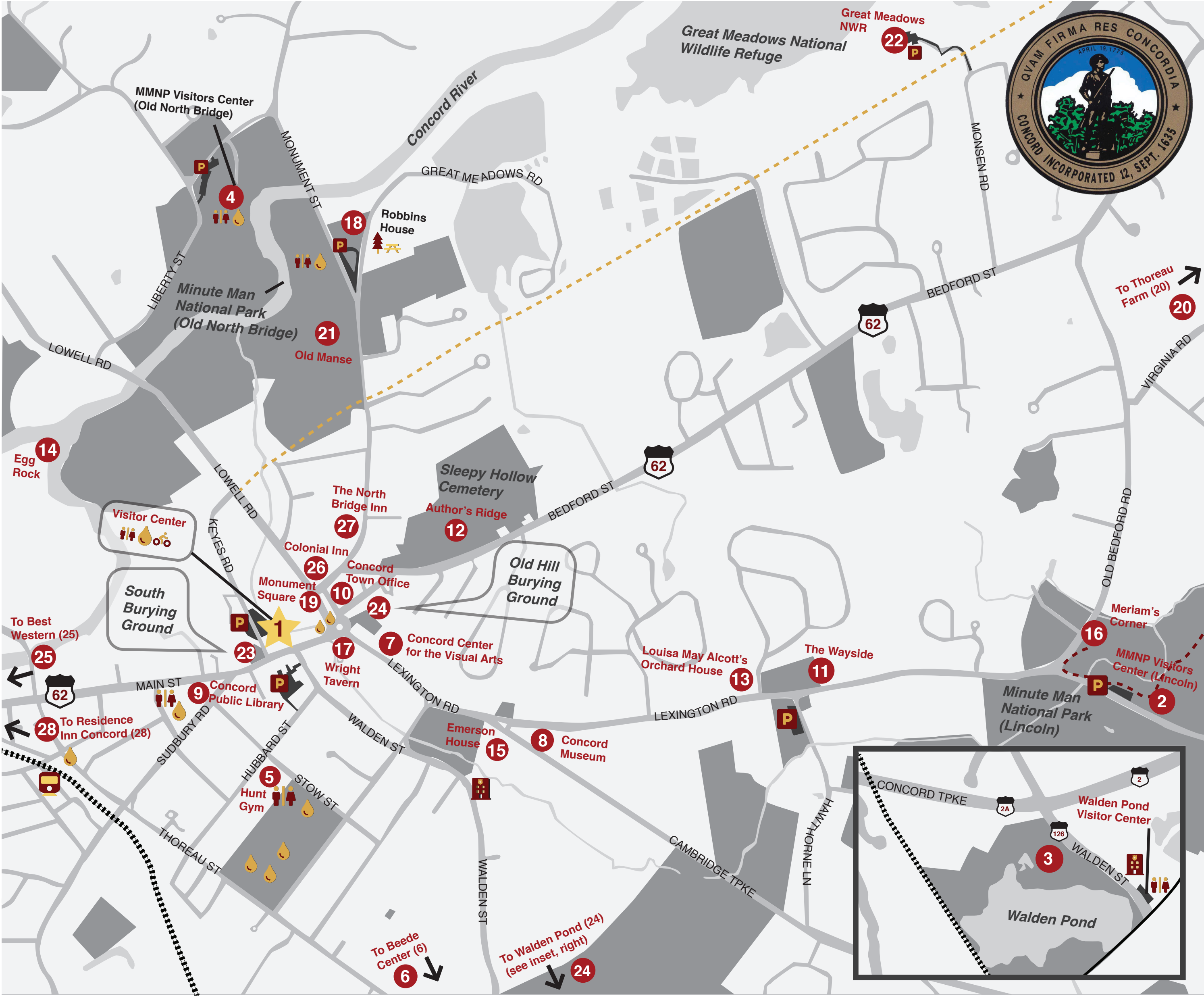
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- 1) Visitor Center**  
58 Main St, Concord, MA 01742  
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- 2) Minute Man National Park (MMNP) (Lincoln) Visitor Center**  
Off of Lexington Road, Concord, MA 01742  
(978) 369-6993

- 3) Walden Pond State Reservation and Visitors Center**  
915 Walden Street (Route 126)  
For park hours and capacity closures (978) 369-3254 or Twitter @waldenpondstate
- 4) Minute Man National Park (MMNP) Visitor Center (Old North Bridge)**  
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## Attractions

- 5) Hunt Gym**  
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- 6) Beede Center**  
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www.beedecenter.com • (978) 287-1000
- 7) Concord Center for the Visual Arts**  
37 Lexington Rd, Concord, MA 01742  
www.concordart.org • (978) 369-2578

- 8) Concord Museum**  
53 Cambridge Turnpike, Concord, MA 01742  
www.concordmuseum.org • (978) 369-9763
- 9) Concord Public Library**  
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www.concordlibrary.org • (978) 318-3300
- 10) Concord Town Office**  
22 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742  
www.concordma.gov • (978) 318-3100

## Attractions

- 11) The Wayside**  
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www.nps.gov/mima  
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- 12) Author's Ridge**  
248 Bedford St, Concord, MA 01742
- 13) Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House**  
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- 14) Egg Rock**
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- 16) Meriam's Corner**  
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- 17) Wright Tavern**  
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- 18) Robbins House**  
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- 19) Monument Square**
- 20) Thoreau Farm**  
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www.thoreaufarm.org

The "Minott House" Thoreau refers to is known today on the National Register of Historic Places as the Wheeler-Minot Farmhouse/Henry David Thoreau Birth House. Locally, it is also known as "Thoreau Farm."

- 21) Old Manse**  
269 Monument St, Concord, MA 01742 • (978) 369-3909  
www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/metro-west/old-manse.html

- 22) Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**  
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www.fws.gov/refuge/great\_meadows

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- 28) Residence Inn Concord**  
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