

Sudbury Celebrates 375



League of Women Voters Scavenger Hunt

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1. The Wayside Inn

The Wayside Inn is the oldest continually operating inn in the country. The Inn is also known as Longfellow's Wayside Inn. In 1716 it was known as Howes Tavern. Later, it was called The Red Horse Tavern. What well-known poet wrote "Tales of a Wayside Inn"? Find your stamp near the back door of the Inn.

2. The Grist Mill

The Grist Mill was built by Henry Ford on the Wayside Inn Road. It operated from April to November and still grinds cornmeal and whole wheat flour. Where do you think the flour is used in Sudbury? Find your stamp at the back of the Grist Mill.

3. The Redstone School

The Redstone School sits on Wayside Inn property and was moved by Henry Ford from Sterling, MA. From 1927 until 1951 it operated as a private school for grades one through four. Do you know the famous nursery rhyme associated with this school?

4. The Martha Mary Chapel

The Martha Mary Chapel was built by Henry Ford in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ford's mothers. The chapel is non-denominational. Over 500 weddings are held here each year. Where did the wood come from that was used to build the chapel? Find your stamp near the Chapel parking lot.

5. The Wadsworth Monument

The Wadsworth Monument is located off Concord Road in Wadsworth Cemetery and is a memorial to Captain Samuel Wadsworth of Milton and 29 men who were killed in April 1676 during the Battle of Green Hill in King Philip's War. Where might you pass an image of this monument in your everyday travels?

6. The Civil War Monument

The Civil War Monument was erected in 1897 in front of the Goodnow Library, dedicated to all Sudbury soldiers who served in the Civil War. Do you know how many Sudbury soldiers served in the Civil War?

7. The Inuit Kayak

The Inuit Kayak was given to Goodnow Library by George Barton. In 1896 Barton was a member of the Peary Expedition to Greenland to study glaciers. A hunter and member of the exploratory team used the kayak to find a route between icebergs and ice floes for the expedition. What is the kayak made from? Go upstairs in the library to find your stamp and to get a bird's eye view of the kayak.

8. The Diamond

Just off Union Avenue a diamond shape is formed where the East-West and North- South railroad tracks meet. AAA Limousine Rental is now located in the small railroad station. What possible use will this area provide to Sudbury residents in the future? Find your stamp behind the AAA Limousine building near a granite marker.

9. The Hosmer House

The Hosmer House, located in Sudbury Center, was built early in the 19th century. The house was donated to the town by owner and artist, Florence Hosmer. At times, the house was used as a grocery store and a post office. For what other purposes was the house used in its long history?

10. The Revolutionary War Monument

The Revolutionary War Monument was erected in Sudbury Center in 1896 in honor of the soldiers and sailors of Sudbury who fought at Lexington , Concord, and Bunker Hill and other battles of the Revolutionary War. How many soldiers do you think served in all?

11. The Revolutionary War Cemetery

The Revolutionary War Cemetery at Sudbury Center is the oldest burying ground in town, laid out in 1717. Many graves are unmarked. Some of the stones in our early cemeteries were laid on the ground instead of placed in an upright position? Why might early settlers have done this?

12. The Town Pound

The Town Pound was built in 1797 off Concord Road behind the Revolutionary War Cemetery. It was used to house stray animals. What kind of animals do you think might have shared this thirty-five foot square space?

13. The Grinding Stone

The Grinding Stone, located near the junction of Singletary Lane and Green Hill Road, is probably thousands of years old. It was used by traveling Indians to grind their corn. Can you find a seat on the stone where the person grinding the corn might have sat?

14. The Haynes Garrison

The Haynes Garrison was a very strong house on Old Sudbury Road and Water Row. Residents gathered there for protection during King Philip's War. You can still see the cellar hole. Where would you imagine you might still find the front door and the key today?

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