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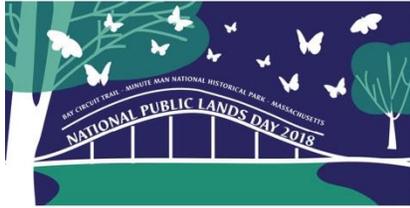


## Minute Man National Historical Park

# BioBlitz



Concord, Lincoln, &  
Lexington, MA  
Sept 22, 2018  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m



### **INFO:**

Who: Everyone is welcome! There will be activities for all ages

When? Saturday, September 22, 2018. From 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Where? Minute Man National Historical Park, at the North Bridge Visitor Center, 174 Liberty Street, Concord, MA (quests departing at 8, 9, and 10 am) and the Hartwell Tavern Parking Lot in Lincoln (quests departing at 2 pm)

Fee information: Free

## Upcoming Park BioBlitz September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Minute Man National Historical Park invites all ages to join distinguished naturalists on a quest to document as many species as possible. The Park is hosting a BioBlitz event on National Public Lands Day, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, from 8 am to 4 pm, with quests departing throughout the day.

A BioBlitz is a citizen science based project that brings together educators, scientists, naturalists, and the public to encourage outdoor exploration and enhance our understanding of biodiversity. The Park's BioBlitz will focus on locating, identifying, and counting as many species as possible within the 1,038-acre park area in Concord, Lincoln, and Lexington, MA. Participants will gain skills in identifying and recording species, and a stronger connection to their natural environment.

Two local and internationally known naturalists, Peter Alden and Edward O. Wilson initiated the Biodiversity Day concept with back in 1998 at Walden Pond, and included Minute Man National Historical Park within the study area. They repeated the event with dozens of experts in 2008, and collectively recorded over 2,700 species within a five mile radius of Walden Pond. Liam Beguhn, a Concord-Carlisle High School student initiated the current event to spotlight the areas biodiversity on National Public Lands Day, and to update the findings by using the app, iNaturalist.

The Minute Man NHP event starts in the morning at the North Bridge Visitor Center at 174 Liberty Street, Concord, where guides will begin quests at 8 am, 9 am, and 10 am. Each quest will focus on the guide's expertise, which will include birds, plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, fungi, and more! The celebration of biodiversity will take a break at noon (bring a bag lunch), and then continue at the Hartwell Tavern Parking Lot/Park Ranger Station at 101 North Great Road (Route 2A), Lincoln. Guides will begin afternoon excursions from the parking lot at 2 pm, and wrap up all quests by 4 pm.

Participants who would like to record findings will use the app iNaturalist. The data collected will be recorded on the associated website, which is publically accessible. Prizes will be awarded to participants for numbers of identifications recorded in the park on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. "Thousands of species are here in our community -- this event will highlight the wonders of nature and inspire participants to better understand and protect biodiversity," explains Peter Alden.

Questions about the project and program can be directed to Liam Beguhn via Margie Coffin Brown, the Park's Natural & Cultural Resource Manager at 617-620-2942 or [Margie\\_coffin\\_brown@nps.gov](mailto:Margie_coffin_brown@nps.gov).