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Concord, MA

April 1 - November 30, 2026

10 and 5km Historic North Bridge Walks

START/FINISH:

Walgreens
71 Lowell Road
Concord, MA 01742
Tel: 978-369-5695

TIMES: After sunrise to before sunset. Walgreens opens at 8 a.m. Mon-Sat and 9 a.m. Sun.



Walk Box behind register at front of store.

No restrooms at start, but available at Concord Market (adjacent to Walgreens) or in a few blocks at Minute Man National Historical Park.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: The 10km route is comprised of two 5km loops. An optional 1.5km loop through Sleepy Hollow Cemetery and an optional 1.7km to Authors' Houses can extend the North Bridge loop making 5, 6, 7, or 8km distances possible. Adding the Orchard House 5km loop makes 10, 11, 12, or 13km distances possible.

The North Bridge 5km initially crosses the Concord River on the way to Minute Man National Historical Park, passing the Minute Man statue and over the Old North Bridge where the "shot heard round the world" was fired by Colonial farmers on April 19, 1775. The route continues past the Old Manse (once home to Emerson and Hawthorne) before visiting the Colonial Inn, Monument Square, and the historic First Parish Church and on to the Concord Museum and Emerson House.

The Orchard House 5km goes through downtown Concord and residential neighborhoods to the Louisa May Alcott Orchard House where Little Women was penned and set. The route then passes stately residential homes before passing the Concord Museum and returning downtown, Monument Square, and the Colonial Inn before arriving at the finish.

RATING: Both walk routes have an AVA rating of 1B due to some unpaved areas and steep paths in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery; routes are **not suitable for wheelchairs**, and would be **difficult for baby joggers**.



AWARD: The "A" award is a fully embroidered patch depicting the Minute Man statue crossing the Old North Bridge and is available for \$4.00.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Par for the Course, Walking with America's Veterans, Walking with the Wild Things, & Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail

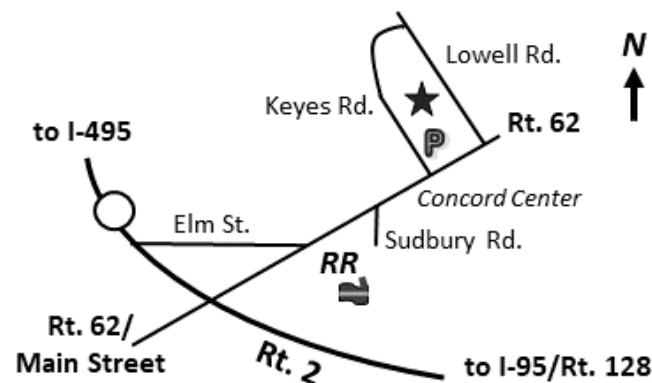
DIRECTIONS: Located just outside Concord Center, Walgreens at 71 Lowell Road is within the Millbrook Tarry Plaza at 97 Lowell Road.

From Route 128/I-95: Take Route 2 West for 6.7 miles to Route 62 East. Turn **RIGHT** ** onto Route 62 East for 1.3 miles. Turn **LEFT** onto Keyes Road between the cemetery and bank. Walgreens is on the right, shortly after the parking lot.

From I-495: Take Route 2 East to the rotary. Stay on Route 2 East past the rotary for 1.5 miles and turn **LEFT** onto Route 62 East. Follow from ** above.

PARKING: Limited parking in Walgreens shopping plaza. Additional parking available in town lot behind Visitor's Center, just down the street from Walgreens on Keyes Road.

PUBLIC TRANSIT: The Start/Finish is a short walk from Concord Railroad Station. Turn **LEFT** on Sudbury Road at Dunkin Donuts. Turn **RIGHT** onto Main Street. Turn **LEFT** onto Keyes Road. Walgreens is on the right.



Map not to scale.

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