

EXAMINER

Patriots Day

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1894

The year Patriots Day was declared an **official holiday** in the Commonwealth

1969

The year the holiday was moved from April 19 to the **third Monday in April** (celebrated tomorrow)

APRIL 19, 1775

The date the American Revolution started, with **battles in Lexington and Concord**—now celebrated as Patriots Day

60+

Number of events planned for April throughout Greater Boston to commemorate the day. Find a partial list at lexingtonma.gov.

A few of tomorrow's events:

5:30 a.m.

Reenactment of the first skirmish, on Lexington Green

6-10 a.m.

Pancake breakfasts at three churches in Lexington

8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tours of other historic Lexington sites, including **Buckman Tavern**, **Hancock-Clarke House**, and **Munroe Tavern**

8:45 a.m.

Commemoration of the **North Bridge fight** in Concord, site of "the shot heard round the world"

9 a.m.

The 2.5-mile **Patriots Day Parade**, Concord Center

Noon

US Army "Old Guard" performance on Lexington Green

1 p.m.

Reenactment of Paul Revere's horseback arrival at Lexington Green

2 p.m.

Parade, Lexington

5 a.m.

British troops skirmish with militiamen in Lexington; eight militiamen are killed, and the British march on to Concord.

7-8 a.m.

The British, 850 strong, arrive at Concord. They are watched and then engaged by 400 militiamen, who inflict the first British fatalities of the war. The militia follow and harass the British as they retreat to Charlestown.

Battle Day

273

British casualties

94

Militia casualties



"THE REGULARS ARE COMING OUT!"

What Paul Revere really said on his midnight ride of April 18-19

125

Approximate number of militiamen and British regulars **reenacting the battle** on Lexington Green tomorrow; it should break down as:

40 militia 85 British

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