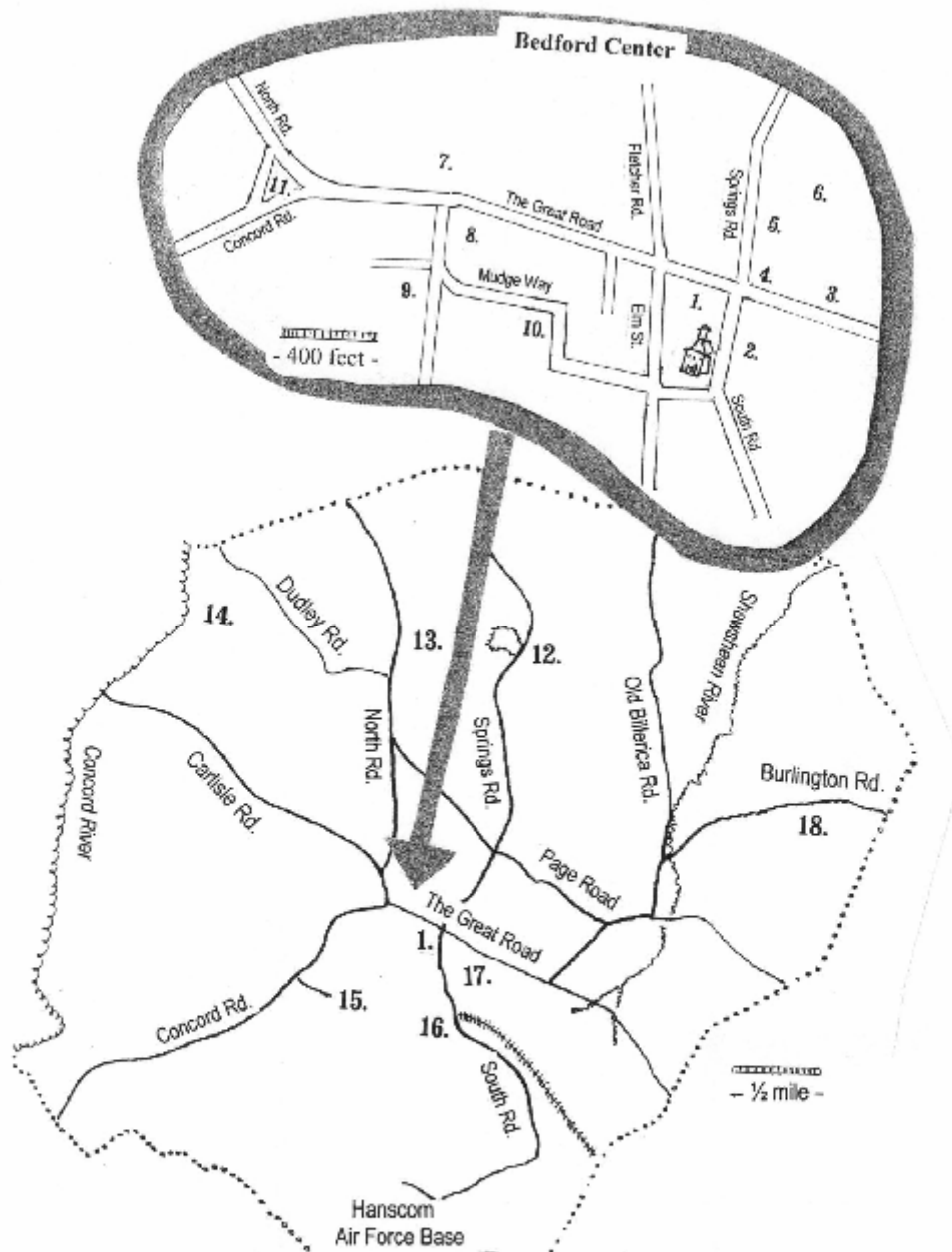


Bedford Historical Scavenger Hunt

1. **The Bedford Common** – a large grassy field in the center of Bedford where 18th & 19th century townsmen grazed their animals. [Bounded by the Great Road, Elm Street, Maple Street, and South Road. First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church sits upon it.]
2. **Old Town Hall** – the 1856 building that has served as town offices, jail, library, and social hall. [On South Road facing the Bedford Common]
3. **Domine Manse** – 1730 house built for the Rev. Nicholas Bowes, first minister of the Bedford church. [A private house, 110 The Great Rd.]
4. **Hayden Fountain** – a watering trough for horses cresting the steep hill in Bedford Center. Now used as a planter. [Intersection of Springs Road and Great Road]
5. **Old Burying Ground** – burial place of many of Bedford’s founders and 43 men who fought in the American Revolution. [In the first block of Springs Road, behind the Sovereign Bank]
6. **African Reservation** – separate area of the Old Burying Ground where 18th c African-Americans – many of them slaves – were buried. [NE corner]
7. **Fitch Tavern** – the oldest house in Bedford Center, formerly the tavern where the Bedford Minutemen gathered in the early hours of April 19, 1775 before they went to Concord. [A private house, 12 The Great Road]
8. **Paleo-Indian Artifacts** – 10,000 – 12,000 year old stone tools found in Bedford are on display in the Bedford Historical Society. [Rear of Police Station, Mudge Way]
9. **Bedford Flag** – the oldest flag in the United States, dating from c. 1710. [Displayed in the Bedford Free Public Library, 7 Mudge Way]
10. **The Eagle** – a hand-drawn, hand pumped engine! Bedford’s first fire equipment, c.1830. [On the stage in the auditorium, Town Hall, 10 Mudge Way]
11. **Liberty Pole** – a Bedford Minuteman shinnies up the liberty pole each April to celebrate the American patriots’ fight for freedom in the American Revolutionary War. [Wilson Park, at the intersection of Great Road and Concord Road]
12. **Fawn Lake** – immigrant workers dug this 12 acre lake before 1900 as a part of the Bedford Springs health resort and spa. [At the end of Sweetwater Avenue]
13. **Job Lane Farm Museum** – built by Job Lane c 1713, this is now the Town of Bedford’s Museum House. This house, furnished according to the period, has Rufus Porter murals in its parlor, Rumfordized fireplaces, and an herb garden and barn. [295 North Road]
14. **Brothers’ Rocks** – a pair of large boulders on the bank of the Concord River that mark the division of the first land grant, 1638, which evolved into the town of Bedford. [1/2 mile trail. Park at intersection of Dudley Road and Emery Road]
15. **John Glenn Middle School** - the school named for the man who was superintendent of the Bedford schools from 1959 – 1972. “Give to the world your best, and your best will come back to you” was his motto. [99 McMahan Road]
16. **Minuteman Bikeway** – a path from Bedford to Arlington along the old railroad bed, ending at the 1877 Bedford Depot and Freight House. [120 South Road]
17. **“The Patriot” Statue** – depicting Nathaniel Page bearing the Bedford Flag into battle, April 19, 1775. [Memorial Park, at intersection of Great Road and Bacon Road.]
18. **Wilson Mill**– this little park is the site of John Wilson’s 1685 corn mill along the Vine Brook. [Parking available at the intersection of Old Burlington Road and Wilson Road]



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